



# NEWPORT NEWS

*A weekly update from NGHS*

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The photograph on the right was taken by one of our students last weekend as she walked past the school. It is a beautiful image of the blossom on the tree outside. There have been many reports on the radio this week about how nature has thrived during lockdown and it is lovely how we are able to appreciate some of the beauty of our surroundings. A lovely photograph, thanks Leana! This week has also seen the adjudication of our House Photographic and Art competition— more information on page 3. This newsletter contains a mixture of news and forward planning for after Easter:

## End of Term

We finish next Thursday at 12.30pm. Haberdashers Adams have now decided to remain in school until 3.45pm and therefore the Adams buses will not run before then. The T&W Assisted Buses will be outside school at 12.30pm. We have considered extending our day until 3.45pm for all, however, there is an aspect of the building work which needs to be completed on the Thursday afternoon prior to the Easter break and I had already given clearance for this. It will affect part of the original building so we are unable to have all students in school. We are sure most students will be able to leave at 12.30pm. If, however you are unable to make arrangements for 12.30pm, **please advise us via our Reception email ([schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk)) no later than Tuesday at 3pm** and we will make student arrangements to remain in school under staff supervision for the afternoon. Students will be kept in bubbles and will be informed where to meet on Thursday. Food can be bought at breaktime or bring a packed lunch. We return on Monday 19 April at 8.50am.

## Internal Exams - w/c 10 May 2021

w/c 10 May is the calendared formal school exam week. We have given consideration to the impact of the recent Covid lockdown (although colleagues do not feel that any year group is 'behind' where they should be despite what you might read in the media). Whilst assessment throughout the course is important, we have varied our approach concerning internal exam week. Students in Year 10 and Year 12 will sit examination papers during the week in school as normal. Some will be in a formal exam hall setting and others in classrooms. Students in Years 7-9 will not have a formal exam week, however, they will complete an in-class assessment between 10th-28th May during lesson time lasting around 45 minutes.



## Home Testing Kits

The DFH and DFE want Home Testing to continue over Easter. Thank you to all parents who have been logging results. Students will be provided with further test kits next week and Mrs Davenport is coordinating this. In the event that a positive result is obtained between the end of term and 6 April, please email me immediately via [urgent@nghs.org.uk](mailto:urgent@nghs.org.uk) with your daughter's name, form and a phone number on which I can contact you .

## INSET Day/Curriculum Enrichment Week

We intend to hold our Curriculum Enrichment Week from 28 June to 2 July. For parents of lower school students who may not know about the week; this is an enjoyable week where lessons are suspended and year group activities are planned. Year 10 will be on Work Experience (in person or virtual; Mrs Gill is coordinating) and Years 7-9 and Y12 will be in school. We may be able to arrange day trips to local places of interest; to be confirmed based upon national restrictions, which *should* have eased by then. Students will be engaged in activities based around different subject areas. Year 12 will be focused on university/apprenticeship applications and the launch of our Extended Project qualification. We normally take Year 12 to University of Birmingham - to be confirmed. The Monday (28 June) has however been set as an INSET day which was postponed earlier in the year. This will not affect Year 10 nor Year 11/13 who will have 'left' by then, but Years 7-9 and 12 should not expect to be in school on 28th and CEW will run Tuesday to Friday.

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

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# PRIMED FOR SUCCESS

BUILDING UPON A CENTURY OF NGHS EXCELLENCE



The building project is, again, progressing very well. I have been out of school for a couple of days this week and was staggered to find the entire roof had been lifted off the rear of the school on my return! The steel frame of the extension starts to arrive on Monday and small initial stages will happen in the first half of next week with the remainder over the Easter break. The foundations are all laid and were further topped up with concrete this week as you can see from the images above. Thank you to the parents who kindly pledged a donation to Primed for Success over last weekend - it is much appreciated. Find out more at <http://www.nghs.org.uk/pfs>

# House Art & Photographic Competition - The Results!



Congratulations to all of our winners and a huge thank you to those who uploaded their photographs and art work to our web portal. House Points have been awarded for each entry. The overall placings were: Roddam (3rd) Austen (2nd) and **Seacole (1st)**. Not all categories had multiple entries owing to lockdown.

	Spring Flora & Fauna	New Beginnings	Spring Weather & Skies
<b>Overall Winner</b>	<b>I Morris (Year 7)</b>	<b>O Cass (Year 9)</b>	<b>I Turner (Year 10)</b>
Year 7—First Year 7—Second Year 7—Third	I Morris (A) R Gupta (A) E Donaldson (S)	M Hall (A) L Clayton (A) S Machineni (A)	Y Gopinathsethu (R) E Grove (S) E Donaldson (S)
Year 8—First Year 8—Second Year 8—Third	S Knowles (S) C Fewtrell (S) A Rothwell (A)		A Dealtry (S) A Jiji (S)
Year 9—First Year 9—Second Year 9—Third	A Jarrett (S) E Jenkins (A) M Evans (S)	O Cass (S) L Jiji (S)	C Knight (A)
Year 10—First Year 10-Second	P Kerr (A) F Batters ®	M Bethwaite (S) J Pham (R)	I Turner (A) H Makwana (A)
Year 11	L Whitchurch (S)	H Abbasi (S)	
Year 12-First Year 12-Second	J Slater-Morris (S) K Hughes (S)	J Ding (S) J Orakwue (A)	

## The Overall Winning Entries



**O Cass**



**I Turner**



**I Morris**

# Young Artists' Summer Show



Some of you may recall the image on the right from last year's Newport News. It is an amazing piece of artwork created by one of our Year 10s, Anna. She won a competition to have her work displayed in the Online Royal Academy exhibition; a tremendous achievement. The 2021 competition has now opened and we would encourage our budding artists to enter. Click on the image **above** to discover more. **Mrs Benoit**



**Discover at Fordhall Organic Farm this Easter**

**BUBBLE CLUBS (5+)**  
Join us for a 1.5 hour session led by our youth leaders in your own private bubble and make your own bird box from reclaimed wood  
6 / 7 / 8 April 2021  
£20 per bubble  
To book call 01630 638696

**PICNIC WITH THE LAMBS**  
Enjoy a delicious locally-sourced picnic surrounded by our spring lambs! Children also receive a goody bag and entry leaflet for the new 'story trail'. £8pp  
Online booking only - [fordhallfarm.com](http://fordhallfarm.com)

**Play at Fordhall Organic Farm**

## Picnic with the lambs

13th - 17th April at Fordhall Farm  
Slots every 30 mins between 12 & 2pm

Enjoy a delicious locally-sourced picnic surrounded by our spring lambs! Children also receive a goody bag and entry leaflet for the new 'story trail'!

Tickets £8 per person

Book at:  
[www.fordhallfarm.com](http://www.fordhallfarm.com)

Maximum 2 households per booking or up to 6 people  
Pre-booking is required to ensure we keep this event Covid secure

**WE'RE GOOD TO GO VISIT ENGLAND**

Have you visited **Fordhall Farm?**

**Free to visit**  
(re-opening 13th - 19th April for outdoor seating, then open at weekends only until mid May)

Explore the farm on our walking trails

Farm shop & takeaway food  
Dogs on leads welcome

Play area for little ones

Opening hours  
Tues - Sat: 9.30am - 4.30pm  
Sun: 10am - 4pm  
[www.fordhallfarm.com](http://www.fordhallfarm.com)

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# 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?

**Click on the image to get more assistance and information**

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