

HAT TRICK OF COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR U13 CRICKETERS!



HEAD'S LINES



It has been good to return after what I hope was an enjoyable half term break for everyone. The weather certainly did its best to help, even if the last week has been a rather wetter reminder that we are still in an English summer. The final week before the break was a busy one, not least with our Year 8 information evenings evenings for the forthcoming visits to France and Germany as part of Curriculum Enrichment Week.

These trips are a real highlight of the year. Having had the opportunity to join the Germany visit last year, I know just how much our students gain from the experience, both in terms of language learning and the confidence that comes from travelling and immersing themselves in a different culture. My thanks go to all of the staff involved, and particularly to Mr Audoin and Mrs Furnival for their organisation and leadership.

There is much to celebrate in this edition in terms of sport. Despite the rather mixed weather conditions, our students have produced excellent performances across athletics, cricket and rounders. It has been particularly pleasing to see such strong participation and commitment, alongside some impressive results.

Alongside this, we continue to be fully immersed in the examination season. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have approached this period with real focus and maturity, and have represented the school extremely well. There are two weeks still to go, and we will continue to support them in every way we can as they complete their exams.

You will also see some updates in this newsletter regarding school uniform. Following recent government guidance aimed at reducing the cost of branded items, we have taken the opportunity to review our policy. Mr Birch has clarified what is required, as well as what is not, and Mrs Birch has written separately to parents with further detail. Over the coming weeks, we will be taking opportunities to check uniform with students so that any questions or issues can be resolved in good time before September. The intention here is to support families and ensure that expectations are clear and manageable.

Linked to this, I am very pleased that our Head Girl team have been working on developing our pre-loved uniform offer. Their work, outlined in Newport News, will make it easier for families to access good quality second-hand items and is a positive step forward for both affordability and sustainability.

As ever, there is a great deal going on across the school, and I hope you enjoy reading about it in this edition.

**Best wishes,
Mr Jones
Headteacher**

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD GIRL TEAM

Darcey G (Head Girl)



Over the past few weeks, the Head Girl Team have been working hard to sort, count, and organise the large collection of pre-loved school uniform that has been generously donated by students and families.

Previously, these items were only available at selected school events. We are pleased to announce that the pre-loved uniform is now moving online, making it easier for families to access affordable school uniform throughout the year.

Through the school website, parents and students will now be able to view the uniform currently available, place an order for a suggested donation, and collect their items from the school reception.

This initiative supports our commitment to sustainability by giving uniform in good condition a second life, reducing waste and helping to lower the environmental impact of purchasing new items. It also provides an affordable option.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items so far!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/b Monday 15 June - Year 12 Reports Home

Tuesday 16 June - Mini Model Uni (Moreton Hall)

Thursday 18 June - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 19 June - Chemistry Challenge

Monday 22 June - Start of Curriculum Enrichment Week





ATHLETICS ROUND UP

Year 8 Telford Schools Athletics Competition – Wednesday 3 June

The Year 8 Athletics team delivered an excellent performance at the Telford Schools Athletics Competition on Wednesday 3 June, finishing an impressive 4th overall out of 16 schools.

The team of just 5 athletes showed great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the evening, producing a number of outstanding individual and team performances.

In the field events, Naomi G secured 2nd place in the discus with a throw of 14.27m, while Evie A achieved 2nd place in the high jump, clearing 1.20m.

On the track, Janelle C ran superbly to claim 3rd place in the 100m with a time of 14.34 seconds. Tabitha H produced a fantastic performance in the 200m, crossing the line first to become the event winner in 29.75 seconds.

The competition concluded in spectacular fashion with a brilliant victory in the 4 x 100m relay. The team of Janelle C, Naomi G, Tabitha H and Kate combined excellent baton changes and strong sprinting to take first place in a time of 60.75 seconds, providing a memorable finish to a successful competition.

Congratulations to all the athletes who represented the School - finishing 4th out of 16 schools is a fantastic achievement, and the team should be extremely proud of their efforts and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher



U13'S WIN COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

The U13 NGHS cricket team delivered another superb day of outstanding performances to secure the county title for the third year in a row—an incredible achievement. With a terrible forecast threatening to disrupt play, the team were very lucky to avoid the rain and make the most of a full day of cricket.

The group stages showcased the team's strength across all areas. Five matches, five victories: Charlton were beaten 85–36, Grove fell 102–41, Tomas Adams were convincingly overcome 107–29, Ercall Wood were defeated 94–49, and a dominant display saw Newport outclass Meole Brace 128–52. Throughout these games, some superb bowling and fielding, combined with confident big hitting, made for a truly memorable campaign.

These results put the team into the final against Bridgnorth Endowed. The match proved to be the toughest test of the day. Batting first, NGHS couldn't quite get the runs flowing as they would have liked and lost some early wickets, putting them into a bit of a hole. However, the team showed fantastic resilience, recovering well through disciplined batting and a determined mindset to set a score of 72 – very defendable but in no way a sure-fire winning total!

In the field, the response was exceptional. Tight bowling and restrictive fielding kept Bridgnorth under pressure throughout the chase. It all came down to the last two overs against Bridgnorth's outstanding batter. NGHS did incredibly well to keep her off strike—she faced only four of the final ten balls.

In a very close game that could genuinely have gone either way, the girls held their nerve to secure a 72–60 victory, sealing a remarkable third consecutive triumph. They now progress to the West Midlands Regional Finals on 10th July where they will again be looking for their third win in a row!



ROUNDERS 'ROUND' UP!

On Thursday 4th June, the Year 8 rounders team travelled to Madeley Academy for a round robin tournament. The girls were in a group with Hadley Learning Community, Burton Borough and Ercall Wood.

Against HLC, the girls were on top from the very start with strong hitting, bowling and fielding throughout. A comfortable win was just reward for their strong effort. Next up it was Ercall Wood. Again, the NGHS team proved too strong for their opponents and the margin of victory was even greater than their first match!

The final group game was against local rivals Burton Borough with both teams knowing a win would see them into the final against the winner of the other group. Unfortunately, Burton Borough proved to be a class above and despite their best efforts the Y8's found themselves on the end of one-sided defeat.

Speaking after the matches, PE teacher, Mrs Martin said, "I am super proud of the girls' efforts today. Some wonderful play and two strong wins and they were unlucky to not make it through. A massive well done to all who played!"

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP GOES LIVE!

We are pleased to offer a range of pre-loved, second-hand school uniform and PE kit for students. This can be requested online by sending an email to school. There is a suggested donation of £2 per item, but at the school's discretion the items can be provided for free. All money raised will be utilised by the school in various hardship funds. From time to time we also make the pre-loved uniform available at whole school events (e.g. Summer Fayre, parents evenings etc.) and again a small donation is requested. Please visit the following web page for the uniform we have available and how to place any orders:

www.nghs.org.uk/for-parents/second-hand-uniform-shop

IMPORTANT - THERE IS A NEW UNIFORM POLICY STARTING IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR (SEPTEMBER 2026). ALL CURRENT AND NEW STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS POLICY VIA LETTER. FAMILIES OF CURRENT STUDENTS WILL HAVE ONE YEAR FROM SEPTEMBER 2026 TO ENSURE THEIR CHILD'S UNIFORM COMPLIES WITH THIS NEW POLICY.

PRELOVED
THE JOY OF SECOND HAND

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ANY PRE-LOVED UNIFORM PURCHASED WILL MEET THE NEW POLICY REQUIREMENTS GOING FORWARD.

Anthea Bell Competition:

Over 25,000 students participated in the Anthea Bell competition in 2026, and they judged over 5,400 entries.

The judges have commended the following submissions

- French-English: Level 4 – Piper Fi (Y13)
- Spanish: Level 3 – Angela Grace E-J (Y12)
- German: Level 2 – Azra I (Y9)
- Mandarin: Level 3 – Joanna M (Y9) / Jessica M (Y10)
- Russian: Level 3 - Sofiya P (Y12)



Anthea Bell Prize
for Young Translators

AND...Magdalena A (Y12) is the area winner for the Midlands for Italian in Italian (Level 2).

This is a fantastic achievement !

The names of all winners and commendations will be published on the “Anthea Bell” website this month and will receive a certificate by post at school. Well done to all those who have taken part.

Thank you to the M.F.L Ambassadors for launching the competition earlier this year.

OXFORD GERMAN OLYMPIAD

Magda A (Y12) took part in the Oxford German Olympiad in the ‘Discover German’ category as someone who had never studied German before.

Oxford German Network | Oxford German Olympiad 2026

Magda won this category and will be going to Oxford soon to collect her award !

Her task involved creating spider diagrams themed around German words for travelling, and phrases which include these words.

She really enjoyed understanding the construction and grammar of words so this was perfect for her. Hopefully some more of our students will participate next year! Fantastisch !

OXFORD GERMAN NETWORK

GERMANY



HOUSE BOARD GAMES

Friday 5th June saw our annual House Board Games competition take place in Centenary Hall.

The games this year were: Year 7 Connect 4, Year 8 Jenga, Year 9 Dobble, Year 10 Snakes and Ladders and Year 12 Chess. A full report will appear in the next edition of Newport News but for now the overall results were:

1st Place **Seacole** (66 points)

2nd Place **Austen** (60 points)

3rd Place **Roddam** (54 points)

Well done to all who took part and especially the Year 12 House Captains who ran a super smooth and well organised competition that was great fun for all!



IT'S A WRAP IN THE CANTEEN FOR THE WORLD CUP!

MATCH DAY WRAPS 



KOREA REPUBLIC
KOREAN BBQ CHICKEN, ASIAN SLAW

Friday 12th June

MATCH DAY WRAPS 



ENGLAND
FISH & CHIPS WITH CHIP SHOP CURRY MAYO

Wednesday 17th June



2026
FIFA
WORLD CUP
2026

MATCH DAY WRAPS 



MEXICO
MEXICAN ORANGE CHICKEN, SALSA & PEPPERS

Friday 19th June

MATCH DAY WRAPS 



ARGENTINA
CHIMICHURRI ROASTED CHICKEN, CRISPY ROSTI,
ROASTED CORN AND CHILLI & GARLIC MAYO

Wednesday 24th June

MATCH DAY WRAPS 



PORTUGAL
CRISPY CHICKEN, DICED POTATOES & PIRI PIRI MAYO

Friday 26th June

GRAB THEM FROM THE CANTEEN WHILE YOU CAN!

ALL PRICED AT £2.20 INDIVIDUALLY OR £3 AS PART OF A MEAL DEAL

DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE!

During one of our PSHE lessons, Year 12 were given the spectacular opportunity of receiving a talk from Dr. Peter Wilmshurst about his journey into medicine and the multitude of dilemmas he had encountered within his career. The session commenced with an insight into Dr. Wilmshurst's early life experiences, such as, originally being unsuccessful with his first university application and being faced with a lot of doubt from others due to growing up in a low-income area.



But despite all of this, he was able to attend the University of Manchester and complete his degree in medicine. As the session continued, he dived into his discovery of medical research malpractice from top universities such as Kings' College London and UCL. Despite being offered thousands of pounds to keep these discoveries hidden, Dr. Wilmshurst declined and instead indirectly saved thousands of lives by exposing falsified research.

One of the many things that fascinated me from this talk was the fact that although he originally had a degree in medicine, Dr. Wilmshurst was still able to work in different subject areas such as law and politics all whilst travelling the world and gaining new experiences. Additionally, another thing which stuck out to me was Dr. Wilmshurst's perseverance. From being told he would never succeed in medicine and growing up in disadvantaged areas yet still managing to accomplish all that he has is truly inspiring.

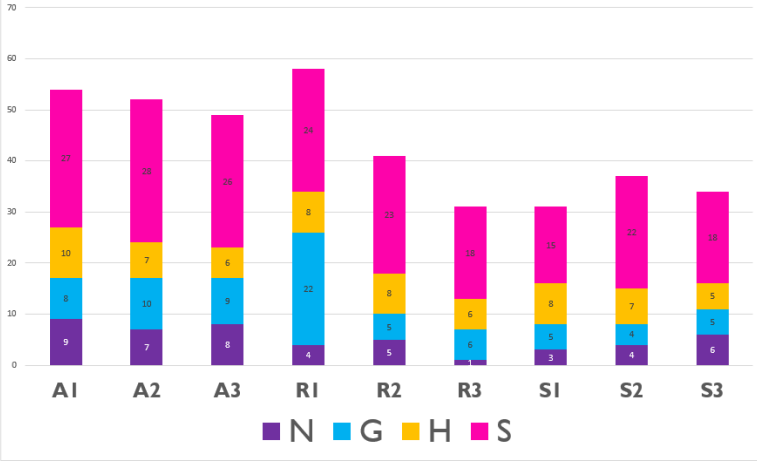
At the end of the talk, we were given the chance to take part in a 'Question & Answer' session with Dr. Wilmshurst. One of the questions asked by a student was 'How Dr. Wilmshurst dealt with the pressure of having many lawsuits filed against him despite having not committed any wrongdoings?' To this, Dr. Wilmshurst confidently responded that although at times he was apprehensive, he persisted, knowing that in the end, his honesty would prevail. Another question asked by a student was 'How Dr. Wilmshurst dealt with the doubt he faced from others due to being from a less fortunate background?'; Dr. Wilmshurst replied that he didn't allow the lack of confidence from others to stop him from achieving his goals, serving as a perfect example to young people that your upbringing doesn't determine your capabilities, and that hard work will always succeed. It was certainly an insightful session which we were honoured to have received!

Stacey O-K, Deputy Head Girl, Welfare

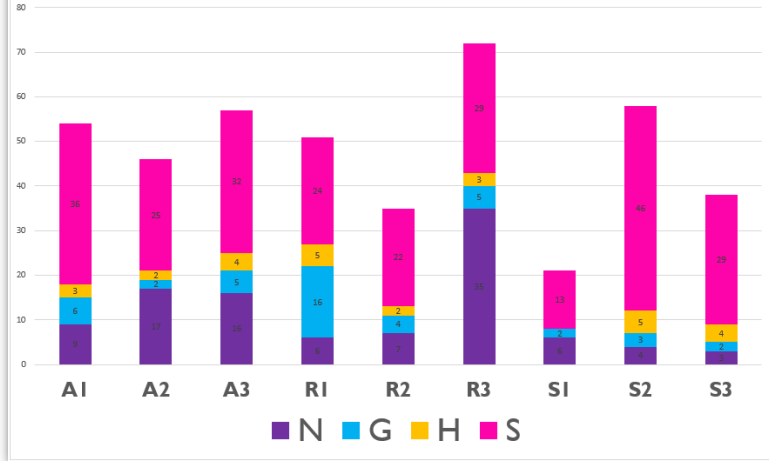
ACHIEVEMENT POINTS - MAY 2026

Below you can see the achievement points achieved by each class for May 2026. Well done to R1, R3, A6, and 6S3 for being the monthly winners. Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher

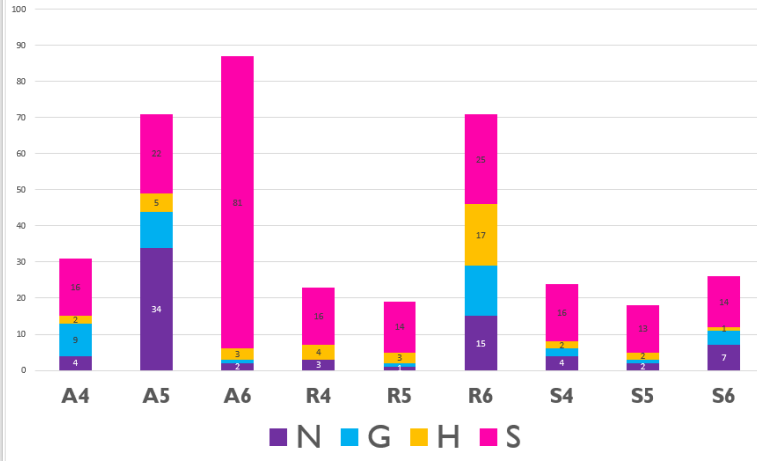
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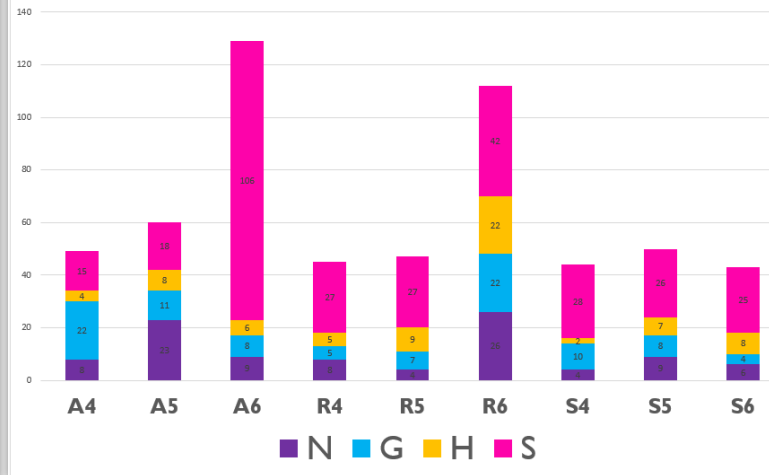
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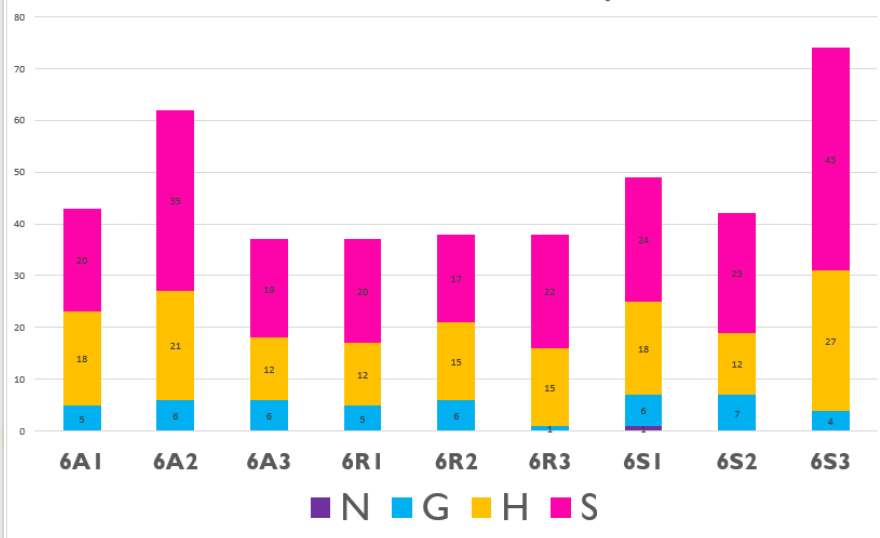
Year 9 Reward Points Issued - May 2026



Year 10 Reward Points Issued - May 2026



Year 12 Reward Points Issued - May 2026



TEAM NEORLA SECURE RUNNER UP IN WEST MIDLANDS YOUNG ENTERPRISE FINAL!

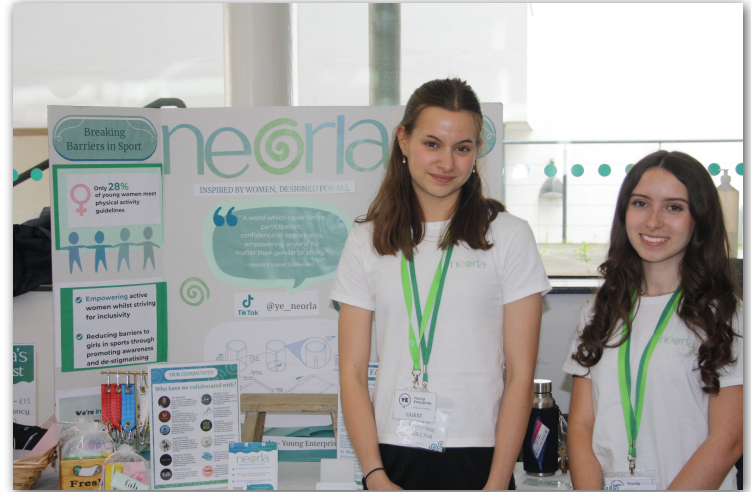


On Wednesday 20th May, Team 'Neorla' travelled to DeMontfort University in Leicester for the West Midlands Regional Finals. On the day they faced some extremely tough competition and were just pipped to the trophy by King Edward the VI School, Lichfield.

Both teams won 3 trophies with Neorla winning 'Outstanding Innovation', 'Creative Excellence' and 'Distinguished Presentation'. In a contest too close to call, Young Enterprise lead teacher and Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Mr Bentley remarked, "I couldn't be prouder of the girls and everything they have achieved. On another day they could easily have been winners so they should be rightly pleased with their runner's up award. I know they have fantastic plans going forward for their company so this certainly won't be the last we hear from Neorla!"



YOUNG ENTERPRISE SPREAD THE WORD AT LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL!



Neorla had the opportunity to visit Lillishall Primary School on the last day of the half-term and deliver period education sessions to a group of girls, and the whole experience was genuinely eye-opening and incredibly rewarding!

From the moment we arrived, it was a bit of a whirlwind, last-minute preparation, setting up our banner and stall, and making sure everything was ready for the sessions ahead. We began with a simple icebreaker to help the girls feel more comfortable and at ease, before splitting into smaller groups to create a more intimate and open space for discussion.

The girls were so curious, engaged, and willing to ask questions. It created such a natural flow of conversation, and it was amazing seeing how curious they were.

What stood out to me most was the diversity in experiences and knowledge within the groups. Some girls already knew quite a lot, while others were hearing certain things for the very first time.

Experiences like this remind me why period education is so important. It's not just about teaching the biology or the medical facts, although that is essential, but also about breaking down stigma and creating space for honest conversation. We need to move beyond making periods feel purely clinical. Social, emotional, and practical questions matter just as much, and young people deserve a space where they feel comfortable asking them without embarrassment.

To finish the session, we handed out goodie bags containing period emergency kits, which the girls were really excited to receive. It felt like a simple but meaningful way to end the day.

Overall, it was a really powerful experience that left a lasting impression on the whole Neorla Team.

Debbie Z, Managing Director, Team Neorla

2027 SCHOOL SHOW REVEALED!

Coming in March 2027, the music and drama departments are extremely proud to announce that the next school production will be the West End smash hit musical, We Will Rock You!

Featuring a host of classic Queen songs that are sure to be crowd pleasers, auditions will be held when school returns after the summer break. Keep watching for further updates!



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MARCH 2027

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	

w/c 13th April, 4th



FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES

If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance, please speak to a team member before you order food or drinks

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	

w/c 20th April, 11th May



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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	

w/c 27th April, 18th May



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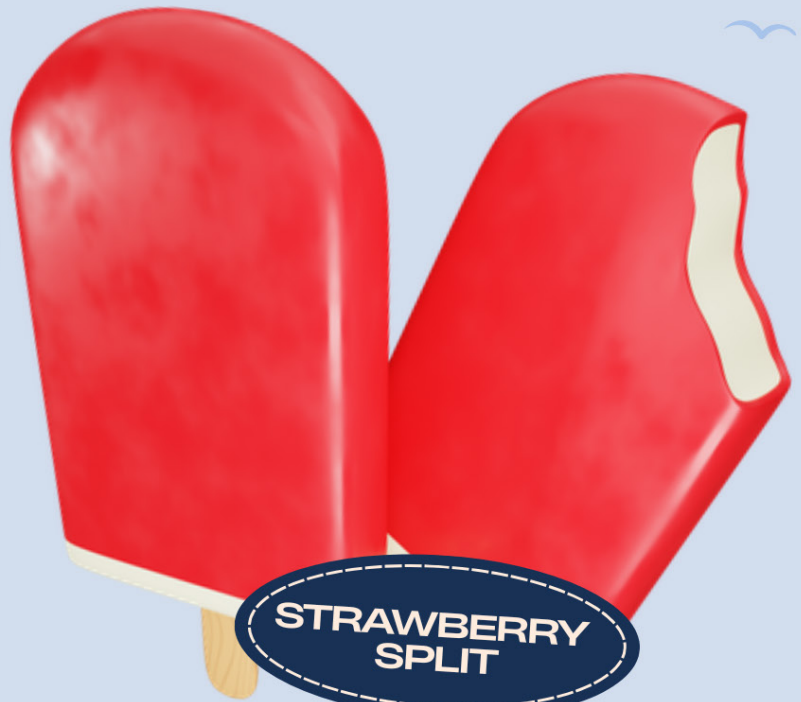
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16-19 BURSARY FUND—APPLICATIONS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR!

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



PARKING REMINDER

Could we please remind all parents and visitors to park considerately of our neighbours when visiting the school. Please do not block driveways or access points in the roads adjacent to school as this can cause problems for the residents. Thank you.



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

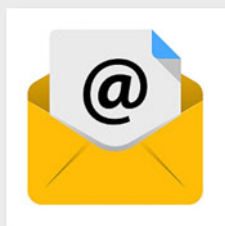
Over the course of the year, we will communicate with you in a variety of ways:

- 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.



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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



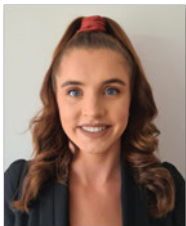
Mr O Green
Head of Year 8



Ms K Houston
Head of Year 9



Mrs A Chapman
&**Mrs H Goodall**
Head of Year 10 (Joint)



Ms J Capaldi
Head of Year 11



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 Head, DSL



Mr A Jones: Headteacher & DDSL



Miss A M Davies: Assistant
Headteacher & DDSL



Ms K Houston: DDSL and
CSE Lead

Abbreviations

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

DDSL: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

CSE: Child Sexual Exploitation