

# **NEWPORT NEWS**

# A weekly update from NGHS

really quick update this week from me as we embark on the final three weeks of the summer term. Unfortunately we have had a handful of cases of Covid19 in our Year 12 population this week and I understand

how frustrating this is for families where students are having to isolate. We work closely with our local Public Health team, must obey their requests regarding isolation and I cannot override these decisions. Part of the reason for the rise has been the continued lateral flow testing at home and I hope that your child has brought home the final seven test pack for this academic year. We have some spare packs in school so would advise Year I2 to do tests more regularly than twice a week (minimum Sundays and Wednesdays). Two of the positive cases were from asymptomatic students and it is thanks to (y)our proactive lateral flow testing that these students were identified.

Colleagues have continued with their primary visits in person and on Teams this week and our A-level and GCSE teacher assessed grades have been scrutinised by exam boards following the submission date last week. Many parents have attended Work Experience and UCAS

## REPORTING SELFIE NUDE VIDEO/IMAGES ONLINE



### Miss H Clarke

Acting Deputy Head / DSL

This week we have been made aware that Childline and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) have developed a brand new tool so that children and young people can report a nude image or video of themselves that has been uploaded to the internet so that IWF can take steps to remove it . This tool has launched on the 22 June 2021.

From conversations in our PSHE review meetings this week we know that there are many reasons for taking / sharing images but also many barriers which prevent young people from reporting the images and videos to adults at home and at school.

This new tool will allow young people to take action themselves and to be reassured that something will be done.

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presentations (Y10/Y12) - thank you for this and to Mrs Gill and Mrs Griffin for organising these. New student planners are off to the printers, duty rotas and timetables printed for staff and we all hope for some normality in September.

This week, Miss Clarke has been recognised for her commitment to leading pastoral provision at NGHS. She has been gifted a pair of tickets to the Wimbledon Finals following a well-deserved nomination made to the school leaders' union ASCL. NGHS has also been asked to speak to other girls' schools in the autumn term about our enhanced PSHE provision, in particular our relationships education programme, so a double win for Miss Clarke.

Finally, please remember that Monday is a teacher training day so no students are on-site and Curriculum Enrichment Week begins on Tuesday for Years 7-9 and 12. Parents of Year 12s should have had a separate email about some changes we are making. I wish Year 10 every success with work experience and I hope that all students enjoy the activities in CEW that staff have worked hard to provide.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe,

Mr M J Scott

In addition a young person is able to report an image or video even if it hasn't been uploaded and shared. The IWF will be able to assign a 'hash' to prevent the image being uploaded by anyone.

As this is such an important step in ensuring that incidents of this nature are reported and dealt with effectively I felt it was important to share in this week's newsletter.

We ask that you talk to your child about this new tool. Click on the image below to reach the website. Thank you.



### Newport Girls' High School

Wellington Road Newport, TF10 7HL Tel: 01952 797550 **Headteacher:** Mr M J Scott BA(Hons) Exon PGCertEd NPQH FRSA To contact the School about a general enquiry, please use **schooloffice@nghs.org.uk**  After last week's view of the ground floor changes, I've been back on the roof to take a photograph of the upper floor which is coming on very well indeed. Mrs Seys will publish an update on student-led fundraising next week! Downstairs, exterior walls and the lift shaft are being built.

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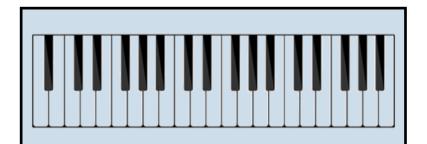
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## Geography lectures to begin this term

In the next weeks, two speakers will be giving virtual talks via Microsoft Teams in relation to Geography. The first talk will be delivered by Claire Holmes from the Snowdonia society on the 29 June and the second talk this term will be delivered by Penny Wysome from Shropshire Wildlife Trust on the 7 July. Both talks are scheduled to begin at 5pm and last approximately I hour, including an opportunity to ask the speaker questions. All students will receive a link to both meetings from Mrs Gill, so please keep an eye on your school inbox if you are interested.

Charlotte and Jessamy (Year 12 Geography Ambassadors)



## Grade 8 Piano Triumph

Congratulations to Sophie Li in Year 10 who has just completed her Grade 8 piano examination and passed with distinction. Obtaining full marks in one of her pieces and almost full marks in the others, Sophie is a very accomplished pianist who has played at many school events since Year 7.

Congratulations, Sophie on a great achievement at a quite young age.





Head Girl Team Highlights...

Hi everyone,

We hope you've all had a great week and enjoyed ramping up the House spirit for the early Sports Day events!

Now we're moving towards the end of the year, we have some exciting events coming up - the first is Curriculum Enrichment Week!

The aim of Curriculum Enrichment Week is to further educate students outside of the National Curriculum or GCSE specifications.

Here are our team's top tips for getting the most out of Curriculum Enrichment Week:

- get involved with everything, we promise it will be more fun!
- step out of your comfort zone
- write about skills you've developed, this will be really helpful for applications in the future
- make new friends, this is a great opportunity to integrate within your year

For the year 10s doing Work Experience make sure you:

- ask any questions, no matter how small
- observe the working environment around you, this will help you make informed career choices in the future
- document your experience and make sure you fill in your booklet, don't leave out any details!

Have a great week and make sure you enjoy it!

From Meg, Laura and the Head Girl Team.

# **Austen House Captains**

In the final of our three house introductions, Chloe, House Captain of Austen talks about what makes Austen special.



Jane Austen was a pioneer within English literature, who remains ones of our most beloved and treasured writers to this day. Our house strives to embody the determination and courage associated with Jane Austen.

Within Austen, we are a friendly, caring family always endeavouring to be our best and aiming for



excellence. Priding ourselves in our competitive, fun nature Austen truly is one big family. This is evident devotion to our house and this is reflected in our victories in our house events, especially sports day! Throughout my time in Austen, I have seen peers flourish as a result of the rivalry between houses; I am lucky enough to see friendships made, turning into overwhelming team camaraderie and house spirit. So, there is only one final thing left to say **WHAT TEAM**? Chloe Mahy, Austen House Captain

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| To: Student           | From: Teacher             |
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| P Adamson (8A)        | Mrs L Payne               |
| R Allen (7R)          | Miss A Rosbach            |
| A Aston (9S)          | Ms J Capaldi              |
| S Baah (7S)           | Mrs A Benoit              |
| S Balaji (9A)         | Ms D Branson, Mrs T Fujii |
| H Bone (8A)           | Mrs L Payne               |
| I Chadwick (8S)       | Ms J Capaldi              |
| M Evans (9S)          | Ms J Capaldi              |
| A Fairhead (9S)       | Ms J Capaldi              |
| P Farrar-Gough (7S)   | Mrs A Benoit              |
| N Freeman-Evans (12N) | Mrs A Seys                |
| E Haynes (11Z)        | Mrs A Seys                |
| L Hicklin (8A)        | Ms J Capaldi              |
| J-L Johnson (7S)      | Miss A Rosbach            |
| H Jones (12H)         | Mrs K Griffin             |

## THANK YOU FRIDAY

Congratulations to this fortnight's winners...

| To: Student         | From: Teacher               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| S Lawrence (7S)     | Mrs A Benoit                |
| M Mason (12S)       | Mrs L Payne                 |
| S Mathew (9S)       | Mrs K Taylor                |
| L Mileham (12N)     | Mrs A Seys                  |
| K Mulraney (12N)    | Mrs A Seys                  |
| I Nicklin (I I Y)   | Mrs A Seys                  |
| C Nitta (I2G)       | Mrs A Seys                  |
| A Pallapunoori (7A) | Ms D Branson, Mrs T Fujii   |
| I Royce (9S)        | Mrs K Taylor                |
| M Royce (7S)        | Ms D Branson                |
| L Salt (I2G)        | Ms J Capaldi, Mrs K Griffin |
| H Sedman-Smith (8A) | Ms J Capaldi                |
| C Worthington (12N) | Mrs A Seys                  |
| A Wysome (8A)       | Ms J Capaldi                |
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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 & <u>Designated</u> <u>Safeguarding Lead</u>



Mrs F Davenport Pastoral & Safeguarding Administrator & DDSL



Mr M J Scott Headteacher & Deputy DSL



Mrs K Danby Y7-10 Wellbeing Officer & DDSL



Mrs K Griffin Head of Sixth Form



Mrs H Goodall Head of Year 10



PASTORAL LEADERS

Mrs D Martin YII-13 Wellbeing Officer



Mrs A Seys Head of Year 9



Miss S Tomkinson Head of Year 11



Ms J Capaldi Head of Years 7&8

YOUNGMINDS

# Questions to ask your child in lockdown



## 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