



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Pastoral Team & SLT distanced photograph this morning



I am very proud to be able to introduce this issue of Newport News and share some thoughts on the events of this week. As a large part of my role is leading the pastoral life of the school, I felt it was important to mention that tomorrow (10th

October) is World Mental Health Day, we know that mental health problems can affect anyone, any day of the year but we feel it is important to raise awareness. As a school we pride ourselves on the amazing care and support that we offer to students to help them focus on their wellbeing and we will continue to offer this every day. We have spent time in Bounce Back lessons over the last two weeks preparing for Hello Yellow Day (9th October), we have done this by focusing lessons on 'making time to talk' and creating bunting to share positive messages which let young people know they are not alone with their mental health.

Our Wellbeing Officers Mrs Danby and Mrs Martin have been busy planning for Hello Yellow day including:

- 👏 Students and staff wearing yellow accessories
- 👏 Form time focusing on showing support to everyone who may be struggling and showing them that they are never alone
- 👏 The school being filled with yellow decorations
- 👏 All students have been given a Hello Yellow card to take home, this contains a link to a Spotify playlist of happy / feel good songs

We hope that raising awareness of World Mental Health Day will help students to feel even more supported with their mental health.

Within my Bounce Back lessons this week, one of the key discussion topics was 'things that have made the students happy this week' and on multiple occasions the food in the Dining Room was mentioned as a highlight. From doing my duty this week I know that some year groups are using the canteen facilities regularly but I wanted to remind all parents that the team are offering a full service including hot and cold meals and all students are welcome to return to using this during their lunch break.

This week we have also hosted Y9 and Y11 Parents Information Evenings as well as our Y13 Parents Evening, both of these events were held virtually and were well attended and have received some really positive feedback from those parents in attendance. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to retain strong links with families even though we can't all be in the school building at the moment, so thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss H R Clarke, Acting Deputy Head

(as mentioned last week, the senior leadership team are writing the week's review in Newport News for the next few weeks)

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World Mental Health Awareness Day
supporting Young Minds
at NGHS 9 October 2020



EDGMOND HALL

Year 7s enjoy Teambuilding Day

One of our Year 7's annual highlights is the Teambuilding day at Edgmond Hall. Once again, the Edgmond Hall team looked after the girls well and ensured that fun was had by all in the great outdoors. Yuthika (7Roddam) tells us more:

When we got there we got split into four groups and from there into groups of 5-6 people. Those were the people we spent the day with.

The first activity we did was inspired Andy Goldsworthy and we had to split into groups of 2-3. Just so we could work together better. After that we did a circuit in out groups of 5-6. My favourite one was when we had some pipes and a golf ball and the aim was to get the ball, using all the pipes, to the tyre at the bottom. The third activity we did, after lunch, was den building. This one was my personal favourite. First we walked to the big, open forest area and talked about what to do. Then we had to get started. We only had 35 minutes so we had to work quickly and as a team to make it water-

proof and stable. Afterwards, someone went in to den and our instructor poured some water on the den and if the den was fully waterproof, the person inside wouldn't get wet.

After that we lit a fire. First we practised on a cotton ball. Then we got to light a small fire. Unfortunately, some rain got through the trees so some people's fires got burned out.

When the day came to an end, I was very disappointed because I had a lot of fun and I think I did become able to work as a team with the people in my group.

Edgmond Hall was really fun because we got to know people from different houses and make many new friends. We spent the entire day outside and made dens, lit fires, worked together as a team, did some outdoor art and got SOAKED, many people also tried goat whispering!!!! The staff at Edgmond were really friendly and overall, we had an amazing day together. We would definitely go back there if we could. Aimee & Evie (7 Roddam)



Arkwright Scholarship

Congratulations to G Farge (Y12) who has been awarded a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship.



She writes:

After a year-long application process for the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship award, I received brilliant news last week that I had been accepted!

The scholarship aims to foster interest among young people in engineering and STEM careers, and provides funding for both pupil and school, along with exceptional work experience opportunities. I will be supported by a mentor from the Radio Communications Foundation throughout my time in 6th form, and given numerous opportunities to further my STEM knowledge through visits to engineering companies, meetings with other scholars, and volunteering.

The scheme has awarded only 5000 scholarships since its foundation in 1991 and I am fortunate to be able to participate in such a distinguished scholarship scheme, and would strongly advise any younger student to seek out opportunities similar to this one and pursue them wholeheartedly.

Buying a new laptop?

If you are considering purchasing a new laptop for a family member, please consider whether any of the HP Envy or Spectre models would be suitable. If you make a purchase directly from HP, the School can benefit from £200 to spend on laptops. [Click here](#) for more information on the models included.

Please ensure you select NGHS from the school list as we have already registered. Thank you!

***** THANK YOU TO TWO FAMILIES WHO HAVE EFFECTIVELY GIFTED £400 TO NGHS ALREADY! *****

Thank You Friday is awarded by any staff member for any student who has gone above and beyond academically, pastorally or socially. Well done to our last fortnight's winners who all receive five house points and a postcard home (which should have arrived by now!)



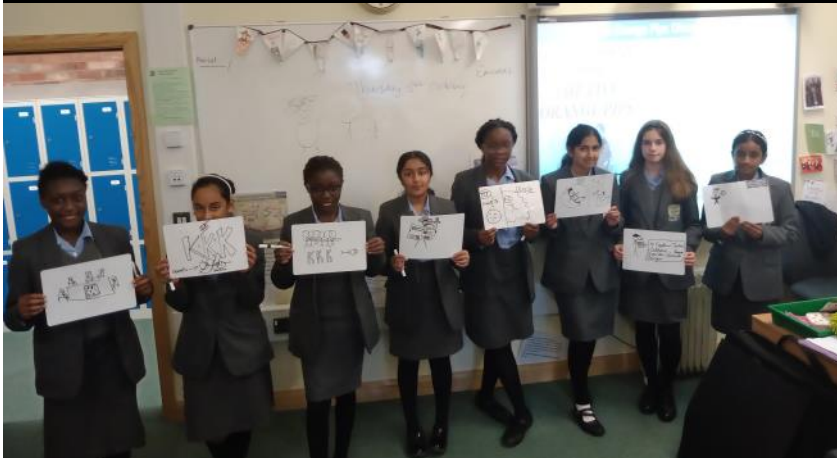
Awarded to:	Awarded by:
R Allen (7R)	Mrs K Jones
A Ash (8A)	Mrs H Furnival
M Bowen (9A)	Mrs J Chandler
T Bridgman (10Z)	Mrs K Wallace
G Campbell (R6)	Mrs K Griffin
J Clegg (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
M Croughan (11Y)	Mrs K Wallace
H Davis (R7)	Mrs K Griffin
G Farge (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
A Hill (R6)	Mrs T Fujii
L Hyde (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
S Jackson (8R)	Mrs T Fujii
A Jarrett (9S)	Mr A Mason
H Jones (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
L Jones (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
D Kynaston (R7)	Mrs K Griffin
N L B Swami (8R)	Mrs T Fujii
L Lenton-Smith (9A)	Mrs L Payne
L Livingstone (9S)	Mr A Mason
G Martin (A7)	Mrs K Griffin
O Needham (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
J Orakwue (A7)	Mrs K Griffin
L Rawson (9A)	Mrs L Payne
L Salt (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
H Simmons (R7)	Mrs K Griffin
J Slater-Morris (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
B Thorne-Clarke (7A)	Mrs R Patel
T Uppal (R7)	Mrs K Griffin
M Westwood (A7)	Mrs K Griffin

Scholarship to Cambridge Summer School

During the summer, I saw a programme that was offering full and partial scholarships to study for two weeks at an Oxbridge university for students all over the world. With nothing else to do, and with the prospect of gaining a beneficial experience for higher education, I decided to research further into it. The essay guidelines were slightly confusing – I had never written anything like this before, and looking at previous competition winners made me feel even more daunted. However, figuring I had nothing to lose, I read through the list of essay questions, and picked the one for the course I wanted to study, “Is the UN still relevant?” With only a week to research and write my essay, I spent the first three days reading articles and expert opinions on my chosen subject, which had proved more difficult than I originally expected. Soon enough, I had written and registered my essay, and had a month to wait to hear of my result. In mid-September, I received an email from the programme’s director congratulating me on winning a partial scholarship, and that in the summer of 2021 I would be studying under leading academics and tutors at Cambridge University for International Relations. I was quite stunned – what had been a spontaneous effort had paid off in my favour. I think that writing the essay was beneficial in the aspect of providing me insight to what work at university will be like, and participating in the programme will also provide me with a unique student experience. **E Boyce, Year 12**



Oliver Twist and Sherlock Holmes were examined and discussed this week in Year 7 English lessons using pictures to see how much the girls had understood from their reading homework. It was clear to see that Sherlock and Watson’s ‘whodunnit’ and Oliver’s trials were clearly understood! Year 7s are also showing off their new school whiteboards!!





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

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HANDS



FACE



SPACE

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR PARENTS

Monday 19 October	7pm	Year 8 Parents Information Evening (online)
Thursday 22 October	6pm	Year 7 Meet the Tutor & Information Evening
Monday 26 October—Monday 2 November		HALF TERM
Wednesday 4 November	4.15pm-7pm	Year 10 Parents Evening (provisional)
Thursday 12 November	4.30pm-7pm	Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11s (provisional)
Thursday 26 November	7pm	Autumn Concert (all welcome if held)
Wednesday 2 December	4.15pm-7pm	Year 12 Parents Evening
Tuesday 8 December	4pm	SEND Parents Forum
Tuesday 15 December	7pm	Carol Service, St Nicholas Church, Newport
Friday 18 December	12.30pm	END OF TERM

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Please include your phone number and name of your daughter