



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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I am delighted to be introducing an issue of Newport News for the first time and to share some of my reflections on this week. I'm not quite sure where September has gone and can hardly believe we break up for half-term at the end of next week.

On Tuesday, we were pleased to invite back Tim Milner to lead a very successful GCSE revision session with Year 11. I was lucky enough to be able to pop into one of the three workshops and was really impressed, both with the fantastic revision tips and explanations of the science behind effective revision techniques, as well as the impeccable behaviour of the students. I spoke to a number of Year 11 students afterwards and the feedback was unanimously positive! This workshop will provide them with a variety of practical ideas as they prepare for their mock examinations in November. See page 2.



As a historian at heart, I have to mention that this is **Black History Month** and next week the Year 7 and Year 8 students will be involved in workshops organised by Mrs Gill and Mrs

Seys where they will have an opportunity to see displays of a range of African art, music, fashion food, cultural and heritage items, as well as to showcase the importance of prominent black figures in history. We will also be introducing some activities into form time across the school and following up with activities in some history lessons, to give students an opportunity to reflect on what they have learnt and what they would like to learn in the future. More about that from Mrs Gill next week!

I would like to remind you that we have a non-uniform day planned for next Thursday (22nd October). Our first one in the year normally supports School Fund, but we will be donating to **Newport Foodbank** at this difficult time. Students are invited to wear sensible non-uniform next Thursday and should bring a £1 coin donation for this and give it to their tutor in registration. Students in classes which are timetabled for PE on Thursday should wear their PE kit, but may wear their own clothes next Friday. I hope that makes sense!

Next week we have Parent Information Evenings for Year 7 (Thursday) and Year 8 (Monday), which will be held virtually! Letters should have been received about these

## A Royal Encounter!



Readers of Newport News last year may remember that Charlotte Toogood (now Year 9) won a regional competition to name the new Telford footbridge. HRH The Princess Royal recently visited Telford to open the bridge and Charlotte was invited to meet the Princess and shared a few (distanced) words with her about her inspiration for the bridge's name, Silver Swallow.

Regular readers of NN will also recall that NGHS was also honoured to have been chosen for a royal visit last March to celebrate the school's centenary; unfortunately this was scheduled for the week after the national lockdown. We are hopeful that a rescheduled visit will take place during 2021, albeit **101** years after the school's opening.

*Photograph reproduced with permission from HRH The Princess Royal's office.*






events already. As I currently have oversight of Year 7 and Year 8 in Ms Capaldi's absence, I look forward to 'seeing' you and thank you in advance for your on-going support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Miss A M Davies, Acting Assistant Head**

*(the senior leadership team are writing the week's review in Newport News for the next few weeks)*

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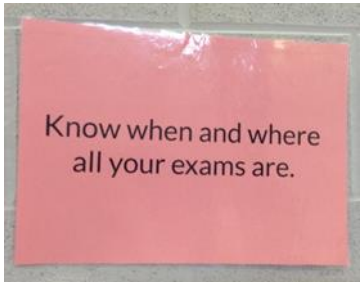
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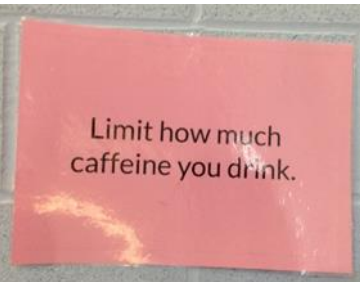
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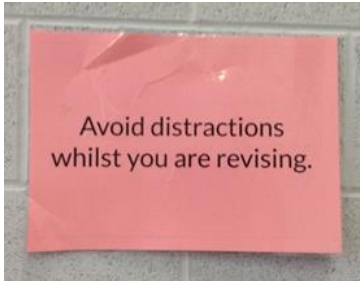
On Tuesday, all of Year 11 took part in a revision workshop run by Tim Milner. There were three sessions in total, one for each class, and each lasted 1½ hours. Within each session, Tim gave the students practical revision strategies, which they were able to trial, and he also explained the science behind the most effective ways to revise. The students behaved impeccably, and Tim described them as a 'credit to the school'. It was brilliant to see them so engaged. I'd like to thank all the staff that helped me with the organisation of the event. It was a real success! **(Miss S Tomkinson, Head of Year 11)**



Know when and where all your exams are.



Limit how much caffeine you drink.

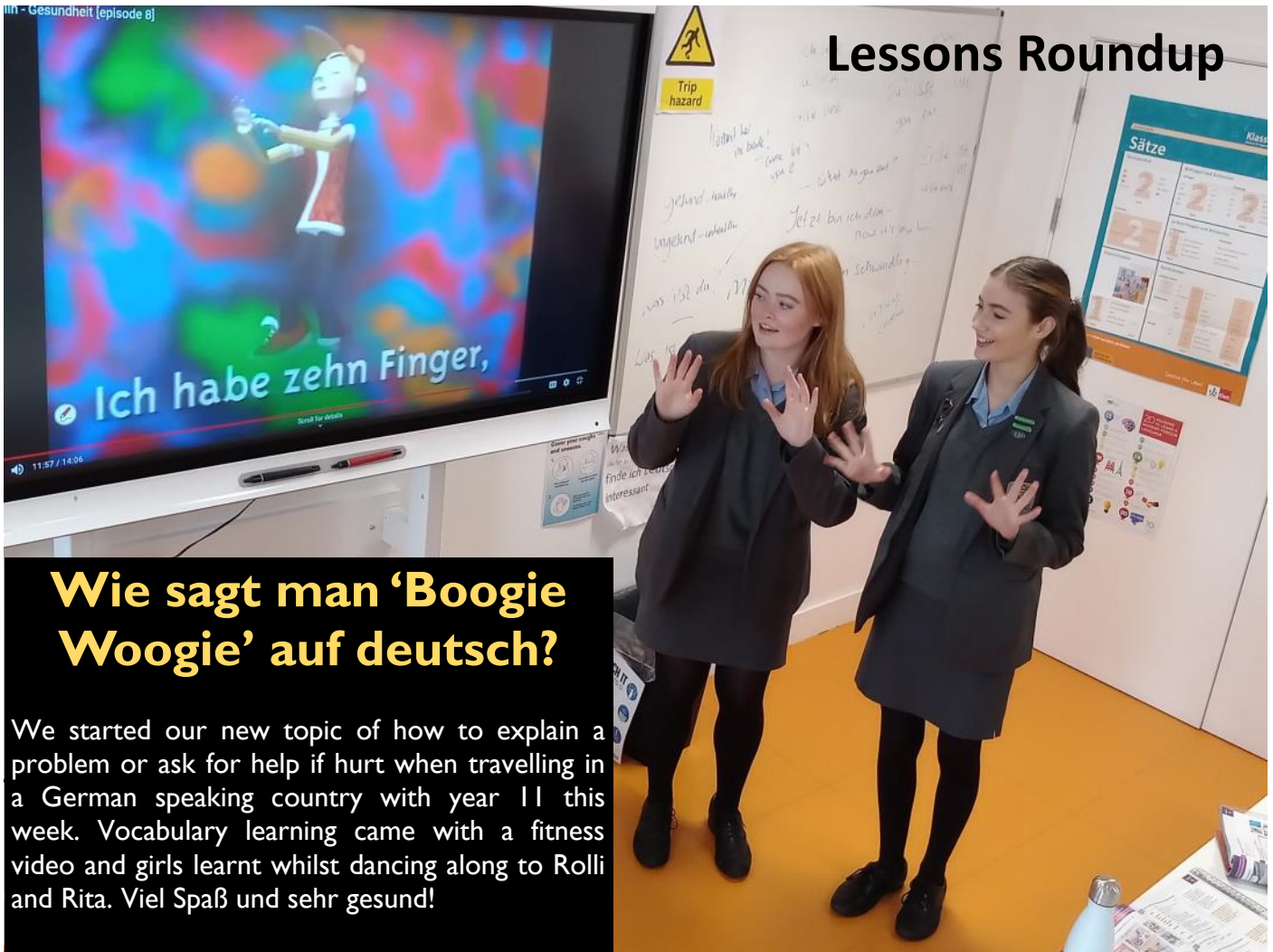


Avoid distractions whilst you are revising.

*I went into Tim Milner's revision presentation expecting to be told the same old thing about flash cards, but I will gladly admit I was completely wrong. We were not only given several different revision techniques that I had never heard of, but we were also told about how to look after ourselves during exam season. We were able to try out some of the revision techniques in the session to see what may work for us and Tim told us the most important factors of revision, all supported by evidence from studies. Overall, the presentation was extremely helpful, especially with mocks just around the corner, and I think many of us will have seen revision in a different way as a result.*

*(Ella J, Year 11 Student)*





# Lessons Roundup

## Wie sagt man 'Boogie Woogie' auf deutsch?

We started our new topic of how to explain a problem or ask for help if hurt when travelling in a German speaking country with year 11 this week. Vocabulary learning came with a fitness video and girls learnt whilst dancing along to Rolli and Rita. Viel Spaß und sehr gesund!

## 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! \*\*\***



## Strumming Success!

Last year we bid for a grant to buy a class set of ukuleles and were successful. We have put them to good use this term in Year 8. With equipment being rationed between bubbles owing to Covid-19 it has been a great opportunity for all of Year 8 to complete a unit of work learning how to strum, finger chords and have lots of fun into the bargain. We look forward to class performances in a couple of weeks once we all get the hang of it! Keep on strumming!

Mrs A Chapman, Music Teacher

**THANK  
you  
FRIDAY**

Well done to our latest winners who will all receive a postcard home and five house points

<b>Awarded to:</b>	<b>Awarded by:</b>
E Adeniyi (9A)	Ms D Branson
E Archer (12G)	Mrs K Wallace
L Bottomley (S6)	Mrs A Chapman
Z Brown (S6)	Mrs K Wallace
C Doyle (R7)	Mrs D Martin
S Garcha (11Z)	Mr D Postle
E Gutteridge (8R)	Mrs J Chandler
K Hughes (12H)	Mrs K Wallace
L Hyde (S7)	Mrs K Gill
E Jackson (11X)	Miss S Tomkinson
T Lee (9R)	Mrs J Chandler
H Limbu (12H)	Mrs K Wallace
A Morris (7R)	Mrs K Danby
S Nawaid (A7)	Mrs D Martin
O Needham (A6)	Miss A-M Davies
M Nicholls (8R)	Mrs J Chandler
C Nock (12N)	Mrs A Seys
A Parepalli (9R)	Mrs J Chandler
L Salt (12G)	Mrs K Wallace
T Shahid (12H)	Mrs K Wallace
E Watson-Nolan (11X)	Mrs H Furnival
B Williams (11Z)	Mr D Postle
A Wysome (8A)	Mrs H Furnival



*For Year 12 students*  
**Interested in  
working in health?**

This year NGHS is proud to be working again with the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust to offer Year 12 students the opportunity to volunteer in Shrewsbury or Telford hospital. An email with an application has been sent out to all year 12s via email and the deadline is 9am on Wednesday 21 October.

Experience of working within a hospital environment as part of a team will strengthen UCAS applications and interviews, so do consider getting an application to Mrs Gill as soon as you can.

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**Do you run a business that could  
advertise to over 600 families a week?**

In return for a moderate donation to our PTA Fund towards the new building, we would be happy to feature adverts in our Newport News publication. Please email [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk) to find out about availability and suggested donation amounts. Disclaimer: The school reserves the right to refuse any advert which is deemed inappropriate. Thank you.



# 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 (online)
Monday 26 October-Monday 2 November		HALF TERM
Wednesday 4 November	4.15pm-7pm	Year 10 Parents Evening
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

To urgently contact a member of the senior leadership team outside school hours, please use [urgent@nghs.org.uk](mailto:urgent@nghs.org.uk)  
Please include your phone number and name of your daughter