



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



As you read this week's newsletter, please think of me sitting half-way down a coach just passing Thurrock Services with 40 excited NGHS students and four equally excited colleagues. Miss Davies has well and truly got her own back on me by giving me responsibility for DVDs and sick bags! In all seriousness, we are all looking forward to sharing the unique experience of visiting a number of key sites in the Battlefields of World War I with our students and I was thrilled to be asked to join the trip as I still cherish the opportunity I had in Year 10 to do the same. This year, we are honoured to also have the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate Service on Sunday. More information about our trip will follow in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to the parents who have attended our Information Evenings. So far we have talked to Year 8s, 9s, 10s and 12s about how we support students in school and how we monitor progress. The events have been well attended and I look forward to seeing Year 7 parents next Thursday evening when they will also have the chance to meet their daughter's form tutor.

Next Friday we will have our inaugural Macmillan Coffee Morning in school. Please see the information below and we hope that all students will take part in this by donating at least £1 for cake and a drink at break time. Even if they don't want the cake, a donation to this magnificent cause would be appreciated.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Mr M J Scott

As part of our drive to make House activities more interesting and accessible to all students, NGHS is gearing up for the first ever **House Bake-Off competition**, which takes place next week. Sign-up lists are filling, ingredients are being costed and sourced and the tasters' mouths are already watering. As well as making this an enjoyable House event, we are also raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support with our Coffee Morning next Friday at breaktime.

Students have been given strict rules concerning the entries for Bake Off. No fresh cream nor nuts are permitted in any of the bakes. A list of ingredients also has to be given for each bake entered. All entries need to be brought into school to Room 21 on Thursday 27 September ready to be judged at lunchtime. There are four categories in our first ever competition:

1. **Baking on a budget** - a savoury or sweet item which can serve at least eight people for a maximum spend of £3.00.
2. **Perfect Pastries** - using shortcrust pastry, sweetcrust pastry, flaky pastry, puff pastry, choux pastry, filo pastry or hot water crust pastry. Again this must feed 8+ people
3. **European Themed Crazy Cupcakes** - twelve identical cupcakes. This competition co-incides

with European Day of Languages so all cupcakes must be decorated with a European theme (Mr Scott is particularly excited about these!)

4. **Friendly Fancies** - Baking to cater for those who require gluten free, dairy free or vegan diets. Again, 8 people should be satisfied from your bake.

Points will be awarded for each year group in each category and the winning house will receive a special trophy.

Mrs Wallace (House Coordinator) will announce the winning house next Friday morning, so on your marks, get set, **BAAAAAKE!**



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SPOTLIGHT ON

London Geography Trip



5:45am. The school car park. We were all huddled in groups excitedly chatting about the journey ahead.

Four hours later we arrived at Canary Wharf with I Canada Square towering above us, where we began surveying a variety of people, to find more about the area and gather data regarding the 1985 urban regeneration project of the East India Docklands. By 11:30 we swiftly made our way to Westfield shopping Centre, where we spent an hour either looking around the vast amount of shops or eating at Nando's!

Our next destination was the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, where we carried out more surveys and an Environmental Quality Index (rating the cleanliness, accessibility and the Atmosphere). At this point we were all apprehensively discussing the ride down the ArcelorMittal Orbit Slide. Even though the slide was 173 metres long the ride lasted just 34 seconds, as you reach speeds of up to 20mph. Finally we visited the nature reserve and East Village, where the Olympic athletes once stayed. It was clear from this area that urban regeneration in this area was incredibly successful, with beautiful open spaces for the public to enjoy, for example a communal barbeque space. However, just streets away some of the most deprived areas of London were only minutes away.

Half way on our journey, we had our stop at the services for our dinner at McDonald's and then continued our bus ride to school. Our trip to London was a very enjoyable experience to say the least, and included some memorable moments as well as collecting data for our GCSE fieldwork.

Neha & Zoe (Y11)



The new courts are OPEN!

On Tuesday, Newport Ninjas competed in a sixth form netball tournament hosted by Newport Girls' on our recently restored courts; our newly formed team came across some tough competition. Firstly we played Idsall School where although we battled hard, unfortunately we lost 11-6. After taking a break and rethinking our tactics we came from 4-3 down in the first half to making our comeback winning 10-4 to Abraham Darby, which left us second overall.

As a whole, the team improved significantly as the games went on and the tournament also gave us the opportunity to christen the new courts. Our next tournament is on Saturday, and we are all looking forward to improve our individual performances and develop as a team.

Mrs Goodall





German **Work** Experience

Three Sixth Formers enjoyed a week's work experience in Dortmund in July. Here's what happened....

After a very early start on Saturday morning, we arrived at Stanstead airport to meet our group leaders and the other participants in the trip from all over the country. The flight was surprisingly short and we soon arrived in Dortmund, and checked into our youth hostel rooms.

That evening we acclimatised ourselves and explored the city, whilst getting to know everybody. Sunday started off with a guided tour around Dortmund and then in the afternoon, we were free to find our work placements to introduce ourselves, with some being much easier to find than others!

Our first few days working in both the hotel and summer camp were challenging at first with the obvious difficulties in understanding our colleagues and their accents, but we soon found ourselves tuning in to the language. By mid-week,

we were already noticing an improvement in our speaking and listening skills, which we put into practise in the evenings after work, whether it be shopping or eating out in the city.

Throughout the week we had the option to take part in several group activities, with the best being a trip by U-Bahn to the stunning Phoenix See south of the city as well as a guided tour around the Borussia Dortmund football stadium.

By the end of the week, our confidence and practical skills had improved so much that we already knew the week had been worthwhile. Since coming back to school, we have really seen the benefits of taking part with speaking and listening becoming much easier and intuitive. Overall, this was an amazing experience and we would recommend to anyone taking languages at A-level. **Millie, Hannah and Rosie (Year 13)**



NOTICES

ADAMS BUSES

Haberdashers' Adams have informed us that they have INSET days (no pupils) on Friday 16 November and Friday 15 February 2019. No buses will run on these days. There will also not be a bus service on the last day of term (Friday 21 December).

HEAD LICE!

Head Louse infection is a problem of the whole community, not just of schools. It is common in holiday time as well as during the term.

Parents start to worry more when their children go back to school, however most infections are caught from close family members and friends. It is not just children who have them, adults get them too!

Head lice are a problem in many communities and do not reflect poor hygiene or social status.

Please could we ask you to do your part to prevent any spread of this condition, by checking your children on a regular basis? Tying hair back is recommended.

If you discover a case of Head Lice, it is helpful if you let the school know. The information you give will be treated in confidence. There is no requirement for a student to be kept off school.

If you need further information (such as how best to treat this condition), please contact the Community School Nurse Team on 0333 358 3328
Or visit Head lice and Nits – NHS.uk or NHS Choices.

PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY

There will be no performing arts society after school on Monday 24 September. Mr Postle apologises for any inconvenience caused.

LESSON CHANGES

Next week 7X have PSHE (Mrs Goodall) on Tuesday 4 in Room 101 and Games on Wednesday 3 - for one week only. Remember your kit on Wednesday!

Also, 8Z German (Mr Scott) next week have PSHE on Wednesday Period 1 in Room 21 with Mrs Reeves and German on Friday Period 1 in Room 202. This is because Mr Scott is on the Battlefields Trip.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 24 Sep	Assessment Week in Lessons	Y13
Thu 27 Sep	Information Evening, 7pm House Bake Off Competition	Y7 All
Fri 28 Sep	Macmillan Coffee Morning Liverpool Residential Trip DofE Silver (Weekend)	All Y12 Y10+11
Mon 1 Oct	Information Evening, 7pm	Y8
Tue 2 Oct	PTA Movie Night, 4pm	Y7 + 8
Wed 3 Oct	Additional Open Morning 9.30-12pm	Y6
Thu 4 Oct	Jodrell Bank Physics Trip National Poetry Day	Y13 All
Fri 5 Oct	Induction Day for new Y7s at Edmond Hall DofE Silver Expedition	Y7 Y10-11
Thu 11 Oct	Parents Evening	Y13

NGHS PTA
Sing-along-a-movie!



Year 7/8 Movie Night

**School library, 2nd October,
4pm – 6pm**

£2 entry fee buys popcorn and a drink
Pay on the door
Other snacks on sale



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FILM NIGHT