

## CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT WEEK SPECIAL EDITION!



# HEAD'S LINES

Curriculum Enrichment Week has once again provided some of the highlights of the school year and, despite the exceptionally hot weather, it has been fantastic to see so many students embracing the wide range of opportunities on offer.



With temperatures reaching unusually high levels, plans needed to be adapted throughout the week to ensure students remained safe and comfortable. I would like to thank the staff for their flexibility and commitment in making those adjustments whilst ensuring that students continued to benefit from the experiences that had been planned. Most importantly, our students were superb throughout the week and approached every activity with enthusiasm, maturity and resilience. One of the great privileges of being a headteacher is hearing what others say about our students when they are beyond the school gates.

Throughout the week, I have received numerous positive comments about our students from members of the public, employers and partner organisations. During the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions, residents regularly stopped to speak to staff and commented on how amazing the girls of Newport Girls' High School are. Equally, the feedback received from employers hosting our Year 10 students on work experience has been exceptional, with many praising their professionalism, confidence and willingness to contribute. We are always proud of our students, but it is particularly pleasing when others take the time to recognise the qualities that we see every day.

For almost all of Year 8, the week also provided the opportunity to visit France or Germany. These visits remain an important part of the Newport experience and offer students far more than simply the chance to practise their language skills. For many, it is an opportunity to develop independence, confidence and lasting friendships whilst experiencing another culture first hand.

I would particularly like to thank Mr Audouin and Mrs Furnival for leading the visits, alongside all the staff who gave up their time to support the trips and make these opportunities possible. The experiences our students gain from these visits stay with them long after they return home. Over the past few weeks, I have also been delighted to receive a number of messages from parents expressing their thanks to members of staff. These messages are always shared with the individuals concerned and are greatly appreciated.

Our staff genuinely care about our students and are committed to supporting them both academically and personally. Taking the time to send a note of thanks means far more than you might realise and I would like to thank everyone who has done so. Despite Curriculum Enrichment Week now being behind us, there is certainly no sign of the school slowing down as we approach the end of term. We still have Sports Day,

Year 6 Induction Days, our Summer Fayre, Culture Day, House Drama and a number of further trips and visits to come. Looking at the calendar, I'm not entirely sure how we will fit everything into the remaining days of term, but we will certainly do our best! A reminder that on the final day of term, Friday 17 July, students will finish at 12.30pm. Coaches will run earlier than usual and the school site will close completely at 1.00pm.

**Best wishes,  
Mr Jones  
Headteacher**



## **A 'TASTE OF HIGH SCHOOL' FOR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Throughout the year, Newport Girls' High School welcomes pupils from a number of local primary schools as part of our 'Taste of High School' programme. These exciting visits give Year 5 pupils the chance to experience life at NGHS, explore our facilities, enjoy a variety of activities and sample some delicious food.



On Friday 3rd July, we were delighted to welcome pupils from St George's Primary School, Telford. The children enjoyed a busy day discovering what makes NGHS such a special place to learn. From exploring different areas of the school to taking part in engaging activities, there was plenty to keep everyone entertained.

Many pupils admitted that they felt a little nervous when they first arrived. However, by the end of the day they were full of enthusiasm and confidence. The standout activity for many was the NGHS Treasure Hunt, which took them on an exciting journey around the school. It was a great day, and we hope to see many of the pupils return as Year 7 students in the near future.

# FROM THE HOUSE SPORTS CAPTAINS

Sports Day is undoubtedly the sporting highlight of the year and one of the most exciting events on our school calendar. It is a fantastic opportunity for every student to represent their house, show their team spirit, and compete together in a fun and supportive atmosphere.

We encourage everyone to come dressed proudly in their house colours and help create a sea of house pride around the field. Banners, signs, and posters are a must, so get creative and make sure your house stands out from the crowd!

Whether you are competing on the track, taking part in a field event, or cheering from the sidelines, every contribution matters. We ask all students to support and encourage every team member throughout the day. Remember, whether someone finishes 1st, 2nd, or last, every participant is vital to their house's success. Their effort, determination, and willingness to take part make Sports Day special.

Most importantly, Sports Day is about coming together as a school community, showing respect, and celebrating achievement. Let's make plenty of noise, support one another, and create an unforgettable atmosphere.

Most of all, enjoy the day! We can't wait to see everyone giving their best and making this year's Sports Day the best one yet! **Jess, Lara and Lucie - Sports Captains**



Jess W (Austen)

Lara T (Roddam)

Lucie H (Seacole)

# WHAT'S COMING UP BEFORE THE END OF TERM!

The end of the school year is always an incredibly busy time here at school. To help keep you up to speed with everything going on, here are all the events coming up between now and the end of the school year!

**Monday 6th July** - Y6 Transition Day 1

**Tuesday 7th July** - Y6 Transition Day 2

**Wednesday 8th July** - Sports Day

**Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July** - Y12 Cambridge University Residential

**Friday 10th - Sun 12th July** - Y12 Geography Lake District Field Trip

**Tuesday 14th July** - Summer Fayre (Lunchtime)

**Wednesday 15th July** - Culture Day

**Thursday 16th July** - House Drama

**Friday 17th July** - Last day of term. Students finish 12.30pm and school closes at 1.00pm.



## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS!

Since opening last month, our second-hand uniform shop has been incredibly popular with families. Many parents have taken advantage of this affordable and sustainable service, helping to ensure students are ready for the new school year.

The Head Girl Team has been extremely busy sorting and preparing orders, and we would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. Following the New Year 6 Parents' Information Evening, demand increased significantly and we have now sold out of many uniform items.

A limited number of items are still available. To check current stock and availability, please contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

**PRELOVED**  
THE JOY OF SECOND HAND

NGHS 2026

# *Summer Fete*



Field

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July*

Lunchtime

STALL SIGN-UP DEADLINE:  
4PM 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY



## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

### Cultural Food Sale

Stalls outside the canteen @ lunch  
If you'd like to contribute, sign up  
on the sheet outside of the hall  
List all ingredients (and no nuts!)  
Remember to bring in money!

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

### Cultural Accessories + Disco

Wear cultural accessories or the colours  
of your country flag  
Not a mufti day - come in with uniform!  
**Disco in the hall @ lunch**

# CULTURE

# Week

## 2026

£2 for  
the week!

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

### CULTURE DAY!

Wear traditional cultural clothes or something your country is famous for  
(e.g. a football team)

NOT a mufti day - come in with something that represents your country

### Cultural showcase ALL OF LUNCH in the hall

If you want to perform, sign up sheets will be outside the hall

There are limited spaces for performances!



**Any questions - please see your form teacher**



# CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT WEEK 2026

## Year 7

Year 7 students enjoyed a fantastic Curriculum Enrichment Week packed with exciting experiences, hands-on learning and memorable opportunities beyond the classroom. The year group was split into two groups, A and B, allowing everyone to take part in a variety of activities throughout the week.

On Monday, one group visited the National Space Centre in Leicester, while the other took part in the exciting “SIX in a Day” project. At the Space Centre, students explored interactive exhibits, learned about space exploration and discovered the science behind rockets, satellites and life in space.

Meanwhile, students involved in SIX in a Day worked together to recreate the hit West End musical, developing their acting, singing and choreography skills before performing scenes from the show.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, students visited either Poole’s Cavern in Derbyshire or the Black Country Living Museum. At Poole’s Cavern, students ventured deep underground to explore spectacular limestone caves formed over millions of years. Expert guides shared fascinating information about geology and local history. Those visiting the Black Country Living Museum stepped back in time, experiencing life during the Industrial Revolution through historic buildings, costumed characters and traditional workshops.

On Thursday, the groups swapped activities, ensuring everyone had the opportunity to experience both the National Space Centre and SIX in a Day. The week concluded on Friday with a fantastic STEM workshop. Students explored the latest technology through drone programming activities, learning how coding can be used to control flight paths and complete challenges. They also tackled a series of LEGO robotics challenges, testing their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

The week was a tremendous success, with students demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity throughout every activity. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills, make lasting memories and experience learning in exciting new ways.





# CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT WEEK 2026

## Year 8

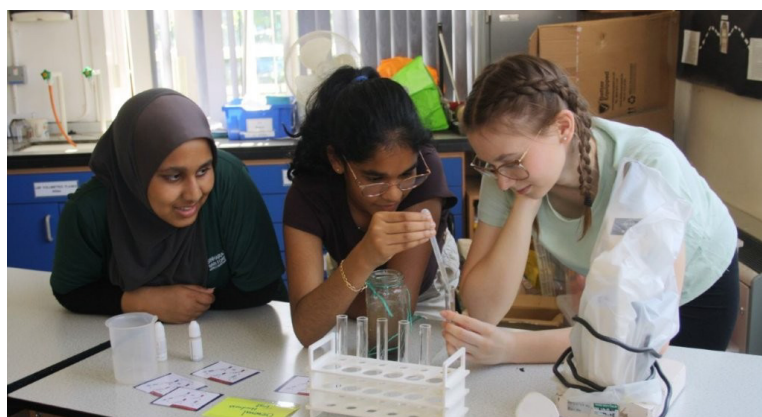
Year 8 students enjoyed an outstanding Curriculum Enrichment Week, with a wide range of exciting opportunities both at home and abroad.

Many students took part in one of two week-long residential visits to France or Germany. The France group experienced a fascinating mix of history, culture and language. They visited important First World War battlefield sites, including the impressive Lochnagar Crater, one of the largest mine craters on the Western Front. Students also explored the magnificent Amiens Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest Gothic cathedrals in Europe. There was plenty of fun too, with a fantastic day at Parc Astérix, enjoying its thrilling rides and attractions inspired by the famous French comic books. Students had opportunities to practise their conversational French while shopping and ordering food, with many bravely sampling traditional delicacies such as snails and frogs' legs.

Meanwhile, students visiting Germany explored the beautiful Rhine Valley. They stayed in Boppard, a picturesque riverside town, and enjoyed a memorable cruise along the River Rhine, taking in spectacular scenery and historic castles. They also visited the impressive Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, one of the largest preserved fortresses in Europe, reaching it via a scenic cable car journey across the river. A highlight for many was a visit to Phantasialand, where exciting rollercoasters and themed attractions provided an unforgettable day.

Students who remained in school also enjoyed an action-packed programme. Activities included a Food Preparation and Nutrition Experience, a Science of Life Day, a Great Team Challenge Day, a lively World Cup-themed activity day, and creative music production using BandLab software.

The week provided valuable opportunities for learning, teamwork and personal development, creating lasting memories for all Year 8 students.





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## Year 9

Year 9 students enjoyed a rewarding and varied Curriculum Enrichment Week, with the majority of the year group taking part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition.

Approximately two-thirds of Year 9 completed the expedition programme, which included training walks, navigation practice and map-reading skills before the final assessed expedition. Students spent time developing their confidence in the outdoors and learning the skills needed to travel safely and independently. The expedition itself took place around Longdon in Shropshire, where students worked in teams to navigate routes, carry their equipment and camp overnight.

The weather was exceptionally warm throughout the week, adding an extra challenge to the expedition. However, all of the students rose to the occasion admirably. In particular, the girls were superb throughout, showing great determination, resilience and teamwork. Despite the hot conditions, they simply got on with the task in hand and represented the school brilliantly. Well done to everyone who took part and successfully completed the challenge.

Students who were not involved in the Duke of Edinburgh programme also enjoyed a packed week of activities. These included a Food Preparation and Nutrition Experience, where they developed practical cooking skills and learned about healthy eating, and a Science of Life Day, exploring key aspects of biology and the world around us. Students also took part in the exciting Newport Whodunit challenge and worked creatively to produce their own film trailers. In addition, they joined Year 8 students for a fun-filled World Cup-themed PE activity day.

It was a fantastic week for all involved, and many students have already been inspired to continue their Duke of Edinburgh journey by taking on the Silver Award in the future.





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## Year 10

All of the students in Year 10 spent Curriculum enrichment week on work experience placements

## Year 12

Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) provided an excellent opportunity for all Year 12 students to fully immerse themselves in the UCAS application process and begin thinking seriously about their next steps after A Levels. The week began on Monday with an introduction to the UCAS process, helping students understand the key stages involved in applying to higher education. Students also benefited from a series of talks covering a variety of topics, including insightful presentations from former students who are now studying at university. Their experiences offered valuable advice and inspiration for the journey ahead.

On Tuesday, students visited the UCAS Discovery Fair at the NEC Birmingham, where they had the chance to speak directly with university representatives, apprenticeship providers and employers, exploring a wide range of post-18 pathways.

Wednesday focused on personal statements, with students receiving guidance on planning and preparing their applications. In the afternoon, Year 12 students welcomed prospective students joining the sixth form in September during an induction event.

Thursday's programme featured an academic skills carousel designed to support study and application skills. Unfortunately, the eagerly anticipated Common Room Cup rounders competition had to be postponed due to the exceptionally hot weather.

The week concluded on Friday with a visit to the University of Birmingham Open Day. Overall, CEW was a highly valuable experience, giving students the opportunity to explore their future options and begin engaging with the UCAS process in greater detail.

The logo for UCAS, featuring the letters 'U', 'C', 'A', and 'S' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is replaced by a red triangle pointing upwards.



## YEAR 12 STUDENTS VISIT OXFORD!

On Wednesday 1st July a group of 10 students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Oxford University Open Day, providing them with a valuable opportunity to explore one of the world's leading universities. During the visit, students toured a number of Oxford's colleges, learning about their history, facilities, and the unique experiences they offer.

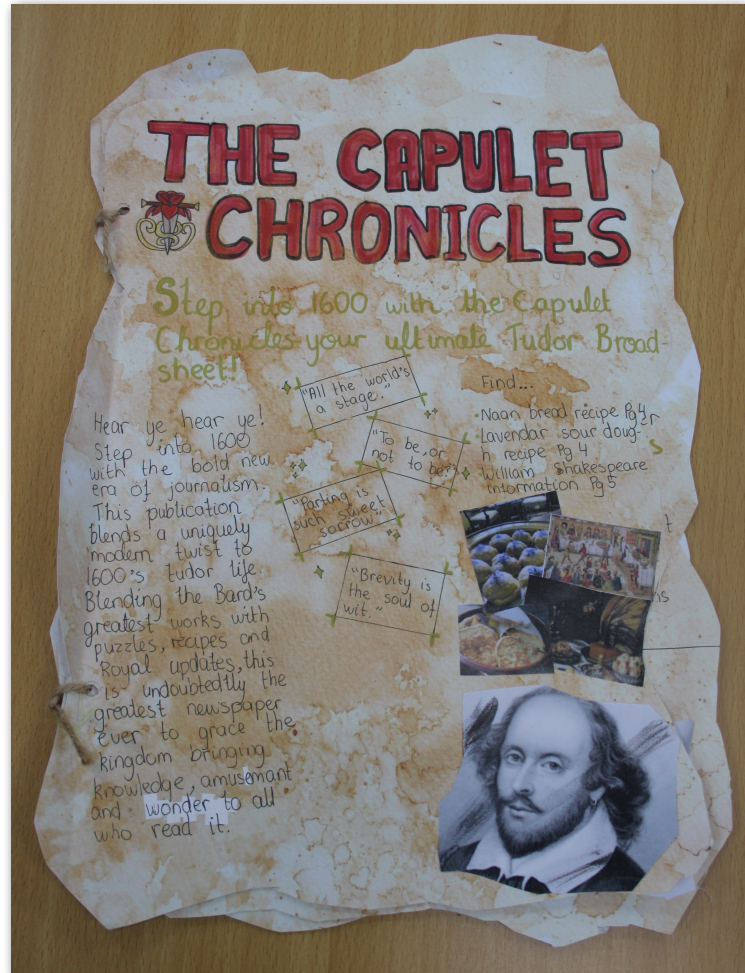
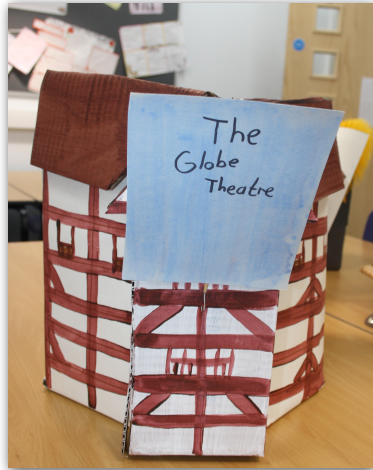
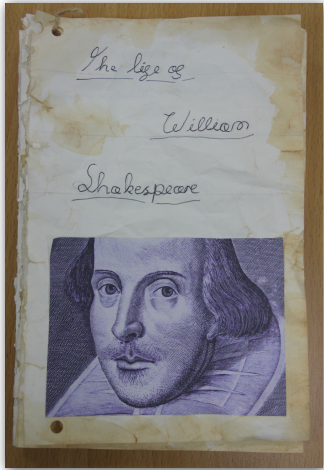
The group attended a range of informative talks covering admissions, accommodation, and student finance, helping them gain a clearer understanding of the university application process and life as an undergraduate. A particular highlight of the day was the opportunity to speak directly with lecturers and current students, allowing them to ask questions about courses, academic expectations, and university life.

The visit was both informative and motivating, giving students a greater insight into higher education opportunities. It was a great day for everyone involved. Next week, several Year 12 students will continue their university exploration with an exciting residential visit to Cambridge University.



# YEAR 7 EXPLORE SHAKESPEARE!

Over the last month, Year 7 students have been working hard finding out all there is to know about the magnificent William Shakespeare and using their homework time to create detailed projects showcasing key aspects of his life and work. There has been some exceptional work produced demonstrating an impressive diligence and creativity. Here are a few examples of the fabulous projects produced by 7H. Ms Capaldi is incredibly proud of you!



## WE NEED YOUR NEWS!



Here at Newport News we are always on the lookout for news stories and articles from anyone associated with Newport Girls' High School. So if you are a student, parent, staff member or anybody else and you have anything you want to say to the school community don't hesitate to send it in!

It could be on any topic and any length and photo's are always a great addition but you don't necessarily need one. So if you have any stories about music, sports, drama productions, charity events or anything else just send them in to [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk) and we will try and use as much as we can!

# HARDBALL CRICKETERS AT CENTRAL FINALS

On Wednesday 2nd July, the school cricket team travelled to Shrewsbury School to compete in the Central Finals, having earned their place by winning the Shropshire Championship. With a potential place in September's prestigious Lord's Final at stake, the team faced a tough day of competition.

In the semi-final, Newport came up against a formidable John Taylor side packed with Year 10 and Year 11 county players. Batting proved challenging, with Newport working hard to reach 62 from their 20 overs. John Taylor chased the target comfortably, sending Newport into the 3rd/4th place play-off. There, they faced King Edward VI Camp Hill and produced a much-improved performance. Newport posted an impressive 119 for 7 from their 20 overs, thanks largely to a superb unbeaten 52 from Year 8 student Kiret B.

Newport then started strongly with the ball, restricting Camp Hill and taking an early wicket. However, a rapid 46 from a new batter shifted the momentum before she fell to a smart catch by captain Shaan K. Despite Newport's efforts, Camp Hill reached the target with just 10 balls remaining in a match that could easily have gone either way.

Despite not progressing to the next round, all of the girls should be super proud of their efforts in the schools first ever hardball games and being crowned Shropshire Champions was a massive achievement!



# NEWS FROM THE CANTEEN

The next couple of weeks will be exceptionally busy in school, with events such as Sports Day, Culture Day and many other activities taking place. As a result, we will not be able to follow our published menus between now and the end of term.

Thank you for your understanding and to keep up to date with the latest delicious meal choices, please check in the canteen daily.

## YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM

On Tuesday 30th June, Year 10 Geography students visited Birmingham city centre as part of their GCSE course. The trip provided an exciting opportunity for students to explore an urban environment and gain valuable first-hand experience of fieldwork.

Based in Birmingham's major squares, students conducted surveys of visitors to gather their views on what Birmingham is like to visit and live in. They asked a range of questions and collected data that will later be analysed in lessons to support their understanding of urban issues and regeneration.

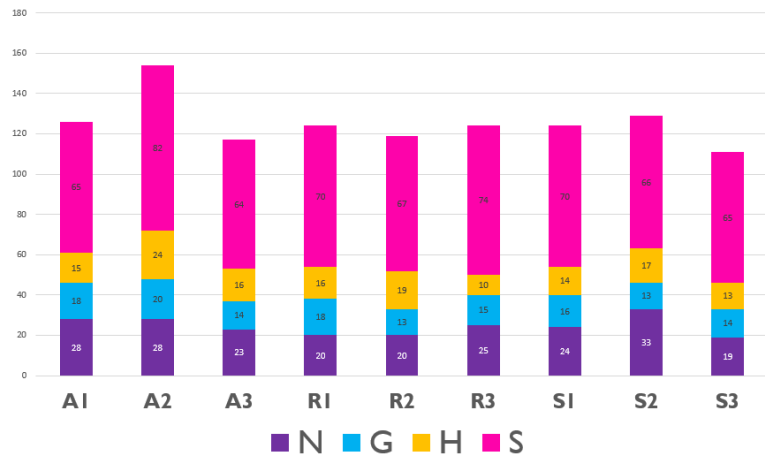
Throughout the day, students demonstrated excellent communication skills and worked responsibly in groups while carrying out their research. The experience helped them develop important geographical fieldwork techniques, including data collection, observation and analysis.

Overall, the visit was an excellent opportunity to deepen students' understanding of urban environments and develop the practical skills needed for success in GCSE Geography.

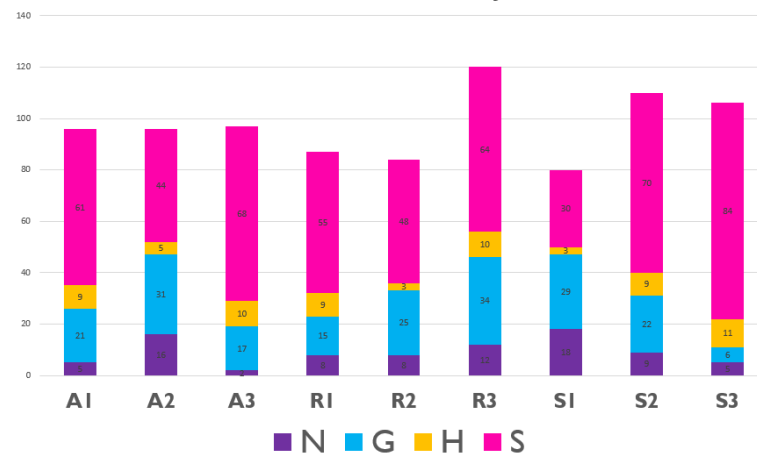


# JUNE ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

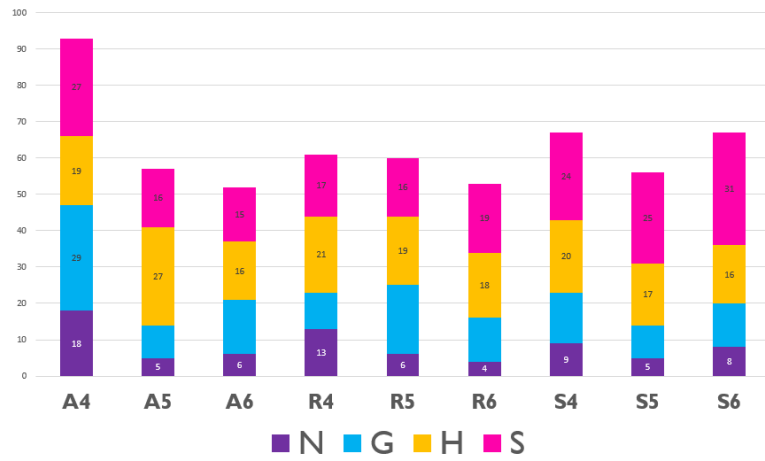
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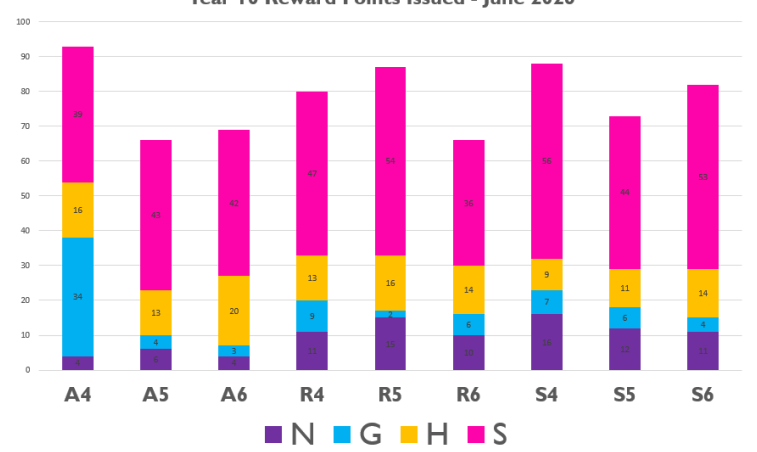
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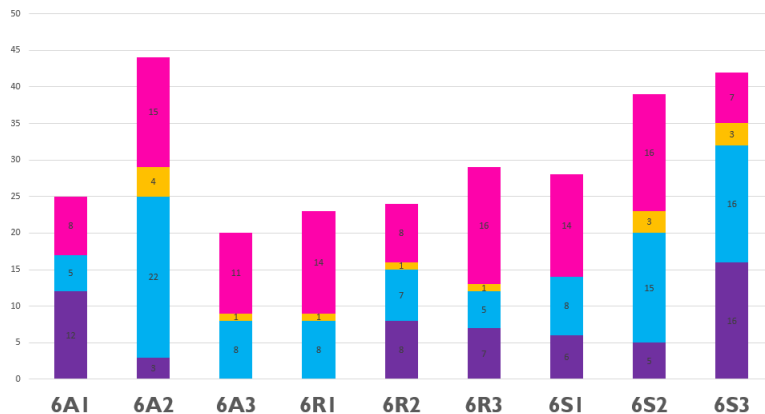
Year 9 Reward Points Issued - June 2026



Year 10 Reward Points Issued - June 2026



Year 12 Reward Points Issued - June 2026



**Well done to A2, R3, A4 and 6A2 who received the most achievement points in June!**

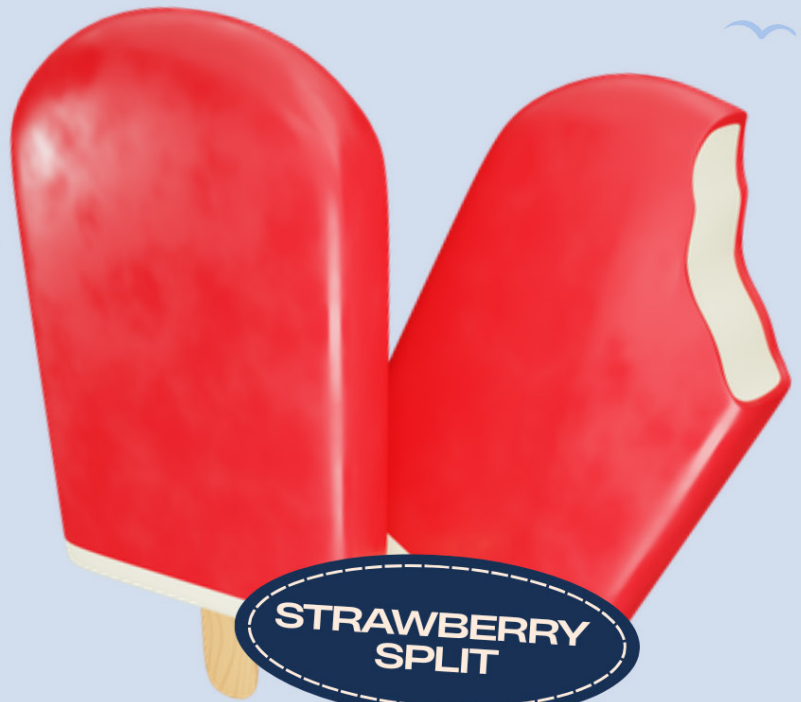
# TASTY SUMMER TREATS!



*Available all day long in the main canteen including after school!*



**BANANA  
LOLLY**



**STRAWBERRY  
SPLIT**



**ROCKET  
LOLLY**



**ORANGE  
REFRESHER  
LOLLY**



**COLA  
LOLLY**

**ALL ITEMS  
PRICED AT  
£1.00**

## Newport Girls' High School

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

Applications and full details for our 6<sup>th</sup> Form bursary fund are available from the school website at [nghs.org.uk/sixth-form/bursary](http://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](https://facebook.com/NewportGirls) (whole school)

[facebook.com/nghs6](https://facebook.com/nghs6) (sixth form)



[instagram.com/nghsinsta](https://instagram.com/nghsinsta) (whole school)

[instagram.com/nghs6form](https://instagram.com/nghs6form) (sixth form)



[linkedin.com/company/newport-girls'-high-school-academy-trust](https://linkedin.com/company/newport-girls'-high-school-academy-trust)

# HOW TO GET IN TOUCH!

## COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

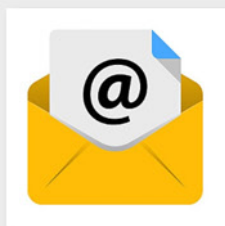
Over the course of the year, we will communicate with you in a variety of ways:

- 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](mailto: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



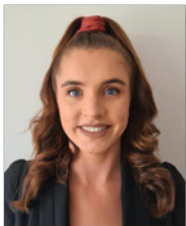
**Mr O Green**  
Head of Year 8



**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

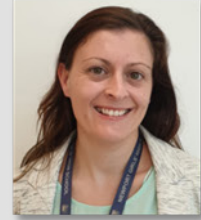


**Miss E Heyes**  
Wellbeing Officer  
(Y11/Sixth Form)



**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