



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Last night saw our Year 7 Parents Welcome Evening and it was a great opportunity to 'set out our NGHS stall' and for parents to meet their daughter's tutor as well as hearing some more information about today's Year 7 Teambuilding Day and how the rest of the year will hopefully pan out. The girls in Year 7 have settled really well and are already getting stuck in to house activities and making great progress in lessons. Thank you for the lovely feedback about their smooth transition.

Last week's **Macmillan Coffee Morning** was well attended and over **£360** was raised in just 20 minutes! Thank you to all of our star bakers and to the staff who braved the judging tent (well, Room 22) to sample the baked goods. The winners can be found on page 3 of this week's Newport News.

This week's edition of Newport News is focused on our hard-working and effective **PTA**. The Parent & Teacher Association regularly makes a much needed cash injection into NGHS school life. I try to request money for projects, which will benefit large numbers of pupils and last year money was donated to help fund the netball court refurbishments as well as the laser cutter, which all students will use in DT lessons. With the proceeds of last year's fundraising, the PTA will be donating money towards the cost of the new minibus, which will arrive after half term. Again, this will benefit large groups of students in all year groups. Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening. If you don't have

time to help out at events or attend a meeting, there are many other ways to get involved, from simply buying a 100 Club Number to using the Easy Fundraising or Amazon Smile website when you do online shopping. It's a cliché, but **every little does help** and all the money raised goes back into the School.

This week I have offered some saxophone tuition to a new teacher, **Sally Barras**. Sally will start next week and would be pleased to offer a few more students tuition. If your daughter would like to try the saxophone or clarinet, please email schooloffice@nghs.org.uk and we will pass on your details. More information on page 5.

West Mercia Police have asked Newport schools to pass on some important information about parking. This is displayed on page six. Regular readers will know this is not the first reminder we have issued and I thank you for your cooperation.

Finally we have **TWO vacancies on our Governing Body**. These are Academy/Community Governor positions (meaning they are chosen by the Academy Board) and we would particularly welcome anyone with a career background in **Health & Safety** or **Law**. A keen interest in marketing would always be welcome, too. If you feel you would like to know more (a commitment of around 15-20 hours spread across the year is normal), we would be pleased to hear from you. Please email me via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk for more information.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Mr M J Scott

Random Acts of Kindness for week commencing 7 October 2019

Date	Option 1	Option 2
Friday	Learn something new about someone in your class / form / workplace today	Pledge to use less plastic to lessen your carbon footprint (WORLD ANIMAL DAY)
Saturday	Do an act of kindness for someone and encourage them to pay it forward	Make a teacher smile; surprise them with a treat, note or kind word (WORLD TEACHER DAY)
Sunday	Make and deliver a thank you card to show support for one of our local charities	Sign up to help out at your local library or other charity
Monday	FREE DAY! Find a way to strengthen a relationship today.	Record a video message to send to a faraway friend
Tuesday	Say something positive to everyone you talk to today	Donate dog/cat food to a local animal shelter
Wednesday	Tell THREE people why you appreciate them	Pay a stranger's library fees
Thursday	Invite someone new to sit with you during lunch.	Reach out to someone you know who is going through a tough time and let them vent (WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY)

Introducing the NGHS PTA...

Fundraising can be easy!



The main focus of the PTA's fundraising this year is the new minibus which is due to arrive after half-term – it will be a vital resource used for trips, sporting fixtures, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and so on. The minibus will be leased by the school, and the PTA has pledged to make a significant contribution towards this year's costs. Thankfully there are some really easy ways you can help us!

We have been using the **Easyfundraising** portal for a couple of years now, raising over £3,700 from people doing their everyday shopping with a large number of well-known retailers. All you have to do is register, then start your online shopping from the Easyfundraising home page. **THIS IS FREE MONEY FOR US!** Plus, when you raise your first £5, easyfundraising will match it!

This [short video](#) explains how simple it is and it doesn't cost you anything. Sign-up using our [unique link](#) and search for Newport Girls' High School.

Our PTA work hard to organise a number of events each year to raise much-needed money for the School. Our thrice-annual QUIZ NIGHTS (one coming up soon!) are a big crowd-pleaser and fun for all the family. Our Movie Nights offer girls the chance to meet after school to watch a film and relax and we also get involved in bigger school events such as last summer's Centenary Open Day. New parents are always welcome...do not feel that you will have a job for life; you can offer as much or as little time as you have and you will always be welcome. To contact the PTA, please email pta@nghs.org.uk.

Julie Harris (PTA Chair)



New to the PTA is **Amazon Smile**, a simple and automatic way for you to support the PTA every time you shop with Amazon, again at no cost to you. You use the same account on amazon.co.uk and AmazonSmile.

On your first visit to smile.amazon.co.uk you need to select *Newport Girls' High School Parent Teacher Association* as your charity to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.co.uk will result in a donation.

Eligible products are marked "Eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk donation" on their product detail pages.

The easiest one of them all... our 100 Club!

Our **100 Club** is a monthly draw that provides cash prizes for three lucky winners, whilst also raising funds. For a monthly subscription of £2 per share (paid by standing order) you can win one of three cash prizes up to a maximum of £100, £75 and £25 or 40% of the funds raised by each draw, whichever is the lower.

To help the school and to have a chance of winning a prize, please complete the form on the email which Newport News was sent through and either hand it in at the School Office or post it to school, marked for the attention of the 100 Club Organiser.

Thank you for your support.





On Thursday 26 September, NGHS's House Bake Off was back, bigger and better! The time and effort that went into all the baked goods was astounding and the judges had a real treat! Well done to all of the competitors. All 3 Houses had their own victories and the winners for each year group and category are listed below. Roddam claimed the overall victory with 124 points, but they were closely followed by Austen with 117 points and Seacole with 111 points. The following day over £360 was raised through the Macmillan Coffee Morning and the cakes were gobbled up! Thanks to everyone who took part. **Mrs Goodall**

Year	100 th birthday cake	Healthy Bites	European themed crazy cupcakes	Friendly fancies
7	A Sheikh (Seacole)	M Bandhan (Seacole)	A Corkhill (Roddam)	A Rothwell (Austen)
8	U Haskell (Seacole)	V Hikkaduwege (Roddam)	L Howard (Austen)	C Toogood (Austen)
9	F Batters (Roddam)	A Jackson (Roddam)	Z Reynolds (Roddam)	I Turner (Austen)
10	O Bissell (Seacole)	A Hamilton (Roddam)	B Williams (Seacole)	K Kehler (Austen)
11	E Morris (Austen)	H Bleakley (Roddam)	J Slater-Morris (Seacole)	M Young (Austen)
12	C Aspin (Seacole)	M Partridge (Austen)	P Broad (Seacole)	A Laycock (Austen)
13	R Arachchi (Austen)	L McCarthy & A Truswell (Austen)	L Ragbourne (Roddam)	A Daragos (Seacole)
Overall winner	C Aspin (Seacole)	H Bleakley (Roddam)	A Corkhill (Roddam)	Amelie-Rothwell (Austen)



Emily & friends with Baroness Barran

From Downing Street to Conservative Party Conference!

Fresh from her recent visit to Number 10 to represent Girlguiding in talks with Boris Johnson (reported in NN a few weeks ago), Y13 student Emily Jenkins was invited to the CPC where she spoke about plastic pollution and climate change. Great work Emily!



NGHS PTA PRESENTS



Hallowe'en Film Night (Year 7 & 8)

School library, 17th October, 4pm – 6pm

£2 entry fee buys you popcorn and a drink
Pay on the door
Other snacks also on sale



PTA UK MEMBER ASSOCIATION

FILM NIGHT



Liverpool 2019

We started the weekend in high spirits as we left Newport to make our journey to Liverpool. During the two-hour journey we had a group singalong with some questionable vocals from the back row. When we arrived, we went straight to the museum of Liverpool. In the museum there were many exhibitions ranging from the Beatles, John and Yoko to Liverpool's history. Our favourite part of the museum has to be the "sound proof" karaoke booth which by the looks we received from passers-by didn't do its job particularly well. Songs ranged from Imagine by John and Yoko to everyone's favourite festive hits (not enjoyed by Mr Tolley).

After a couple of hours of exploring we headed back to the hostel to get dressed up for dinner and a trip to the theatre. After a quick dinner and much to our dismay a lack of choc ices, we headed to the theatre to see Motown the musical. Unfortunately for the teachers the karaoke from earlier continued into the night as we all sang along to our favourite Motown hits. For many the show was stolen by little Michael Jackson singing the absolute bop that is ABC by the Jackson 5. As high spirits continued we walked back to the hostel for a much-needed sleep to prepare for the busy day ahead.



With a bright and early start on Saturday morning we filled ourselves up with a lovely breakfast and hopped on the bus for a Beatles magical mystery tour. The tour allowed us to explore many of the famous Beatles sights whilst learning some fun facts about the world-famous band which we didn't realise would prove so useful until the quiz that evening. We visited Penny Lane, Strawberry Field, the Beatles statue and some of the members childhood homes. We ended the tour with an exciting trip to the Cavern Club where we had the fourth singalong of the trip and had a boogie.

We then split off and had time to explore the city in friendship groups. This allowed us to all explore the areas of Liverpool that interested us the most, for many this was a

quick trip to McDonalds' and an afternoon of retail therapy without considering the damage it would make to our (parents') bank accounts. After having shopped till we dropped we headed for our evening meals at various restaurants around Liverpool.



We regrouped back at the hostel for the much-awaited quiz. Some friendly trash talk between a certain two rival teams was dished out and the quiz began. After many questions being geography and science based the teachers should've had a clear advantage however the Disney, music and Christmas rounds meant that the teachers team had nothing on the Spaghetti-os and the winners of the quiz: Revasaurus Rex. A particular highlight of the quiz for all was when the year 12 anthem of Timber was played and it was made clear that everyone knew the answer by the fifth and final singalong of the trip. Everyone headed to bed in high spirits for an unsuccessful light out attempt by teachers.

On Sunday we headed to the ferry terminal for the famous Liverpool Mersey ferry across to the U-boat museum. The weather took a turn for the worse but we didn't let this dampen our spirits. After the ferry we had our final free time to continue to explore Liverpool before heading home. For many this included a return trip to McDonalds for lunch. The bus journey home was certainly quieter as many napped to recharge after the busy weekend.

Finally, we'd just like to thank Mrs Bailey for organising the trip as its safe to say all involved had a fabulous time and thank you to all the teachers who came along to enjoy the weekend with us.



H Davis, M Westwood and L Hyde (Year 12)

Introducing...Sally Barras (Sax Teacher)

"I'm Sally Barras a saxophone, clarinet and piano teacher based in Bridgnorth. I perform regularly in various groups including Bridgnorth, Shrewsbury and Ludlow Orchestras, Shropshire Chamber Orchestra, Wenlock Quintet, and am MD of Sunflower Saxes - a small sax ensemble made up from my students ages between 15 and 50+! I also accompany for exams and concerts and regularly work with Concordia Ladies Choir, Concordia Youth Choir and Cadence.

As you can see I like to play and teach a variety of genres of music, encouraging a love of music in my students whilst also sharing my love of music. I teach privately, at Haberdashers' Adams and Stottesdon Primary School. I started music aged 4 with the recorder, adding the piano and trumpet age 8 then I switched to clarinet whilst studying at Kent Centre for Young Instrumentalists on a Saturday finally adding saxophone whilst studying music at Cardiff University."



NGHS PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY

**Starts on Monday 7 October
from 4pm - 5pm in Room 23.
Run by Mr Postle & Mr Scott
with sixth form helpers.**

Open to students in Years 7-10

If you would like to explore the option of saxophone or clarinet tuition at NGHS, please contact schooloffice@nghs.org.uk. We also offer tuition in Piano, Violin, Cello, Guitar, Drums, Voice and other Woodwind. If we receive Pupil Premium support for your daughter, money can be used to fund these lessons.

Below are a number of upcoming performances featuring students at NGHS. Also left is an advert for our NGHS Performing Arts Club (run by Mr Postle & Mr Scott) which starts on Monday from 4pm-5pm.



**NGHS ENGLISH
& SUSTAINABLE**

**NGHS
PRESENTS:
AN EVENING
OF POETRY**

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



TAD TOP *The Sound of Music*
Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE
23rd-26th October 2019
Oakengates Theatre @ The Place
01952 382382
www.tadlop.com
Tickets from £12
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp
An amateur production by arrangement with R&H Theatricals-Europe
TADLOP Registered Charity Number 701613

Musical Theatre Stafford
METS
LIONEL BART'S
Oliver!
TUE 15TH to SAT 19TH OCT
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE AT:
musicaltheatrestafford.org.uk
staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk
BOX OFFICE 01785 619080
STAFFORD GATEHOUSE THEATRE
@mtsshows

October 2019

Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team
Donnington Police Station
Wellington Road
Donnington
Telford TF2 8AE
Tel: 101 ext 66684

Dear Parent / Carer,

Unfortunately, we are again seeing a significant increase in complaints regarding vehicles being parked outside and near to local school premises.

We appreciate that many people have busy lives, and will be 'doing the school run' on the way to or from work but there can be few things more precious than a child's life – **poor, inconsiderate or illegal parking puts your youngsters at risk !**

It may be that when taking children to and from school by car, people need to allow a few extra minutes, park a little further away and walk the final short distance – some of our schools even operate 'walking bus' facilities for this exact purpose.

Please remember – parking on school zig zags and single yellow lines during their times of operation, double yellow lines, blocking junctions, pavements or driveways are all offences for which the police and authorised PCSO's can issue a £30 fixed penalty notice. If the matter goes to court the maximum fine is £1,000 plus court costs.

Given that our previous low key approach appears not to have had the desired effect, our team will now be taking a far more robust approach to enforcement of parking where the default position will be to 'ticket not warn'.

We also receive photographs taken by local residents and Walking Bus volunteers of incorrectly parked vehicles around our schools and will follow up on these reports when appropriate.

You should also be aware that responsibility for parking enforcement transfers from West Mercia Police to Telford & Wrekin Council on 13th January 2020, following which there will be a number of persons employed specifically to deal with parking issues and therefore enforcement will be more active.

We hope that you will consider your parking when dropping off / collecting children so that you are not the next recipient of a parking ticket from ourselves.

Yours faithfully,

Lee Thomas

PC1522 Lee Thomas
Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team



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Who to contact?

Please remember to use the 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 schooloffice@nghs.org.uk)
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 urgent@nghs.org.uk (outside of school hours) in case of emergency



Let's keep kids safe online

Parent Top Tip!

The NSPCC, together with O2, have launched a new website aimed specifically at parents to help them keep their children safe online. You can search for specific websites/apps and there's lots to read. Click on the logo above to find the website.

The Pastoral Team

Worth a thought...

*Life is full of mysteries –
some we may solve,
some we won't; we must
embrace uncertainty.*

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 7th	Information Evening, 7pm	Y8
Tue 8th	Primary Teacher Workshop 3.30pm Revision Evening, 6.00pm	— Y11
Thu 10th	Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm by appt	Y13
Fri 11th	Whole school assembly, 9.00am	All
Tue 15th	Early UCAS application deadline	Y13
Wed 16th	House Quiz (lunchtime)	All
Thu 17th	Open Morning, 9.30-12	Y4-5
Fri 18th	Whole School Assembly (9am)	All



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)