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THREE COFFEES A MONTH...

from every NGHS family is all it would take to raise over £75,000 to furnish our new extension.

Will you help us reach our goal to provide the best possible education for your daughter whilst she is at NGHS and beyond for the next generation?

Whatever your brewed tipples of choice, a cup of home-brewed instant instead can't hurt once in a while can it?

Just £7.53 a month would be gratefully appreciated. Visit www.nghs.org.uk/pfs to find out more.



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#PrimedForSuccess

Please see this week's edition of Newport News for an update on the rapidly advancing building work



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Welcome back to the summer term and a huge thank you to all our students for the calm return to school after two weeks' break. Most important to mention on the Covid19 front is the continuation of Home Testing. From our calculations, we know that students have probably run out of home tests now and I am assured that the next DFE supply will arrive today or on Monday so we will get these out ASAP. Whilst infection levels are low across the country, we are far from complacent and continue with our daytime cleaning regime, handwashing and face coverings indoors. This has all continued to make a significant impact on the low levels of infection and transmission in school. The last thing we want to do is to send students home to isolate and (touch wood) it hasn't happened yet since 8 March. Let's keep it that way. Please remind your daughter of the importance of hand-washing at regular intervals during the day.

Primed For Success & Building Work Update

I am continuing to push hard with the building contractors to keep the project on schedule. They are working very hard. Over Easter the steel frame of the extension has been erected and the science laboratory finished. See page two for some photographs.

Lab 22 has opened this week and is already in use for about 23 hours a week. Has your daughter been in the 'orange' lab yet? We have been able to buy a basic set of equipment for the lab thanks to some additional donations from parents a month or so ago. There is more we would like to buy but Covid19 is zapping our funding with the additional cleaning costs and several deliveries of hand sanitiser a month! Mr Tolley was the first teacher to use the laboratory with his Year 8 class and, as the photograph above attests, the girls were delighted to be the first group to venture in to this new laboratory, complete with chemistry fume cupboard.

This half term our attention turns to the dining room furniture and the IT equipment for the new building. A new computer room will be a tremendous asset for our students. We want to buy hardware equipment that will last with sufficient warranty and machines that will run at speed across the network. The top spec PCs we feel our students deserve will cost around £570 each. The total cost is £17,000 of our £73,547 fundraising project. With around 500 existing students benefitting from the new building next year, the PC cost student is £34 each. Not



a great deal when considered in this way. To reiterate, if every NGHS family were willing to contribute £7.53 a month (the cost of three coffees a month) for twelve months, we will be able to provide all the facilities and high specification equipment our students deserve. Around 100 parents have kindly donated to our Primed for Success project so far. As this term starts, it would be much appreciated if consideration could be given among our remaining 400 families if a small monthly donation could be made. We understand that not everyone finds themselves in this position, but we ask you to consider whether you can make a difference. We have stored the chipped old desks and hard chairs from the former maths classrooms, but I would rather donate these to a good cause and fit out our new classrooms with new furniture (and more comfortable chairs as the girls will attest!) so support for your daughter and her peers is much appreciated by me, the school and our governors fundraising committee. Thank you.

We have a couple of House events this term in our calendar and Mrs Goodall is doing what she can to make sure these can be adapted for Covid19. More to follow.

The end of schooling date for Year 11 and Year 13 has been determined. Year 13 will have end their schooling at NGHS on Friday 21 May and Year 11 will on Friday 28 May, however, Y11 will be given tasks to complete at home in the sphere of careers and sixth form. This work is compulsory and in line with the DFE's request to provide work at home in June in lieu of GCSE exams.

Enjoy the weekend weather! Stay safe, **Mr M J Scott**

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PRIMED FOR SUCCESS

BUILDING UPON A CENTURY OF NGHHS EXCELLENCE



The courtyard has been filled with the steel structure of our new building. The ground is now being levelled ready for the brickwork to begin. The first floor flooring is being laid and a scaffold tower is being built to give safe access to the upper level for our hard-working builders.



Competition Time

We will shortly be announcing a competition for students to take part in related to the new building. We also will need some students to try out chairs for the new dining room! More information to follow...

PTA UPDATE

At the PTA AGM we said a fond farewell to our long-standing chair Julie Harris, whose daughter left NGHS last summer. Julie has given years of dedicated service to NGHS and we sent flowers to Julie on behalf of everyone at the school to thank her for this.

We are delighted that Ellie Fairhead (pictured left) agreed to become the new PTA Chair. Thank you Ellie! She has brief update to share today:

With ongoing restrictions still limiting gatherings the PTA have made the sad decision to not run any events this school year. ☹ However, we have lots of plans for September onwards, so watch this space.....

If you have previously volunteered with the PTA we will be in touch soon, or if you would like to get involved please drop Ellie an email at: pta@nghs.org.uk



Star Student Showcase!



An excellent piece of ceramic work from a Year 12 artist, Aislinn Humphries.



Lily Evans in Year 7 has been selected to represent Shropshire in both the 12 & Under and 14 & Under County Cup tennis competitions this weekend and next. Lily is currently the top-ranked 12 and Under Girl in Shropshire and is looking forward to competing for her County against some of the best young tennis players in the UK over the next two weekends. Good luck, Lily!

Two of our Year 12 students have secured places on prestigious Summer School projects. Anna Bickerton is joining the John Locke Institute PPE (Philosophy, Politics, Economics) Summer School at Balliol College, Oxford whilst Ellie Boyce is taking part in a course run by The School of The New York Times entitled 'Inside the UN: Journalism and Law'. This is also Ellie's second project alongside a summer school course at the University of Cambridge. It is great to hear how productive our Year 12s are at seeking opportunities, applying and securing these. We pass on our congratulations to Anna and Ellie for their success.



The School of The New York Times

AS PE SUMMER OF SEMINARS

#BEINSPIRED

Joy Neville



This week, the AS PE department commenced their summer of seminars with a discussion with Joy Neville. Joy Neville is a former Ireland women's rugby union player and is a current rugby union referee. Joy was the first women to referee a professional men's European rugby union match (15th December 2017). In the discussion the AS PE students had the opportunity to actively engage with a high-level athlete and referee to discuss team cohesion. This gave a unique view of the content the students are studying giving them a deeper understanding of the subject and providing them with practical examples from hearing personal experiences of struggles and strengths of working within a team. Joy provided an insightful discussion which highlighted the importance of self-belief and motivation in all that you do. This marks the first of many seminars which provide the students with such an incredible opportunity to interact with high level sports people.

Keira H., Year 12

Wellington Road Surgery

We understand that it can be difficult to find somewhere to park when picking up your daughter. We strongly advocate using one of the many car parks in Newport Town Centre. We have been informed that some parents are using Wellington Road Doctors' Surgery car park and this car park is only for patients visiting the surgery. Please do not use this car park. Thank you.





THE **HUB**
NEWPORT

NEWPORT YOUTH CLUB

@ THE HUB, NEWPORT

Monday evenings

5pm - 6.30pm: Junior Club (School Years 6, 7, 8)

7pm - 8.30pm: Senior Club (School Years 9, 10, 11)

£1 per week

Catch up with friends, talk to youth workers, take part in fun games and activities in a safe environment

Contacts:

For more information, contact SYA on
01743 730005 or lucy@sya.org.uk

*Covid compliant guidelines will apply

Young people must wear masks unless exempt and be registered to attend

Max of 15 due to COVID19 Guidelines





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 **YOUNG MINDS**

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 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?

What have you enjoyed about today?

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
Please include your phone number and name of your daughter