



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Issue 21 already - how this year is flying by! September seems a distant memory and the lighter mornings are a welcome relief to those of us who have a long commute into work. We are already at the point of receiving applications for our new Head Girl and House Teams and look forward to interviewing prospective students next week.

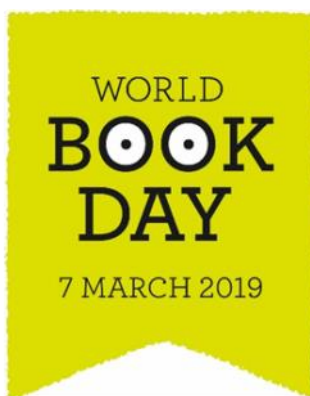
This week has seen Mr Lewis (our Chair of Governors) and I visit the Department for Education offices in Coventry to discuss our performance as a School and as the NGHS Trust. We took a lot of information about our external results, attendance, students' destinations, staff profiles, our curriculum and future ambitions. The team we met were very impressed with our school and I would like to thank all of our senior and middle leaders for all their assistance in preparing for this visit.

Today is International Women's Day and our House Assemblies this week have focused on recognising this. Also in some lessons today, my colleagues will be tailoring activities to the importance of equality, diversity and championing the role that women have played in their subject. I know Miss Davies was particularly looking forward to delivering her A-level lesson on key women in the Wars of the Roses, focusing on Margaret of Anjou, wife of Henry VI! Ms Branson's classes have also focused on Joan of Arc, Simone Veil and the rather sexist poem 'il pleut'!

This week's newsletter focuses on a number of pastoral and rewards items. We also held our expansion consultation evening earlier in the week - thank you to the parents who attended and those who have emailed the [consultation@](mailto:consultation@nghs.org.uk) email address. The governors will be reviewing all of your comments at their board meeting next week.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Mr M J Scott



Shelfies - "who reads from a shelf like this?" - this week's interform shelfie quiz!

For World Book Day this year, there was a focus on staff sharing their own love of reading with students. In their form groups, students completed a 'shelfie' quiz, in which they had to guess the member of staff based on a photograph of their book shelf or to read pile. This was much trickier than the students anticipated and prompted some interesting discussions and debate!

The theme for the World Book Day assembly this year was science fiction and students listened to a talk on

the history of the genre, starting with Mary Shelley's 1818 novel, *Frankenstein*. The assembly also marked the launch of the NGHS science writing competition and the science department look forward to receiving as many entries as possible!

All students have also been given a World Book Day Token which is valid until 31 March.

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NGHS PERFORMING
ARTS SOCIETY PRESENTS...

CENTENARY
REVUE

SCHOOL THROUGH THE
AGES

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019

7PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

£3 ADULTS

£1 CONCESSIONS

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION

Y11-13 REWARDS

ASSEMBLIES



On Tuesday Miss Clarke (Year 11) and Mrs Griffin (Years 12 and 13) led their year groups Rewards Assemblies, as usual these are such lovely, well received events which allow our Heads of years, for tutors and students to regularly celebrate the successes of the students from the previous half term.

The first award was presented to students who have received 50 House Points so far this year, these winners were awarded a certificate, pen and sticker for their planner.

Congratulations to these Year 11's: A. Laycock, A. Strickland, C. Webb, C. Hamilton, C. Williams, E. Charlesworth, L. Flight, E. Rowley, E. Micklewright, H. Bridgman, H. Khanom, J. Sanghera, K. Cox, L. Aimer, M. Batkin, N. Patnaik, S. Sridharan, Z. Brown.

Congratulations to the following Sixth Form students: E. Challinor, M. Barge, R. Howells, S. Brown

We also celebrated the achievements of the forms who had collected the most house points over Spring Term 1, please see the results tables below. Congratulations to our winning forms who were presented with a form house point cup which they will keep in their form room for this half term.

Form	Points	Rank
A5	260	3rd
R5	314	1st
S5	262	2nd

Form	Points	Rank
A6	150	3rd=
A7	150	3rd=
R6	112	6th
R7	166	2nd
S6	139	5th
S7	167	1st

Finally, we celebrated the individual students in each year group who have received the highest number of house points during Spring Term 1, these winners received a certificate and a sweet treat. Congratulations to our winners this term:

Name	Award	H Points
J Sanghera	GOLD	35
C Aspin	SILVER	27
L Aimer	BRONZE	24

Y11

Name	Award	H Points
K Lemmon	GOLD	20
M Barge & M Jones	SILVER	19
A Truswell & S Brown	BRONZE	18

Y12

Name	Award	H Points
H Shakespeare	GOLD	15
E Gollins & G Yau	SILVER	14
D Hettiwattage & J Ravish	BRONZE	11

Y13

THANK YOU FRIDAY

FORM	STUDENT NAME(S)
A1	B Tibble
A2	L Rawson
A3	H Davis
R2	F Batters
R3	O Augustus
R4	M Croughan
S2	G Wilson
S3	E Jackson
S4	O Todd
S5	B German
S6	M Doherty
HOY 7-8	O Bolton
HOY 9-10	B German
HOY 11	M Lo & E Jackson
HOY 12-13	W Grebosz

This time we didn't draw our lucky dip box due to numbers of entries, so both Year 11 and Sixth Form will have a rollover of prizes for the next Rewards assembly after Easter. Well done to all of our winners.

Boulton Travel thanks everyone who responded positively to the idea of running a minibus from Wolverhampton to Newport from September.



They are delighted to confirm that the minibus **WILL BE STARTING in September**. If anyone else is interested, please contact Dean Simpson on 01902 601961.



Miss Clarke gives us some stats...

Attendance continues to be impressive after another week of this half term. Since returning from half term, our whole school attendance is 97.1%. Year 7 attendance is 97.57% which shows an improvement on last week and brings them back above 97% - well done. Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11 figures remain above 97% but Year 10 have a percentage attendance of 98.6% which is fantastic so well done to all of the students in Year 10. Sixth Form figures are slightly below the 97% mark, but are increasing from figures last week, so let's keep the improvement going. As always we continue to follow our attendance policy and monitoring procedures as for student wellbeing we want to maintain high levels of attendance.

A reminder that as part of our Rewards Assemblies after Easter we will be celebrating with students who have met our school target of 97%. They will receive either a bronze, silver or gold certificate dependent on their Year to Date attendance percentage at that time. As part of our form attendance competition any student who is above 97% attendance at the end of each month will also receive house points for this.

In February our whole school average attendance figure was 95.8%, our year to date figure is 96.5%. With the improving attendance figures over the last two weeks, it would be fantastic to have attendance back above 97% in March 2019. In assembly this morning we have rewarded our attendance heroes, this prize is given to the form in each age band who has the highest number of students with attendance above 97% for February – this competition restarts every month and is a result of attendance for the individual month not the whole school year.

Our winners for February were:

Years 7 and 8: **R1**
Years 12 and 13: **A6**

Years 9 and 10: **A4**
(Come on Seacole!)

Year 11: **R5**



We have had a Health and Wellbeing meeting this week, one of the items on the agenda was about Random Acts of Kindness. As a committee we feel it is important to share positivity around the school community and our health and wellbeing representatives are going to be the drivers of this in their forms. Miss Clarke has put a March Random Acts of Kindness calendar into all form folders and the Health and Wellbeing Reps are going to try to raise awareness of the activities on a daily basis. Our aim is to try and improve the positivity and the moods of others by one random act of kindness a day whilst also remembering to look after ourselves.

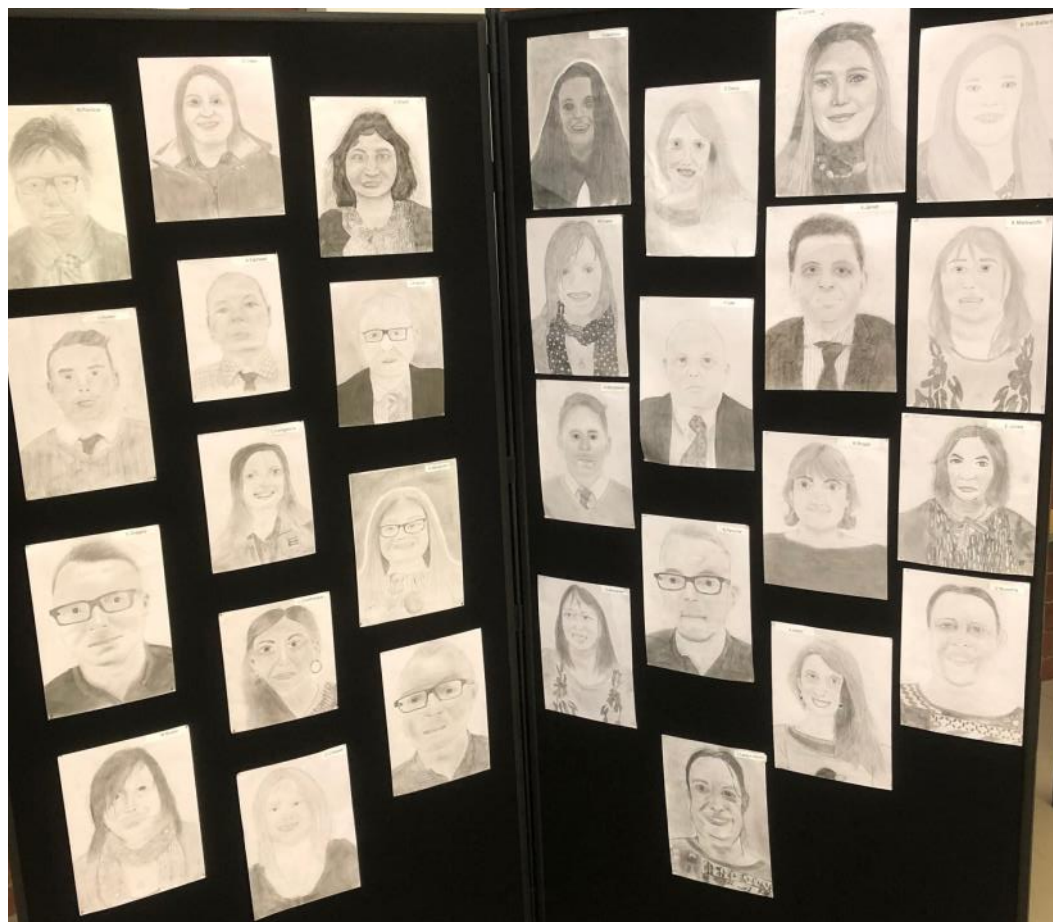
Next week the students in Years 7 – 10 should try to:

Saturday 9 March	Apologise when you've made a mistake and accept someone else's apology
Sunday 10 March	Look in the mirror and point out 10 things you like about your body
Monday 11 March	Remember to bring a travel mug for your morning drink
Tuesday 12 March	When someone does something nice for you, give them a handwritten Thank You card
Wednesday 13 March	Offer to help a friend study for an upcoming presentation or exam
Thursday 14 March	Help a person get out of an awkward situation

We also have a workplace calendar which has been shared with our older students and staff. Ideas include: Text an encouraging note to a friend or co-worker; list 5 things you can bring to make your workplace better; tell someone why you're grateful they're in your life; don't be afraid to let someone know you're having a bad day...(and many more!)

Teacher Sketches

Well done to our Year 7 art classes who have taken on a tricky challenge this half term; to draw the faces of our NGHS staff. The sketches are very life-like and a source of much interest to staff and students alike. Well done, girls!



NGHS is (almost) 100 years old

As Mr Scott mentioned a few weeks ago, we are planning our celebrations ready for the big Centenary day on Saturday 29 June 2019, when the school will be opened up to the local community, to share in our very special day.

Ahead of that, we are holding two 'Remembering NGHS' events on the afternoons of Thursday 28 March (1.30-5.00pm) and Friday 29 March 2019 (1.30pm-3.30pm) when we are inviting former staff, students and friends of the school to come in and share their memories, photographs or memorabilia with current students. We would like to collate the stories to make an exhibition which we would share with everyone in June on the Open Day.

Students will be on hand to record these stories and find out more about their school! Should you wish to be a part of one of these special afternoons or have any artefacts, history, photographs, uniform items from the last one hundred years or can help us with the Centenary celebrations (balloons, cake, notice boards, Victorian themed items etc., please let Miss Davies know: 100@nghs.org.uk



Forthcoming Dates...

Date	Event	Year(s)
Tue 12 Mar	Marketing photographer visits Chemistry Lecture, 4.15pm	All Y12/13
Wed 13 Mar	School Photographer in school Lessons from Auschwitz Poland trip PTA Meeting	Y10/13 Y12 7pm
Thu 14 Mar	MFL students to Concord College Head Girl Team interviews	Y11-12 Y12
Fri 15 Mar	Lower School HGT interviews Netball residential departs 4pm	Y9 Y7
Tue 19 Mar	German exchange departs (Mr Scott & Mrs Goodall)	Y10

Health & Wellbeing Top Tip

'When life doesn't go your way, take a step back, breathe, and try again'.