

NEWPORT NEWS A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



oday marks the end of formal teaching for Year II as their GCSEs begin in earnest next week. I wish to commend our Year IIs who have managed the lead up to their GCSEs admirably. We wish them every possible success and trust that they will keep in touch with their

teachers if they require additional support. Unfortunately I can't publish the official photograph of the year group as GDPR image consent remains an issue! School is open throughout to YII and we strongly encourage girls to revise in school where they can gain support. Next week is our examination week for all year groups (timetables are again on page 5). I hope that our students are prepared, but also resilient if they find the examinations a challenge.

We welcomed a new colleague to NGHS on Tuesday. Mrs Kathryn Danby joins us as our new Wellbeing Officer. She introduces herself on page 2 and we know that her experience and calm, supportive approach to helping young people will make her a real asset to our hard-working pastoral team.

Last night, Miss Clarke and I attended a presentation event hosted by the Schools, Students and Teachers Network. We were delighted to collect our School Award for 2018 results for outstanding progress. We are pictured with the Chief Executive of the SSAT, Sue Williamson. It was a lovely occasion and the award is testament to the hard work of our students, support of teachers and parents and the tutor team. Thank you and well done to them all.

This week I met with representatives from the charity 'Chernobyl Children's Project'. For many years they have been welcoming a group of 10 students, a doctor and interpreter from Belarus following the nuclear reactor disaster over 30 years ago, which is still having a catastrophic effect on those who live within large parts of the country. Last summer, we were delighted to loan our school minibus free of charge to the charity during the summer holiday and we intend to do the same this summer. However, there are some other ways our school community might wish to help. Please see these on page 3. Support options range from donating one item of clothing to a financial donation to offering to host a child for a week in the summer holiday. All of the children are recovering from cancer related illnesses brought on by exposure to the air and ground near to Chernobyl and many have lost relatives in similar circumstances. Any donations to the charity can be brought to Reception before half term please.



Finally, it was a pleasure and delight to visit our GCSE Art exhibition in school at lunchtime yesterday. The standard of the work is outstanding and Mr Mason is rightly very proud of the group's work. Please view *some* pictures for yourself on page two of this week's Newport News, more on the website! Our forthcoming A-level exhibition is also advertised below.

With best wishes for the weekend, Mr M J Scott



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Our new Wellbeing Officer

We welcome **Mrs Kathryn Danby** to NGHS. Her role is to work with our Heads of KS3 and KS4 in ensuring that students are supported pastorally and that any barriers to learning (such as attendance, family/friendship difficulties etc.) are removed. Below is a short introduction to Mrs Danby's experience prior to joining NGHS.

For the past year I have been working for the Public Health Nursing Service supporting School Nurses and Health Visitors. My role was very varied and has given me the necessary training and relevant experience to take on the role of Wellbeing Officer. I understand the pressures put upon young people and aim to offer empathy, support and build emotional well-being and mental health awareness. I have previously worked in schools as a Special Needs Teaching Assistant and also with the Birmingham Repertory Theatre visiting schools for drama and creative play sessions. With the experience I have I hope to help make a difference and am thrilled to be joining the team at Newport Girls' High School.

GCSE Art Exhibition



CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)

поддержка детям беларуси

Supporting Children of Belarus since 1995

Charity No 1059832 www.chernobyl-children.org.uk



The group of ten students who visited Newport & Staffs in 2018

CAN YOU HELP?

- ☑ Do you have any good quality child/teenage clothes at home which are not wanted? Age 8-14 is best. Designer clothes are not ideal as this puts great pressure on families back home.
- ☑ Do you have a medium/large suitcase on wheels that you can donate for the students to take back to Belarus with gifts of clothing/games?
- ☑ Do you have any unwanted good quality adult day wear? As you might expect, parents will try to clothe their children first and at the expense of their own needs
- ☑ Could you make a small financial contribution to the cost of fuel, visits or other visit costs? Any cash donations should be handed in at Reception.
- ☑ Do you have or could you buy a LEGO set for boys or girls—they are always well received by visiting children
- Might you even be able to help with the hosting of a child in the summer holiday?

Clothes/LEGO/suitcase donations can be dropped off at NGHS Reception before May half term. Any offers of hosting should be made through the website above. We have some more information leaflets at Reception too. Thank you for your generous support.



Fencing News

Congratulations to Emily Jenkins & Hannah Shakespeare in the Sheffield Under 18 Sabre:

3rd Place **Emily Jenkins** (NGHS) 6th Place **Hannah Shakespeare** (NGHS)

Best ever participation for Wrekin fencers on the national stage with eleven of our fencers taking part and for some of them it was their first time.

Forthcoming Dates...

| Date | Event | Year(s) | |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Monday I3th | Internal Exam Week GCSE RE exam GCSEs start Lessons as normal Governors meetings, 6pm/7pm | Y7-10+12 Y10 Y11 Y13 Govs | |
| Wed 15th | 5.30pm Swimming Gala | Team | |
| Friday 17th | End of Formal Teaching Malham Tarn Biology Field Trip Netball residential | Y13 Y12 Y8-10 | |
| Mon 20th | Mental Health Awareness Week | All | |
| Wed 22nd | House Board Game Competition | All | |
| Thu 23rd | Evening Theatre Trip to 'Grease' | Y7-10 | |
| Fri 24th | ri 24th Balliol College Oxford Trip Half Term starts at 3.45pm | | |

Handball News

Rebecca Tichford & Chloe Partridge who have made the England Handball Association Futures programme and Amy Hill who has qualified for the reserve list. The next competition is this summer in Denmark.



Cheering on Harriet!

On 3rd May, I had the opportunity to compete in an international cheerleading competition in Florida. We competed against 31 international teams and we were not only fortunate enough to get through to finals but to also finish in **second place** overall. During the week prior to the competition our team had the opportunity to train in top US cheerleading gyms and also compete within the Disney resort. It was exceptionally hard work but it is fair to say that it was the most amazing experience in which I was glad to be a part of and an achievement that I will never forget. **Harriet Jones**, Year 10





EXAMINATION TIMETABLES



Please find below the examination timetables for internal exams (Years 7-10 and 12). These can also be found after Easter on the Exams Office page in the Academic section of our website.

You may wish to keep this document handy to best support your daughter during the examinations. Full attendance in school is required throughout the exam periods.

If you have any queries, please contact Rev. Walters (Deputy Head). Thank you.

| Year 7 | Mon 13th | Tue I4th | Wed 15th | Thu l6th | Fri 17th | Please note that |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Session 1 | Maths | English | Geography | German | French | PE is not |
| 9.15-11.15 | Ihr | I hr | Ihr | 30m | 30m | examined. It is a |
| Session 2 | Art or Music | Art or Music | Revision | Art or Music | Revision | normal PE lesson |
| 11.35-12.35 | or PE 1hr | or PE 1hr | Time | or PE 1hr | Time | during exam |
| Session 3 | Science | RE | History | Design Tech | Computing | week. |
| 1.45-3.45 | Thr30 | I hr | Ihr | I hr | Ihr | |
| Year 8 | Mon 13th | Tue I4th | Wed I5th | Thu l6th | Fri 17th | Please note that |
| Session 1 | History | Geography | Physics | Chemistry | Biology | PE is not |
| 9.15-11.15 | Ihr | Ihr | I hr | I hr | Thr | examined. It is a |
| Session 2 | Revision | Design Tech | Revision | Computing | RE | normal PE lesson |
| 11.35-12.35 | Time | Ihr | Time | I hr | I hr | during exam |
| Session 3 | German 30m | English | French 30m | Ar/Mu/PE 1hr | Maths | week. |
| 1.45-3.45 | Ar/Mu/PE Ihr | I hr | Ar/Mu/PE 1hr | then Revision | Thr30 | |
| Year 9 | Mon 13th | Tue I4th | Wed I5th | Thu l6th | Fri I7th | |
| Session 1 | French | German | RE | English | Geography | |
| 9.15-11.15 | 35m | 35m | 45m | 1 hr 1 5 | Thr15 | |
| Session 2 | Music | Computing | Art | History | Design Tech | |
| 11.35-12.35 | Ihr | Ihr | Ihr | I hr | Ihr | |
| Session 3 | Chemistry | Physics | Maths | Biology | Maths | |
| 1.45-3.45 | Ihr | I hr | Thr15 | I hr | Th15 | |
| Year 10 | Mon 13th | Tue I4th | Wed I5th | Thu l6th | Fri I7th | Students will have |
| Session 1 | Revision | Maths 1h15 | Geography | DT or Music | History | the morning of |
| 9.15-11.15 | | German 35m | Thr30 | or Comp 2h | 2hr | 13th for final |
| Session 2 | all morning | English | Art | French Read | German Read | revision for their |
| 11.35-12.35 | | I hr | Ihr | Ihr | Ihr | GCSE RE |
| Session 3 | GCSE RE | Biology | French 35m | Physics | Chemistry | examination in the afternoon. |
| 1.45-3.45 | EXAM | Thr45 | Maths 1h15 | Thr45 | Ihr45 | |
| Year 12 | Mon 13th | Tue I4th | Wed I5th | Thu l6th | Fri 17th | There is no exam |
| Session 1 9.15-11.15 | Psychology | Chemistry or History | Biology | History or Music or DT | | leave for Year 12 students. There |
| Session 2 11.35- 1.00 | Maths or RE | English Lit or F Maths | Maths or RE (2nd paper) | English, Econ or F Maths | Art (all day) | are a number of places to work in |
| Session 3 | Physics or | Geography or | Psychology or | Lessons or | | school which are |
| 1.45-3.45 | Economics | French | German | Geography2 | | available to Y12s. |

Year 12 papers are varying lengths. Students should check with their teachers.