



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Curriculum Enrichment Week is running at full pace as I write this week's short round-up. Mrs Griffin has been delighted with Year 12's engagement in their week of online seminars about university applications, the Extended Project Qualification and personal statements. Mrs Gill has been telling me about the successes of some of our Year 10s on their Work Experience week and the other year groups have been engaged in a rich variety of activities both in and outside of school, be it trips to Blists Hill, Carding Mill Valley, Wrekin Forest Schools or workshops / challenges in science, tourism, modern languages and mathematics. Year 8 worked with the military based at Donnington on a challenge day on Tuesday and the Army personnel were very, very impressed with how enthusiastic all the students were. Our Year 9s have been tramping the hills of Shropshire on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition. Thank you to Mr Wade, Mr Pointon, Ms Clarke and Miss Crevis who have camped out on the hills. Indeed, a massive thank you to all the staff who have organised and helped to lead interesting events this week and to our students who

have contributed enthusiasm and a keenness to learn new things whether that's identifying microscopic mosquito larvae, solving a maths challenge, learning a new IT skill or discovering facts about our region's heritage. Next week's Newport News will contain a summary and photographs of some of this week's activities.

As a result of CEW, this week's Newport News is a short affair. With two weeks of term now left, we are turning our attention to September and CEW is a taste of the life we can hopefully return to in the autumn. Today is our Senior Leadership Team conference and planning day for next year. We will be reviewing the enforced changes we have had to make for Covid-19 over the past 18 months and whether we wish to retain any as developments for the school. Tomorrow (Saturday) the Governors and I have a planning day to look longer term at the positive and optimistic future of our school. There are some restrictions we cannot wait to lose, but the pandemic has shown us all that we can work in different ways and I hope that something positive can come from this difficult and concerning time.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe,

Mr M J Scott



THANK YOU FRIDAY

Congratulations to this fortnight's winners...

To: Student	From: Teacher
A Billingham (12N)	Mrs K Griffin
L Bills (7A)	Mrs T Fujii, Mr C Tolley
I Chadwick (8S)	Mrs T Fujii, Mrs K Gill
M Danby (12N)	Mrs K Griffin
G Ekhuemelo (8R)	Mrs T Fujii
M Hamdy (9S)	Mrs T Fujii
K Hughes (12H)	Mrs K Griffin
L Jones (12G)	Mrs K Griffin
R Kwafo-Akoto (12G)	Mrs K Griffin
L Livingstone (9S)	Mrs T Fujii

To: Student	From: Teacher
S Lloyd (12N)	Mrs K Griffin
M Lo (12S)	Mrs K Griffin
C Mahy (12H)	Mrs K Griffin
A Reilly (7A)	Mr C Tolley
E Sambhi (9A)	Mrs T Fujii
H Sedman-Smith (8A)	Mrs K Gill
J Upton (12N)	Mrs K Griffin
C Ward (12S)	Mrs T Fujii
A Wyesome (8A)	Mrs K Gill

A shorter TYF list this week as this comes from last week alone. One more to release this term!

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School Fundraising Update



Mrs A Seys
Head of Year 9
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Fundraising Committee



When I launched our challenge to students to help raise funds for our Primed for Success campaign to furnish and equip our new classrooms, computer suite and dining room in the modern, comfortable and high-quality style that NGHS students deserve, I had every confidence that they would rise to the occasion with innovative, creative and exciting fundraising ideas. They have most certainly delivered on this! Fundraising efforts have included sponsored acrobatic gliding, 23-mile bike rides, swimming, multiple Wrekin climbs and (equally challenging for some of our more talkative students), sponsored silences. Entrepreneurs amongst the students and staff have put their talents to excellent use to produce keyrings, candles, pompoms, bookmarks, earrings and even baby tomato plants to sell to friends, family and other members of our school community. 9R and 10X have approached the fundraising challenge as a whole form, running a Euros sweepstake and a charity netball match. Students from 8 Seacole in particular have impressed me so far with their enthusiasm for the cause and creativity in their fundraising ideas, and it has become a semi-regular occurrence to see individuals walking around school dressed as highwaymen and other random characters!

There have been some spectacular individual fundraising efforts: Darcey G in 7S raised an incredible £455; Mrs Machin from the Finance Office raised £340; Alanah M in 7R raised a fantastic £115.00 and Lily E in 7S has raised £66.50. These are truly fantastic totals and will make a huge difference. As I said when I launched the campaign though, every contribution, no matter how small it seems, will make a big difference. If every member of our school community was able to raise just £30, this would amount to £18 000 in total! I would like to extend sincere thanks on behalf of myself and the other members of the Primed for Success fundraising committee for all your efforts so far.

I know that there are many students who have planned their activities and are due to complete them over the next few weeks – good luck to all of you! Please remember to hand in any money raised to Mrs Aldridge in the Finance Office and to let her know your name, form and what you have done so that I can keep updating our totaliser and keep track of how the different houses are doing. Current totals are shown below. As to my own fundraising challenge, it is likely to involve buckets of water, sponges and some very wet teachers on sports day... can you guess what it's going to be....?!

Austen £388.18	Roddam £227.79	Seacole £652.28
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Head Girl Team Highlights...

Hi everyone,

We hope that everyone had another great Curriculum Enrichment week!

During this week, there was an Induction Event held for prospective students to the Sixth Form, so thank you to everyone who was involved and we hope it was an enjoyable experience.

With two weeks left until the end of term, now is the best time to prepare for September! You can do this by consolidating any recent learning, communicating with your teachers and getting all your work in order – remember that the more you do now the less there is over the summer!

That being said, make sure you enjoy these two weeks – hopefully we will have some warmer weather so everyone can have lunch-time picnics!

I personally am really looking forward to my first Sports Day with this school - I feel as though I can already sense the competitive atmosphere descending, and am really getting in to the spirit of it all! Good luck to everyone competing!

From Maisie and the Head Girl Team

NSPCC-RUN HELPLINE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN SCHOOLS

0800 136 663

Department for Education

A new dedicated helpline has been set up by the NSPCC to help victims of sexual harassment and abuse in schools, both recent or historically. It launches today 1st April for:

- children & young people involved or witness to any incidents
- adults in regards to non-recent abuse
- professionals who require support

It can provide support and advice, including how to contact the police and report crimes.

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.



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



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 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?

What have you enjoyed about today?

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Please include your phone number and name of your daughter