



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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£715 for Newport Foodbank!



Welcome back to all of our students and families this week and of course we are now in Lockdown 2.0. None of us want to be in this position of course and it is vital that every member of our school community pulls together for four weeks to ensure we can exit the lockdown safely at the start of December. I am sure our students will respect all of the revised regulations, but from the School's perspective little has changed. The one sad exception is that we had just spent some time risk assessing how extra-curricular sport and other activities for after-school sessions could work and the new regulations sadly state that extra-curricular activities must be cancelled in this four week period. There is also a grey area concerning students remaining at school outside the school day. Unless the regulations are made clearer or to the contrary, I am happy to still allow students on site between 8am-8.50am and 3.45pm-5pm as I am sure this helps parents who are working, in particular key workers, but I would ask that students remain in school **only if this is essential** at this time.









As the photograph above of some of our lovely Year 7s shows, we are delighted to present a cheque for £715 for the Newport Foodbank this week after our non-uniform day before half term. I have spoken to their Coordinator who wishes to pass on thanks to all members of our school community for their support at this time. It is much appreciated. As Christmas approaches, I am also pleased to announce that we will

be supporting Telford Christmas Smile campaign again this year. I know non-essential shops are closed, but please take a few minutes to read more on page 2 from our Head Girl, Abbey as I hope lots of families can hopefully again contribute even with some shops closed.

Despite the sacrifices we are all making, this week's edition is packed with 7 pages of information about life at NGHS this week, which continues to be varied. It was lovely to see Year 10 parents on Wednesday at our online Parents Evening. Another award for NGHS has also been received and Miss Clarke explains more on page 2. After receiving The AcSEED Award in September, we have a Silver Mental Health award, which is again testament to the fabulous work of our tutors, pastoral and safeguarding teams.

May I wish you all a relaxing weekend, **Mr M J Scott**

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A second, fantastic award for NGHS for our Mental Health support



We are very proud of the ongoing work that we do in school to support student and staff mental health. Over the last academic year, I have been working with the Carnegie Centre of Excellence to help the School gain accreditation for the Mental Health in Schools Award. This is an award that looks at eight key strands and judges the work going on in school against specific criteria against these strands.

When I first embarked on this award, I had thought that as a school we would be presenting our evidence of the work that we do from our usual school environment. Covid-19 has meant quite a lot of change for the school in terms of what we were expecting to do and what we have ended up providing. However, in lots of ways it has provided us with lots of additional areas to showcase; it was nice to be able to share my thoughts on the Bounce Back Curriculum, which has supported student mental health, but which wouldn't have happened without us having lived life in lockdown from March 2020.

I am delighted to be able to share that we have been accredited with the **silver award** due to the fantastic work that has been happening in this area of school life.

Miss H Clarke, Acting Deputy Headteacher

Christmas smile



Abbey Laycock (Head Girl) and her team are coordinating our support of Telford's Christmas Smile. She explains more below...

As Christmas is fast approaching (only 49 days), it is time to launch the Christmas Smile project at NGHS. Christmas Smile is a charitable organisation based in Telford, providing the most vulnerable local residents the pleasure of opening a present on Christmas Day. To support this project, we are asking students to bring in a small, unwrapped gift for a child such as a book, craft item, cuddly toy, a board game or a selection box which will go towards various gift bags for children of different ages. Anything you can get from an essential shop (or online) that would brighten a child's Christmas is perfect. There is a special request for family board games and selection boxes this year. **Also, due to added restrictions**, we need to donate all the gifts in gift bags, so **any donations of spare Christmas gift bags** would be very much appreciated. Alternatively, making your own gift bag and labelling it for a child (male/female and approximate age) would be even better! We are very excited this project can still go ahead and hope that you will be on board to help brighten someone's Christmas in an especially tough year. **Please bring any donations to Reception by 27 Nov. Thank you.**



Crafternoon Crochet

Friday lunchtimes (Art Room)

Following on from the success of the pumpkin carving (see page 3) I have decided to offer a Year 7 crochet club on a Friday lunchtime. I will put a sign up sheet outside of my office from Monday as places will be limited.

This will be a chance to learn to crochet, yarn and hooks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own if you have them. If students sign up it is important they attend if you are in school as otherwise the place could go to someone else.

Please bring a packed lunch / cold food from the canteen on these days and we will have a working lunch, checking in and learning a new skill.

Miss H Clarke



A quick update from

Mrs K Jones

Senior Leader
(i/c Attendance)



Attendance Procedures

At this time there are various codes we have to use for absences (non Covid-related, Covid-related, medical, appointment etc.) so we would appreciate your support with the following procedures for informing us of your daughter's absence and helping us to record absence correctly. Thank you.

- ☑ If your daughter is unwell please contact the Office by email (schooloffice@nghs.org.uk) or leave a message for Reception on 01952 797550 by 8.30am on the first day of absence. Thereafter please could you update us **daily** by email or telephone so that we are aware that she remains unwell and is not expected in school.
- ☑ If your daughter experiences sickness or diarrhoea the '48 hour rule' applies, and she should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.
- ☑ We appreciate that medical and dental appointments become available 'at the last minute' and in these times it they can be difficult to plan. Where possible, please continue to avoid school hours for appointments and please provide as much notice as possible. An email to schooloffice@nghs.org.uk explaining the nature of the appointment, date/time, and when your daughter needs to be collected from school (if necessary) would be helpful.
- ☑ If you wish to speak to a member of teaching staff, form tutor or Head of Year, please be aware that, given their teaching commitments, the best way to contact staff is via an email to schooloffice@nghs.org.uk. The mailbox is monitored throughout school hours, and the message can be relayed to members of staff who will contact you when they are able to. Remember some staff teach 5 periods and only have a short lunch.
- ☑ If you receive a missed call from the school and the member of staff did not leave a message, they will call you back or email you. It is not always possible to speak to the member of staff straight away if you call back as they may no longer be available.
- ☑ If your daughter or any member of the household has symptoms of Covid19, you must remain at home and let us know using the procedures above. Any test results must also be communicated to the school.



Lower School Leadership Positions

Congratulations to the following students who have secured leadership positions in Y10

Leadership Team (pictured left)	Austen House	Roddam House	Seacole House
Lower School Head Girl Shaivi T	Junior House Captain Natasha Parker	Junior House Captain Isabella Byram	Junior House Captain Charlotte Hurst
Deputy Head Girl Community Aditi B	Junior Sports Captain Amy Wu	Junior Sports Captain Francesca Batters	Junior Sports Captain Anya Barnes
Deputy Head Girl Integration Swara S	Junior Arts Captain Annabelle Hawkins	Junior Arts Captain <i>To be confirmed</i>	Junior Arts Captain Sophie Li
Deputy Head Girl Health/Wellbeing Abby B	Junior Prefect Communications Lucy Myatt	Junior Prefect Communications Anuva Srivastava	Junior Prefect Communications Diya Thomas

Congratulations to all who were successful and well done to everyone who put themselves forward for a position. Mrs Goodall and her interview team were very impressed with the standard of applicants this year. Well done Year 10!



Pumpkin Carving Crafternoon

On the Friday before half term, a small group of Year 7 students took part in our first crafternoon of the year. Crafternoons have been created by the charity Mind, the idea is that whilst doing crafts we can open up conversations about mental health and help people who may be struggling. As a school we have adopted this idea and hold crafternoons to check in with young people and allow them the chance to do something different with their lunchtimes.

Last half term the group were tasked with pumpkin carving. Each group had to come up with their own creative design over lunchtime and the group seemed to have a lot of fun doing this activity. Numbers were limited for this event due to current restrictions, but I hope to be able to run a Christmas crafternoon at the end of this half term too.

Miss H Clarke

THANK YOU FRIDAY AWARD

Awarded to:	Awarded by:
A Agarwal (8R)	Mrs A Chapman
N Athwal (9S)	Mr A Mason
G Ekhuemelo (8R)	Mrs J Chandler
E Esslemont-Hill (11Y)	Mrs K Wallace
P Finan (8S)	Mrs A Chapman Mrs J Clarke
A Hudson (8R)	Mrs T Fujii
A Humphries (12G)	Mrs A Benoit
S Jackson (8R)	Mrs T Fujii
A Jarrett (9S)	Mrs J Chandler
V Jayasuriya (10Y)	Mrs J Barker
E Jevons (8R)	Mrs T Fujii
S Lawrence (7S)	Mrs K Gill
E Makepeace (8S)	Mrs J Chandler

Awarded to:	Awarded by:
T Mistry (8S)	Mr M J Scott
M Nicholls (8R)	Mrs A Chapman
O Oguntona (7S)	Mrs K Gill
N Patnaik (S6)	Mrs K Gill
S Reddington (9R)	Mrs C Reeves
A Roddy (8R)	Mrs J Chandler
A Rothwell (8A)	Mrs K Wallace
I Royce (9S)	Mrs T Fujii
A Runton (12G)	Miss S Tomkinson
H Tay (7S)	Mrs K Gill
E Wilkinson (12S)	Mrs K Gill

Congratulations to all of our fortnightly winners of Thank You Friday for going the extra mile within our school community.



NGHS Cyber Defender

During August, at the end of the school holidays I partook in the GCHQ Cyberfirst Defenders course for two weeks. There are many courses like these, run by the Smallpeice Trust, not just in Cybersecurity but many other areas of expertise, e.g. the RAF engineering course a friend of mine did. However, Cyberfirst runs all the courses related to cybersecurity, I was on one of these courses. I'm sure most people within the school have heard of the CyberFirst national girls' competition, so I recommend the people who enjoyed the competition have a look at the Cyberfirst courses. There are many activities for different age groups, such as the CyberFirst Trailblazers for 11-12 year olds and CyberFirst Adventurers for 13-14 year olds. Though the official courses that give accreditation are for 14-17 year olds and those who are 18-19 can apply for bursary degree and apprenticeship. I personally did the Cyberfirst Defenders course for 14-15 year olds and it was interesting and enjoyable, learning about more than I ever knew before about the internet.

An example of the materials learnt about in the course are:

- ⇒ Cryptography, the method of protecting data, information and communications through the use of codes. An example of this is when you encrypt your messages on devices, keeping your information safe from hackers.
- ⇒ Digital Forensics
- ⇒ Penetration Testing
- ⇒ Open Source intelligence

These many topics teach you about how to defend yourself and your family from online crime and you learn from the trained professionals in cybersecurity and hacking, about what cybersecurity is and what the jobs involve. There's also lectures from professionals high up in the industry where you can ask questions.

A Hawkins 10Y

FORM NOTICEBOARD COMPETITION

The hotly contested form noticeboard competition is usually a House affair. This year, however, not all forms have been linked to Houses (owing to Covid19) so each form's board has been judged on individual merit. A panel of staff conducted a walk of the school last week to judge and we are delighted to announce the winners of each key stage: 7Austen, 10Y and A7. Their board designs can be seen here. **Mrs H Goodall**





ONLINE SHOPPING THIS MONTH?

Please consider supporting NGHS through your online shopping. It's quick and easy and your daughter will benefit!

As Christmas approaches and we find ourselves in Lockdown 2.0, more and more of us are doing our shopping on-line. But did you know that whenever you shop on-line, you can also raise funds for the PTA at no extra cost to yourself? We have been using the Easyfundraising platform for a few years now raising more than £4,220, and last year we also started to use Amazon Smile. Both are really easy to use, every penny raised supports the school, and all you have to do is use them when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway!

Easyfundraising: over 4,300 shops and sites donate to Newport Girls' High School PTA for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. Sign up today using our direct [link](#).

Amazon Smile: shop with Amazon Smile using this [link](#) and every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donate for the PTA. Smile is now also available in the Amazon Shopping App.

Wellbeing

Coping with Bereavement

Our pastoral and wellbeing team has decided to write a weekly feature focusing on supporting and signposting services to promote wellbeing of students and families at this lockdown time. Miss Clarke starts this week by providing some advice to help families who are dealing with bereavements.

Myself and Mrs Gill have received some additional training to enable us to support students who are dealing with loss. Following this training Mrs Gill has produced a sheet that she has shared with all staff. We thought this would be helpful for our families to see too

[Click here to download the resource](#)

On the school website within the 'For Parents' section, there is some additional information and links to services that can help if you are worried about your child. This includes guidance and support from Mood Juice, NHS, Mind, Child Bereavement UK, Hope Again and Young Minds.



It's okay to not be okay.

No judgement here at NGHS. Allow us to listen.

Be gentle with yourself. Rushing loss can store it. Feel it now.

NGHS has time for you. We will always make time.

We want to know and we want to help



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 their concerns, but there are certain colleagues with additional training to support you in pastoral and safeguarding matters.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Miss H Clarke
Assistant Head & Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr M J Scott
Headteacher
& Deputy DSL



Mrs F Davenport
Pastoral & Safeguarding
Administrator & DDSL



Mrs K Danby
Y7-10 Wellbeing
Officer & DDSL

PASTORAL LEADERS



Mrs K Griffin
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs D Martin
Y11-13
Wellbeing Officer



Miss S Tomkinson
Head of Year 11



Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 10



Mrs A Seys
Head of Year 9



Ms J Capaldi
Head of Years 7&8

Please use schooloffice@nghs.org.uk to contact any member of staff



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR PARENTS

Wednesday 2 December (4.15pm-7pm)

Year 12 Parents Evening

Tuesday 8 December (4pm)

SEND Parents Forum

Friday 18 December (12.30pm)

END OF TERM

WE ARE NOT ALL IN
THE SAME BOAT
BUT WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME STORM



SUPPORT EACHOTHER
#DONTJUDGE #BEKIND

To urgently contact a member of the senior leadership team
outside school hours, please use urgent@nghs.org.uk
Please include your phone number and name of your daughter