



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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### Head's Lines



On Tuesday it was lovely to welcome students from Newport Junior School to enjoy a Japanese Taster Day. Following our successful bid for funding from the Japan Society, we were able to provide workshops in origami, sushi making and tasting, chopstick handling and various games and quizzes. It was lovely to see the children so engaged. This is one of our many workshops with local schools; we had our Taste of High School day last year as well as our Maths Challenge and we look forward to some more events over the course of this year. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Fujii for all their hard work in arranging this workshop. You can find out more about the event on page 2 of this week's Newport News.

Today is our Macmillan Coffee Morning at breaktime following yesterday's highly successful House Bake Off competition. Mrs Goodall has helped to organise both events; thank you to her. Cancer is sadly something which is likely to affect us personally or someone who love during our lifetime. In the past few years, the work of Macmillan has been particularly relevant to some of our staff and we are proud to have a whole-school event to raise money to this important cause. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 and enjoyed some cake at break.

Our Year 12s head off to Liverpool later for the start of their social weekend residential. Having joined the trip last year, I know how enjoyable this is and the friendships that are formed and reinforced will hopefully continue to last for many years to come. My particular thanks to the staff who are giving up pretty much all of their weekend to accompany them. I hope that the weather holds as it's usually cold and breezy on the Mersey!

### PTA MEETING - CALLING ALL PARENTS!

The PTA is holding its first meeting of the term next Tuesday (1<sup>st</sup> October) at 7pm in the school's Atrium – all are very welcome to attend. We are planning several events this term, including our popular Family Quiz night, and after school movie nights for Years 7 and 8. New ideas are always welcome; if you have any suggestions, please bring them along to Tuesday's meeting, or email [PTA@nghs.org.uk](mailto:PTA@nghs.org.uk) Julie Harris (Chair)



May I just finish with two reminders. The first is for our students and concerns behaviour on buses. I received an email from a member of the public this week about the poor behaviour of a small number of girls on a public bus service. We have addressed this of course, but I was saddened to learn that the girls' behaviour had fallen short of what we would expect. As NGHS uniform-wearers, all students are ambassadors of our school wherever they are and we expect the same high standards of behaviour as we would do in school. The final polite reminder is about parking near to the school at the end of the school day. Please do ensure you are not blocking access to driveways and, where possible, arrange to meet your daughter away from the school at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Random Acts of Kindness from our Wellbeing Committee for next week are shown below. Feel free to trial any you wish and I wish you a lovely weekend.

**Mr M J Scott**

Date	Option 1	Option 2
Friday	Celebrate by making your favourite meal and share it with a loved one	Listen to others
Saturday	Get outdoors and enjoy nature	Deliver treats/flowers to a friend/neighbour
Sunday	Join a friend or colleague in an activity they are passionate about	Watch a documentary about something you don't know much about
Monday	FREE DAY! Do something meaningful!	Teach someone how to make your favourite meal
Tuesday	Spend 10 minutes in mindful reflection	Organise a local clean up effort
Wednesday	Tell your best friend or partner that you love them	Sign up and become a RAKtivist on the Random Acts of Kindness website
Thursday	Create a celebration list and write down everything you have accomplished this week.	

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This week had a distinctly Oriental flavour – with year 5 children from Newport Junior School coming in to school to learn about Japan and its culture. It was an excellent opportunity for seeing all that is on offer at NGHS and to glimpse life in secondary school. Teachers and students alike tried their hands at origami, chopsticks and got to make and taste their own sushi.

NGHS students from years 7 to 10 who attend the lunchtime Japanese Club also enjoyed making origami animals this week. **Mrs Fujii**



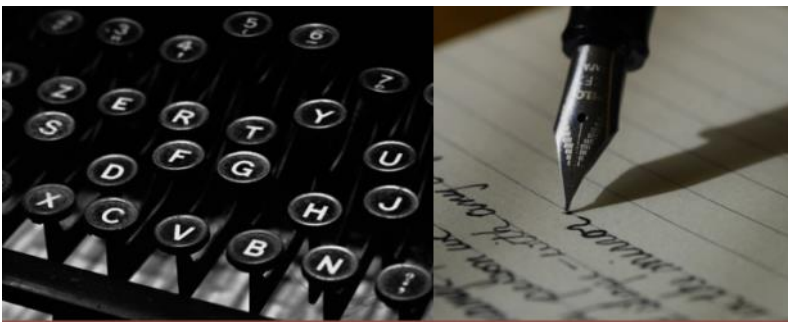
Please [click here](#) for Newport Junior School's write-up of the visit with more photographs.  
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As any NGHS student will tell you, the amount of trivia learnt at school can sometimes almost rival serious lesson content (especially when Rev. Walters leads an assembly!) Today was no different as we celebrated the end of the week with a European Day of Languages quiz. The theme was 'National Anthems of the World' and much merriment was had as students tried to decipher their 'La Marseillaise' from their 'La Marcha Real' and a rather lively rendition of Gosudarstvenny Gimn Rossiyskoy Federatsii (the Russian national anthem to you and me)!

Celebrity endorsements(!) were found outside room 9 (see right) - thank you to Ms Branson and the MFL team.



**NGHS ENGLISH  
& SUSTAINABLE**

**NGHS**

**PRESENTS:**

**AN EVENING  
OF POETRY**

**Thursday  
17th October  
7pm  
The Atrium**



Following their successful concert last year, we are pleased to welcome back the Junior Royal Northern College of Music for another evening of classical and contemporary music.

The evening will showcase four young musicians including Market Drayton's 17 years old flautist, Ruby Howells. Ruby is the 2018 British Flute Society's Young Performer and a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

The JRNCM provides expert tuition and training for young people with exceptional musical ability. Past students at the JRNCM have crafted professional music careers, been winners of national music competitions, including the BBC Young Musician Competition, the BBC Proms Inspire Young Composers' Competition, and British Junior Eurovision Song Contest. Many are also members of either the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain or one of the National Children's Orchestras.

Join us for an evening of live entertainment, to hear the music of tomorrow's classical stars today, so that you can say that you saw them here first!

Date: Saturday 5th October **Junior RNCM**

Performance: 7:30pm ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Tickets: £10.00 Under 18 £5.00 A private hire promotion

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## Who to contact?

Please remember to use the [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk) to contact school in the first instance.

Routine Query?	Will be answered by our Reception team or your daughter's form tutor
Pastoral matter?	Form tutor or Head of Year (Ms Capaldi, Miss Tomkinson, Miss Clarke, Mrs Griffin)
Wellbeing issue?	Mrs Danby (Y7-11) or Mrs Martin (Sixth Form) or Mrs Davenport (medical)
SEND issue?	Mrs Benoit (our Special Needs & Disabilities Coordinator, SENDCO)
Subject issue?	Class teacher in first instance or Head of Faculty (via <a href="mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk">schooloffice@nghs.org.uk</a> )
More serious issue?	The Senior Leadership Team (Mr Scott, Rev. Walters, Miss Clarke, Miss Davies) Safeguarding Team: Miss Clarke, Mr Scott, Mrs Davenport, Mrs Danby
Very urgent issue?	Email <a href="mailto:urgent@nghs.org.uk">urgent@nghs.org.uk</a> (outside of school hours) in case of emergency

## GCSE HISTORY NOTICES

### REVISION GROUP

Year 11 History Revision group continues this Tuesday at 1pm in room 2 [new venue!]. Fantastic attendance last week – this week the focus is on The Roaring Twenties and exam question technique!

### REVISION GUIDES

History Revision Guides are available now for purchase; an email has gone home about this from Miss Davies this week! They are relevant for those studying history in Years 9-11 [who haven't already purchased one in the last 2 years]. If you would like to see a sample copy, please see your history teacher.

The deadline for ordering/paying is **Monday 21 October**.

## Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 30th	Full Governors Meeting, 7pm	Govs
Tue 1st	PTA meeting, 7pm Chemistry Lecture: Birmingham	Parents Y12/13
Thu 3rd	National Poetry Day Information Evening, 7pm with appt	All Y7
Fri 4th	Induction Day, Edgmond Hall Senior Netball Weekend	Y7 Y10+
Mon 7th	Information Evening, 7pm	Y8
Tue 8th	Revision Evening, 6.00pm	Y11
Thu 10th	Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm by appt	Y13
Fri 11th	Whole school assembly, 9.00am	All

### *Worth a thought...*

*Your circle should want you to win. Your circle should clap the loudest when you have good news. If they don't, get a new circle...*



Just a reminder that students must not be in school before 7.45am and must have left by 5.30pm. When working early or late in school, mobile phone usage should be kept to a minimum.

With thanks, Mr Scott (Headteacher)