



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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On Tuesday we welcomed a large number of parents to our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was great to see Year 11 students taking the opportunity to quiz their teachers about the A-level courses we offer and I hope that all the questions you posed were answered. If not, students are always welcome to talk to Mrs Griffin our Head of Sixth Form, Reverend Walters (Deputy Head) or myself. The same is true for parents of course - pick up the phone or drop an email to schooloffice@nghs.org.uk and we will gladly assist. As an 11-18 school, there is no application form for the Sixth Form and current students will instead receive an Options Form in January ready to return no later than Valentine's Day (14 February 2020). Entry criteria are, as ever, in our admissions policy.

On Saturday our governors are meeting for a strategic planning day. The landscape of education is very quick to change and of course the impending election does little to steady the ship. Our governors are incredibly passionate about NGHS, our culture and ethos. Most are parents of current or former students and we have a really positive mix of different career backgrounds and experiences. I would like to thank them for their support and guidance in taking our school forward following the

successful Ofsted inspection and we are all working hard to enhance the school. We will share some thoughts with you on the school's development in time. We have also now recruited **three new governors** to join our Board. We welcome Mrs Hughes, Mrs Peters and Mrs Evans to the Board. We will feature more about our governing body in a future Newport News. In the coming weeks we will also be showcasing the work of different faculties within the school to show the breadth of learning that goes on each and every day at NGHS.

This week I had the opportunity to visit **Chelmsford County High School for Girls**. Another girls' grammar school of considerable standing, the school has developed a number of programmes which I feel, with some tweaking, would benefit both students and staff at NGHS. As I mentioned last week, our Ofsted report doesn't mean we stop developing our school and I look forward to undertaking more educational research on the ideas I picked up during the visit to Essex. Of course this visit also provided a chance for their SLT to learn more about life at NGHS and our recent inspection.

Mock examinations start in earnest next week for Year 11. The girls have impressed us so far with their spirit in making the most of Year 11 and I hope that they can use the INSET day today (whilst our staff are undergoing training) to make the most of their final preparations. Mock examinations are a good way to trial the real feeling of GCSEs ahead of May/June and a few nerves can also help to boost performance. If there are any particular concerns, please do contact Miss Clarke or the Wellbeing Officers.

Next Friday is our **PTA Quiz night** - a popular termly event and one which really is for the whole family. We start at 7.30pm. If you are in two minds, take the plunge and book the whole family in - children and adults are equally welcome. There are teams who want to win, teams who want to broaden their knowledge and teams who just love the fish and chips! Everything the PTA raises goes straight back into the school fund and I am adamant that money such as this needs to be spent on supporting the largest number of students possible - our laser cutter purchase last year now benefits all of KS3 and many KS4/KS5 students. Please do return the booking form if you would like to join us.

Very best wishes for the weekend.

Mr M J Scott



If you look closely at our letterhead, you will see that we gained the **School Games Gold Award Mark** for 2017-18 and I am delighted to learn that we have maintained this during the last academic year. Well done to the PE team and especially Mrs Goodall for their hard work in submitting our bid and retaining our status. Next year Platinum? We'll see!

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Whilst our students and staff marked Remembrance Day in the usual fashion with a two minute silence at 11 am, it is lovely to hear about the role that Remembrance has played in the lives of individual students. A handful of students who are Cadets attended Services of Remembrance in Newport and one of our students has been instrumental in supporting the Royal British Legion this year. Please read more below and well done to them for their efforts in ensuring that we remember those who lost their lives in conflict.

Selling Poppies in Telford

Elloise Jevons (Year 7) is a keen supporter of the Royal British Legion Telford branch. She has been a committed volunteer on the Telford stall, which usually raises between £12,000-15,000 per annum; a phenomenal amount. As well as taking collections, Elloise has been recognised for her natural ability to interact with members of the public and in particular with younger children. Well done, Elloise for supporting a fantastic cause!



Cadets paying respects at Newport Remembrance Service on 11th November

Recently, my sisters, a few other girls at my school and I took part in a war memorial service on the 11th to remember those who fought, and still fight for us. We are part of the air cadets and for the past three weeks we have been working alongside the Royal British Legion to keep the memories of those who served for our country alive. We support the poppy appeal every year, it starts with us making and filling poppy boxes. Then for the next two Saturdays we sell the poppies on the high street. On Remembrance Sunday we took part in the Newport parade and church service then on the 11th we attended the memorial service. I believe that as we are the next generation, we are responsible to keep the memories alive, working along with the Royal British Legion makes this possible.

Matilda, Year 9



Remembrance Day



QUIZ NIGHT



NGHS PTA QUIZ

FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 7.30 – 10PM

Now that autumn is well and truly here, what better way to unwind on a Friday night than by pitting your wits against friends, family (and teachers if they dare...) at our seventh PTA quiz!

The PTA Quiz gives you a chance to unwind with friends old and new for a family-oriented evening filled with:

- ✓ **Fun** – 10 rounds of questions on a range of topics to challenge us all!
- ✓ **Family & Friends** – pupils, parents, friends and family members are all very welcome
- ✓ **Food and Drink**– take your pick from either fish & chips, sausage & chips or an alternative delicacy from Jones Fish & Chip shop and treat yourself to a drink (soft drinks, beer and wine are all available to buy)

This event is more about Fun rather than Fundraising - a great opportunity to socialise with other parents and to get to know your daughters' friends. Teams can be up to 6 people, but don't worry if you don't have a ready-made team – there will be group tables which you can join on the night. Tickets will be priced at £6 per person, including food.

To book your place, please complete the reply slip below indicating your food choice, and return with payment to the school office, marked for the attention of the PTA Quiz Organiser. We will acknowledge receipt of your food order and payment by text message (your number will only be used for this purpose). You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to NGHS PTA). If you prefer, you can email your completed form to the PTA email address.

We would also like to hold a raffle on the night. If you are able to donate a prize, please email the PTA to let us know.

Many thanks, the PTA

Email address: pta@nghs.org.uk



PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION:				
Name:		Phone:		
		(for any queries)		
Student's Name:		Year Group:		
TICKETS	Quantity	Cost		
Tickets @£6 each		£		
FOOD ORDER	Fish & chips	Sausage & chips	Just chips	Greek salad pitta (V)
Please enter quantity				
Please state any special requirements e.g. Jones's can offer gluten free chips and fish. We will contact you in case of query.				



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



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Just a reminder that students should not be carrying paracetamol or medication other than inhalers/epipens in school. If your daughter needs to take regular medication, a MED I form should be filled in and this will be overseen by Mrs Davenport. Next week, we will add this form to our 'For Parents' website area too. On the annual confidential information form, there is a box which you can tick to say that we can give paracetamol if your daughter complains of a headache etc. If you have given consent, we will do this provided the correct time period has lapsed since the last dose. Please help us to make sure that all students are safe in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 18th	Mock Examinations all week PTA meeting at 7pm	Y11 Parents
Tue 19th	Rewards Assemblies Chemistry Lecture, evening	All Y12-13
Wed 20th	Physics Trip, Jodrell Bank	Y13
Fri 22nd	PTA Family Quiz Night	All
Mon 25th	Final UCAS deadline	Y13
Tue 26th	House Music competition (pm)	All
Wed 27th	Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm	Y12
Fri 29th	Bletchley Park Trip	Y11

Worth a thought...

There is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs....

