



NGHS SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

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OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 16th November

9.30 - 11.00am &

4.30 - 7.00pm

HEAD GIRL WELCOME



KATY HOSSACK

We are delighted to welcome both old and new faces to NGHS6! Our wonderful staff, Head Girl Team and House Teams will work hard to ensure your transition from GCSE to A-level is as smooth as possible, and we are certain everyone will thrive under the support of our close-knit school community. During your time here, you will be guided to achieve your full academic potential, whilst also creating unforgettable memories with friends, such as on our Liverpool weekend getaway or participating in the multitude of school clubs and events we regularly run. The teaching is exceptional, with interesting lessons, and the teachers are always happy to help. There are also so many opportunities outside of the classroom; you may want to keep active in school sports, show off your musical talent in choir and orchestra, or try out a completely new hobby that piques your interest. The school also fosters a bit of friendly competition with the House system, where students are encouraged to take part in events throughout the year to support their own House. All in all, it is safe to say that there is something for everyone at Newport Girls' Sixth Form. I have loved every minute of my experience here and hope that you do too.



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



MR M J SCOTT
Headteacher



I am delighted to introduce NGHS6, our Sixth Form. Whether you are currently in Year 11 here or at another school and looking to make NGHS your home for two years, I am confident we can meet your expectations and more.

NGHS6 students not only achieve outstanding results (20% A* and over 70% A*-B in 2023; the highest in the region), but they also benefit from many different leadership opportunities as well as first class pastoral care. After recent Ofsted inspections of all local schools, NGHS is now the ONLY OUTSTANDING sixth-form provider in our area. If you are already in Year 11 here, I would ask you to consider whether a move to another provider is necessary; if you know your teachers and feel comfortable in your surroundings, why risk the upheaval of change? If you are in another school and are seeking a single-sex academic environment, I am sure that our well-planned transition programme, coupled with the opportunity of new friends and the calm, but structured pace of our school, will quickly assure you that this is your sixth form of choice.

Our typical intake is around 100 students in Year 12. This makes us smaller than most, but many remark that it is like a big family and each student is known as an individual. Our staff take time to learn your strengths and how they can best support you to succeed. Each step along the path from GCSEs to Post 18 education (be this university or an apprenticeship) is well managed with

expert advice and you can be assured that we genuinely care about ensuring you are on track to achieve your full potential.

It is true that we have high standards in all that we do, but we are passionate about giving you the tools you need to succeed, not just in the sixth form but beyond it. A-level results are important, but they alone will not allow you to succeed in later life; we nurture and further your interests by offering a range of extra-curricular activities. We also work with you in initially choosing your subjects (we do not have option blocks at NGHS) then we monitor your performance at key milestones to help to succeed.

In 2021 we opened another new building to complement the Sixth Form Centre, which opened in 2018. All NGHS6 students benefit from new classrooms, laboratories and two computer suites, a popular coffee bar, huge Atrium work-space, fast Wi-Fi, iPads and laptops; I am sure that we provide the environment you will need to succeed.

Finally, on behalf of all of my colleagues, may I wish you every success in your GCSEs and we look forward to welcoming you to NGHS6 in September.



SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS

NGHS students attain high academic standards, however, many students are surprised to learn that our entry criteria are quite modest when compared to other local providers.

When applying to NGHS, your predicted GCSE grades are first considered and conditional offers are made. Once your GCSE results are known in August, places can be confirmed ready for September. To join NGHS6, we require:

- Mathematics and English Language both at Grade 5+
- At least a Grade 6 in the three or four subjects you wish to study for A-level (for Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and MFL a Grade 7+ is recommended and a Grade 8+ is required for Further Maths). For subjects you have not studied before (such as Politics) see the subject pages in our course guide which is available on our website.
- A further three GCSEs at Grade 6 or higher.

If you are studying BTEC courses, these should be at least at Merit standard and each BTEC course replaces one GCSE (even if it is a double or triple award).

Although we stipulate our strict admissions criteria, NGHS will consider special cases on their own merit at the discretion of the Headteacher. For example if a student has been home-educated, educated abroad or perhaps is likely to achieve a 4 in Mathematics, but wants to study subjects where Maths skills are not required. Please note that the minimum grade for entry in all cases is a Grade 4 in both Maths and English Language GCSE.

All our courses are two years in duration and therefore there is no minimum grade requirement to progress to Year 13. However, the end of Year 12 assessments are used to predict university (UCAS) grades and references and therefore students must ensure they have prepared for these to the best of their ability.

Our Sixth Form Admissions Policy is available on our school website.



I was grateful to have been a part of one of the Young Enterprise Teams as it helped me gain a wide range of skills and qualities. It gave me an insight into the world of business and now I feel much more prepared to face any challenges ahead of me.



– Year 12 Managing Director, Young Enterprise Team

THE NGHS6 TEAM



MISS S WEBSTER
Deputy Headteacher

NGHS6 is welcoming, supportive, and provides not only exceptional teaching but also careers guidance and UCAS support, the opportunity to be involved in an array of extra-curricular activities, and leadership positions within the student body. As Deputy Headteacher with oversight of the sixth form, I work closely with the NGHS6 team to ensure our students have the best experience and look back on their time here with happy memories. NGHS6 students are role models for the rest of the school and we are so proud to share in their achievements. The academic and pastoral support you will receive here is second to none; we know each student as an individual and will work together to enable your future success.



MRS K GRIFFIN
Head of Sixth Form

You are about to embark upon the most important and exciting phase of your learning journey, and I hope that you choose to do it here at NGHS6. We seek to ensure that all our students ultimately achieve their goal; whether pursuing a top university place or securing an appropriate apprenticeship, and specific, individual advice will be provided at every stage in order to support you. We endeavour to foster a sense of community where staff and students support each other, and you are empowered to thrive. I am proud to be a member of the NGHS6 family, and I hope that you will be too. I look forward to meeting you to talk about your subject choices and future aspirations as well as how we can help you achieve your goals.



MISS E HEYES
Wellbeing & Progress Officer

As Wellbeing and Progress Officer for the Sixth Form my role is to support you in achieving your full potential during your time at NGHS6. Studying at Sixth Form is such an exciting time, but it is not without its challenges. As part of my role, I provide students with both pastoral care to support their well-being, and academic guidance to help students reach their potential. I regularly meet with students on a group or individual basis, dependent on need, to provide bespoke support designed to ensure future success. I also work with the Head Girl Team to offer an array of lunchtime well-being activities such as yoga and meditation and also deliver sessions designed to support you throughout the year such as looking after your own well-being during the exam season. I look forward to meeting all of you!



MRS V GLEW
Administration Assistant

In my role as Administration Assistant for the Sixth Form, I will be a point of contact for prospective students and our students in year 12 and 13. I am available to answer queries regarding admission to the sixth form and about life at NGHS6. We recognise the importance of transition into Year 12 and I will be in touch about our popular trip to Liverpool which helps with this transition. Year 13 is an important year and I will assist with your UCAS application or alternative future plans. I look forward to meeting all our sixth form students and discussing future plans and aspirations with them.

SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

Without having to choose initially from option blocks, I was able to pick the subjects I was strongest in as well as those I actually wanted to study.

– Year 12 Student

Our NGHS6 Curriculum is unashamedly academic and allows progression onto virtually any university course or apprenticeship. There are three possible pathways:

- 3 A-levels and EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- 3 A-levels and AS Physical Education
- 4 A-levels (if you have an average GCSE score of 7.75+)

Unlike other sixth form providers, we run a **free-choice options system**; you choose the courses you wish to study and we devise option blocks to fit the maximum number of choices. This allows real flexibility, which we feel best meets students' needs.

At NGHS, we offer twenty-one sixth form courses:

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| • Art | • English Literature | • Music |
| • Biology | • French | • Philosophy of Religion & Ethics (RE) |
| • Business Studies | • Further Mathematics | • Physical Education (PE) – AS Level |
| • Chemistry | • Geography | • Physics |
| • Computer Science | • German | • Politics |
| • Drama & Theatre Studies | • History | • Product Design |
| • Economics | • Mathematics | • Psychology |

After application, students will be invited to an Individual Advice & Guidance discussion where we will explore the reasons for choosing each subject and any future plans and pathways. Our staff are highly experienced when supporting students to make the right choices of A-level course and we will try to ensure that you are on the correct pathway from the start.

After this meeting, any changes to course choices can be made by mutual agreement, but the School reserves the right to cap numbers for certain subjects once the initial deadline for applications has passed.

Year 12 and 13 students also study a programme of compulsory enrichment and PSHE sessions focusing on 'bridging the gap' (transition to A-levels), study skills, health & wellbeing, the wider world and relationships. The programme is enhanced by visiting speakers and a period of sport. The rest of the timetable is given over to vital private study time and our Sixth Form Centre facilitates space for solo or group working according to your needs and tastes.

Students who are demonstrating their ability to keep on top of their workload may elect to spend one afternoon per week engaging with the local community, for example at a local school, surgery, nursing home or charity shop. This not only benefits our town, but also the students themselves and their university applications.

Regular assessments help you keep on track and your families are informed about your progress through forecast grades and written reports, which are all uploaded to our school app.



PASTORAL CARE & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WILL I BE WELL SUPPORTED IF I NEED EXTRA HELP?

Life as a 16-18 year old is not always straightforward. If friendships and relationships at school or at home sour it is useful to have someone to talk to. We understand this and there are plenty of helpful staff and other students to speak to. Your tutor, whom you will see each day is often a good person to talk to in the first instance, but at NGHS you are welcome to talk to any teacher about any issue you might have. Our Head of Sixth Form and Sixth Form Well-being Officer are also available to talk to you each and every day.

If the situation is more difficult, our dedicated Safeguarding Team may be best able to support you and we have links to a number of local and national agencies to help guide you back on track.

As a partner school of the Anna Freud Institute, we work hard to promote healthy well-being, both physically and mentally and our enrichment programme actively promotes this well. We recently won the AcSEED Award for our Mental and Emotional Health-promoting work. Our staff also receive regular training in supporting students with SEND and our SENDCO (Mrs Benoit) can discuss any individual needs with you.

Approaching adulthood is not easy for lots of reasons; we understand this and can support your physical, social, emotional and mental well-being.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE OPEN TO ME IN THE SIXTH FORM?

Universities and employers are keen to ensure prospective students are academically resilient, but also demonstrate skills to be successful. Leadership is a key part of this.

NGHS offers a wealth of co-curricular and leadership opportunities to sixth formers. Our Head Girl Team and Ambassadors lead students and chair student committees. These groups have a direct input into new ideas and initiatives at NGHS. Our active Health & Well-being Group of students organises regular activities to promote a school-life balance. Our Duke of Edinburgh provision exists from bronze to gold level and we are delighted to be a Beacon School for Holocaust Education. We run trips to places such as India, Washington, Germany, New York and field trips in the UK in Biology and Geography as well as to local universities and Maths Olympiad competitions. We have strong links with Harper Adams University where science A-level students work with academics on research projects. We also work closely with the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford to offer work placements in the NHS.

Our Sport and Young Enterprise teams compete locally and even nationally. Our Clubs and Activities programme at lunchtime is vast and sixth form students help organise these. Our energetic House system is reliant on sixth form leadership to ensure high levels of participation and competitive spirit. At NGHS, we expect that every sixth form student will give something back to the school and/or local community and we are willing to support almost any new club or venture.

As an external student, getting involved in house events was a fantastic opportunity for me to make friends upon arriving at the school, and the range of competitions ensures there is something for everyone. It truly is a fundamental part of the NGHS Family.

- Year 12 House Team Member



SIXTH FORM LIFE: MEET OUR SIXTH FORMERS



PRERNA

Last School: NGHS

Subjects Studied: French, Psychology, English Literature & EPQ

Role: Seacole House Captain

Why NGHS? House events are an amazing opportunity to celebrate the diverse range of talent and ability throughout the school and outside of lessons. They encourage friendly rivalry whilst ensuring everyone can get involved.

Go Seacole!



LYDIA

Last School: Burton Borough

Subjects Studied: Psychology, History & Politics

Role: Deputy Head Girl

Why NGHS? The NGHS family is so welcoming and supportive so it is very easy to fit in. There are numerous opportunities which the school provides to help with our future and next steps. The environment at the school is one of friendliness and ambition. As Deputy Head Girl leading on Transition, I love welcoming new students to NGHS6.



LIBBY

Last School: NGHS

Subjects Studied: Biology, Chemistry, Psychology & EPQ

Role: Roddam Sports Captain

Why NGHS? The opportunities presented to you at this school are like no other, whether it be academic or extra-curricular. The incredible relationships between students and teachers are highlighted by the staff vs student sport events that always attract a crowd. I've received plenty of support at this school that has enabled me to thrive and prosper.



LILY

Last School: Holy Trinity School

Subjects Studied: Drama, English Literature, History & EPQ

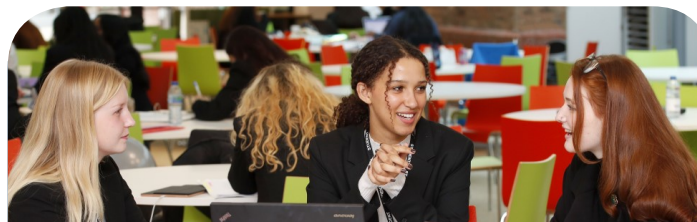
Why NGHS? NGHS employs a prosperous working environment that proves effective with high-achieving students.

Alongside acclaimed academic results, NGHS manages a balance between academic and recreational with a wide selection of extra-curricular activities and House events. Events such as House Drama encourage students to develop performance skills and provide an opportunity to improve and develop these skills within a familiar working environment.

Performances such as these are appreciated throughout the academic year with the annual musical production and drama club events.



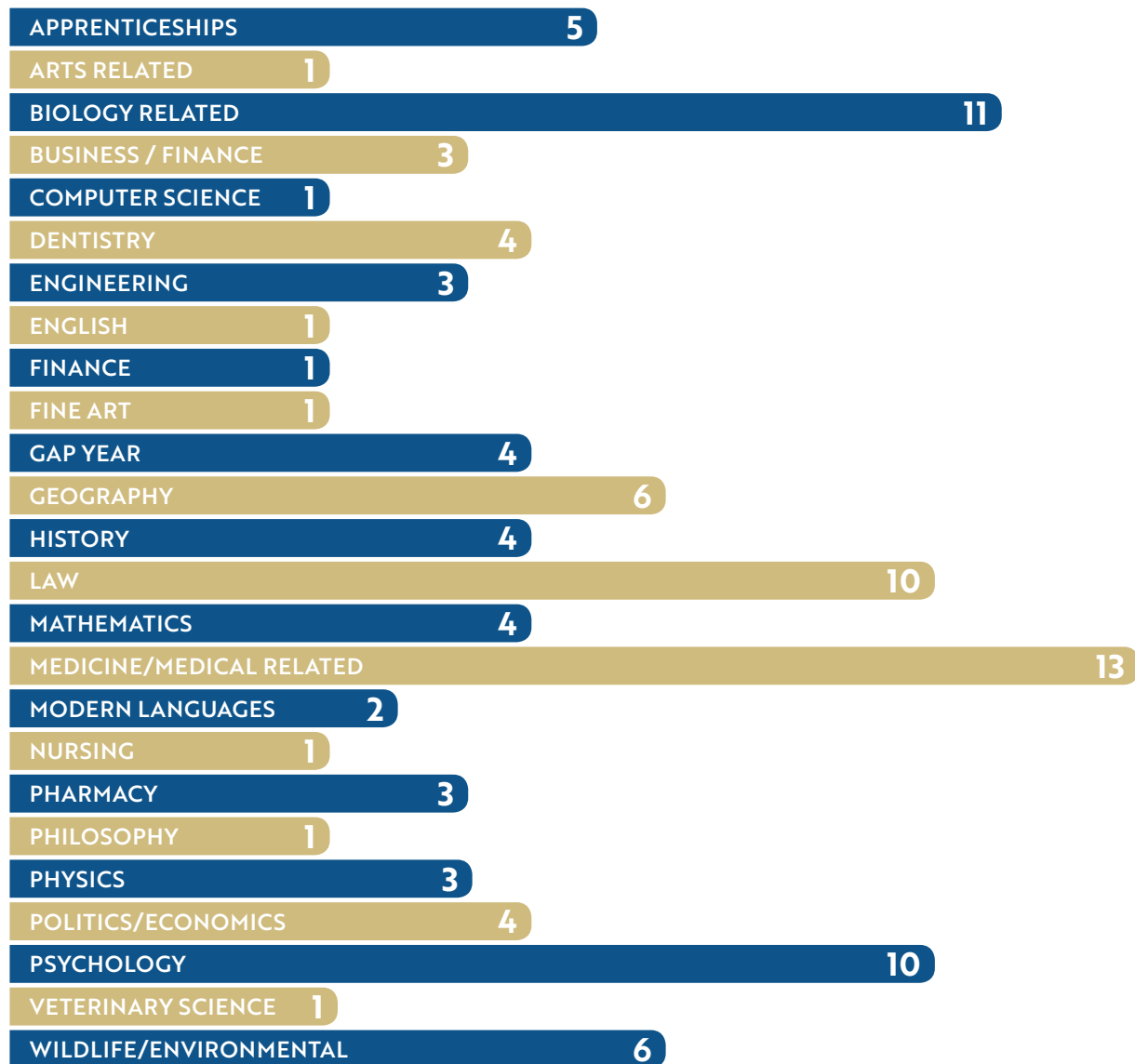
Our Liverpool residential helps you to settle in quickly



Our Atrium is a great place to chat and work together

LIFE AFTER NGH56 (SUMMER 2023)

Please study our most recent collection of leavers' destinations and courses. If a student is studying for a combined degree, the principal subject is shown. The table shows the choice statistics for this cohort.



MOST POPULAR UNIVERSITY 2023 – UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL



SIXTH FORM LIFE: PARTICIPATION, FUN & COMPETITIVE SPIRIT! —————

All students are welcomed into one of three Houses. This is a great way to make new friends across the different year groups, contribute your skills to their success and develop your leadership skills if you wish.



PRIDE COLLECTIVE INVOLVEMENT LEADERSHIP FUN
PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTIC DRAMA BAKING
TOGETHERNESS FAMILY DANCE COMPETITION VICTORY
COMMITMENT MUSIC SPORT PARTICIPATION
QUIZ BOARD GAMES

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The extracurricular activities offered here at NGHS allow us not only to explore our passions outside of the classroom, but also allow us to strengthen our leadership skills. The competitive spirit created through the House system encourages wide participation and allows every student to showcase their abilities.

– Year 12 Joining Student

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TEN GREAT REASONS TO JOIN NGHS6

1

NGHS6 has a real family atmosphere. Everyone knows and tries to support each other



2

Our exciting new buildings and facilities offer you a range of ways to work



3

Our induction period helps you to settle quickly and make new friends



4

Our pastoral team is here to guide you if difficulties arise in or outside school



5

Our teachers take time to get to know you and to support you every step of the way



6

Our curriculum is designed to help you gain access to your desired university course or apprenticeship



7

Whatever your future goal, we can help you reach this through bespoke careers guidance



8

Everyone can find an extra-curricular activity which will benefit them and the community



9

Our house system gives you a chance to lead others and show your positive competitive streak

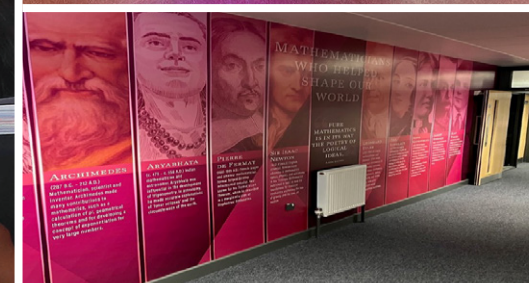
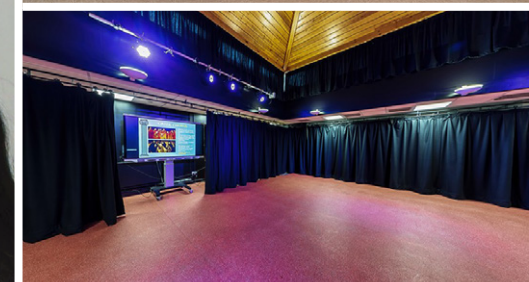


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Our examination results place us highly in regional and national league tables



SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATION



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