



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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I hope that all of our NGHS families had an enjoyable half term and it has been great to welcome students back to school this week. Without sounding repetitive, I thank all of our families for their continued support of the Lateral Flow Test programme twice weekly. It is really helping to reassure us all that we are all working towards the same goal of a safe school environment for our young people.

This half term will go very quickly and thoughts are turning to next academic year. Clearly there is much in the news about whether restrictions will be lifted in June, but, as ever, we plough on doing what you hopefully feel we do well, providing a high standard of education and pastoral care. We hope to return to a normal style day in September, but there will be some changes to the timetable structure, which I have finished writing this week. From September we will have a two week timetable where 90% of the lessons fall at the same time but there will be some changes from A week to B week. This is to accommodate the addition of Drama to our curriculum in the lower school and to give most subjects more teaching time in the sixth form. Many schools have this timetable system and I can reassure parents that lessons such as PE will be on the same day each week, so no issues should arise about forgetting kit etc! Student planners next year will include a page detailing how calendar weeks and timetable weeks align.

Ofsted's concerning report about sexual abuse in schools has been published this week, in particular relating to the 'normalisation' of pressure among young people to engage in the sharing of images or worse. We know that some NGHS girls face / have faced such pressures and, when girls come forward, we have plenty of pastoral support whilst following the correct protocols; our school Police Liaison Officer, PC Walker-Shale provides great advice and she has spoken to some year groups already in a more general sense about the issue. Students are reminded that they can approach **any** member of staff about any matter. Parents are also welcome to discuss concerns with the safeguarding team if necessary. This half term sees the delivery of Sex & Relationships lessons to students in all year groups (NGHS is an early adopter of the government's new SR education approach) and we again welcome Loudmouth Theatre company to showcase these exact topics. Miss Clarke has an update about our approach in NN on page 2.

Concrete has been the word of the week on the building site. The lower floor and upper floor are now fully 'concreted in' (apologies, I am not an expert in building terminology). This week's NN also contains an update from the Fundraising Committee and I have been delighted to hear of many ways our students are getting involved in fundraising towards the new build. We are still some way from our target of £75,347 and I hope that parents who are yet to consider donating will be in a position to do so as we move into the next stage of the build with the sealing of the building exterior in the coming weeks and the start of internal works. Parents who have already donated should have received our first donor newsletter this morning. If you have donated, but have not received this, please check your junk folder for the email address you supplied with your donation. If you still have not received it, please contact pfs@nghs.org.uk. As a quick note, if you gave your donation anonymously, we will not know it's your donation!

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe,

Mr M J Scott



**Fundraising
Success!**

A huge thank you and well done to Mrs Karen Machin, our Finance Manager, who has completed a sponsored swim for Primed for Success. Sponsored by NGHS staff, Mrs Machin swam 207 lengths at Market Drayton swimming baths, raising over £300 for the campaign.

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Sexual Harassment & Abuse in Education

Update from:

Miss H Clarke (Acting Deputy Head)

Designated Safeguarding Lead for NGHS

As Mr Scott has mentioned, we have been saddened to read the findings from Ofsted's published report into sexual abuse in education.

As a school we are delivering a comprehensive relationship and sex education programme which has been developed to ensure that content is age appropriate for all students in the school community. This PSHE content is an important part of our safeguarding responsibility as it allows us to make sure that students can make informed decisions which allow them to be safe in all aspects of their lives. In addition I review the PSHE programmes annually by speaking to teachers and students to ensure that the right content is being delivered in the right year groups to help support our students with any difficulties they may be facing.

I also want to remind you of the school's safeguarding team: **Miss H Clarke, Mr M Scott, Mrs F Davenport and Mrs K Danby** who are pictured below (from left to right in the order above).



This team of staff have received additional training to be able to deal with and support any students who are experiencing sexual harassment or abuse in school. Within this role we are able to work with **other agencies and schools** to ensure that any reported incidents are investigated and dealt with appropriately.

Our recommendation would be for any student who has experienced sexual harassment or abuse to come and confidentially talk to a member of the safeguarding team who can offer ongoing support to the individual, however if this is preventing a student from speaking out we have also recently shared these posters around school which students could use to seek external support.

I am asking you to support us with this by talking openly to your child and then encourage them to speak up so that incidents can be investigated and dealt with effectively.

If you would like to report an incident or discuss this further, please contact one of the safeguarding team named above via 01952 797550. Our safeguarding governor, Mrs Macpherson is also a great additional support to the team.



Head Girl Team Highlights...

A quick introduction

I am delighted to be Head Girl for the next year. The Head Girl Team and I are looking forward to working to positively impact students' experiences at school and ensure we are well-integrated into the wider community.

During the next year, we would like to offer support and guidance to students, through running Student Council, Health and Wellbeing Council and Sixth Form Council. We will also work closely with the Lower School Head Girl Team, looking to further integrate NGHS on a schoolwide level.

My priority as Head Girl is to represent the views of NGHS students and act as a link between staff and the student body.

Collectively, as a team, we hope to:

- ◆ promote involvement in extra/co-curricular clubs ensuring students get the most out of their time here.
- ◆ ensure students who require academic support receive it (through our mentoring scheme).
- ◆ ensure a strong transition to NGHS6 for the new year 12s.
- ◆ ensure students know who they can approach and that any concerns will be heard.
- ◆ promote the NGHS careers programme, making certain that students benefit fully.

Please feel to contact us via our email or our Instagram account:

headgirlteam@nghs.org.uk

[@nghshgt](https://www.instagram.com/nghshgt)

Have a great last half term!

Megan and the Head Girl Team

Match Funding & Concrete!

At this week's fundraising meeting, we discussed the importance of **Match Funding**. There is a fantastic scheme whereby employers provide funding for organisations such as schools through their employees. It is a very simple yet immensely useful tool from which extra funding can be raised for our school. Below is a list of companies (by no means exhaustive!) that we understand currently match gifts donated by employees. If your employer is not listed, please contact your Human Resources department to find out if they operate a matching gift scheme. In most cases, the company will match your donation pound for pound up to a specific level.

As part of their Corporate Social Responsibility programs, many companies encourage staff to get involved in community projects, including School Fairs, Fireworks Nights etc, by offering to match any funds they raise. We all want to pull together to improve the building for our daughters' school and hope that you can support this.

The Fundraising Committee, Primed for Success



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BUILDING UPON A CENTURY OF NGHS EXCELLENCE

Awash with concrete, you can see the size of the new Dining Room. The upstairs site plan is even larger.

3i	BP Exploration & Operating Co Ltd	Energis	Mitsubishi Research Institute	RBS Group The One Account
3i Deutschland GmbH	Booker	Enterprise oil Plc	Mitsubishi Chemical Corp	RBS Group Ulster Bank
Abbey National plc	Boots	Ericsson Telecom AB	Moody's Investors Services Ltd	Royal Bank of Scotland Sainsburys Plc
ABN Amro Bank	BP oil International Ltd	Ernst & Young	Morgan Grenfell	Schroders plc
Accenture	Bradford and Bingley plc	Experian	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Scottish and Southern Energy plc
Air products Ltd	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Exxon Mobil	N Power	Seaboard
Alfred Dunhill Ltd	British American Tobacco (BAT)	Fidelity Brokerage Services	National Freight company PLC	Seagram Distillers Plc
Alliance & Leicester plc	British Army	Fidelity Investments	National Grid Transco	Shell
Alliance Capital Ltd	British Gas	First Bus	National Power plc	Siemens Medical
Amec PLC	British Nuclear Fuels	Firstgroup PLC	National Westminster Bank plc	Sigma Securities
American Express	BT	Ford Motor Company	Reuters	SIT Investment Associates Foundation
Amoco Foundation, Inc	Cable & Wireless	Gap	NFC	Sky Broadcasting
Andersen	C & A Stores	General Electric Co	Northern Electric plc	Southern Electric
Anglian Water	Camelot Group plc	GlaxoSmithKline plc	Northern Rock	Smithkline Beecham
Argo Wiggins	Cap Gemini	Goldman Sachs	Norwich Union plc	Stagecoach Holdings plc
Argos plc	Carlsberg Tetley – GIST Group	Guardian Royal Exchange	O2	Stagecoach Holdings' Standard & Poor's
Arla Foods	Centrica plc	Halifax	Pearson	Sunlife of Canada
ARM holdings plc	Chase Manhattan	HBOS (Halifax - Bank of Scotland)	Peugeot Motor Company Plc	Swiss Bank Corp
ASDA	Citibank Group	HSBC	Pfizer	Tesco plc
AstraZeneca	Citigroup	IBM	Philip Morris	Texaco
AT Kearney	Clifford	IDEO	Philips Singapore	Thames Water
Avon Cosmetics Ltd	Chance	Industrial Bank of Japan	Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Co	The Economist Group
B & Q	Coats Viyella	Innogy Plc	Price Waterhouse Coopers	The One Account
BAA Plc	Co-Operative Bank	Invensys	Proctor & Gamble	UBS Warburg
Bank of America	Cornhill Insurance Plc	JPMorgan & Co Inc	Robert Fleming & Co	UGC limited
Bank of England	Coutts Bank	Kelloggs	Rolls Royce	Ulster bank
Bank of Scotland	Credit Suisse First Boston	Kingfisher plc	Royal and Sun Alliance	Unilever
Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi	De la Rue	KPMG	Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc	United Airlines
Bankers Trust	Debenhams Plc	Legal & General	Royal London Mutual Insurance Co	United News and Media
Barclays Bank plc	Deloitte Consulting	Lehman Brothers	RBS Group Churchill	United Utilities
Barclays Capital	Deutsche Bank	Levi Stauss (UK) Ltd	RBS Group Direct Line	Vodafone
Barclays Group	Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Group PLC	Littlewoods Organisation	RBS Group Natwest	Warner Music Int.
Bayer Plc	DHL	Lloyds TSB		W H Smith
Beaverbrooks jewellers	Diageo	Marks and Spencer		William M Mercer
BG Group	Dixons Group	McKinsey & Co		Woolwich Plc
BOC Group plc	Dressner Kleinwort	Mercury Asset Management		Yorkshire Bank
Boeing Airlines	Wasserstein	Merrill Lynch Mercury		Yorkshire Water
Boots	EMI Group plc	Microsoft Corporation Inc		
Boston Consulting Group		Midland Bank		
BP		Midlands Electricity		
BP Amoco PLC				
BP Chemicals Ltd				

Roddam House Captains

Following last week's announcements of House Captains and their teams, we introduce you this week to the Roddam Team. Their first role is to ensure they have teams for our House Monologue competition, which replaces House Drama this year, owing to Covid19. New House Captain of Roddam, Sophie Lloyd, writes:



I am Sophie, the House Captain for Roddam, I study Psychology, Philosophy & Ethics, and English Literature. As House Captain for Roddam I am excited and eager to drive the house team to another year of fun filled success. I have been a part of the Roddam for the past 6 years, and have enjoyed every house competition I have been a part of and spectated.

Roddam is all about having fun, and being positive, showing and sharing one another's passions and putting our all into each event. I am eager to encourage each member of the Roddam House to give it their all in the next year- and I just know it will be a year of great success!

Roddam itself is named after local Mary Roddam. Mary Roddam founded the girls' home in Edgmond in 1893. Mary was a woman who was driven to succeed, and help those around her, which I strongly believe the whole of Roddam relays through our ongoing support to one another, and excitement that fuels the House in each event.

I am grateful to be working alongside a strong group, Grace, Amy, Charlotte, Evie and Bryony, and I hope to encourage everyone to get involved in the traditional, and new house events that will be open up to the school.



Do you or does a family member work
in a school in the West Midlands?
Are you a governor in a local school?

As previously reported in Newport News, Mr Scott and NGHS have won a bid to lead the development and implementation of a stronger flexible working culture across our region. NGHS is leading a launch webinar on Monday 21 June at 2pm. Invitations have been sent to school leaders by email this week, but feel free to share this flyer (right) if you know someone who might like to attend. The online webinar will showcase some of the existing excellent practice in schools as well as ways to develop this and is ideally suited to school/Trust leaders and Governors. Sign up today for a place at www.nghs.org.uk/fwass. Thank you.

Newport Girls' High School
A DFE Flexible Working Ambassador School

BUILDING A FLEXIBLE WORKING CULTURE
A free webinar for Trust & School Leaders across the West Midlands

With short presentations from local primary, secondary and special school leaders about how Flexible Working could work for you and your staff

21 JUNE
2pm-3pm

Visit our website to find out more and sign up for our introductory Microsoft Teams webinar on 21 June. We hope that you will join us to discover more about flexible working culture within our region as well as how your school or Trust can gain free, bespoke support to develop flexible working or strengthen your existing practice. We hope to see you online on 21 June at 2pm.

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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
Please include your phone number and name of your daughter