



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Concern about the Covid variant from India appears to be under control in our local area, and I would like to start this week's 'Head's Lines' with a huge thank you to all our NGHS families who quickly and efficiently received and returned their PCR test swabs. These were sent for immediate processing and I know lots of families have had their (negative) results already. Please obviously let us know if you have a positive result between now and Sunday. If you get a positive result after Sunday, it is not necessary to let the school know immediately. Please find a few words of thanks on page two from the Director of Public Health.

There are a couple of related concerns I must share with parents this week and ask for your support. The first is about students not eating breakfast, and we have had a number of pupils fainting in school over the past two weeks. Of course, first aid and wellbeing are always a priority, but the reason is repetitive and often girls have not eaten breakfast. For some, this has happened more than once and whilst we are in contact with individual families about this, I wish to issue a general reminder about the importance of eating something substantial prior to arriving at school, not just for each student's own health but also to be in a position to concentrate and learn. With the Covid PPE and bubble requirements for first aid, as well as the time being taken up by staff to manage a situation about which students can have greater control, we reserve the right to request that parents come to collect students who have fainted in school, particularly where they have not eaten properly prior to the start of the school day.

Also, on a similar vein, we appear to have some students preferring to substitute breakfast with energy drinks. Again, these are no substitute and such drinks are not permitted in school. PE/PSHE staff will reiterate these messages in their lessons and I thank you for your support. I also appreciate parents may not know what their children buy on the way to/from school. Please also remind your daughter that high energy drinks (Monster etc.) are not permitted in school and will be confiscated.

On a more positive front...last week's online Year 13 art exhibition has raised some very positive comments and this week our Year 11 artists' work is being showcased. Another stunning collection is available to view on our website and I must thank Mrs Benoit who has taught and coached both Year 11 and Year 13 for their excellent portfolios. [Click here to see more.](#)

This week the first bricks have appeared on our building site! This is a real step forward. The steel frame is complete, the lift shaft is dug and the drainage system in place. Floor concrete is going in over half term as the brick work continues to rise. It is a really exciting time for us all. I've been quieter on the fundraising front in the last few weeks, but be warned(!), I'll be back after half term as we need to make a decision on whether we can afford new classroom furniture or must make do with what we had before. I hope we can pull together on that score to give the girls facilities they deserve.

Today marks the end of Year 11 for our hard-working cohort of 83 students. Whilst we will be saying 'farewell' for a few weeks (and are setting some work for Careers and preparation for A-levels in line with DFE guidance), I am delighted that so many are choosing to remain at NGHS for sixth form. The number enrolling for NGHS6 is increasing year-on-year and we are heavily oversubscribed with applications from many more external students for September 2021. Next year we will be having three A-level classes in Biology and Chemistry (our most popular A-levels) and this is the first time in the school's history that this has happened. Last night was the highlight of my week when I had to step in to supervise the last ever rounders club for our Y11; it was lovely to see 20+ students so keen and competitive!

Today also marks the end of a relatively short but very exhausting half term. Students have tackled their assessments admirably and attendance has been very high. Staff have worked extremely hard on marking and grading for Year 11s and Year 13s. In the hope of some more normality in late June, we are planning a Sports Day (with some restrictions) in July for the whole school to enjoy and hope that this also begins to reignite our House spirit. We are acutely aware that Year 7 and most Year 8 students know very little about NGHS's Houses and yesterday saw a new team of House officials appointed. Their remit is to make our vibrant House scene come alive, to recreate the sense of identity that comes with being a member of Austen, Roddam or Seacole and to encourage all students to be a part of a culture which has been embedded at NGHS for many years prior to the pandemic. Exciting times ahead and I end this half term with a hopeful but cautious optimism. We're back on Monday 7 June at 8.50am when our day timings will take a step back towards normality (see p2).

Enjoy the half term and stay safe,

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To all Newport Girls' High students & families

I wanted to say thank you to the parents and pupils at Newport Girls' High School who have been tested recently.

I am pleased to say that the testing has not picked up any escalation in cases.

It's action like this that helps to control the virus and save lives.

I hope you have a good half term break and get out and about with your children in a Covid-safe way.

Liz Noakes, Director of Public Health (Telford & Wrekin)



Times of the School Day

After half term, we will no longer have Year 11 and Year 13 students in school and therefore can start to make a return to a sense of NGHS normality at lunchtime. Owing to the large numbers of students who buy snacks at breaktime, we will retain two different break times (by year group) to ensure controls on mixing bubbles, but lunchtime will return to one sitting, which will also help some extra-curricular activities to re-start. Please see below for the revised timings, which students should note in their planners. The start/end of the day is unchanged, although we will still stagger the departure time by five minutes to avoid too much congestion. Form time is back to its pre-Covid length, as we have missed this important pastoral interaction between students and tutors.

Mr Scott

Time	Years 7 & 8	Years 9, 10 & 12
0850	School starts - Registration & Tutor Time	School starts - Registration & Tutor Time
0910	Period 1	Period 1
1010	Break Time and Handwash	Period 2
1035	Period 2	
1110	Period 2	Break Time & Handwash
1135	Period 3	Period 3
1235	Common Lunch and Handwash (staggered times to enter Dining Room)	Common Lunch and Handwash (staggered times to enter Dining Room)
1335	Period 4	Period 4
1435	Period 5	Period 5
1540	End of school day	
1545		End of school day



THANK YOU FRIDAY

Congratulations to this fortnight's winners...

To: Student	From: Teacher
A Asim (7S)	Mrs K Gill
N Athwal (9S)	Mrs K Gill
S Baah (7S)	Ms D Branson
M Batkin (R7)	Miss T Wells
C Baugh (12G)	Miss T Wells
M Brookfield (12H)	Mrs K Griffin
L Brown (7S)	Ms D Branson
J Clegg (12S)	Mrs K Gill
E Donaldson (7S)	Ms D Branson, Mrs K Gill
C Doyle (R7)	Miss T Wells
G Farge (12N)	Mrs K Gill
P Farrar-Gough (7S)	Ms D Branson
P Finan (8S)	Mrs J Chandler
M Hartwright (9R)	Mrs K Gill
L Howard (9A)	Mrs J Chandler
A Humphries (12G)	Miss T Wells
C Kemp (12N)	Mrs K Gill
R Khanegura (7A)	Mrs J Chandler

To: Student	From: Teacher
E Larkin (12S)	Mrs K Gill
S Lawrence (7S)	Mrs K Gill
K Macmullen (8A)	Mrs J Chandler
C Mahy (12H)	Mrs K Griffin
H Meechan (11Y)	Mrs T Fujii
E Nixon (8A)	Mrs J Chandler
M Nour (7A)	Mrs J Chandler
J Orakwue (12G)	Miss T Wells
E Owens (12G)	Mrs K Griffin
R Premadasa (9R)	Mrs K Gill
M Rodrigues (12G)	Mrs K Griffin
R Shah (9A)	Mrs K Gill
E Tyler (12G)	Ms J Clarke
J Upton (12N)	Mrs K Griffin
E Walkley (11Y)	Mrs T Fujii, Mrs L Roberts
E Watson-Nolan (11Y)	Mrs L Roberts
L Whitehouse (8R)	Mrs J Chandler

New House Captains

Following the earlier round of school leadership team positions, a panel comprising Mrs K Gill (Senior Leader), Mr O Pointon and Mrs H Goodall interviewed nearly 30 Year 12 students yesterday to determine the House roles for 2021-2022. Congratulations to the students below who will lead their Houses, increase awareness and participation and cheer their teams on over the next twelve months. They will work closely with Mr Pointon as he takes on the House Coordinator responsibility in September—we wish them all the best of success.

Role	Austen	Roddam	Seacole
House Captain	Chloe Mahy	Sophie Lloyd	Keira Hughes
Vice Captain	Jess Payne	Eva Owen	Ellie Jones
Performing Arts Captain	Martha Bowen	Bryony Chung	Lillian Salt
Sports Captain	Alice Runton	Amy Hill (School Sports Captain)	Harriet Jones
Charities Captain	Gabrielle Farge	Grace Campbell	Charlotte Daffern
Communications Captain	Chloe Blanks	Charlotte Worthington	Jiaqi Ding

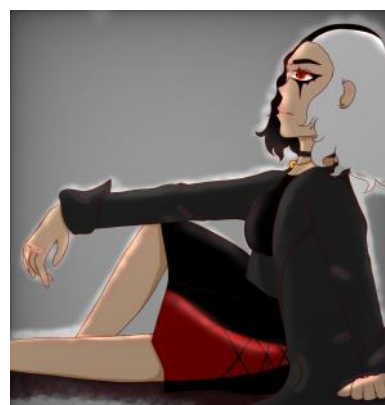
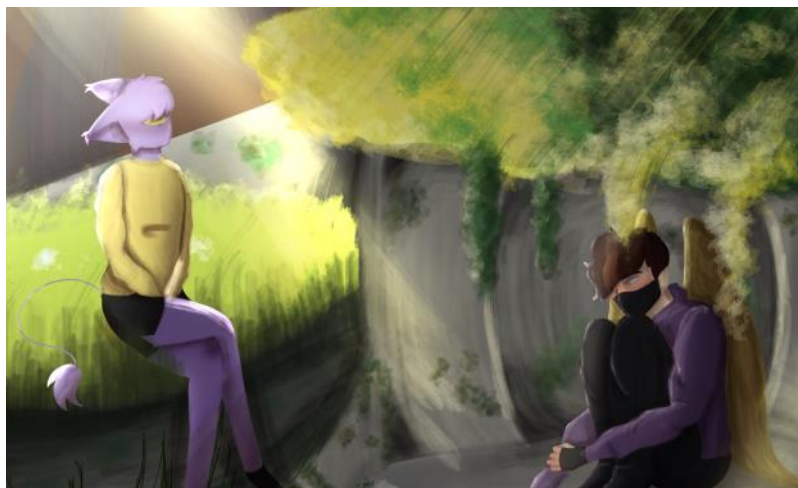
GCSE ART AT NGHS

This year has been tough for schools everywhere, and that has been reflected into the GCSE art class at NGHS.

Despite the challenges, the work produced as final pieces at the end of five long years of the course are beyond exceptional, and certainly reflect on the strange times we have found ourselves in.

Introduce yourself to some of our students' work following their personal journeys on the art course!

[Click here to view the gallery](#)





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Special Shout Out to Christine!

Year 13 left NGHS last week but they wanted us to feature a special tribute to Christine, who runs the Sixth Form Coffee Bar. Easily the most popular member of staff for all sixth formers, Christine's cookie sales have dipped this week with Year 13 leaving, but her tears show how reciprocal the love and support for/from Christine is for all in the sixth form!

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