



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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### Head's Lines

I overheard a conversation in the corridor this week about the speech Megan Markle made in Australia on the importance of girls' education and it was heart-warming to hear our students talk about the meaning of this and, in particular, the fact that their education was not something that they should take for granted. My pride in our students was further endorsed when I received a lovely letter from a couple who had been taught CPR in a St John Ambulance training session by one of our Year 10 students, Lola, outside of school. Her professionalism and warm persona had made a lasting impression on them and I was delighted to pass this lovely letter onto her parents.

On Monday evening, Year 11 students and parents had the opportunity to attend a **Revision Evening** by prominent speaker and revision guru, Tim Milner. Over 75 girls and families attended and took away useful hints and tips. Please see page two for their thoughts.

Last night we had our **Poetry Evening** which featured a number of students from all year groups performing their own work and that of other distinguished poets. The second half had a distinctive WWI theme, which was appropriate given the centenary of the end of the war in 2018. The students who read were outstanding and showed great courage and confidence. Thank you to Mr Postle for planning the smooth running of this successful, enjoyable evening. Please see page 3 for some photos.



Our **French trip** has been going well in Nice this week (more information in the next edition) and a group of sixth form students are in **India** with Mrs Gill, Mr Pimm and Mrs Dainty. I received a lovely photograph of the group on their acclimatisation day (see below left) and we wish them safe and enjoyable travels before they return at the end of the half term holiday.

We have had cause to speak to a few students this week about **matters of e-safety**, in particular online communication with students in other schools (and even strangers) as well as searching unsavoury terms on school computers. I can reassure parents that our filtering system is very effective, is monitored for search terms daily and, as per our IT Usage Policy, which is signed in the Student Planners, students have a responsibility to carefully consider their actions when using IT in school. This can lead to conversations which students might find embarrassing, but safeguarding is our top priority and we will inform parents if any issues are noted. Please also consider how IT is used in your home (ideally avoiding use in children's bedrooms at night) and visit the NGHS website for top tips in the For Parents section. We hope you will find this useful.

Year 7 parents should have received a **letter and survey** from Ms Capaldi and I. Thank you in advance for sharing your views about the transition process. Please return these surveys by 12 November 2018.

Half term is now here and we have reached the end of a long eight weeks. It is evident around school how hard our students and staff are working, attendance levels are high and lots of progress is being made. **Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication.** A special mention to our Year 7s and Year 12s who have managed their transition well into NGHS and NGHS6. It is very important that any work undertaken over half term is moderated with ample rest and recuperation and I hope that all our families enjoy some time together, even if it is just at the weekends! If you need to contact the senior leadership team about a serious issue during the week, please use [urgent@nghs.org.uk](mailto:urgent@nghs.org.uk).

We return to school on Monday 5 November at the normal time.

Wishing you a pleasant half term,

**Mr M J Scott**

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Year 11 Revision Evening



Monday night saw almost all Year 11s drag a parent along for a night of revision tips and tricks from guru Tim Milner. Mr Scott had seen Tim in action in his previous girls' schools and knew that his ideas and tips had been well received.

Tim broke his session down into ten key aspects of good revision and the sessions were very active with the students being encouraged to trial ideas with their parent. The aspects included (among others) how to plan revision, looking after your body during the exams and techniques such as 'the right way to do Mind Maps' and 'Tweet Cards' were discussed.

Using real subject examples helped the students see how the tips and strategies could be used. There was a real buzz in the room and the strong orange squash and fizzy sweets kept everyone's sugar levels up!

At the end of the evening Tim received some lovely feedback from students and parents and we are pleased that the event was so helpful. Below are some quotes from Year 11s who attended the evening. Here's to even more success and an ever better approach to revision from our lovely Year 11s.



## THANK YOU FRIDAY



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are rewarding a student each week who has gone above and beyond. Students are nominated by form tutors, heads of year and the Headteacher.

Congratulations to the students listed below for being awarded a "thank you Friday house point" last week, ending 15 October.

FORM	STUDENT NAME(S)
A1	L. Patrick
A2	C. Toogood & J. Wozniak
A3	E. Potter
R1	I. Huckin
R2	L. Chilcott
R3	C. Weeks
R4	C. Ward
R5	M. Batkin
R6	G. Bishton
R7	C. Perera
S1	C. Cui
S3	E. Raymond-Martin
S4	E. Watson-Nolan
S5	L. Holmes
S6	A. Guest
S7	C. Walsh & B. Clayton
HOY 7-8	G. Jinks
HOY 9-10	M. Rodrigues
HOY 11	H. Stocking
Headteacher	M. Edge

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Tim kept the tone light-hearted. The evening was also useful for parents as many unintentionally overlook the pressure and amount of work that is involved in their daughter's Year 11.

I enjoyed how hands-on the evening was and there was plenty to take home from it.

Both my mum and I were captivated and engaged throughout the evening. Many of the methods I hadn't thought to try before. The reiteration of a healthy lifestyle despite exams was so important to hear from a professional. I truly believe his shared wisdom will improve my grades.

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By Kathleen, Kleio and Lottie



# A Fabulous Evening of Poetry & Verse

On Thursday evening, seventeen students from across all year groups performed their own original poetry along with published poems.

In the first half of the evening, the audience were treated to an eclectic mix of original poetry produced by the NGHS literary society. The evening started with a polemic statement on what it means to be a writer. After this, there were two poems in response to this year's Christopher Tower Poetry competition, inspired by the theme of 'underwater', followed by a selection of poems about politics, society, colours and autumn. The finale of the first half consisted of a recital of a Roald Dahl poem, followed by an original version of *Rapunzel* with a much darker ending.

The second half of the evening was dedicated to commemorating the centenary of the end of World War One. This began with two students reciting poems 'off by heart' and was followed by a selection of original poems that students had written themselves. There was also a moving tribute to Shropshire's Wilfred Owen and a powerful performance of an award winning original poem inspired by the last remaining hornbeam tree in Delville Wood.

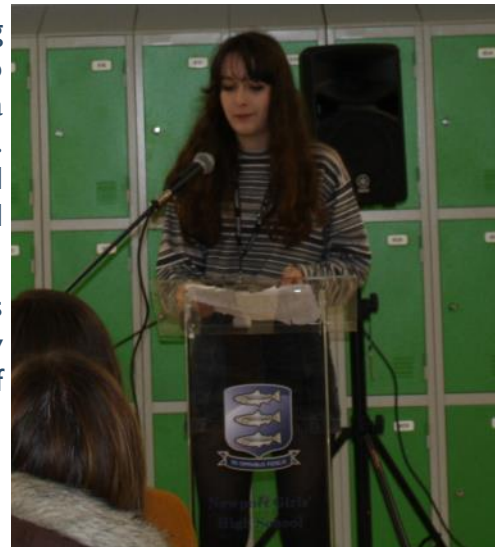
All in all, it was astonishing to see the creative talents of students from Year 7 to Year 13 on full display and the audience were very moved by the readings. Many thanks to all the students and staff who were involved and to the PTA for providing the refreshments.

**Mr Postle, Head of English**



**NGHS  
ENGLISH  
PRESENTS:  
AN  
EVENING  
OF POETRY**

**Thursday 25th  
October  
7pm  
The Atrium**



# TWSSA Netball Victory

Our Year 11 netball **won** the TWSSA Netball tournament on Thursday with grace and ease. The scores were as follows:

## Pool A

1st Idsall  
2nd Haberdashers' Abraham Darby  
3rd Hadley Learning Community  
4th Charlton School

## Pool B

1st NGHS  
2nd Burton Borough  
3rd Holy Trinity  
4th Ercall Wood

NGHS 10 v 2 Holy Trinity  
NGHS 10 v 1 Ercall Wood  
NGHS 7 v 0 Burton Borough

Final was Idsall v Newport Girls with Newport Girls' winning 7-1.

**Well done to our talented team - pictured right**



Role	Team 1	Team 2
Managing Director	E Assah	O O'Bryne
Assistant Managing Director	E Rigby	H Stocking
Marketing Director	K Lemmon	K Talbot
Sales Director	A Ibanga	J Assouan
Finance Director	S Tabudji	E Massey-Jones
Human Resources Director	F Norris	C Perera
ICT Director	E Jenkins	M Chilcott (and admin)
Admin Director	R Phipps	M Jones (and ICT)
Operations Manager	C Llewellyn-Smith	L Warner (and sales)

**Young  
Enterprise  
2019  
Teams  
Announced**

Our award-winning Young Enterprise teams have been announced this week by Mrs Kearne. The Year 12 students who applied were interviewed for their roles and Mrs Kearne and the Year 13 Y.E. veterans were very impressed with the calibre of the new cohort. The roles have been allocated and it is hoped that the teams will gel effectively together and go on to learn all about the world of commerce and raise lots of money in their business ventures.

## Jodrell Bank Visit

Last week, year 13 Physicists visited Jodrell Bank, the third largest moveable radio wave telescope in the world. A workshop on 'how telescopes work' taught us the reasons why radio waves are the only waves in the electromagnetic spectrum that can be located on earth. We were given some free time to explore the astrophysics exhibitions and then finished our day with a pulsars workshop. One of the astrophysicists from the University of Manchester taught us how these neutron stars emit radio waves in a regular pulse. The trip has massively helped our understanding of the A-Level syllabus and inspired us to continue with our wider research.

**A Mangham (Year 13)**







# Halloween Pumpkin Carving

At the end of a long half term we like to offer our students the chance to take part in a 'crafternoon': This is an idea from the charity Mind who understand the importance of craft activities in supporting our mental health.

This half term the idea was to do some pumpkin carving . The pumpkins that were used were all grown in the school garden by our gardening club and the students worked in teams to design their pumpkins. These are all now on display in the School Hall.

Well done to all students who took part. It was a very enjoyable and stress-free way to end this half term.

**Miss H Clarke, Assistant Headteacher**

# GCSE Mock Examinations (November)

The Year 11 mock examination timetable is printed below. Students will have a briefing from our Exams Officer, Mrs J Wallace, straight after half term. However, for planning/support purposes, we are including this timetable now in the newsletter. Full attendance during mocks is expected and if a student doesn't study a particular subject, they will complete revision in this time, either in silence or with peers. This will be in rooms away from the main examination hall, but under staff supervision.

Day	Thu 15 Nov	Monday 19 Nov	Tuesday 20 Nov	Wednesday 21 Nov	Thursday 22 Nov	Friday 23 Nov	Monday 26 Nov
<b>Session 1</b> 0900-1115	Music 2hr Art 3hr	English Lang 1hr45	History 1hr30	Geography Physical 1hr30	Maths (Calculator) 1hr30	DT 2hr or Computing 1hr30	Maths (NonCalc) 1hr30
<b>Session 2</b> 1130-1245	↓	German Writing 1hr15	French Writing 1hr15	History 2 55min	Geography Applications 1hr15	English Lit 45 min	(normal lessons resume after the maths exam)
<b>Session 3</b> 1330-1545	(normal lessons)	Physics 2hr	Biology 2hr	Chemistry 2hr	French Read & Listen 1hr	German Read & Listen 1hr	



## NOTICES

### RUSSIA TRIP

Students should collect their passports and Russian visas from Mr Scott if they have not done so already.

### HISTORY NOTICES

- ⇒ Deadline to complete 'Reflection' on the September 2018 Battlefield Trip is Monday 5 November. The format is personal choice but could be poetry, art or a diary for example. Prizes will be given at the Remembrance Assembly on Friday 9 November.
- ⇒ The history GCSE lunchtime club continues on Tuesdays at 1pm in room 3 – a great source of support in the build up to the mock examinations!
- ⇒ Last shout out for the Leicester trip planned for April 2019 – letters are available from Miss Davies for those studying history years 10 – 13. Unfortunately the trip will not run if we cannot achieve sufficient numbers. Currently there are 10 places still available.

### HEALTH & WELLBEING TOP TIP!

#### The power of exercise

Exercise helps to refresh your brain and makes you happier! get active! Work, sport, sleep, repeat!  
Mary, S6

## Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
<b>Mon 5 Nov</b>	<b>Return to School</b>	<b>All</b>
Tue 6 Nov	Mock exam briefing	Y11
Wed 7 Nov	Parents Evening	Y10
Thu 8 Nov	Othello, Warwick university	Y13 Eng
Fri 9 Nov	Remembrance Assembly GCSE Presentation Event <i>Normal school continues for all</i>	All Winners
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	Charities Week	All
Mon 10 Dec	Full Governors Meeting	Govs
Thu 13 Dec	Parents Evening	Y12