



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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### Head's Lines

**T**his weekend marks one hundred years since the Armistice at the end of World War I and this morning's Remembrance Assembly was a perfect commemoration with moving music, readings and silent reflection. As you will know, forty NGHS students recently visited northern France and Belgium and this will have played heavily on the minds of those who participated I am sure. The assembly was reflective, but also sensitively uplifting and I would like to thank all those who participated.

I trust that you and your families had a well-deserved half term break after a very long first eight week period. This half term in school is very much about steaming ahead, in particular where exam year groups are concerned. Year 11s have their mock examinations soon and they need to balance their revision with exercise and relaxation. In school, high levels of attendance are expected unless illness prevents this and we also have a number of nice events on the calendar including our winter concert, winter jumper day, Year 7 Pantomime visit and our Year 11-13 Mathematics visit to Bletchley Park, which has been organised on 3 December.

Over half term, we had our biennial visit to India, which Mrs Gill organised. Mrs Gill, Mr Pimm and Mrs Dainty gave up almost all of their holiday to take over 20 girls to the Bangalore region and it appears from conversations I've had with staff and students that this was a 'once in a lifetime' experience. I hope to bring you more about the trip in next week's edition once they have got over the first week back in school and caught up on sleep!

This week's newsletter focuses largely on the new rewards systems we have in school. Also, please read the separate attached letter about how I would like our school community to support others this half term in the lead up to the Christmas period. Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, it would be appreciated if you would support either or both of the projects I have outlined. Thank you.

Over half term, I visited a school in Germany with which we are keen to set up a partner exchange. A pilot exchange will take place in March and June 2019 and I will be speaking to Year 10 students about this in their German lessons next week. Year 9 students may also have the chance to participate if numbers allow.

As you will be aware, I had hoped to invite parents to give their views about the current uniform at a PTA meeting. As the next meeting that has been scheduled is a social event rather than a meeting in school, I would encourage any parent who wishes to give their opinion about the current uniform and whether they feel a change is necessary to do so via the email address [uniform@nghs.org.uk](mailto:uniform@nghs.org.uk). Any change that is implemented will be staggered and the cost will be largely similar to what is currently the case. Any change would be from September 2019. Your views are welcome and should be emailed to this address no later than Friday 23 November. Thank you.

Lastly, just a reminder to Year 7 parents to please return their transition questionnaire by Monday, please to Reception.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

**Mr M J Scott**

### BIN BAG FASHION CHALLENGE!

There was great excitement in Year 11 PSHE lessons this week as Meg from NCS came to introduce herself to the students. NCS is national organisation that works with students aged 15 – 17, involving them in a summer programme that includes adventure, development of skills and social action in the community. This session was specifically designed to encourage team work and communication skills. It involved students having to complete a whole range of activities, ending with the bin – bag challenge where student had to design, make, model and promote their design. All the girls really enjoyed these activities and the MC's were extraordinary.



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Over half term, a group of students who left NGHS in 1983 returned, together with some former teachers to tour the school. As Mr Scott was away

in Germany, Miss Clarke was on hand to offer a guided tour of the buildings and answered questions about how the school has changed. Organised by Sarah McAleer, guests included around 20 'old girls' and five staff including Mr Rayner, Mrs Warner-Casson (former Deputy Head/Art teacher) and Mrs Mantripp (former Headteacher).

Sarah commented: *We used all manor of detective work to try to reconnect including social networks, snail mail and door knocking. Amanda Cooke (née Pooler) was our Head Girl and she did a massive rallying round to find us all. We had a soundtrack created of all our favourite music from the time and someone even bought their old school blazer!*

It was a lovely day. Former students are always welcome to contact [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk) to keep in touch!



**Back in the day....  
Pictures from 1980s at NGHS**

## SPOTLIGHT ON *Alumnae visit to NGHS*



### Remembrance Banner

Students in S4 have spent their form times and lunchtimes knitting and crocheting a most wonderful banner for our remembrance assembly. It is truly remarkable and testimony to the camaraderie in the form group as well the desire to do something different to remember those who gave their lives in World War One.

Miss Davies is very proud of the girls' achievements. Pictured below at Emie, Matilda and Olivia who were part of the sewing team.







# STUDENT OF THE HALF TERM

At the end of last term we also relaunched our Student of the Half Term Awards. These are awarded by subject teachers to a student in every class who, over the course of the half term, demonstrated a fantastic approach to learning. Awards were given based on a huge number of factors including attendance, engagement and participation in lessons, as well as effort and enthusiasm to support the learning environment, as well as students who always have a smile on their face and are willing to help out and answer questions, plus for academic performance over the half term.

It has been an incredibly successful scheme which has seen **176 students** receiving a Student of the Half Term Award. A letter has been written to the students and parents of the individuals who have received these awards and we have awarded 5 house points to each recipient of an award as a thank you for their continued hard work.

## THANK YOU FRIDAY

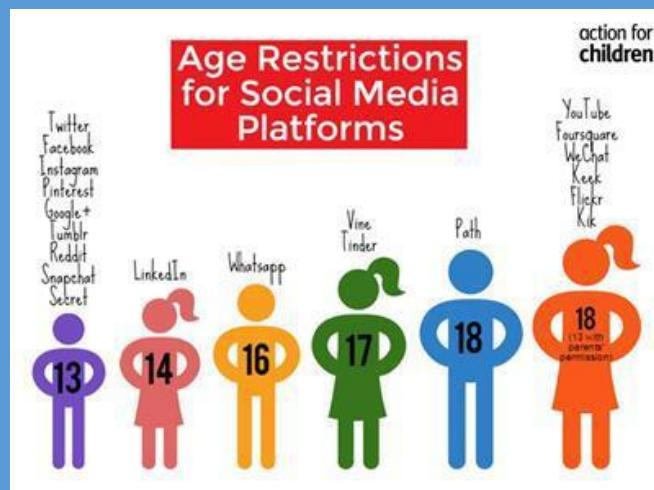


The week before half term, we had a high number of thank you Friday awards presented for a wide range of reasons including being kind and caring to peers within their form, going above and beyond with involvement in all aspects of school life and having a positive impact on the local community with the work that students are carrying out. The full table is listed below and the students in receipt of these awards will receive a house point as well as a postcard home. Congratulations to all of our winners this week.

FORM	STUDENT NAME(S)
A2	M Patel
A3	J Orakwue
A4	K Kehler
A5	G Jinks
R1	E Caudle
R2	L Chilcott
R3	S Lloyd
R4	H Bleackley
R5	F Jones-Smyth, H Bridgman, E Rowley
R6	L Dover, E Lamb, R Phipps, M Arokkiyasamy
S1	A Aston
S2	A Lynas
S3	J Slater-Morris
S4	O Todd
S5	N Patnaik
S6	M Strickland
S7	G Goring
HOY 7-8	M Kandula, Z Reynolds, A Ward, G Evans
HOY 9-10	E Haynes, R Jones, S Hose, A Hamilton, X Fujii, O Needham, J Clegg, L Salt, E Jones, S Lloyd, C Mahy, G Farge
HOY 11	C Blanks, H Blanks, R Tichford
HOY 12-13	L Bagnall
Headteacher	L-M Pye

## AGE RESTRICTIONS ONLINE

We are aware that many students are using a wide range of social media apps, but we would like to remind you that all social media apps come with age restrictions which are shown here. This week we have been made aware of some of our younger students using some of these apps and as a result I have talked to all of Year 8 about the concerns this raises. Can I please just ask you to talk to your daughter about the apps that she uses and if you are happy for them to continue using some of these apps, we would advise that you retain any relevant passwords and regularly check what your child is doing online. A further reminder to ensure that accounts are private and that the students are only accepting friend requests from people that they know. If we have cause for concern, the safeguarding team consisting of Miss Clarke (Year 11), Mr Scott and Mrs Davenport or the Heads of Year Mrs Capaldi (Y7/8), Miss Tomkinson (Y9/10) and Mrs Griffin (Sixth Form) will talk to the student about this as well as contacting you to raise our concerns.





## A wonderfully nice trip to Nice!

The week before half term a group of 21 year 10 students went on a new visit to Nice. We had a short flight before we descended on the beautiful coastline, we got our first glimpse of Nice. From there we had a coach journey through the picturesque streets of the city. We arrived at l'Hotel Annexe early evening, unpacked and took in the views from our balconies. We then went for dinner in the hotel restaurant and for a walk to the beach.

On Wednesday we woke up early and got the mini bus to the flower market by the sea. We spoke lots of French and enjoyed immersing ourselves in the culture. We promptly got back on the coach to go to the Matisse museum where we had a good look at his art and the inspirations behind it. We hopped on the bus back to the port of Nice where we found some lunch and made our way to the Confiserie Florian where we had a tour and explanation in French of the process to making all the different sweets. We took a walk back to our hotel from there, stopping at the beach and of course to have a look at Sergei's \$250 million yacht. Later on, we had plenty of time to hit the shops.



We left for Eze early on Thursday stopping on the way to admire the amazing villas and views along the bay. We walked the last bit up to the hilltop village which was where at the highest point was the botanical garden. Here we saw some truly amazing views we are unlikely to ever forget. After this we departed for the parfumerie which was a really great way to take in lots of French and find out about the process. Then it was time for Monaco where we spent some time taking it all in. This was followed by a trip to Prince Rainier's car collection and an opportunity to try out McDonalds ordering in French!

Although we had to leave, we still made the most of Friday with a trip to explore Antibes and the Picasso museum before heading back to the airport.

We had an amazing experience to experience France and use our French knowledge and on behalf of everyone I would like to say a big thankyou to Mrs Furnival and Mrs Branson.

L Jones, Year 10

# Sixth Form Rewards: New System

Form	HP Total	Rank
A6	77	2
A7	67	3
R6	62	5
R7	59	6
S6	63	4
S7	113	1

This week we launched our first rewards assembly, these are scheduled in half termly and are led by Heads of Year as a way of celebrating the successes of the previous half term. Our new rewards policy means that all staff are rewarding students with house points and these are being shared and celebrated through these year group assemblies.

The first award goes to the form who have collected the most house points over Autumn Term 1, please see the results table on the left. **Congratulations to S7** on a fantastic number of house points collected as a form during Term 1. The winning form were presented with a form house point cup which they will keep for the duration of this half term.

The second award was to celebrate the individual students in each year group who have received the highest number of house points during Term 1, these winners received a certificate and a sweet treat as a thank you!

## YEAR 12

Name	Award
R. Howells	GOLD
S. Brown & E. Challinor	SILVER
I. Holt & M. Jones	BRONZE

## YEAR 13

Name	Award
C. Walsh	GOLD
O. Birkinshaw	SILVER
G. Goring & R. Furniss	BRONZE

Finally, we wanted to recognise every students successes over term 1 and so we finished off with a lucky dip. For every 5 house points that students had received they had one ticket placed into a lucky dip, 3 winners were then drawn at random and they received a prize from the lucky dip box. The winners of these awards were:

**R. Howells      M. Stones      G. Goring**

Well done and congratulations to all of our winners.

Mrs Griffin & Miss Clarke

## Inter-Form Sport Competition

As a way to conclude the sports that students were taking part in last half term most classes took part in an inter house competition. This year the points that the students have gained from taking part in their lesson were added together to allow us to award the inter house sport cup this week. Inter house sport competitions took place in the sports of netball, tag rugby, rugby and fitness last half term.

**Netball** 7X 1<sup>st</sup> Roddam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Austen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Seacole  
8Y 1<sup>st</sup> Roddam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Seacole, 3<sup>rd</sup> Austen  
9Y 1<sup>st</sup> Seacole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Austen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Roddam

7Y 1<sup>st</sup> Roddam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Austen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Seacole  
9X 1<sup>st</sup> Seacole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Austen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Roddam  
9Z 1<sup>st</sup> Austen, 2<sup>nd</sup> equal Roddam and Seacole

**Tag Rugby** 10Y 1<sup>st</sup> Austen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Seacole, 3<sup>rd</sup> Roddam

**Rugby** 11X 1<sup>st</sup> Seacole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roddam, 3<sup>rd</sup> Austen  
11Z 1<sup>st</sup> Seacole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Austen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Roddam

11Y 1<sup>st</sup> Austen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roddam, 3<sup>rd</sup> Seacole

	POINTS	RANK
AUSTEN	22	2nd
RODDAM	21.5	3rd
SEACOLE	22.5	1st

All students had to represent their house during these competitions and points were awarded over the course of the lesson for their warm up ideas, their performance in the games and their drill or activity that they ran when they were not playing. The students in the winning house in each class were awarded a house point by their class teacher for their success. The placings shown were then converted into points, to allow us to award certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing overall.

It is fantastic to see such a closely fought competition across the three houses with just one point separating first to third. This half-term the inter house sport cup has green ribbons on and will be found displayed in the trophy cabinet by the hall. This term students are taking part in football, dance, handball and benchball and we will also end the half term with house competitions. Well done to all of the students for their hard work and effort this term.



## Daring to be different: 'Girls on Track'

Isabella Blackburn (Y11) spent half term taking part in a karting event at Silverstone. This wonderful and rare opportunity was great fun and very rewarding as Isabella writes....

During half-term, I was lucky enough to receive an opportunity to take part in the free 'Girls on Track' event at Silverstone Racetrack. Girls on Track is a nationally-run karting challenge geared toward promoting careers in Motorsport to young women. The project is supported by the European Union Erasmus programme in its aspiration to break stereotypes and address the low participation of women in the sport. Karting and Batak activities were offered, as well as my personal highlight of the day: the Renault Pitstop challenge, where I was able to take the wheel off and on a Formula One car alongside the Renault Pit Crew. Perkin Elmer, a scientific instrument company, also gave the girls the chance to use an Infrared Spectrometer to identify different substances in a car engine. The karting challenge also had a brilliant opportunity available where the ten fastest girls on the track were offered a place to compete in Le Mans for a scholarship at the FIA, to start a career in Motorsport!

Despite not being one of the girls chosen, I would still wholeheartedly recommend this experience to any girl at NGHS, interested in motorsport or not. Visit the website for more details about the next event at [daretobedifferent.org](http://daretobedifferent.org)



- ⇒ Congratulations to **J Slater-Morris** (Y10) who has been selected as part of the GB Shooting Squad. This is a tremendous achievement!
- ⇒ Congratulations to **L Bottomley** (Y11), **E Charlesworth** (Y11) and **J Wozniak** (Y8) on being selected to represent Shropshire in an upcoming inter-counties cross country race.
- ⇒ Last night both our U13 netball teams (Year 7 A and Year 8 A pictured below) competed in the first round of the Winter Netball League. Both teams won their pools, with the Year 7 team being the only 'B' team to get into the final round! Overall, it was a very successful evening and it is great to see the potential in both teams for the upcoming season.



## Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 12 Nov	House Music Event Governors committees, 6/7pm	All Govs
Thu 15 Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening	Y11
Mon 19 Nov	Mock Exam Week Physics Live	Y11 Y12-13
Fri 23 Nov	Sixth Form Council Meeting	Y12-13
Thu 29 Nov	School Concert, 7pm	All
Mon 3 Dec	Bletchley Park Trip (Maths)	Y11-13
Mon 10 Dec	Full Governors Meeting	Govs
Thu 13 Dec	Parents Evening	Y12

## HEALTH & WELLBEING TOP TIP!

### High, Low, Kudos

**Try using our reflection system to analyse your day or week, High, Low, Kudos**

**High** – Pinpoint all of the highs of the day or week, celebrate the things you have done well. **Lows** – BRIEFLY cover any lows and how you could overcome them in the future.

**Kudos** – Choose someone to give 'kudos' to, someone who has helped you or made you feel happy!