



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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Year 13s sit their second mock examination papers next week and we wish them good luck with this. I understand the uncertainty and worry around the definitive approach to grading in the summer. One local school has already published its approach, guidance and study leave arrangements, but none of this has been confirmed nationally yet (guidance is only in draft form). Whilst we have formulated a plan internally, we will not share details until we can check this against the final guidance, which will be released near Easter. It is believed that a national date for study leave etc. will be given for all schools to abide by. This may be later than the norm for Year 11 and Year 13.

This is a short NN as staff have been focused on getting students back into a routine. Work has carried on apace with the building though and we will be writing again before Easter because phase one (the science laboratory) will be finished. Our Primed for Success campaign will succeed with the minimal support of all families and our attention will turn after Easter to the ordering of furniture and IT equipment for the new build, which we need to pay for!

Finally, the end of the school day is busy outside NGHS so please kindly remind your daughter about the need to be considerate to passers by! I've had a complaint from a resident this week already. Please also be reminded that the north entrance is closed to parents; please park in town and ask your daughter to meet you there.

Have a nice—and safe—weekend, **Mr M J Scott**



**T**he scene in the Centenary Hall on Monday! Our team of processors are primed and ready for action. This week we have conducted over 1400 lateral flow tests on site. It has been amazing to see how our students have taken it all in their stride. Many

were nervous (understandably) but resilience was aplenty and they got on with the job! I am so proud of our students and staff for the way in which they have managed the return to school. I would particularly like to thank the staff who have been involved in the test processing all week. They have undertaken training in their spare time and have been taken away from their day-to-day roles as Science Technician, Exams Officer, Finance Officer, Data Manager etc. to process tests for us. Other colleagues have come in voluntarily on their days off to help. It just shows how much of a team NGHS is and it has been wonderful to see students back in school this week. Thank you to parents/carers for their support with test consent and I am sure you are also pleased and relieved that you're no longer playing referee and learning coach at home!

As well as the fantastic efforts with testing in school, the government are changing tack from the middle of next week to a home testing model. Every pupil will be provided with home testing kits, instructions etc. and I'll send a letter about this over the weekend. Consent for home testing is simply given by completing the test itself. The tests are very similar to those completed in school, so the girls should be fine with this. We are hopeful that students and staff will provide results on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** (testing on Sunday and Wednesday evenings). Please note this is a national change to avoid time being lost in the school day and home test results need to be logged on the same website as the one used to consent to tests in school.



Not a great deal to see this week. Pipework is being laid to provide gas to the new science lab. The girls have been very interested in spotting the structural changes to the science area of school. More next week!

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Last week we completed 6 of our rewards assemblies using Teams, it is a different way of celebrating but we feel it is important to share last half terms successes with the students.

The first award that was presented was the inter form house point cup. The winning form in each year group is shown in the table below. This was awarded to the form with the highest number of house points from half term 3.

Year Group: Winning Form	HP Total
Year 7: 7 Roddam	202
Year 8: 8 Seacole	192
Year 9: 9 Austen / 9 Seacole	122
Year 10: 10Y	151
Year 12: 12N	60
Year 13: 13 Roddam	37



The second award that was presented was to celebrate students who have achieved 50 House Points since September.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12
L. Clayton E. Cornish D. Gallacher Y. Gopinathsethu R. Khanegura I. Morris C. Nwaomu M. Pyda D. Robinson	H. Enefer C. Fewtrell S. Jackson R. Middleton E. Rixom	N. Athwal C. Knight A. Ward	R. Awan K. Hossack B. McCloy E. Raymond-Martin I. Smith S. Thakur S. Vijayakumar	G. Campbell K. Hughes

The next award was to celebrate individual achievements for students who had received the most house points last half term.

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
7	L. Clayton	O. Adetoro D. Robinson	S. Baah M. Pyda
8	C. Fewtrell H. Enefer	P. Finan E. Rixom	M. Bandhan G. Lloyd
9	C. Knight	E. Adeniyi	O. Cass
10	S. Thakur	S. Vijayakumar	K. Hossack
12	G. Campbell	J. Slater-Morris	A. Jones
13	G. Turner-Tarr	A. Miles	P. Jones

The final award that was presented was our lucky dip. For every 10 house points that students have received, one ticket gets added to the lucky dip box. Winners of these prizes were:

Yr	Winners
7	O. Adetoro, E. Grove, A. Morris
8	L. Al-Hussein, E.Rains, A. Thompson
9	C. Knight, I. Russell, E. Adeniyi
10	C. Hegarty, B. McCloy, S. Thakur
12	A. Jones
13	G. Turner-Tarr

Well done to all of our winners. Miss Tomkinson will be in touch with Year 11 about when their assembly will take place. A reminder that rewards assemblies are based on achievement each half term and so the totals have been reset to zero for this half term. We will be holding our next round of rewards assemblies after Easter to celebrate successes from this half term.

### Congratulations to the following winners of the Express Yourself competition during lockdown:

Year 7 - A.Roy  
Year 8 - A. Rothwell  
Year 9 - N. Athwal  
Year 10 - Z. Reynolds  
N. Parker  
M. Patel  
Year 11 - I Knight & A Hekant  
Year 12 - J Slater-Morris  
Year 13 - N Patnaik





THURSDAY 4TH MARCH

# THE CRYSTAL MAZE

CHALLENGE DAY

This is a full school day for students, but without 'normal lessons'.

It will be a day for students, without their teachers, that will involve a reduction in screen use. Instead, they will do a series of **challenges**, which will require **thought, energy, skill, creativity and compassion**.

Thank you so much to everyone who sent entries to Miss Clarke for the challenge day. It was lovely to see the pictures and videos of so many challenges being completed.

We had 275 students submit entries for this competition. 2357 challenges were completed and 478 golden tickets were awarded.

Special mention to the following students who completed **20 or more challenges** over the day:

A. Asim  
S. Balaji  
C. Calleja  
W. Cowap-Cerrone  
C. Gemmill  
M. Hartwright  
F. Healey  
K. Hughes  
I. Link  
M. Lo  
A. Mangham  
A. Mangham  
I. Mowlem  
J. Slater-Morris  
C. Toogood

The draw took place on Monday and our winners are shown below:

1<sup>st</sup> place – E Leolea  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ab Mangham  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Z Ahmed

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*Huge thanks to Miss Clarke for organising this day for students. We know how much screen time has been endured during lockdown and we are glad that this day had such a positive response from students and parents alike!*  
Mr Scott

***Back to school!***

**GERMAN**

Year 11 tried and tested (excuse the pun) vocabulary learning games in school this week. Girls made their cards during Teams lessons last week, ready to be used in the classroom. Willkommen zurück! (Welcome Back!)





# 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

## Questions to ask your child in lockdown YOUNGMINDS

What could help you to complete your school work at home? Where would you like to work at home?

Is there anything you want to talk about?

When was the last time you were very happy?

What makes you feel calm?

How can you keep in touch with friends and family at the moment? e.g. Facetime, Whatsapp

What things would you like to do in the future?

What difficulties are you facing now?

What can I do to help?

Where is a place you feel safe?

Would it be helpful if we planned each day together?

Do you have any worries about the coronavirus?

Where in our home do you feel like you can have your own space?

What have you enjoyed about today?

What are you worried about when you lie in bed and can't sleep?

Can you think of anything fun that we can do at home?

How do you feel about things changing?

How do you feel about staying at home?

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Please include your phone number and name of your daughter