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HEAD'S LINES



The past fortnight has once again shown the variety of experiences that make school life at NGHS so special. Our Year 7 students enjoyed their visit to Edgmond Hall, although the weather made sure it was a particularly windswept occasion. Despite the conditions, they had a thoroughly enjoyable day and embraced all the activities with great enthusiasm. My thanks go to Mrs Martin, their wonderful Head of Year, and to all the staff who helped to make the visit such a success. Six weeks into the term, I have been really pleased with how confidently Year 7 have settled into school and become part of the NGHS community.

We have also held our first major House event of the year, the ever-popular House Bake-Off. There was a remarkable range of entries, including some astonishing creations for the 'Is it Cake?' challenge. A particularly convincing jacket potato and beans will undoubtedly take its place in the House Bake-Off Hall of Fame.

This year, our judging panel included several colleagues who have recently joined the school. There are probably easier ways to introduce them to NGHS, but few that capture the creativity, enthusiasm and slightly competitive nature of our community quite so well.

The following day, many of the cakes were put to excellent use at our Macmillan Coffee Morning, which raised more than £800. Thank you to all our student bakers and to the parents and carers who supported them with ingredients, encouragement and, in many cases, supervision of increasingly ambitious creations. Your support helped to make both events such a success and enabled us to raise an excellent amount for a very worthwhile cause.

Some of our Year 11 students have also completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition in Wales. They did a fantastic job, showing determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the weekend. These expeditions rely upon staff giving up a considerable amount of their own time, so I would like to offer particular thanks to Miss Heyes and Miss Morris for supporting the students throughout the weekend.

Friday marked our annual Hello Yellow Day, when the school once again turned yellow and took part in activities to raise awareness of young people's mental health. As this was the tenth year of Hello Yellow, we marked the occasion with a yellow-themed non-uniform day alongside activities organised by our Head Girl Team. It was a positive and visible reminder of the importance of talking about mental health and ensuring that young people know they are not alone when they need support.

On a much sadder note, we received the news this week that Miss Margaret Mantripp, a former Headmistress of NGHS, has passed away. Miss Mantripp devoted 27 years of her career to the school, including more than a decade as Headmistress, before retiring in 1992. Although many within our immediate school community will not have known her personally, she remains an important part of NGHS's history and will be remembered warmly by generations of former students and colleagues, as well as by those within our wider school family who retained connections with her. We are very grateful to her family for allowing us to share this sad news, and our thoughts are with them at this time.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Newport News.

Mr A Jones
Headteacher

HELLO YELLOW DAY 2026

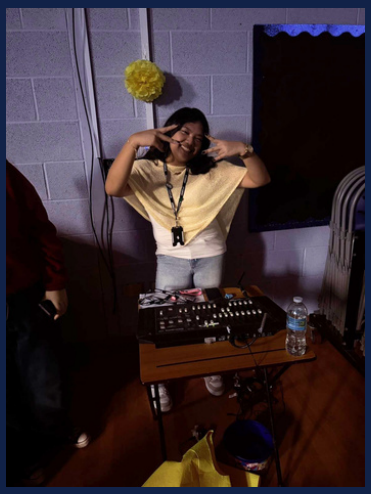












On Friday 9th October we held our annual Hello Yellow day for Youngminds. The students took part in a mufti day; the Head Girl team held a mindfulness session. The canteen staff also baked some delicious Hello Yellow theme treats!
This year marks 10 years of Hello Yellow days across the country. YoungMinds works to make sure young people get the support they need by providing tools and resources to help them look after their mental health, empowering adults to be there for the young people in their lives and creating opportunities for young people to speak out and drive change.

As a school, we take pride in our ability to support young people through difficult times, and we have many resources that you can use if you ever feel alone in how you feel.

Please see the poster at the end of every edition of Newport news for our safeguarding staff, who are always available to talk to any student who may need support or guidance.

NEW SCIENCE LABS

During the summer holidays, renovations commenced in labs 17 and 21. These upgrades included installing new desks with gas taps and sinks, fresh paint, and overall enhanced facilities. This week, the project was completed, and students have been enjoying their lessons in the newly improved classrooms.

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who supported us during these changes, including the staff and students who were displaced while the new labs were being fitted.









HOUSE BAKE-OFF

THE RESULTS!





Continental Creations
Y7 & 8 – Hattie G (R2)
Y9 & 10 – Julia I (R4)
Y11 – Xiaohan W (S7) & Aliya S (S8) - Tied
Y12 & 13 – Jessica C (6S2)
Overall Winner - Julia I (R4)

5 Ingredient Challenge
Y7 & 8 – Emma W (S2)
Y9 & 10 – Matilda N (R6)
Y11 – Eva A (S8)
Y12 & 13 – Amulya G (6S2)
Overall Winner - Amulya G (6S2)

Is It Cake?
Y7 & 8 – Bethany A (S1)
Y9 & 10 – Ayla D (A5)
Y11 – Samma G (R7)
Y12 & 13 – Laura M (6A2)
Overall Winner - Samma G (R7)

Childhood Memories
Y7 & 8 – Hannah F (R3)
Y9 & 10 – Oliva S (A6)
Y11 – Abigail M (A8)
Y12 & 13 – Madeleine N (6R2)
Overall Winner - Abigail M (A8)

Bake Off Champion 2026/27
Samma G (R7)!!!

Overall Winning House
1st – Roddam
2nd – Seacole
3rd – Austen



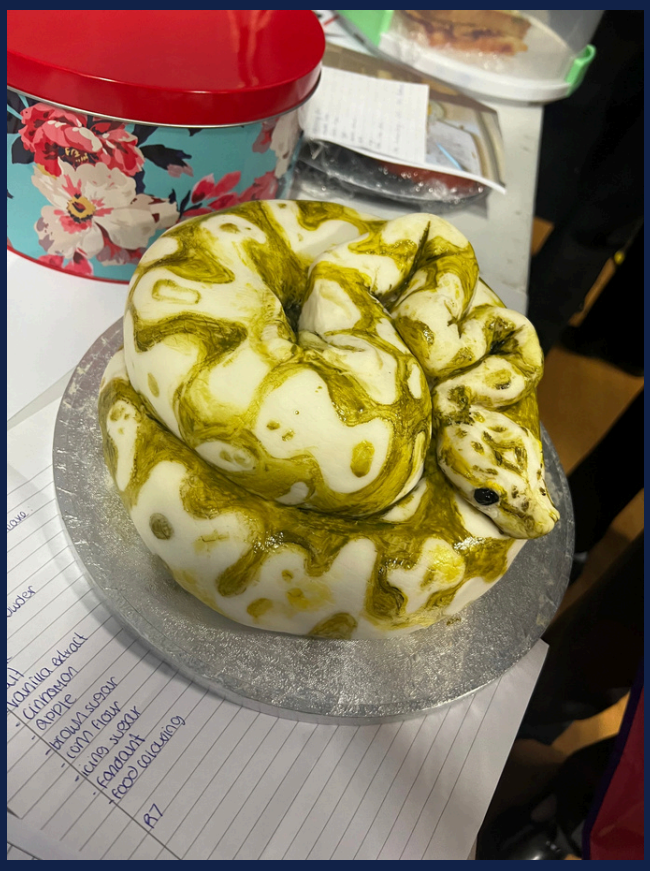
House Bake-Off at NGHS has once again been a success! With this years' categories consisting of: Is It Cake?, 5-Ingredient Challenge, Continental Creations and Childhood Memories. Students showcased their culinary and creativity skills which left our judges thoroughly impressed! The following day, the House-Bake Off Sale took place and received a positive response from students, raising an incredible amount of £763, the most money we have ever raised from a House Bake-Off Sale! As September was Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Stacey, Deputy Head Girl for Wellbeing, decided that the proceeds from the Bake Sale would be donated to 'The Kids Cancer Charity'. As the recognised symbol for CCAM is a Golden Ribbon, students were also welcome to wear a yellow accessory to further show their support. In addition to the bake sale, the Charities Captains held a raffle which was available to all students and also gained immense popularity. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in this year's House Bake-Off, and we hope you are looking forward to the many more to come!


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Vanilla extract
Cinnamon
Apple
Brown sugar
Lemon flavour
Icing sugar
Fondant
Food colouring
Rice



SILVER DofE SUCCESS!



What a weekend for our DofE Silver students!

Over the weekend, 45 students, accompanied by Gateway Outdoors, Miss Heyes and Miss Morris, took on their Silver expedition, beginning in Llangollen. The weather certainly decided to test them from the very beginning, with the students setting off into cold, wet and drizzly conditions — not exactly the welcome they had hoped for!

The challenge ahead was a big one: 18km of walking each day, carrying everything they needed for the expedition.

Day One

Day One certainly lived up to the challenge. The students tackled hill after hill, navigating their way through the countryside before eventually making their way into camp.

With eight groups taking part, there was plenty of determination, teamwork and encouragement along the way. Once they arrived at camp, it was time to put their cooking skills to the test, with pasta and sauce proving to be a popular choice for dinner!

The students then settled down for the night, camping in temperatures of around 4°C. It was certainly a chilly night, but everyone made it through!

Day Two

Saturday morning started much like Friday — cold and damp. However, thankfully, the weather gradually improved and the students were able to enjoy some brighter conditions as they continued their expedition.

Another 18km lay ahead, this time following a circular route. Throughout the day, staff met the groups at various points to provide much-needed water, check on how everyone was doing and, of course, give them that extra bit of encouragement to keep going!

By the time they returned to camp, the students had completed another demanding day. The evening was once again chilly, but there was now only one day left — and the finish line was getting closer.

SILVER DofE SUCCESS!

Day Three

Sunday morning began with songs of “Happy Birthday” before the students packed up and set off for the final leg of their expedition.

They knew they had one final challenge ahead of them: making their way to Chirk, where the coach would be waiting.

And what a finish it was! Every group arrived early, showing just how much determination they had developed over the weekend. In fact, one group was walking at such speed that Miss Morris was convinced they must have caught an Uber somewhere along the route!

Beyond the walking itself, the students learnt so much over the weekend — resilience, teamwork, communication, navigation, independence, problem-solving and perseverance. They learnt how important it is to support one another when things get tough, keep a positive attitude when the weather isn't on your side, and keep going even when those last few kilometres feel like a very long way!

Most importantly, they showed what can be achieved when they work together. The Newport Girls’ spirit was definitely shining through! Whether it was encouraging a friend up a particularly steep hill, sharing a laugh after a long day, helping each other at camp or simply keeping each other going when legs were tired, the sense of camaraderie throughout the weekend was fantastic.

A Huge Well Done!

Well done to all 45 students! Completing a Silver expedition is a fantastic achievement, and you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves. You battled through cold temperatures, rain, hills, tired legs and long distances — and you did it together.

A huge thank you to Gateway Outdoors for supporting the students throughout the expedition and helping to make the weekend such a success. Your encouragement, guidance and support were very much appreciated.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to all the staff who gave up their weekend to support the students. Your time, encouragement, patience and enthusiasm helped the students get through every kilometre.

To our Silver students — you were amazing! You showed resilience, determination and, most importantly, the Newport Girls’ spirit from start to finish.

You should be incredibly proud of everything you achieved this weekend.

Now it’s time to rest those legs... and start thinking about Gold in Year 12/13! We look forward to seeing many of you take on the next challenge.

Well done, everyone — what an achievement!

Miss Morris

NGHS6 OPEN EVENING



WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 4:30-7:00PM

On **4th November** we will be holding an Open Evening for our Sixth Form. This will be a great opportunity to see if our brilliant, top-performing school could be the right fit for you!

Please follow the link to book your place.
nghs.org.uk/sixth-form

PLEASE NOTE:
Do pre-book your visit, whether you are a new visitor to our school or a **current Year 11 student.**

YR12 LIVERPOOL TRIP



Last weekend, most of the Year 12's and I travelled north to the culturally thriving city of Liverpool. We left school at 9:30am and in a surprisingly short time we had arrived at the Youth Hostel on the beautiful Albert Dock, ready to drop off our bags and explore the city. The trip offered us plenty of independent free time to delve into the parts of Liverpool we were most interested in seeing. My friends and I started with the Quirky Quarter, which is a mind-boggling illusions experience with lots of opportunities to take wacky photos of each other hanging off the ceiling or flying into a black hole. We then moved onto the fascinating World Museum alongside the architecturally beautiful central library, which is a free attraction where you can discover haunting details about the past and see the ornate Picton reading room. I found the Ancient Egyptian section particularly riveting, with real mummified remains of people who lived thousands of years ago.

I was then excited to go to my absolute favourite area of the city; Liverpool One! The shopping centre is a huge, bustling, and exciting place, and the unique student discounts were definitely a highlight, though I think most people still managed to spend too much money. We then finished off our time out with a meal. There were many different options for food, with a large chunk of the year booking a fancy Italian restaurant called San Carlo while others went for slightly more affordable options like Pizza Express and Nando's. The evening ended with a quiz back at the hostel led by Mr Wright, in which the teachers were rightfully defeated by the student teams. Settling down in our rooms was definitely needed after such a busy day, so we could be ready to be back up and raring to go the next morning.

Saturday started with a lovely breakfast to fuel us ready for the busy day ahead. We all headed for the Beatles bus tour, starting at Albert Dock. The tour gave us a brilliant new understanding of the extent to which the Beatles have impacted and continue to impact Liverpool's tourism industry, with a huge £250 million a year being made purely from Beatles tourism. The highlight of the tour for everyone was our incredible guide Tocky Tom, who showed true passion and enthusiasm for his home city and made us all fall in love with Liverpool too. In the afternoon we had a smaller chunk of free time, in which we did an exciting escape room where we DEFINITELY didn't require any hints. After that we had a lovely meal at the youth hostel and got ready to see 'Annie' the musical at the Empire Theatre. The cast was incredible and I was star struck by the immense talent shown by the young lead of the show. After 'Annie' we trekked back to the hostel, feeling exhausted but thoroughly entertained.

On Sunday morning we travelled home with heavier and fuller suitcases, extra bags but also lots of lovely memories and friends made. This trip will forever be a highlight of my sixth form experience, and I will cherish the time I spent with my friends and the bonds I now feel are stronger. A massive thank you goes to all the teachers who gave up their weekends in order for us to have an amazing trip, especially Mrs Glew as without her tireless work, this trip would not have gone ahead.

Bella H, Year 12 student

UNIFORM DONATIONS NEEDED

DONATIONS WANTED!!

Our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop continues to be really well used, and we are very grateful for all the donations we receive. To help us keep up our stock, we would particularly welcome donations of **PE tops, PE jumpers and blazers** at the moment. However, donations of any NGHS uniform or PE kit that is still in good condition are always very welcome.





U14 COUNTY NETBALL



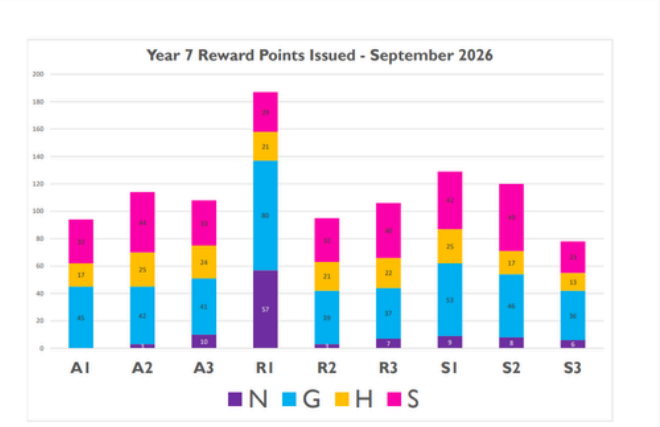
On Tuesday we went to the Shropshire County Netball tournament. We played 5 games against 5 tough teams in the cup competition and we ended up pulling off a win against Haberdashers Abraham Darby, a draw against Wrekin and a few loses. We were improving as a team as the tournament went on and getting a better rhythm of moving the ball down the court and getting more turnovers in the defence. Overall we took this tournament as a win considering it was our first time competing as a team this season and we are all looking forward to having more games this year.

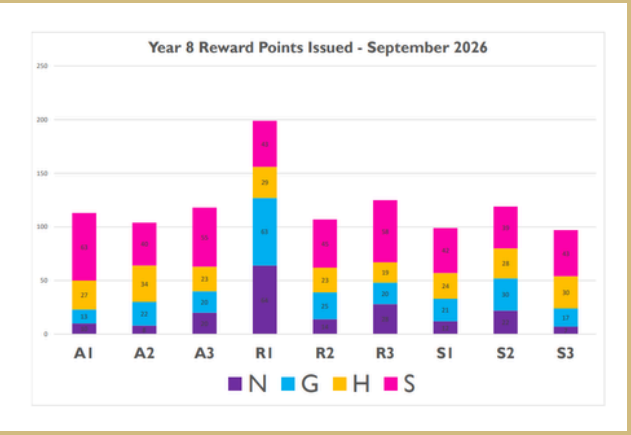
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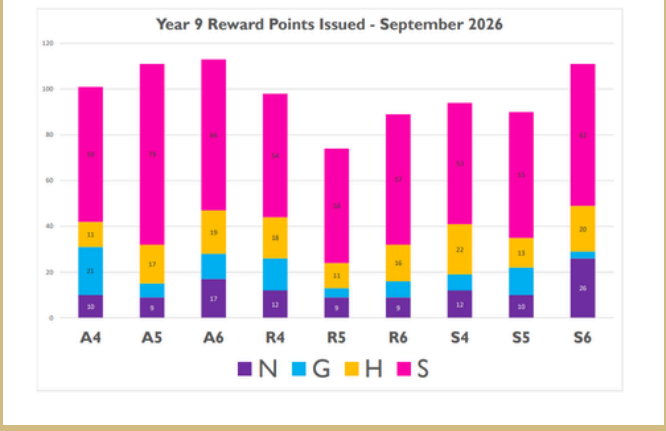
CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

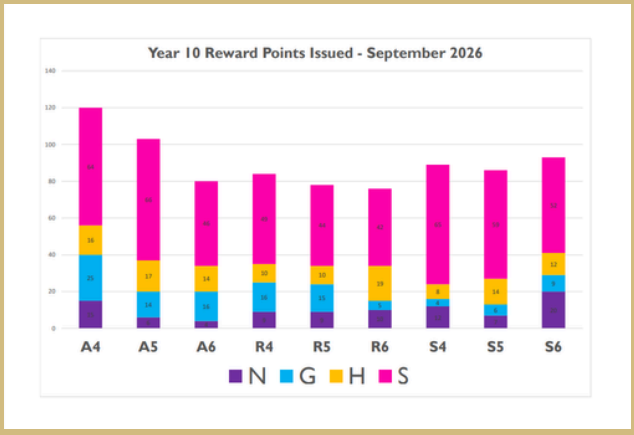
As we reach the end of our first month of the new academic year, we are delighted to share a monthly celebration of the many ways in which students contribute positively to school life.

At the end of each month, we will review attendance and NGHS points accrued by each form and celebrate those form groups who have particularly impressed us through their attendance, the NGHS points they have earned.
For September, we are delighted to celebrate:

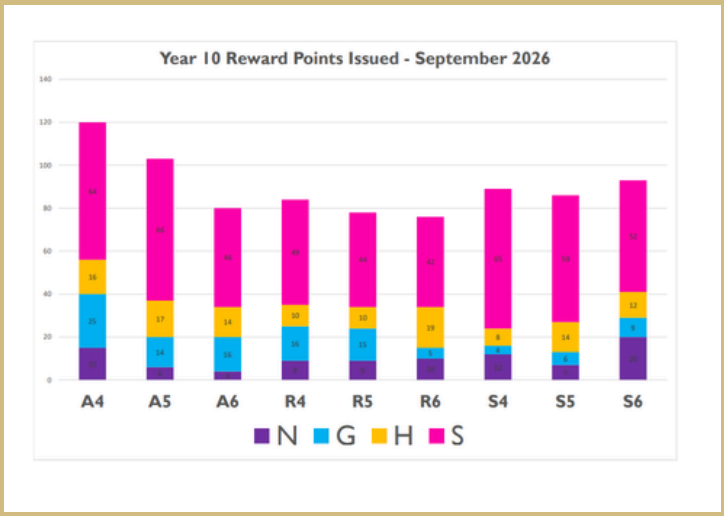


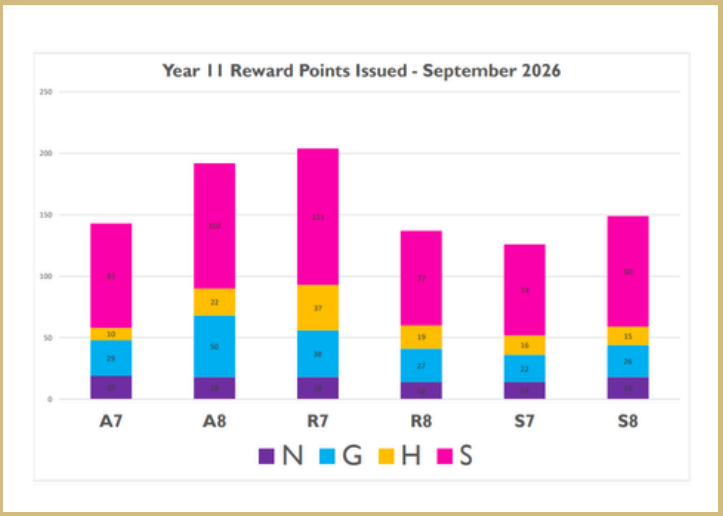


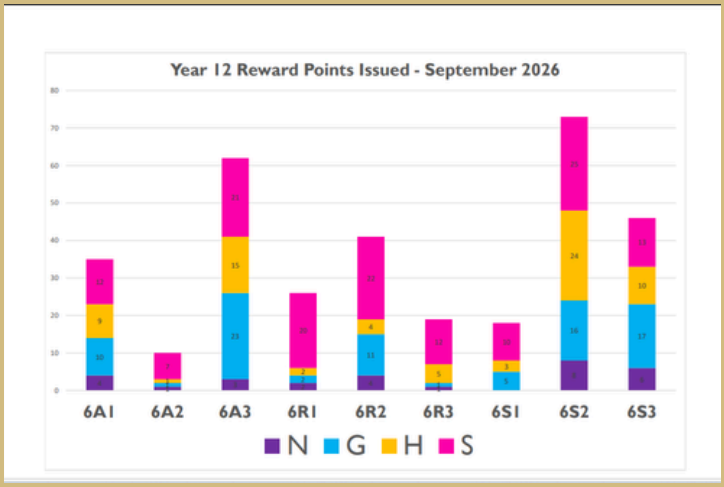


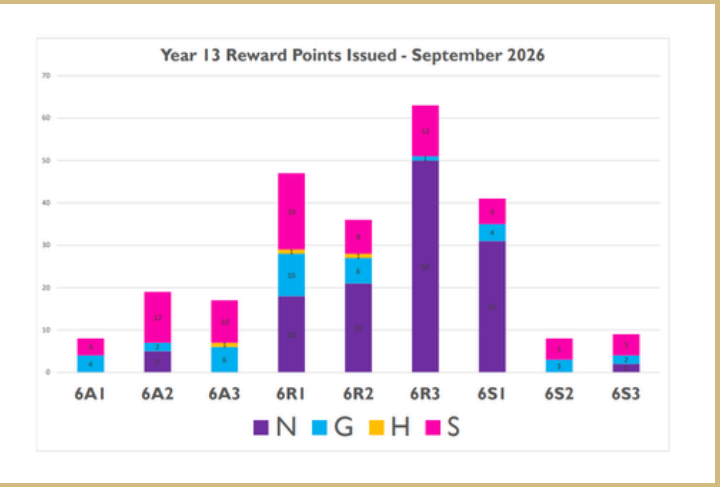


CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS









Attendance Well Done!

A big well done to all our students for continuing to make such a positive effort with their attendance! Good attendance makes a real difference to learning, progress and keeping up with everything happening in school.

Keep up the great work!

Attendance Update: Staying Well This Season

As we head into the colder months, seasonal illnesses are becoming more common. The Department for Education is encouraging schools and families to support good attendance by taking simple steps such as practising good hand hygiene, keeping classrooms well ventilated and making sure vaccinations are up to date where appropriate.

Clear communication between home and school is also really helpful. If your daughter is unwell and unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible and keep us updated.

MEET OUR EWO'S



Kiran Kang



Dan Santopietro

At NGHS, we want every student to feel happy, supported and able to make the most of everything school has to offer. Being in school regularly helps students to keep up with their learning, maintain friendships, feel part of our school community and take advantage of the many opportunities available to them.

Dan and Kiran, Education Welfare Officers (EWOs), will work alongside our Attendance Officer – Mrs Hazlett to support students and families where attendance is becoming difficult. This might involve helping us to understand barriers to attendance, talking with families and identifying practical steps or additional support that may help. They will support school by completing Home Visits and leading on Stage 4 attendance meetings and will also liaise with the local authority on matters such as unauthorised term-time holidays, persistent absence (below 90%), child employment, elective home education, and legal concerns related to attendance.

We know that there can be many different reasons why getting into school becomes difficult. We encourage families to talk to us early so that we can work together before concerns become more significant.

Need some support with attendance?
Please contact Mrs Hazlett our Attendance Officer, via school office. She will help you with your query and make sure you are connected with the right member of staff if further support is needed.
Over the coming year, our fortnightly Attendance Spotlight will share practical information, useful resources and advice to help families support good attendance.

NGHS: The place to learn M.F.L at KS5

The exceptional uptake of Modern Foreign Languages at Key Stage 5 is a source of immense pride for our school. In Year 12, we have 10 students in each language (French and German) and 4 who have taken both languages. In Year 13, 10 students are continuing with French. This remarkable achievement reflects our students' enthusiasm, commitment, and recognition of the value that language learning brings to their future opportunities. Choosing to continue studying languages at an advanced level demonstrates resilience, curiosity, and a global outlook. We are delighted to see such strong engagement and passion for MFL across our sixth form. This success is also a testament to the dedication of our staff, who inspire students to develop linguistic skills and cultural understanding, preparing them to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

Mr Audouin



Our NGHS6 MFL students

ALUMNI SUCCESS



One of our alumni, Maisie Stones, is about to start performing in the West End in The Devil Wears Prada.

"Following my studies at NGHS, I moved to London to train at one of the UK's leading drama schools. Since graduating in 2024, I have performed on an international tour and am now performing in The Devil Wears Prada, West End.

During my time at NGHS, I was incredibly fortunate to be encouraged by my teachers, particularly in the Music Department, to pursue a career in Musical Theatre. I am so grateful for the support and belief I received from the school, particularly as the performing arts department was very small at the time.

I would encourage any girls interested in the performing arts to take their ambitions seriously and look into the different routes available. It's definitely a career that's worth pursuing if you love it."

REMINDER TO PARENTS

The staff would like to remind all parents that only round-ended safety scissors are permitted to be brought into school.

Thank you for your continued efforts to maintain a safe school environment

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT

HISTORY

We were welcomed back on the first day, with history being one of our first lessons. From the get-go, our expert teachers have been guiding us on the overviews of our two courses, and we are getting into the detailed expositions of the periods. All of us feel passionately about the subject and are excited to get further in depth in the coming months.

“I’m enjoying A-level history because the subjects that we go into are really interesting and I love the in-depth discussions we have about them.” -Amirah

“I really enjoy learning about the different topics and exploring them in depth.” - Kelly

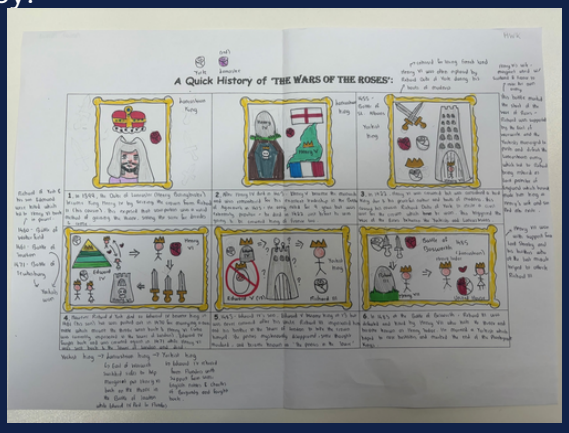
We cover two main studies at the moment, Tsarist and Communist Russia, and The Wars of the Roses. These two periods offer both a breadth and depth study of a variety of topics, allowing us to study interesting personalities, times of upheaval and change, different societies, and gain an understanding of our own modern world through this.

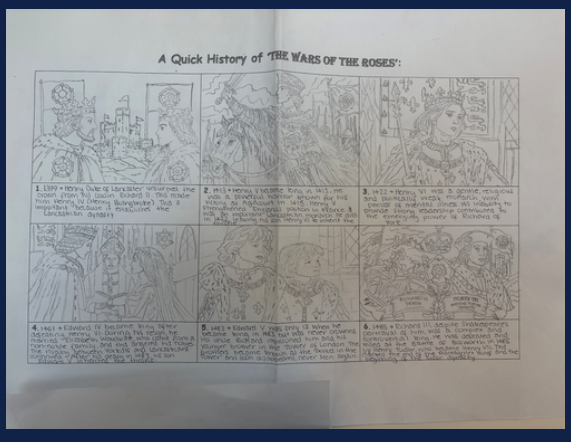
“I am loving the different themes shown in our course and the variety between our two topics. The teachers are excellent and I am excited to learn more!” - Caitlin

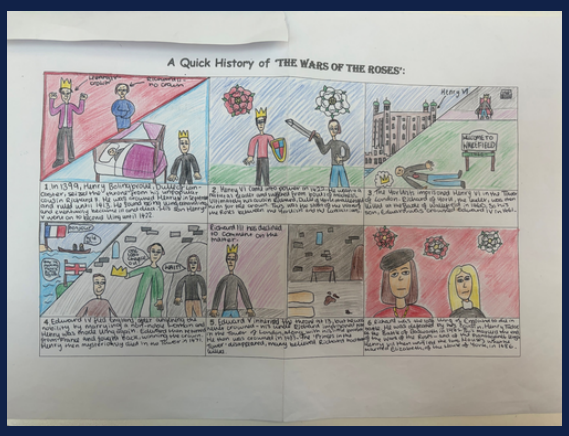
Over in autocratic Russia, we are sinking our teeth into the reign of Alexander II and looking in detail at various sources to gain a developed understanding of the events of the time. We’ve begun to look at reasoned judgements already and are honing our skills as historians.

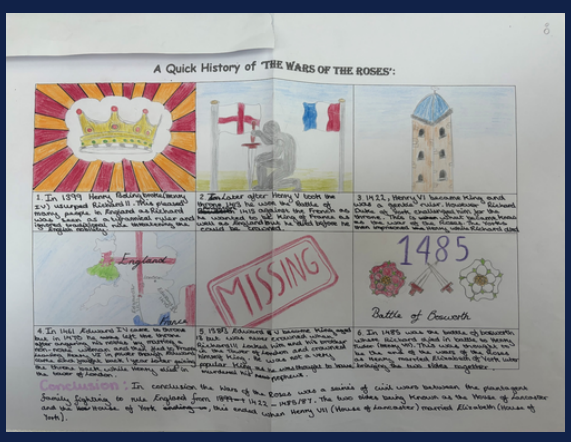
In 15th century England, we’ve been focusing on developing an understanding of the period and the order of events during the English civil wars. This has brought us to possibly the most interesting task available to A-level students: cartoon strips!

This has brought a fun introduction to the archaic, complicated era, and has pushed us to clarify our understandings of the basics. We've dedicated time and effort into creating these and are all proud of ourselves and each other for our artistic skills and being able to utilise this in a stereotypically wordy subject. Enjoy!









SPORTING SUCCESS!



On Sunday 4th October, Sophie B and Demi (Year 8) represented Shropshire in the National Inter-County Team Championships, at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. They were selected to join the team of swimmers aged 12-17 from across the county. Sophie and Demi swim with Market Drayton and Newport swimming club respectively and had both been crowned 'Top Girl' at the County Championships for their age groups (Demi 12 and Sophie 13) in January this year.

ONLINE SAFETY

Keeping young people safe online is an important part of safeguarding. **The Prevent duty** aims to protect individuals from being drawn into terrorism or supporting extremist ideologies.

Young people may encounter harmful or extremist content through social media, gaming platforms and online communities, sometimes without recognising the risks.

We encourage parents and carers to have regular, open conversations with their children about their online experiences, encourage them to think critically about the information they encounter and reassure them that they can speak to a trusted adult if anything concerns them.

For further information and practical advice, parents can visit Educate Against Hate.

If you have any concerns about your child's safety or wellbeing, please contact the school's safeguarding team.

CROSS COUNTRY

All three NGHS teams qualify for the ESAA Cross Country Cup Regional Final

Last Wednesday, our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Girls competed at Longford Hall in the Shropshire round of the ESAA Cross Country Cup. Against strong competition from schools across the county, all three NGHS teams secured a place in the regional round—a fantastic achievement!

Each team can field six runners, with the finishing positions of its first four runners added together to produce the team score. The lowest score wins, and the top three teams in each age category qualify for the next round. Every runner plays a valuable part in the team's performance.

Our Junior Girls finished second with 28 points. Annabelle WY led the team home in 3rd place, closely followed by Lucy G in 4th and Melanie G in 9th. Isla F came in 12th, Charlotte F in 13th and Cerys C in 17th, also made valuable contributions to this excellent team result.

The Intermediate Girls secured third place, led by an outstanding 2nd place finish from Ivy B. Naomi G finished 14th, Sahana A 15th, Katie K 16th, Holly B 17th and Freya R 18th, with a closely grouped team performance securing qualification.

Our Senior Girls also finished 3rd, with Annie W taking a superb individual victory. Shaan K finished 8th and Eydi G 10th, supported by Easha K in 14th and Sophia S in 15th.

Special congratulations go to our top 10 finishers: Annabelle, Lucy, Melanie, Ivy, Annie, Sian and Eydi. These were impressive individual performances in a highly competitive county field.

A huge well done to every runner for their effort, determination and teamwork. All three teams now progress to the West Central Regional Final at Bromsgrove on Thursday 12 November. We look forward to cheering them on in the next round!

Mrs Birch







REMEMBERING MISS MANTRIPP

As mentioned in Head's Lines, we were very sorry to hear this week of the death of Miss Margaret Mantripp, who devoted 27 years of her career to NGHS, including more than a decade as Headmistress. As we remember her contribution to the school, we thought readers might appreciate this article from the local press, published on her retirement in 1992.

Miss Margaret Mantripp retires as head of Newport Girls' High School

Long-serving Newport headmistress Miss Margaret Mantripp greeted her last end of term at the Girls' High School with mixed feelings this week.

"I'll miss the companionship – but I shall be delighted to be free of the administration" said Miss Mantripp, stepping down after 27 years at the school and more than a decade in the head's hot-seat.

She arrived in Newport from Norfolk in 1964 to teach chemistry, becoming head of science three years later.

As merger with Adams' Grammar loomed large, she took over as acting deputy head, not expecting the post to last more than a couple of terms. The merger was scuppered by a change of government and she 'acted' as deputy-head until 1980.

More upheaval was in the wind when she became acting head but a shake-up of the comprehensive system bypassed the school and in 1983 she took over officially.

Her long career has taken in many changes inside and outside the classroom.

"When I came there was no Boughey Road estate and Adams' playing field backed on to ours. The girls weren't even allowed to talk to the boys through the hedge" she remembered.

"It was frowned on for boys and girls to walk along the street together. As things got more liberal they could, but no physical contact was allowed. Then holding hands was deemed to be OK, but nothing more – and I think that's still the official position."



And some of those clandestine meetings in the 60's blossomed into love and marriage, producing daughters who in time started at the school.

"It's interesting to see the daughters of former pupils come through because some look uncannily like their parents" said Miss Mantripp.

"But I haven't reached a third generation yet, and I'm leaving before I do!"

Achievement

She has lived through a time when the grammar school system was almost constantly under threat but, she says: "Staff and parents have still planned and developed, that's quite an achievement. People's faith in the school has been justified."

Although she welcomes many recent changes in teaching, she fears some improvements have come through too quickly.

"GCSE brought in new approaches to teaching, more course work, small group work and pupil participation, which must be a good thing.

"Accountability, improved staff training and so on are also good ideas but the change is too fast and furious. It has created extra work and left less time for the day to day running of the school" she warns.

But having retired, she is not planning to squander her days in idleness.

"I'm going to help update the honours book, listing the achievements of former pupils. It stops in 1971, so there's a 20 year backlog to be cleared up" she explained.

And her new computer, a leaving gift given by parents, governors and old girls, will be a great help in collecting the information.

And as far as advice to her successor, Mrs Kay Harrison, is concerned: "I don't think she needs any, she's quite capable of handling the situation. I think she'll be happy and successful" says Miss Mantripp.

"It's a good school, it's served the town well since 1919 and I'm sure it will continue to be an asset to the community."

Our picture on this page shows Miss Mantripp receiving a farewell gift from Mr Peter Cates, Shropshire County Council Chief Education Officer.

See also page 1.

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



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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