



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Today is our winter jumper day raising money for the Newport Foodbank. From woolly to whacky, traditional to tacky, there are jumpers to suit all tastes, beliefs and colours. Most importantly, the donations to the Newport

Foodbank are very much welcomed and a member of their management team will be in school on Monday to collect a cheque with the donations from today.

In the whole school assembly this morning, I was pleased to announce the result of our school election. The results are shown on page 2 - as you can see it was an incredibly close call - just one vote overall between the Labour and the Conservative Parties. Thank you to all who got involved in the vote and whilst our election result hasn't mirrored the political stance at Westminster this morning, the students hopefully found it useful to learn more about each party's views and exercised their right to vote or abstain.

I do hope that you can join us at our Carol Service on Tuesday evening (17 December). I'd like to thank Mr Postle and Mr Pointon for their help in arranging readers for our services next week. Mr Merriman-Johnson and I will be leading the music for the service. No one is more delighted than me to welcome Mrs Chapman back to us next Wednesday following her maternity leave. We wish her well as she takes back over control of our music curriculum and extra-curricular activities. As she is only returning to us on four days each week (as per her timetable last year), I am pleased that Mr Merriman-Johnson is remaining with us to teach Year 7 and Year 8 on a Tuesday until July. I thank him sincerely for his ongoing support.

This week saw Genocide Prevention Day. Regular readers will know that we do a lot to support this at NGHS and last year made a substantial contribution to the opening of Bosnia House in Birmingham. Mrs Seys coordinates this area of school life and provided resources for form time to raise further awareness of the ongoing plight of those affected by genocide across the world. Thank you to her for this.

I have received a lovely message of thanks from the **Christmas Smile campaign**. Mr Scott and Mr

Summers (our caretakers) kindly took the presents down in the (new) minibus to the campaign HQ where they were quickly sorted and wrapped by willing volunteers. Your generosity in the shortened timespan was obvious and I thank you sincerely for your support.

Please don't forget if you are having a clear-out over the Christmas break, please try to collate any books, CDs, DVDs etc. and bring them in to school. Our gardening club are trying to find new ways to raise money so all donations are welcome! There will be a second-hand sale in January.

On the penultimate evening of term, our PTA is organising a Film Night for Year 7-8 students. Please see the advert on the last page of Newport News this week and I hope that students in the younger years will enjoy the opportunity to have some popcorn, drinks and to watch a festive film together.

With best wishes for the weekend. **Mr M J Scott**



Buses on Friday 20 December

School finishes at 12.30pm on the last day of term. The Muxton, Lilleshall, Tibberton & Sambrook services will depart at 12.35pm. Students must be outside promptly.

Adams Grammar buses will not run on this day (to or from school) as they finish on Thursday 19 December. Full attendance for all NGHS students is expected on the final morning of term.

The School building will close at 1.30pm. If this presents a major problem, you must inform Mr Scott in writing via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk no later than Wednesday 18 December at 12 noon. Thank you.

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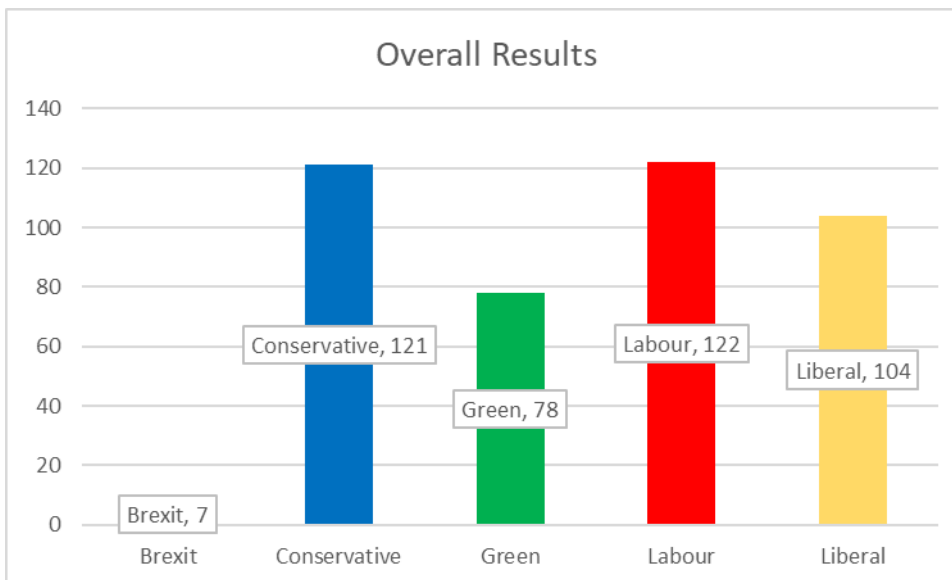
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NGHS goes to the Polls!

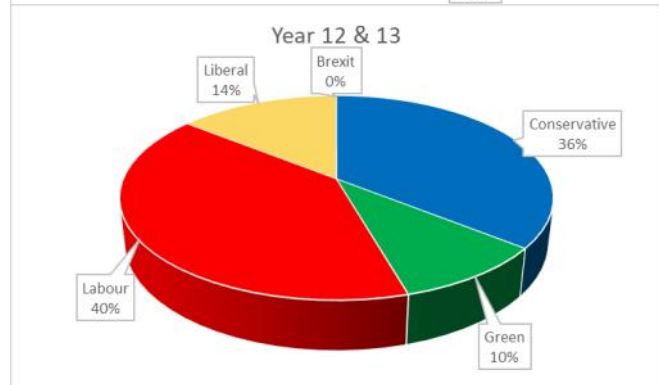
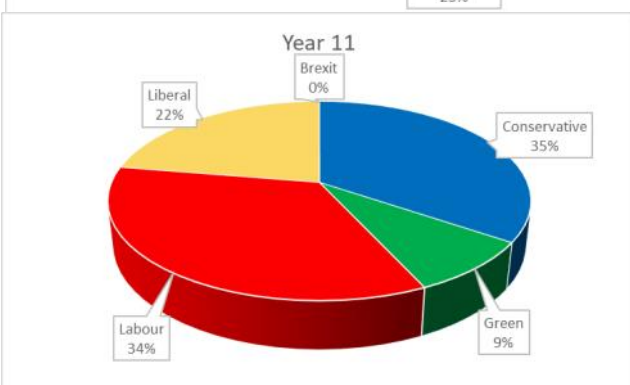
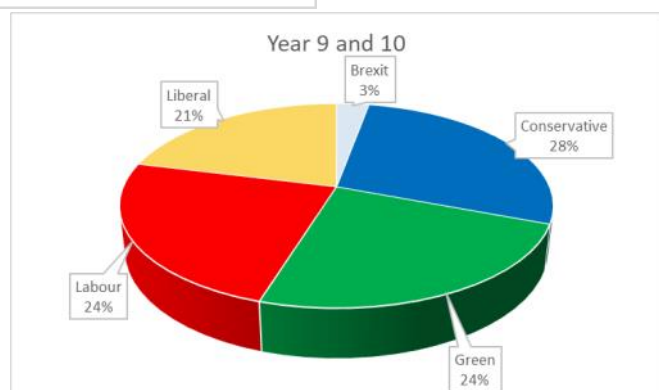
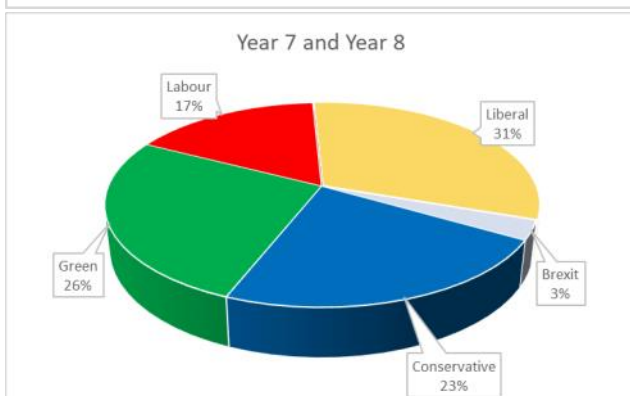


Find out more about how our staff and students voted at our own NGHS Election Day...

Our Year 9 students have just completed a unit of work in PSHE about British Politics and how laws are made. Mrs Kearne and Mr Scott who teach Year 9 PSHE have also focused on the impending General Election and the Year 9s bravely spoke to students in all year groups about five political parties they had been studying. This then led to a whole-school election on Tuesday once the Year 9s had discussed each party's policies on Brexit, the Health Service, Education, Finance and other key issues. The results were as follows:



The differences in year groups was quite stark with Year 7-8 favouring the GREEN party much more strongly than the upper years. The minimal number of votes for the Brexit Party all came from Years 7-10. Popularity of the Labour party increased as age of the students increased with support for the Tories remaining quite consistent in terms of a vote share across year groups. There were a handful of student slips without year groups on which were added to the final total and staff votes were included, too. Some students were away from school but turnout was over 75% Interesting times! Thank you to the Year 9 students who helped count votes and educated others about the contest.



SustaiNGHS committee goes from strength to strength!



Last April, students began meeting weekly to discuss and improve our school's sustainability. One of the main things we have achieved in our time as a committee is the integration of plastic recycling bins throughout school. Purple tubs are now in every social room as well as red plastic recycling bins in the atrium and canteen. Recycling facilities also made an appearance on sports day earlier this year and the caretakers and cleaners believe that it has halved the amount that is going to landfill.

We also had a green token scheme in Waitrose earlier this year and we raised a huge £346 which will provide us with the funds to complete even more projects around school so thank you to everyone who donated a counter. With this money, we have been able to invest in badges for prominent members of the committee that are made out of recycled metal.

As well as this, there are some plants around the atrium which were donated by Dobbies garden centre making it a greener space and we also hosted a talk by Daniel Webb back in May and 35 people attended after school

and a further 78 members of the public came along later on. It was a really good event in giving us an insight into our plastic consumption and the knock on effects it has on the environment.

Finally, we have recently introduced a Terracycle pen recycling scheme. This means that once you have finished a pen, highlighter or felt tip you can put it in one of the shoeboxes around school and they will be sent off to be recycled.

We are also aiming for a Bronze Eco School level meaning that the school would be recognised for becoming a more eco-friendly place. Once we have done this, we are also going to apply to Surfers against Sewage to become one of their plastic free allies.

Finally, if you would like to get involved or have any ideas, we would be grateful to hear them! Please contact us via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk

GB SQUAD BECKONS!

Massive congratulations to Chloe Partridge, Tabitha Sherrat and Becky Tichford who have all been selected to join the U17 GB Handball Squad. This is a tremendous achievement and their coach, Illona and the school are very proud of their success.



Year 11 and Sixth Form shop till they drop at Cheshire Oaks!

Cheshire Oaks is a well-known designer outlet in Ellesmere Port in Cheshire. It is a great place to meet friends, socialise, and enjoy the numerous recreational activities it has to offer, including a large range of shops, restaurants and even a massive cinema! Last Friday, around 60 students in years 11, 12 and 13 took part in the school's amazing trip to Cheshire Oaks. The trip allowed us to spend time together and enjoy the evening with our friends and, of course, do some shopping!

When we arrived at the car park, after sitting on the coach for approximately an hour and a half, we all eagerly looked out of the windows to see beautifully decorated trees and the whole outlet covered in elaborate lights and Christmas decorations. The scenery at Cheshire Oaks was one of the most memorable aspects of the evening and, together with the excellent shops and the vast array of restaurants, provided us with a fun experience that we hope we will never forget!

Overall, the evening was fun and entertaining and provided not only the students but also some staff members with some time to relax and to enjoy the surrounding festive atmosphere. I am extremely glad that I put my name forward for this trip and I would definitely recommend this trip to anyone who is considering going on it next year.

(M Bipin, Year 11)



CHARITY WEEK ROUNDUP

It's safe to say that charity week was successful! With both student and staff participation, there was active engagement from the start through to the end. Starting with 'I'm a teacher get me out of here' where we saw teachers and lower years take on the Harry Potter Bertie Bott's every flavour beans challenge, which came with some unappetising forfeits, vinegar shot anyone? We had an open mic event where talent was displayed from lower school to sixth form, which includes acts that were put on from guitarists, pianists and singers, where an array of talent was strong in all performances. Bakes sales are always a hit, and the one we had certainly got everyone in the Christmas mood, especially with the disco going on in the hall, along with the sale. We had festive music playing throughout the bake sale, and lots of festive decorations on baked goods. The decorating of cookies was underway at the start of the week, alongside sports events which included a netball shootout. The charity week finished with a staff versus student dodgeball game which had a great turnout, where many came to watch and support both student and teacher teams. All in all, the week was a big hit in all aspects, with all efforts made at fundraising for the chosen house charities bringing the total made from the events put on during charity week to £293!

Abra, Year 12 (House Charity Rep.)



Springing to Success

Congratulations to Lucy Patrick in Year 9 who has just won the Shropshire Schools Trampoline competition and has competed at the Welsh Open Trampoline Competition. After three qualifying rounds in October, Lucy qualified for second place in the finals out of around 70 other competitors and at her recent tournament she won the gold medal for her age group. Well done to Lucy on this fantastic achievement.





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

NGHS PTA
PRESENTS



**CHRISTMAS
MOVIE
NIGHT**

Years 7 & 8 - School library,
19th December 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

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Tue 17th	Mock exam results issued Carol Service at St Nicholas, 7pm	Y11 All
Wed 18th	Pantomime Trip (during day)	Y7
Thu 19th	Alumnae Reunion (Year 14)	Y14
Fri 20th	End of Term 12.30pm. No Adams buses running. Carol services am.	All
Mon 6th	Term restarts at 8.50am	All
Tue 7th	Arkwright Scholarship Deadline	Y11
Thu 9th	Parents Evening, 4.00-7.00pm	Y11
Tue 14th	Chemistry Lecture, Birmingham	Y12-13
Thu 16th	RAF Teambuilding Day Onatti Theatre Production at Burton Borough School (pm)	Y8 Y7

Thank you to all who were involved in today's Winter Jumper Day. We have raised around £600 for the Foodbank!