



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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One of my favourite times in the academic year is when we get to appoint our new Head Girl Team and this week has seen a closely-fought interview process. About 40 of our Year 12 students put themselves forward for a post on the Head Girl Team 2021-22, twelve were shortlisted for interview and six students have been successful. Congratulations to the new Head Girl Team who take up their roles after May Half Term. Please see page two for details. I will also pay tribute to our outgoing Head Girl Team in a couple of week's time when their extraordinary year's tenure comes to an end.

Talking of congratulations, we must mention Mrs Amanda Seys who has been awarded a Teaching Fellowship from the Historical Association. Mrs Seys's drive to encourage wider opportunities for students beyond the classroom is a regular feature in Newport News and this enthusiasm has extended to her working on our Beacon School status, Rights Respecting Schools and also organising various trips to bring history (back) to life! More on page five. Well done, Mrs Seys!

Next week is Assessment Week in Y10 & 12. Please **support us by completing Lateral Flow Tests on Sunday & Wednesday**. We wish all of our students success next week.

This week saw our annual Newport Primary Maths Challenge, hosted and organised again by Mrs Patel. Through the medium of Microsoft Teams, six schools competed and the winner is announced on page 4. Thank you to Mrs Patel for all her organisation!

A number of NGHS girls have fasted during Ramadan this year; I would like to wish all of our NGHS families who are celebrating Eid al-Fitr next week a joyful celebration, albeit of course within the UK Covid-19 regulations and restrictions. Finally, may I draw your attention to the government's national survey for young people called '[The Big Ask](#)'. This is a real opportunity for people to have their voices heard at a national level.

This weekend, Miss Tomkinson is getting married so we wish her and her new husband every happiness and a long life together. She has decided to retain her maiden name in school and will be Mrs Tomkinson from Monday. Let's hope the sun shines tomorrow!

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe,

Mr M J Scott

House Boardgame Competition



Another example of where the pandemic and bubble regulations will not beat us! The second ever House Board Game competition took place this week. We changed the approach to ensure students stayed in their bubbles (and house bubbles within forms in the older years) and staff rallied round to act as referees when required. It was great to hear laughter and witness fun inside at lunchtime for a change! Participation was high and we would like to thank Mrs Goodall for organising, along with the House Captains and their teams for coordinating players.

The Results (First, Second, Third)

5 points for first place, 3 for second and 2 for third.

Year 7 Battleships - Austen, Seacole, Roddam
Year 8 Pacman - Seacole, Roddam, Austen
10X - Boom - Austen, Roddam, Seacole
10Y - Uno - Austen, Seacole, Roddam
10Z - Rummy - Roddam, Austen, Seacole
11Y - Survivors - Austen & Seacole (joint), Roddam
11Z - Frustration - Seacole, Austen, Roddam
12S - (game unknown!), Austen, Seacole, Roddam
12G - Snakes & Ladders, Austen, Seacole, Roddam
Y13 - Lego Champion, Roddam, Seacole, Austen

Final Result:

AUSTEN (1st), SEACOLE (2nd), RODDAM (3rd).

New Head Girl Team for 2021-22

It was a pleasure to interview twelve candidates for positions on our next Head Girl Team and Mr Scott is delighted to announce the success of the following candidates:



HEAD GIRL

Megan Lo

Deputy Head Girls

Community & Careers
Laura Jones

Health & Wellbeing
Abigail Billingham

Transition & Integration
Maisie Danby

Participation & Inclusion
Rosalinda Kwafo-Akoto

Academic Chair
Jenny Upton

Congratulations!

Assessment Week Timetables

Year 10	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Monday 10th May	Maths 1 - 1hr30	RS 1 - 35 mins	Biology - 1hr45
Tuesday 11th May	Chemistry 1hr45	RS 2 - 35 mins	Physics - 1hr45
Wednesday 12th May	Geography 1hr30	English - 1hr	German R&W - 1hr35
Thursday 13th May	French R&W - 1hr35	History - 1hr	Computing - 1hr30
Friday 14th May	DT - 2hrs	Music - 1hr	Maths 2 - 1hr30
Monday 17th May	Art (4hrs) - Lessons resume for other students		<i>Normal lessons</i>

Year 12	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Monday 10th May	Art (all day) Maths 1hr30 French 2hr15	English 1 1hr	German 2hr15 History 2hr
Tuesday 11th May	Further Maths 1 1hr15 RS 1hr30	Physical Education 1hr	Psychology 1 1hr30 DT 2hr
Wednesday 12th May	Psychology 2 1hr30 Physics 2hr	Geography 1hr30	Music 1hr30 History 2hr
Thursday 13th May	Biology 2hr	English 2 - 1hr15	Chemistry 2hr
Friday 14th May	Further Maths 2 - 1hr15 Economics 1hr30		Politics - 2hr15 Maths 2 - 1hr30

UP ON THE ROOF
How and How to Safely Climb
and Climb (2015)

Headteacher on the roof!



Last Friday saw me having a backstage tour (rooftop tour?) of the building works. The first floor to the new extension had been laid (and has since been concreted in). The top right photograph shows what was Room 25 with a large floor hole for the lift shaft which will take you up and down—up to the maths and computer classrooms and down into our new dining hall. Up on the roof, you can see where staircases will come up and whilst the views won't be magical (lots of other buildings and gable ends in the way), it was great to see the expanse of square footage we will gain from our new extension.



Back inside, there was a chance to peek behind internal doors and see the interior transformation so far.

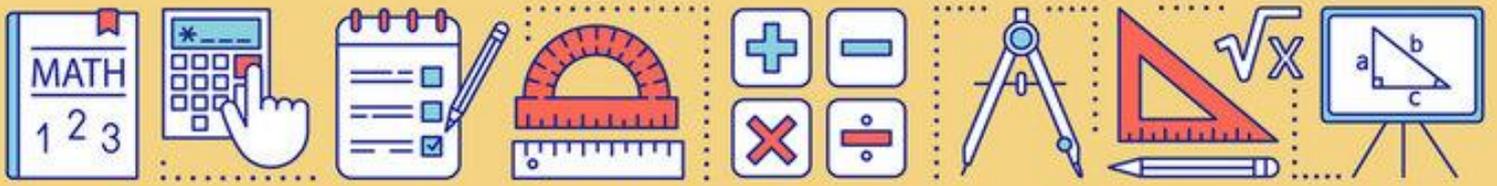


This week some girls have been involved in choosing seats for the new classrooms and more furniture samples are arriving.

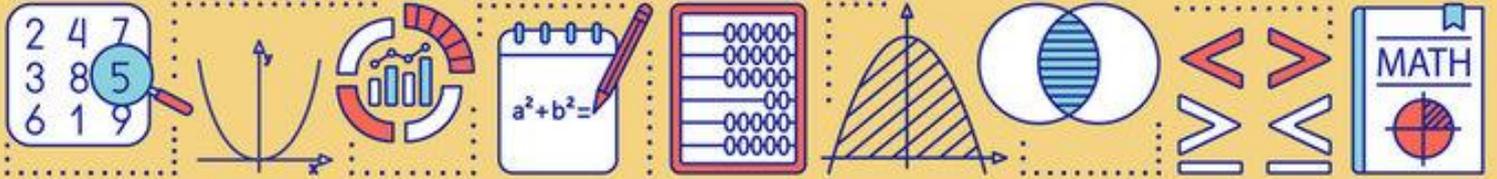


We are still quite a way from our target of £75,347. We have £20k of this for furniture to find and I don't want to reuse the old, tatty classroom tables. Thank you to those who have contributed so far. **Mr Scott**

<<<< Prize if anyone can guess which room this used to be? Let Mr Scott know...



MATHEMATICS



Last week, Year 5 students from St. Peter's C.E. Primary School, Newport Junior School, Tibberton C.E Primary School, St. Matthew's C.E Primary School, St. Laurence C.E Primary School and St Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School participated in our annual NGHS Maths Challenge. This year for the first time we moved the challenge online. All six schools came together on Microsoft Teams to complete a variety of activities including a maths relay, puzzles, quiz and a logic round. I



was greatly impressed with the way they embraced the use of Microsoft Teams and the speed at which they completed the tasks, working together in their groups and then communicating their answers in the fastest possible time.

It was VERY close with all the schools doing extremely well. Congratulations to **Tibberton C.E. Primary School who are the winners of our 2021 competition.** All participants will be presented with certificates and the winning team will receive a prize.

We look forward to next year's competition.

Mrs R Patel, Mathematics Faculty

NSEA County Show Jumping Success

On Sunday, Holly Jones in Year 7 represented NGHS at the NSEA County Show-Jumping Competition at Allens Hill.

This was Holly's first outing where she has represented the School and she came 14th overall out of a very competitive field in the 70cm class.

Well done Holly, and Stan!



Local & Community History Month - May 2021



NEWPORT, HIGH STREET c1960

May is Local History Month - a time to celebrate the local heritage that is all around us. While it may be that many of us are dreaming of holidays abroad or weekends away, circumstances have meant that we have been able to explore and appreciate our local area more over the last year due to the lockdown restrictions, discovering places to walk and enjoy that we never knew were on our doorsteps! Local History and the local environment are very much entwined, and we can learn much from it by sharing our local knowledge. How will you be marking Local History Month this year? We invite you to share your finds with us on @nghs_history or with the Historical Association via @histassoc

Miss A-M Davies

She's a Jolly Good 'Fellow!'

Huge congratulations must go to Mrs Seys who recently successfully completed a Fellowship programme run by the Historical Association! This is a highly respected programme in which teacher fellows engage with the latest academic research in their field with a view to bringing the latest historiography and pedagogy into the classroom, ensuring a knowledge-rich curriculum for students. The fellowship programme is supported by some of the leading research historians in the country and involved sessions focussed on themes such as war and remembrance in the twentieth century and languages of remembrance. Mrs Seys developed a research specialism within the theme of conflict, art and remembrance, researching into the experiences of soldiers from places across Britain's empire, such as Africa and the West Indies, whose stories and contributions have not been widely recognised in the traditional narrative of remembrance and commemoration. She produced an amazing resource based on case studies of the experiences of individual soldiers, which can be viewed at www.historyhive.co.uk

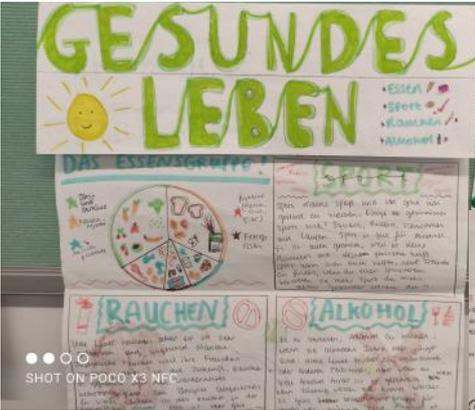
The resource will soon be published on the Historical Association's website for use by teachers across the UK and beyond. We would like to say a heartfelt 'well done' to Mrs Seys for this outstanding achievement and hope it inspires our students to do something similar in their own fields in the future!



Miss A-M Davies & the History team



EAT HEALTHY!



Mrs Payne's Year 10 group have clearly enjoyed learning more about healthy eating in their lessons this month. They have also created some lovely display work for our mobile classrooms empty display boards!

Nicht vergessen... gesund essen!

NEWPORT HOCKEY CLUB

JUNIOR TRAINING SESSIONS (11 - 14)

**WEDNESDAY 19TH & 26TH MAY
6PM - 7PM
LILLESALL SPORTS CENTRE (TF10 9AT)**

- PLAYERS BRAND NEW TO THE SPORT WELCOME
- TRAINING LED BY AN ENGLAND HOCKEY LEVEL 2 COACH
- FIRST SESSION FREE, 2ND SESSION £2
- ADULTS HOCKEY ALSO AVAILABLE FOR OLDER / MORE EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE MESSAGE NEWPORT HOCKEY CLUB ON FACEBOOK BY MONDAY 17TH MAY @NEWPORTHC

More Naval Success!

Following Daisy's Navy success news story last month, we are delighted to congratulate a second NGHS student who has achieved Naval success.

Charli Watkin (Year 12) has completed a gruelling interview and assessment to gain a place on the Britannia Royal Navy College Officer pathway to study Engineering.

In this career, where women are particularly heavily underrepresented, it is great to showcase two considerable successes in as many months and especially in landlocked Shropshire! Well done, Charli!



AS PE SUMMER OF SEMINARS

#BEINSPIRED

Elaine Rice



This week the AS PE students were joined by former Northern Ireland Netball player and Head Coach Elaine Rice. Elaine played in two World Cups and then in 2008 she became the senior coach for the Netball team. Between 2008 and 2018 she helped the team move from 19th world ranking to within the top ten as well as leading them through many world cups and the 2018 Commonwealth Games. She stepped down after the team qualified for the 2018 World Cup in Liverpool.

During our discussion with Elaine, she gave detailed insights into being a coach as well as a player and how personalities of both coach and players affect the team. We engaged in talking about our own personalities as sportswomen as well as discussing team culture and cohesion which are both important, particularly within

team sports including netball. She then went on to explain her experiences as a player and coach, both negative and positive as well as answering some challenging questions off the students regarding the impact of COVID and injuries to name a few - she explained her first-hand experience of having a torn ACL and the impact of it in her netball. The session was detailed and insightful, aiding our understanding on sports psychology and providing us with practical examples.

This was the third seminar of the term providing us with a rare opportunity to interact with high level sports people to enhance our understanding of the topic and develop our depth of knowledge.

Jasmyn, Year 12

Week commencing 28 June is **Curriculum Enrichment Week**

Information will follow to parents next week from Miss Clarke

Y10 are on Work Experience all week

Y7-9 and 12 are involved in activities Tuesday-Friday as

Monday is a staff training day (INSET).

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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



The Government's recently appointed Children's Commissioner, Rachel de Souza, wants to get feedback from young people about their lives. The Big Ask is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. Please encourage your child(ren) to take part by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

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