



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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I'd like to thank parents and students for their support with news of the variant of concern in the Newport area this week, in particular for the reintroduction of face coverings in schools which will last until June.

Whilst Newport appears not to have reached the level seen in some of the north west towns, it is reassuring that a 'belt and braces' approach is being taken by Public Health England within Newport and I hope that families, who wish to, have taken advantage of the opportunity to take a PCR test at one of the mobile testing sites either at Shukers Field or Harper Adams university. As I write, PHE are still deciding whether/how to implement a full 'drop and collect' system for distributing and collecting in PCR tests that you can do at home and, if the kits arrive, we will be asking students to tell us how many they require so that each member of your household can potentially take a test. Year 12 have however received PCR tests today. More on this to follow.

This week has seen our Year 13s' last few days at NGHS. On behalf of all our staff, I would like to thank them for their commitment to NGHS over the past 7 years or for choosing NGHS as a sixth form provider since 2019. Year 13 are such a lovely year group (I have really enjoyed teaching two thirds of them for EPQ myself as

well as writing many UCAS references this year) and, whilst the lockdown has been very tough on young people of all ages, I know just how hard this has been for this cohort who have experienced life disruption and loss in their wider lives (and sadly also lost relatives) during both Year 12 and Year 13. They have however, admirably completed their A-level courses, submitted their work for grading and we look forward to celebrating their successes in August. Today has been a lovely celebration of their time at NGHS. You can see some photographs of their fancy dress day above and on page two.

Our Year 13 artists have once again produced an amazing gallery of work during their course and you can read more about this as well as following a link to an online gallery on page 3. This week's edition also has a focus on art with some fantastic Year 8 work showcased as well as a sustainability competition for Year 8 - page 5.

In our virtual assembly this week, our outgoing Head Girl Team, led by Abbey handed over their reins to Meg and her team. We announced the new Head Girl team two weeks ago in Newport News and you can read more about them by [following this link](#).

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe,

Mr M J Scott

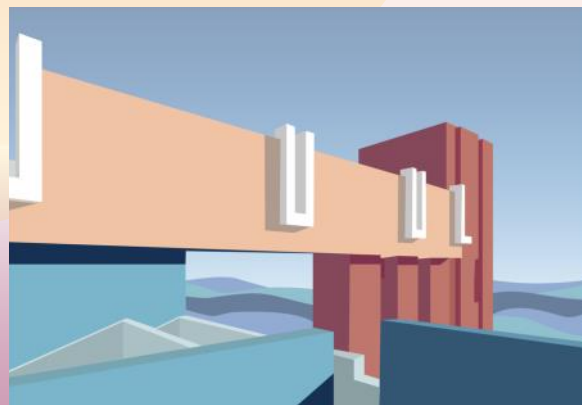
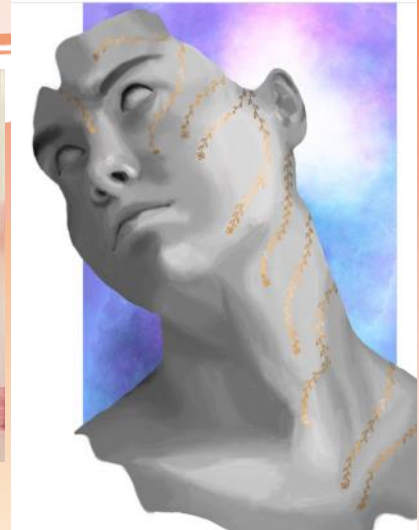
Farewell Year 13!



A Level

Virtual Art Exhibition 2021

Newport Girls' High School



[Click here for our first online Art Exhibition.](#)

An exemplary display of exquisite year 13 work.

AS PE SUMMER OF SEMINARS

#BEINSPIRED

Ryan Mc Shane



This week, the AS PE class continued our summer of seminars with a discussion with Ryan McShane. Ryan is a professional dancer and choreographer from Ireland. He is one of the professionals on Dancing with the Stars and went on tour with Strictly's Brendon Cole in 2015. In this week's discussion we actively engaged with Ryan talking about many aspects of sports psychology including motivation and hard work. He gave us an insight into his sport and taught us that 'hard work beats talent'. This provided us with a deeper understanding of the subject and gave us practical examples from hearing personal experiences of struggles and strengths. We are very grateful for the opportunity to meet a high-profile athlete and enjoyed this seminar a lot.

Ameeshi, Year 12

Incredible Standards in Y8 Art!

Mrs Chandler has been marking the recent Year 8 assessment pieces for art and was delighted with many students' work. She is looking forward to putting together a portfolio. Two students' work in particular stands out. The pieces on the right, devised by **Edie N** and **Katie M** are already of a standard found in many GCSE portfolios and the girls have worked very hard to devise and achieve these masterpieces. Congratulations!





Cambridge Senior Physics Challenge

Congratulations to Lillian Salt who took part in a Senior Physics Challenge through the University of Cambridge and was ranked in the top 80 students in the UK - a fantastic achievement.

As someone who has always loved the sciences, when I heard about the University of Cambridge Senior Physics Challenge, I had to take part. The event itself is run through 'Isaac Physics' – an initiative run in collaboration with the Department of Education and the Cambridge Physics Faculty.

The aim of the competition is simple: solve as many problems as you can. Not really expecting much to become of it, I set to work over February half-term on completing as many as I could, with the difficulty ranging from AS all the way up to first year undergraduate level in maths and physics. The

majority of the topics were new to me or beyond the A-level specifications, meaning that I was not only getting lots of problem-solving practice, but also going above and beyond my courses. Over the 10 weeks I participated, I managed to do almost 500 of these questions.

On Monday evening, I was delighted to learn that this put me within the Top 80 competitors in the UK! On top of this, on Wednesday I received an offer from University College London to take part in their invitation-only Natural Sciences Summer School in August as a result of my interest and achievement in the physical sciences this year. The theme is 'Sustaining our future through sustainability, alternative energies and future technologies'. As both a chemistry and a physics student myself, I am incredibly excited to take part in this as I truly believe that the future lies in the interdisciplinary aspects of the sciences.

I would like to thank the school, particularly my amazing A-Level teachers; it is with their encouragement and support that I am offered these incredible opportunities.



Year 8 Competition for the Oceans

Some pupils may have spotted the large metal fish currently sitting in room 103 or may have even seen Mr Pointon carrying it through the atrium! Well, the fish is part of a project that our school is involved with and here is more about it...

Telford & Wrekin Council and The British Ironwork Centre want to create a **School Ocean Trail** which will highlight the importance of protecting our oceans and marine life.

Every day, ocean and marine life is exposed to a number of hardships. With eight million metric tons of plastic entering our ocean every year, 80% of marine pollution coming from land-based activity, over 300,000 dolphins and porpoises killed by discarded fishing nets each year, and our coral reef on the brink of extinction, it really is time that we all step up to better protect our ocean.

The **School Ocean Trail** project will feature fish sculptures which have been made at the BIC and have been painted by school pupils in Telford and Wrekin.

Participating schools are being asked to decorate their fish on a theme they believe will help share the message to others and help everyone to reduce the use of single-use plastic and the climate change agenda.

We are asking our year 8 pupils to enter designs for our fish by **9am on Wednesday 26th May**, ideally by **email and to k.gill@nghs.org.uk**. We will announce later in the week which design or designs will be used. Please submit your designs using the template which has been emailed to all of our year 8 students or available via Mrs Gill/the art department. We will then work with an artist for two days after half term to create our masterpiece!

To help come up with a design, you might want to take a look at City to Sea (www.citytosea.org.uk) and Surfers Against Sewage (www.sas.org.uk)

Good luck!

Mrs K Gill



Discover at **Fordhall Organic Farm**

BUBBLE CLUB
Join us and build a bug house for our native garden critters! Take it home to your own garden and see who visits!
Booking Essential **£25 per group**
1st - 3rd June
Times: Hourly sessions 10am - 3:30pm **PRE-BOOKING REQ.**

Brilliant Bugs Trail
29 May - end June
Young explorers are invited for a bug hunt across Fordhall. **£2.50pp** from cafe/shop Inc a goody bag and treat!

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

"DELIGHTFULLY DAFT" THE STAGE
IKP'S 2020 THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

Thursday 29th July 2.30pm and 6pm at Fordhall Organic Farm
Following their sell-out success with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, IKP return with a brand new, "delightfully daft" (The Stage) retelling of the classic story Beauty and the Beast at Fordhall Farm (or perhaps another venue near you!). This enchanting production promises to be fast-paced, family-friendly and fun so prepare to be amazed and amused as IKP give this tale of adventure and acceptance their trademark 'bonkers' treatment. To purchase your tickets visit <https://www.everymantheatre.org.uk/shows/beauty-and-the-beast/>

Have you visited **Fordhall Farm?**

Free to visit Friendly cafe and farm shop
Explore the farm on our walking trails Dogs on leads welcome
Play area for little ones

Opening hours
Tues - Sat: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Sun: 10am - 4pm
www.fordhallfarm.com

Fordhall Organic Farm, Tern Hill Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PS | 01630 638696



Community Reopening

As our local community starts to reopen post Covid lockdown, we would be happy to support organisations that run events for families etc. by advertising these in Newport News. If this is of interest and you run a company in the West Midlands, please get in touch via email to schooloffice@nghs.org.uk and we will discuss this further. The inclusion of any advert is at the discretion of the school and the Head's decision is final.

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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 **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 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
Please include your phone number and name of your daughter