

NEWPORT NEWS



Newport Girls' High School Fortnightly Newsletter Friday 11 September 2026

WELCOME BACK!



**INCLUDING...2026 EXAM RESULTS NEWS,
EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS, NEW STAFF ...AND LOTS MORE!**

HEAD'S LINES



As we begin a new academic year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our students, staff and families, together with a special welcome to those joining us for the first time. Whether you are starting in Year 7, joining our Sixth Form, taking up a new role as a member of staff, or becoming part of our wider school community as a parent or carer, you are now part of the NGHS family.

That sense of belonging, support and shared purpose has been a key message in our start of year assemblies and remains at the heart of everything we do.

The summer brought much to celebrate. Our students once again achieved outstanding examination results, with 43% of A Level grades awarded at A*-A and 71% at A*-B, while at GCSE half of all grades awarded were at Grades 9 and 8 and 73% were at Grades 9-7. We also send our warmest congratulations to Mrs Tomkinson and her family on the birth of her twins over the summer. These achievements and milestones remind us of the many positives within our school community, and we are immensely proud of every student for what they have accomplished through years of hard work, determination and support from families and staff.

The new term has started positively, and it has been lovely to see the school full of energy again. Our new Year 7 students have settled in impressively, Year 12 students have made a strong start to Sixth Form life, and our new colleagues have already become valued members of the team. I hope you will join me in making them all feel welcome as they begin their NGHS journey.

You will be aware that this year sees some changes to our uniform, including updates to the school blouse and the introduction of a new skirt option. Thank you to families for your support in implementing these changes. The transition has been smooth and the vast majority of students are meeting the expected standard. Where reminders were issued before the summer break regarding individual uniform requirements, these will now be followed up to ensure consistency across the school.

Over the coming days, families will also receive information about the NGHS School Development Fund. I have written separately regarding this, but I would simply like to emphasise my gratitude to those who choose to support the fund. Contributions help us to continue providing

opportunities and experiences for students that go beyond core funding and make a real difference to school life.

Finally, a polite reminder regarding parking at the start and end of the school day. We recognise that the roads around school can become busy, particularly during peak times, but we ask all visitors to be considerate of our neighbours, observe parking restrictions and follow local signage, including areas where parking is prohibited. Traffic enforcement officers do visit the area regularly, and your support helps us to maintain positive relationships with the local community as well as ensuring the safety of our students.

I hope you enjoy this first edition of Newport News and wish everyone a successful and enjoyable term ahead.

Best wishes, Mr A Jones, Headteacher



FROM THE HEAD GIRL TEAM

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and is feeling ready for the year ahead. It has been fantastic to see the school come back to life over the past few days, and a very warm welcome to all our new students joining the NGHS family this year!

For those of you who are new, I hope you are beginning to find your way around, although I am sure a few of you have already taken a wrong turn somewhere along the corridors! Do not worry, you are definitely not the only ones. It has been lovely seeing the Year 7s getting stuck into school life already, whether that is meeting new people, finding their classrooms, or already putting their names down for the school production and various house events. From our youngest year group to our oldest, the Year 13s have also survived a slightly less gentle start, with exams in the first week. Hopefully, it is only up from here!

The Head Girl Team have also wasted no time in getting started. We have already held our first meetings and begun discussing ideas for the term ahead, from projects around the school to ways we can make student experiences even better. We are all really excited to share more with you as the year progresses.

With house events, activities, and plenty of opportunities coming up, there is already lots to look forward to. Whether you have been at NGHS for years or have only just arrived, I hope you will get involved, give something new a go and make the most of everything this year has to offer. **Darcey G, Head Girl (Year 13)**

Welcome to...



Mr D Postle - Deputy Headteacher

I am delighted to be returning to Newport Girls' High School as Deputy Headteacher. Having previously spent eight years at the school, it is a privilege to be rejoining the NGHS family. Throughout my career, I have worked in a range of roles across West Midlands grammar schools, including SENDCo, Head of English and Arts, and most recently Assistant Headteacher at

Wolverhampton Girls' High School, where I have led Inclusion, SEND, Outreach and Staff Development.

As an English teacher, I am passionate about helping young people develop confidence, curiosity and a love of learning. I believe schools should be places where every student feels recognised, supported and inspired to achieve their full potential.

Outside of school, I enjoy reading, walking, visiting the theatre and spending as much time with my family as possible. I am also a keen supporter of school productions and House Drama, which has always been one of my favourite school traditions. I am looking forward to reconnecting with the school community and playing my part in the next chapter of Newport Girls' High School's success.



Miss L Smith - Assistant Headteacher

I'm delighted to be joining NGHS and am really looking forward to working with so many of you. Over the past 20-odd years, I've worked as a Head of English, a Teaching and Learning Coach and, most recently, a Head of Sixth Form. Throughout that time, I've been fortunate to work with some fantastic staff, and after my first week here, I'm confident that won't be changing anytime soon.

When I'm not at school, I enjoy general gallivanting: trips to the theatre, lovely restaurants, and long walks all feature highly. I'm also a devoted Arsenal fan, which means I'm currently feeling quite smug. Should results start heading in the wrong direction, though, I reserve the right to claim I've never been interested in football at all!



Miss K Pickin - Teacher of Science (Chemistry)

I am delighted to have joined the Science Department at Newport Girls' High School as a Teacher of Chemistry. As I begin my teaching career, I feel very lucky to be starting at NGHS. I have already been made to feel so welcome by both the staff and students, and the supportive atmosphere has made me even more excited for the year ahead.

I've always been fascinated by chemistry and love discovering the many different ways it connects to the world around us. I'm looking forward to sharing that enthusiasm with my students and helping them to see just how interesting the subject can be.

Outside of school, I am a very keen crafter, so I can usually be found with some wool, glue or a project on the go! I also enjoy keeping active and social through playing netball. I love spending time with my family and friends, and at home I have a pet tortoise who is very much part of the family!



Mrs H Keyworth - Reprographics and Administration Assistant

I am thrilled to join the team as the new Reprographics and Admin Assistant. I bring five years of school experience, having provided admin support in two girls boarding houses and various departments across the school community. I love the busy pace of school life and have felt so welcomed during my first week!

At home, my three children keep me busy – especially when my two sons are home from university needing mum's taxi service! I also have two guinea pigs, Daisy and Autumn. When time allows, I love to relax with a spot of crochet and have an ever-increasing collection of colourful blankets. I have a passion for nature and enjoy weekend walks in the countryside. I look forward to meeting you all and contributing to the NGHS community.



***and finally...* Cameron and Maisie Tomkinson**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tomkinson's twin babies - Cameron and Maisie - as the latest members of our school community! They were born just before the start of the new school year and have already visited to say hello to all the staff! Congratulations to Mrs Tomkinson and we hope to see them both in school again very soon!

YEAR 10 STUDENT IN ENGLAND YOUTH CHEER TEAM!



As the school term and new year starts, we would like to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Amala W in Year 10 being selected for the England Cheer Team.

Amala has been selected to represent Team England Youth Cheer Team for the 2026/27 season.

Amala will compete with her team internationally, at the International Cheer Union competition held in Florida, USA in April 2027.

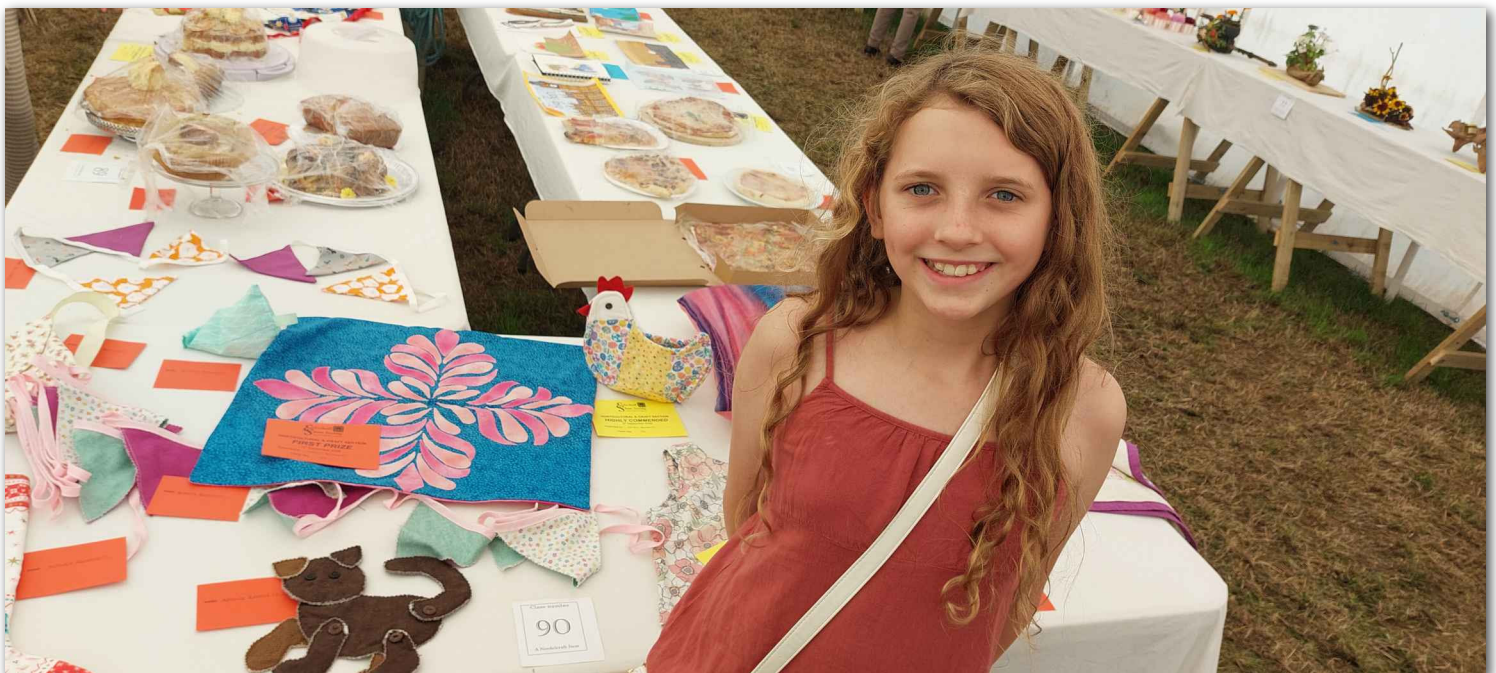
Amala will not only be representing England, but Cheer Athletics Telford and of course as a pupil of NGHS who have been supportive of Amala's cheer journey. It is a great achievement to be selected to represent your country and we take this opportunity to congratulate Amala!

NEW YEAR 7 SCOOPS NEEDLEWORK PRIZE

At the recent Eccleshall Show, new Year 7 student, Nancy B was delighted to be awarded 1st Prize in Class 90, Needlework. The judges were wowed by the quality of her entries and Nancy was absolutely thrilled to take first place!

Here at Newport News we are always keen to hear about any successes that students have outside of school so please keep them coming in. Send any stories to:

schooloffice@nghs.org.uk



WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT MONTH?

Friday 11th September - *Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Weekend*

Monday 14th September - *Entrance Test. School closed to all students*

Friday 25th September - *Year 12 Liverpool Weekend*

Tuesday 29th September - *Year 7 Edmond Hall Trip*

Thursday 1st October - *House Bake Off Competition*

Friday 2nd October - *Macmillan Coffee Morning*

Friday 2nd October - *Duke of Edinburgh Silver Full expedition*

Monday 5th October - *Year 11 Carding Mill Valley Trip*

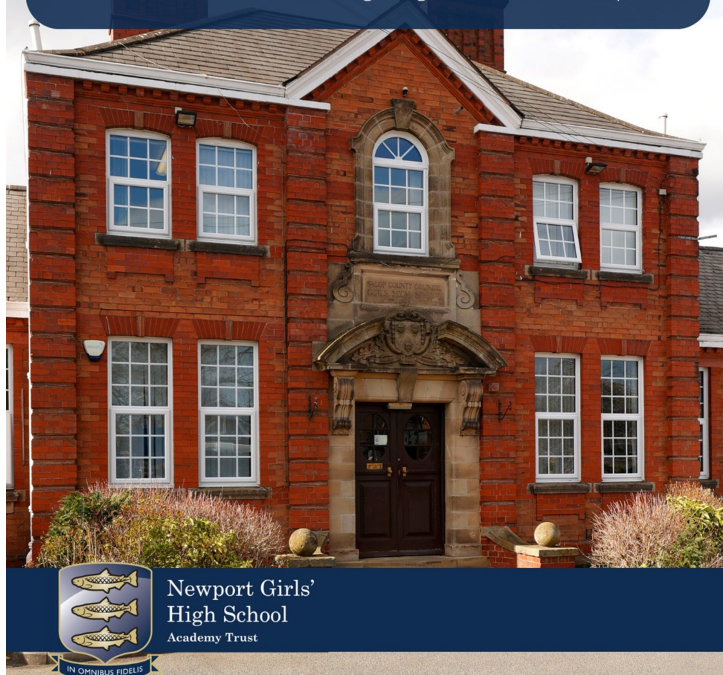
Wednesday 7th October - *UKMT Senior Maths Challenge*

Friday 9th October - *Hello Yellow Mental Health Awareness Day*

Newport Girls' High School

16-19 BURSARY FUND—APPLICATIONS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Applications and full details for our 6th Form bursary fund are available from the school website at nghs.org.uk/sixth-form/bursary



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**COULD YOUR CHILD
BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE
SCHOOL MEALS?**

**CHANGES FROM
SEPTEMBER 2026!**

**Free
School
Meals**

Are you entitled?

**SINCE SEPTEMBER 1 2026, THE GOVERNMENT HAS
EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS TO
INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING
UNIVERSAL CREDIT.**

**VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW TO
FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE**

FIND OUT MORE

TELFORD.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS-AND-LEARNING/SCHOOL-MEALS



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NEWS FROM THE CANTEEN

For several years now we have proudly partnered with Academy Catering to provide our in-house dining and refreshment services. They provide delicious and nutritious main meal options at lunchtime for all year groups and cater for all dietary requirements.

Additionally, they are open before school, at break and after school for hot and cold snacks and drinks. Furthermore, they also operate our in-house Costa Coffee situated in the Atrium serving all of the usual favourites!

A main meal at lunchtime costs £3 and all items on the menu can also be purchased individually. All prices can be found displayed at the main canteen or in the Atrium.

Lastly, the menus for each week can be found in the main dining area and are also included here. These are the dates up until half term that each menu is being served:

w/b 14.9 – Week 3
w/b 21.9 – Week 1
w/b 28.9 – Week 2
w/b 5.10 – Week 3
w/b 12.10 – Week 1
w/b 19.10 – Week 2



LUNCH MENU WEEK ONE

	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG
MONDAY	Butchers Sausages	Quorn Sausage	Daily Special	Mashed Potatoes	Choice of Vegetables
TUESDAY	Authentic Beef Bolognese	Vegetable Bolognese	Daily Special	Pasta	Garlic Bread
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day	Macaroni Cheese	Daily Special	Roast Potatoes	Vegetable & Gravy
THURSDAY	Traditional Cottage Pie	Vegetable Pie	Daily Special	Choice of Vegetables	Gravy
FRIDAY	Chicken Wraps	Pizza	Spice Chicken Goujons	Wedges	

LUNCH MENU WEEK TWO

	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG
MONDAY	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Quorn Chilli	Daily Special	Rice	Choice of Vegetables
TUESDAY	Southern Fried Chicken Wraps	Vegetarian Wrap	Daily Special	Potato Wedges	Beans
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day	Vegetable Pasty	Daily Special	Herby New Potatoes	Vegetables & Gravy
THURSDAY	Pasta Bake Day	Vegetarian Pasta Bake	Daily Special	Garlic Bread	Choice of Vegetables
FRIDAY	Chicken Wraps	Pizza	Spicy Chicken Goujons	Wedges	

LUNCH MENU WEEK THREE

	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG
MONDAY	Chilli	Vegetable Chilli	Daily Special	Rice	Choice of Vegetables
TUESDAY	Creamy Chicken Carbonara	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Daily Special	Garlic Bread	Choice of Vegetables
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day	Vegetable Crumble	Daily Special	Roast Potatoes	Vegetables & Gravy
THURSDAY	Chicken Curry Day	Vegetarian Curry	Daily Special	Flatbread	Spiced Vegetables
FRIDAY	Chicken Wrap	Pizza	Spicy Chicken Goujons	Wedges	

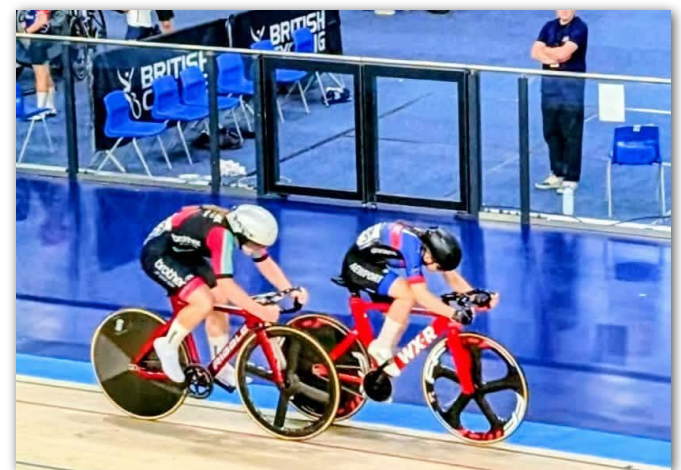
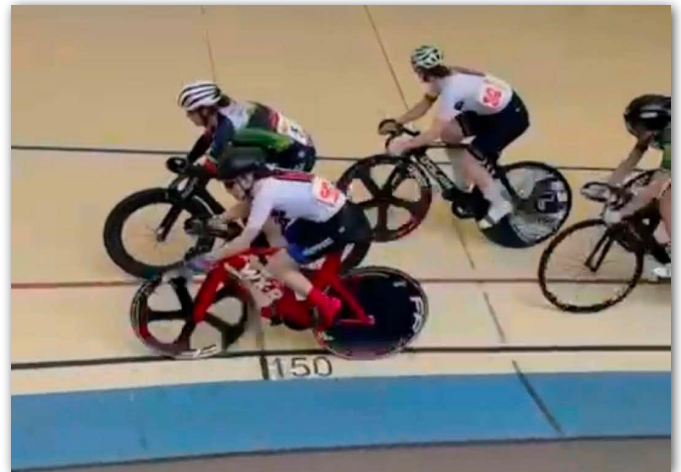
GREAT BRITAIN CYCLING UPDATE

Fay J (Yr11) has been actively pursuing a career in track cycling with the Great Britain Cycling Team since her selection for their development programme last year. Below is an update to her journey over the summer.

Fay has had a busy summer starting with representing Great Britain at a German youth track cycling sprint event over 2 days in Erfurt, she performed strongly throughout learning valuable lessons about international competition and only narrowly missed out on a podium. In August she competed in the National Youth and Junior Track Championships, racing in the Youth category (U16).

She finished 3rd in Match Sprints, 4th in Keirin and 8th in 500m time trial but then rode in the Junior (U18) Keirin event, finishing 2nd. To round off the summer, she was invited along with her GB Teammates to attend a stage of the Tour of Britain cycle race, meeting the racers and having her first experience of a media interview then riding out ahead of the field before meeting the stage winner. In September she will be representing the West Midlands at the Track cycling Inter regional competition in Glasgow.

Report and photographs supplied by parents of Fay J



CAMBRIDGE ECONOMICS CHALLENGE

Report by Flori B (Year 13)

The current Year 13 Economics class took part in the Cambridge Economics Challenge towards the end of the last academic year. The Challenge involved applying familiar concepts to real-world scenarios in multiple choice questions as well as calculations and diagram-drawing.

Whilst the Challenge was difficult and tested depth of understanding of Year 12 economic theory, the students took it in their stride. This is demonstrated by their achievements: gold medals were awarded to both Flori B and Magdalena A, as well as silver medals to Megan R, Quynh D, Jess W and Samuella B. The entirety of the class performed amazingly, with 74% of NGHS students receiving medals, compared to 60% of participants nationally.

The experience has boosted their confidence massively and has given them a wider view on what studying economics could look like at university - an important insight as they head into Year 13.



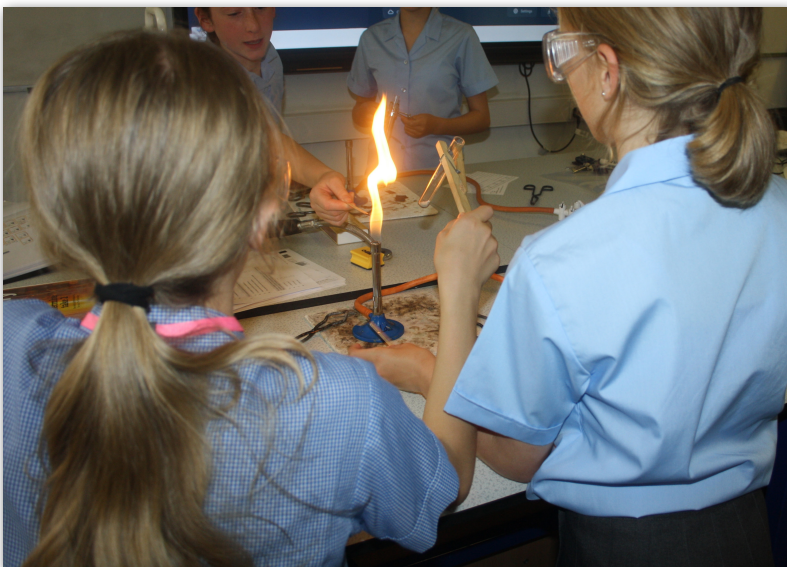
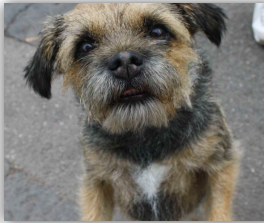
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National Economics Challenge

WHAT A GREAT FIRST WEEK BACK!

It's been a fantastic first seven days here at school as we greeted the brand new students in Years 7 and 12 and welcomed back students and staff in all other year groups. From art to DT, Science to PE and everything in-between, there has been a real buzz around the school. Here is just a snapshot of life back at NGHS!



WE WILL ROCK YOU - SCHOOL PRODUCTION UPDATE!



Preparations are starting to ramp up for this years school production - We Will Rock You! Auditions are taking place in the week beginning 14th September and it isn't too late to sign up for the cast or a backstage role. For those wanting to audition for a major role you can download the 'audition pack' by tapping the following link

Audition Pack

All details and information regarding the show can be found on the noticeboard outside the Drama Studio.

DON'T FORGET!
ENTRANCE TEST MONDAY 14
SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL CURRENT
STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-13



MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL - IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Mobile Phones and Personal Electronic Devices

At the start of this academic year, I wrote to all families to outline the school's expectations regarding mobile phones and personal electronic devices. This followed previous communications issued earlier in the year as part of our move towards a phone-free environment for students in Years 7 to 11. The intention of this approach is simple: to support learning, reduce distraction, encourage positive social interaction and help maintain a calm and purposeful school environment.

Thank you to the many families who have supported these expectations. The vast majority of students are following the rules without difficulty and, as a result, are benefiting from a school day free from the interruptions and pressures that mobile phones can sometimes create.

As we continue to embed the new arrangements, we have received some questions from parents about how the policy operates in practice. To assist families, we have provided answers below to some of the most common queries.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why does the school have a phone-free approach?

The Government's guidance is clear that schools should prohibit mobile phone use throughout the school day. Our approach is designed to ensure students can focus fully on learning, engage positively with their peers and enjoy a school environment free from unnecessary distractions.

Can students bring phones to school?

Yes. We recognise that many students travel independently and families may wish them to have a phone available before and after school. Students may bring a phone to school if families feel this is necessary. However, once on site, phones must be switched off and kept out of sight for the duration of the school day. Phones should be stored in bags or lockers and not in blazer pockets.

What happens if a phone is seen, heard or used during the school day?

The device will be confiscated, a behaviour incident will be recorded and the student will be issued with a Friday after-school detention. The device will be stored securely by the school and returned following completion of that detention.

Why can't phones be returned earlier?

The return of the device following the detention forms part of the published school consequence. As with any aspect of behaviour management, fairness depends upon consistency. Applying the same consequence to all students ensures that expectations are clear and that students who commit the same infringement receive the same outcome. Returning devices early in some circumstances would inevitably undermine that consistency.

What if my child needs their phone after school?

We appreciate that mobile phones form part of many families' travel arrangements and daily routines. However, students are aware of the consequence if a phone is

seen, heard or used during the school day. Families should therefore assume that a confiscated device will remain securely stored by the school until the detention has been completed.

What if I need to contact my child urgently during the school day?

Parents and carers should contact the school office. We will ensure that any urgent messages are passed on promptly. Likewise, if a student needs to contact home during the school day, appropriate support is available through the school.

Does the policy apply to smart watches and similar devices?

Yes. The expectations apply to all personal electronic and communication devices, including smart watches, wireless earbuds, headphones and similar devices. These should not be visible, audible or in use during the school day unless specifically authorised.

Are confiscated devices stored securely?

Yes. Confiscated devices are stored securely by the school until they are returned in accordance with the published procedure.

What happens if a student repeatedly breaks the rules?

Repeated breaches of the mobile phone expectations will result in further sanctions and increased parental involvement. Where mobile phone misuse becomes a recurring issue, additional measures may be implemented in line with the school's Behaviour and Rewards Policy.

What if my child has a medical need or SEND-related need involving a device?

The school will always consider reasonable adjustments where a device forms part of a student's agreed medical provision or where a SEND-related adjustment is required. These arrangements should be discussed with the school in advance so that appropriate provision can be agreed, recorded and shared with relevant staff. Reasonable adjustments are planned for; they should not be used retrospectively as a reason for a student not following the published expectations. Where an adjustment is agreed, this will be managed on an individual basis and will not affect the expectations that apply to the wider student body.

We are grateful for the continued support of parents and carers in helping us maintain high standards and a positive learning environment. Clear expectations and consistent implementation help students understand boundaries, develop good habits and make positive choices. By working together, we can ensure that Newport Girls' High School remains a calm, focused and successful place for all students.

Many thanks, **Mrs H Birch (Assistant Headteacher)**

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EDUCATION ON

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE AUTUMN 1 HALF TERM

There are always lots and lots of clubs and extra curricular activities going on at school ranging from sports, to music to drama and everything in-between!

The activities sometimes run all year and others are offered seasonally or on a term by term basis - for example, athletics club only takes place in the summer term. Students are always informed of the clubs that are running during form time and they can also be found on the school website at:

www.nghs.org.uk/wider-life-2/clubs-and-activities

You can see the full timetable for this half term below:

Staff Member	Is it....	Name of Club / Support Session	Day of the Week	Time	Which year groups is it open to?	Location / Room
R Whitehouse	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Cricket Club for Students not in the Team	Monday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;	Hall
N Saysell	Extracurricular Club / Activity	School Production	Monday	12:35-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	Drama Studio / 23
J Clarke	Extracurricular Club / Activity	The Great Debate club	Monday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	3
L Roberts & R Patel	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Monday	12:35-1:05pm	Y13;	304
S Matlak	Academic Support Session	German Support	Monday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;	203
R Wright & A Carey	Academic Support Session	Chemistry Support	Monday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;	22
H Goodall	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Netball Club	Tuesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;	Courts
R Whitehouse	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Basketball Club	Tuesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y8;Y9;	Hall
A Chapman	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Senior Choir	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	23
C Rainbow	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Soul Band	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y13;Y12;Y11;Y10;	23
C Morris	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Keele University Lecture Series	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;Y11;	2
D Postle	Extracurricular Club / Activity	The Curiosity Society	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	27
K Griffin	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Lawsoc	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;	101
Q Green	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Tuesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y12;	305
C Reeves	Academic Support Session	Physics Support	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;	21
J Rose	Academic Support Session	GCSE & A Level Extra Art Session	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	7
O Hayman	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;	302
M Stevens	Academic Support Session	Biology Support - Timetabled Topics	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y13;	20
H Furnival	Academic Support Session	French Conversation	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;	202
J Clarke & N Cavender	Academic Support Session	History Support	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;	3
E Heyes	Academic Support Session	GCSE Revision Club	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;	201
P Lowe-Werrell	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;	304
D Martin	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Netball Club	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;	Courts
H Birch	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Badminton Club (Week B Only)	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;	Hall
H Birch	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Badminton Club (Week A Only)	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;	Hall
R Saunders	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Football Club (Week B Only)	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;	Field
R Saunders	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Football Club (Week A Only)	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;	Field
R Kay	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Chess Club	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	6
A Chapman	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Lower School Choir	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;	23
P Bentley	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Model UN	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	14
M Holmes	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Linguistics Society	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	201
J Barker	Academic Support Session	RS GCSE Support	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;Y10;	5
C Talley	Academic Support Session	Chemistry Support	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	19
K Pickin	Academic Support Session	Chemistry Support	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;	22
R Narasimhan	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Medical Society	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;Y11;Y10;	17
A Chapman	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Vocal Group	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;	23
T Fujii	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Japanese Club	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	Hall
J Clarke	Extracurricular Club / Activity	FemSoc	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	3
P Bentley	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Alt Vault - Alternative Music Club	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	14
N Saysell	Extracurricular Club / Activity	School Production - Lead Dancers Rehearsal	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	Drama Studio
E Pritchard	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Psychology Society	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	11
A Chapman	Academic Support Session	Composition Clinic	Thursday	12:35-1:05pm	Y10;Y11;	23
S Catalan	Academic Support Session	Physics Support	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;	15
M Stevens	Academic Support Session	Biology Support	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	20
O Hayman	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	302
R Kay & H Steadman	Academic Support Session	English Support	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	24
J Wade	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Gardening Club	Friday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	19
R Chapman	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Orchestra	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	23
P Bentley	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Mini Model UN	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;	14
N Cavender	Extracurricular Club / Activity	History Society	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	4
J Wade	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Beekeeping club	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	19
N Saysell	Extracurricular Club / Activity	KS3 Drama Club	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;	Drama Studio
M Stevens	Academic Support Session	Biology Support - Timetabled Topics	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	20
C Audouin	Academic Support Session	Let us eat cake Club - French Support	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	202
H Arsalan	Academic Support Session	Homework Club	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;	SEND Hub / Centenary Hall

PARKING NEWS

We kindly ask all parents, carers and visitors to park responsibly when dropping students off, collecting students and when visiting the school. Please be mindful of local parking restrictions and avoid stopping on zigzag lines, blocking driveways, parking on pavements, or obstructing junctions and crossings. These actions can reduce visibility for children and other road users, creating unnecessary safety risks.

Additionally, please note that the lay-by on Wellington Road cannot be used for parking at school times and can only be used for drop off/collection. Parking in this lay-by for any length of time risks a parking ticket.

Where possible, consider parking in designated parking areas and asking your child to walk the final part of their journey. This helps reduce traffic congestion around the school gates and promotes a safer, calmer environment for everyone.

We appreciate your cooperation and consideration for our neighbours, residents, and school community. By parking responsibly, we can all play a part in keeping our students safe and ensuring a positive relationship with the local community.

Thank you for your support.



NGHS SOCIAL MEDIA

Why not keep in touch with the goings on at school via our social media pages? We're on Facebook and Instagram.

Make sure you follow, like and comment to keep up to date with everything that is going on.



facebook.com/NewportGirls (whole school)

facebook.com/nghs6 (sixth form)



instagram.com/nghsinsta (whole school)

instagram.com/nghs6form (sixth form)



linkedin.com/company/newport-girls'-high-school-academy-trust

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH!

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

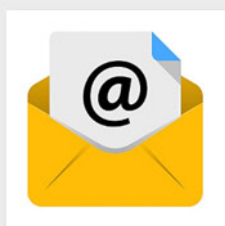
Over the course of the year, we will communicate with you in a variety of ways:

- Every two weeks, we publish **Newport News** on the school website. This document includes news from school, highlights upcoming events, and recent achievements. A link to each edition is sent home by email.
- An annual **Parents' Evening** to update you on your daughter's progress.
- **Grade sheets** and/or **written reports** to update you on your daughter's progress.
- An annual **parent information evening** to outline the key information relevant to each year group. This is in person for Year 7 and remote for other year groups.
- Relevant **letters** to your daughter are sent home via email.
- If teaching or pastoral staff have any concerns relating to your daughter, they will contact you **by phone** or **email**.

Occasions may arise when you need to contact the school to share information or raise concerns. There are several ways in which you can do this, including:

- By telephone – **01952 797550** – If possible, your call will be put through to an appropriate member of staff. Where this is not possible (member of staff is teaching/not in school/unavailable), a message will be taken and passed to an appropriate member of staff. You should expect a response to your call within 24 hours.
- By email – **schooloffice@nghs.org.uk** – You will receive an acknowledgement email once this has been received and be notified that the email has been passed to the appropriate member of staff (this may not always be to whom the email was addressed). You should then expect a response within 24-48 hours of this acknowledgement.
- By **letter** to the school.
- By **recording a note** in the communication section of your daughter's **planner** to be shared with a member of staff.

During school holidays, reception is closed and phone calls/emails cannot be responded to until we return to school. During the school holidays, **urgent@nghs.org.uk** is available to communicate key urgent information; it should not be used to send routine enquiries that can be responded to when school is open again. This account will be checked once every 24 hours by a senior member of staff. They will then make an appropriate response to any email that has been received.



schooloffice@nghs.org.uk



01952 797550



NEWPORT NEWS

Out fortnightly during term
time



Letter to school



Note in Student Planner

NGHS PASTORAL TEAM

WHO'S WHO?

At NGHS, the safety of students, staff and visitors is our top priority. Students can speak to **ANY** member of staff about any concerns, but there are certain colleagues with additional training to support you in pastoral and safeguarding matters.

Heads of Year



Mrs D Martin
Head of Year 7



Miss N Cavendar
Head of Year 8



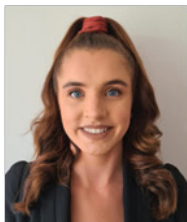
Mr O Green
Head of Year 9



Ms K Houston
Head of Year 10



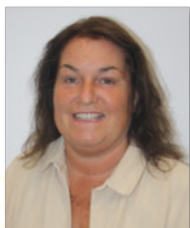
Mrs A Chapman
& Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 11 (Joint)



Mrs K Griffin
Head of Sixth Form



Wellbeing Team



Mrs Aver-Howdle
Years 7 - 10
Wellbeing Officer



Miss E Heyes
Wellbeing Officer
(Y11/Sixth Form)



Mrs V Glew
Administrator
(Sixth Form)

Safeguarding Team



Mrs H Birch: Assistant Headteacher
and DSL



Mr A Jones: Headteacher and DDSL



Mr D Postle: Deputy Headteacher
and DDSL



Mrs K Griffin Head of Sixth Form
and DDSL



Miss A M Davies: Assistant
Headteacher and DDSL



Ms K Houston: Head of Year
10, DDSL and CSE Lead

Abbreviations DSL: Designated Safeguarding
Lead, DDSL: Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Lead, CSE: Child Sexual Exploitation