



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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With the sun shining brightly into my office and the very minimal number of people in the school building, one could be forgiven for thinking that we are in the midst of the summer holiday. Sadly, this is not the case and whilst the pandemic has focused itself by population density in more urban areas, it is clear that we must all play our part in ensuring it does not spread within our local communities. There are stories all over the news about young people meeting up in parks etc. and, whilst I am sure NGHS students would not defy the instructions issued by the government, it is imperative that we all work together to get back to school as soon as possible by resisting this temptation. I also trust that our NGHS families are well and are managing to adjust to life away from school. Rest assured the colleagues I have spoken to in school this week (at a suitable distance!) have expressed their surreal feelings about the situation we find ourselves in and we are all focused on a time when we can welcome the whole community back into Newport and to our fabulous school.

Thank you to parents who have been in touch with warm wishes and also questions about the work being set. We are feeling our way through this process in the first week. I have asked my colleagues to ensure time frames are added to work that is uploaded next week and we do encourage girls to balance school work with an hour of exercise (inside, in the garden or a careful walk so long as this is permitted) and don't fear not being able to finish all the work that is provided. As our Schemes of Work often cover longer topics rather than individual lessons, we are not uploading work in hourly chunks, but we can provide more guidance time-wise so look out for this when you download the work set next week.

Rev. Walters has been in touch with students in Years 11 and 13 this week as we await further information from the exam boards about what is expected of us in awarding GCSE/A-level grades. This is uncharted territory and we are assembling lots of types of data to support a calculated grade. Please bear with us on this and we will do our best to communicate any more details as/when we get them.

This week as well as trying to lead a school from both Newport and my home in Cheshire(!), I have been engaged in a number of conference calls with companies interested in managing our expansion build. Whilst Covid-19 has stopped lots of building work, we don't want to fall behind on the backroom work and we are actively working (remotely) with prospective companies to choose a provider who will oversee the design, planning and building of our new Dining Hall and kitchen extension.

From next week we will be scaling the number of staff in school down still further. The school will be open throughout what was the Easter holiday (with the exception of Good Friday and Easter Monday) to the children of keyworkers who have already registered. The numbers have been lower than those who initially registered and we can reduce staffing to keep everyone safe and avoid unnecessary journeys.

An edition of Newport News won't necessarily be a weekly occurrence at this time, but I felt it was a good idea to keep some form of normality and I hope that parents and girls enjoy the read. There were some unfinished news articles awaiting publication so I am pleased to include these and I hope it passes a few minutes with a cup of tea for you. We miss all our students and look forward to seeing them soon.

Take care and very best wishes

Mr M J Scott

Accessing the Work Portal - Keep up to date

Closure information will be posted on www.nghs.org.uk and texts/emails sent to parents

Students should access work via www.nghs.org.uk (scroll to bottom of page). Click on 'Work Login'

Username: **student@nghs.org.uk**

Password: **N3wport2020**

Work may not be instantly available so students should check back and keep an eye on their NGHS emails too.

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To contact the School about a general enquiry, please use schooloffice@nghs.org.uk

New Head Girl Team

Congratulations to the students pictured below who have been successfully appointed as the School's next Head Girl Team. They applied against a field of 40+ girls and were shortlisted and interviewed by Mr Scott, Mrs Griffin (Head of Sixth Form) and one of our Governors. They would normally start after Easter, but we will make up for lost time when we return to school. I would also like to thank Ellie, Orla, Millie, Katherine and Weronika (our outgoing HGT) for their hard work and dedication to their roles. We wish them all the best in the future.

Mr Scott



Abi L
Head Girl



Minnie W
Deputy Head Girl
Community



Ella R
Deputy Head Girl
Academic Chair



Ellie M
Deputy Head Girl
Transition & Integration



Tanvi U
Deputy Head Girl
Health & Wellbeing



Awarded to:	Awarded by:
T Adeniyi (A1)	Mrs J Chandler
E Archer (S5)	Mrs L Roberts
A Billingham (S5)	Miss H Clarke
J Davies (A7)	Mrs H Goodall
V Elsmore (A6)	Mrs L Roberts
L Hambler (S1)	Mrs J Chandler
C Hamilton (R7)	Mrs L Payne
A Hill (R5)	Mrs L Roberts
L Jones (R6)	Miss A-M Davies
C Knight (A1)	Mrs T Fujii
C Lloyd (A7)	Miss A-M Davies
R Premadasa (R2)	Mrs T Fujii
A Rothwell (A2)	Mrs J Chandler
T Sherratt (R7)	Miss H Clarke
C Smith-Murphy (R6)	Mrs L Payne
C Toogood (A2)	Mrs T Fujii
A Tonkin (A6)	Miss A-M Davies

**Well done to all our nominees for
Thank you Friday this fortnight**

CEOP Activity Packs

As a school which cares deeply about student's behaviour online, we work closely with CEOP. They have produced helpful parent/student packs in response to Covid-19 about staying safe online. **Click on the logo below to download these.**



What's your Water Footprint?

As everybody knows, we all have a carbon footprint. But what about a water footprint? How much water is needed to produce the products you buy in the shops? For example, 1kg of beef requires 15,500 litres of water to be made whereas 1kg of pork uses only 10 litres to be made. A cup of coffee might not sound like a water-intensive choice of drink in the morning but it actually has a water footprint of 140 litres, while a glass of water only has a water footprint of, unsurprisingly, 1 glass. And as the world's population grows, our demand for water increases. Every bit of water saved will help.

Team SustainNGHS

HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART COMPETITION

This year's competition was particularly well entered and the judges had a tough job selecting the winners. Each entry attracted House Points which will be totted up and added to the points total for the end of year House Cup. Congratulations to all our winners and well done to all those who took part.



Theme	Peacefulness	Group Portrait	Community	
Overall Winners	A Gaddam S3	A Jones S1	L Holmes A3	
Year 7 First	M Peters R2	J Tagboto S2	C Fewtrell S1	
Year 7 Second	K MacMullen A2	Y Liu A1	N Swami R1	
Year 7 Third	Z Regan R1	H Bates A2	I Adams-Aliu A2	
Year 8 First	A Wyke S2	A Jones S1	I Link R1	
Year 8 Second	R Premadasa R2	O Cass S1	M Carroll R2	
Year 8 Third	L Chinthalapati S2	A Fairhead A1	B Gill-Ballard A1	
Year 9 First	E Howe R3	H Mekwana A4	L Holmes A3	
Year 9 Second	S Abel-Lawson A3	I Turner A4	S Sulake A3	
Year 9 Third	—	—	L Lo A4	
Year 10 First	A Gaddam S3			
Year 10 Second	E Haynes S3			
Year 10 Third	B Williams S3			
Year 12 First	M Mosson-Jones S7			M Westwood A7
Year 12 Second	F Jones-Smyth R6			E Johnson A6
Year 12 Third	S Elashmawi S7			—

Overall Points Total

Austen = 97

Roddam = 49

Seacole = 84

A WIN FOR AUSTEN!

COMING NEXT WEEK

Straight to your home (well let's face it you can't go out)...

THE HEADTEACHER'S CHALLENGE

What has Mr Scott got in store? Check your emails on Monday!



Gymnastics Success: On Monday 16 March, two gymnasts competed in a regional competition at Madeley Academy. Ava D in Y7 who is on the GB Pathway and Olivia C (who entered her first competition) both did the school proud with Ava winning the event and Olivia coming 8th out of 22 competitors. Well done, girls!



The Year 7 Netball Weekend was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the girls who took part. Special thanks to Mrs Goodall, Miss Clarke and Miss McCleary for giving up their weekend.



Sport Relief Thanks

Yet again, our lower and upper school Sports Captains organised a wide variety of fun activities throughout the week which included the selling of wristbands, a fancy-dress staff & sixth form mile, A question of sport quiz and the main event... the Sport Relief Dance Showcase! Thank you for everyone who got involved, got sponsored and/or made a donation towards such a worthy cause.

Mrs Goodall