



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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NGHS ranked 67th in the UK!

Newport Girls' High School

67th
NATIONAL
RANK

65.3%
A-LEVEL A*-B

81.3%
GCSE A*/A/9/8/7



I start this week with the excellent news that NGHS has retained its place in the top 100 schools and is ranked 67th out of over 4000 schools in the UK. This is based not on the 2021 results at A-level and GCSE (which were teacher assessed) rather, owing to the pandemic, an average of the results from 2017-2019. We are delighted with this news and are the only school within 30 miles in the top 100. As ever, this success is owing to the fantastic hard work of our students and staff and welcome support from parents.

House Music was very successful this week and Roddam were victorious. Modern technology was a useful addition in enabling us to live stream everything from the Hall. It was lovely to see students coming together across the year groups. Well done to all the sixth formers who led the younger years in this NGHS tradition. More on the results in next week's newsletter from Mr Pointon.

I am bowled over (again) by the generosity of students and families for the Christmas Smile campaign. We won't be delivering the gifts until later next week, so if there are any more donations, please keep them coming on Tuesday.

In the right hand column, I detail arrangements for the last week of term, which will soon be upon us. Just a reminder that next Monday (6th) is an INSET day. Staff will be working on further enhancing Teaching & Learning provision in school as well as moderating the marking of our recent Year 11 mocks. There are no students in school.

You should have received information this week about our new Edulink app for parents/students. Thank you to Mrs Jones and Mr Wade for their support with this.

Finally, please see Mrs Birch's request for parental input to our Sex & Relationships Education programme on page 5.

Wishing you all nice weekend,

Mr M J Scott

Last Week of Term (13-17 Dec)

Please note this may be subject to change owing to local Covid restrictions imposed by Health Protection

Monday 13 December

Year 10 can wear sensible non-uniform if participating in the afternoon trip to Stafford.
Xmas Crafternoons on Mon-Wed this week at lunch.

Wednesday 15 December

Year 7 Virtual Pantomime (am)
Carol Service rehearsals (pm)
Young Enterprise: Festive Film after school
4pm-6pm—posters in school about this
Carol Service for NGHS families (7.00pm)
Separate letter to follow regarding tickets

Thursday 16 December

Winter Jumper Day
(£1 minimum donation to Newport Foodbank)
Christmas Lunch £4 (must book in advance)
Y14 Reunion Afternoon - Covid restrictions apply

Friday 17 December

Normal morning school—full attendance
School closes at 12.30pm. Pupils can remain until 2.30pm if travel difficulties exist.

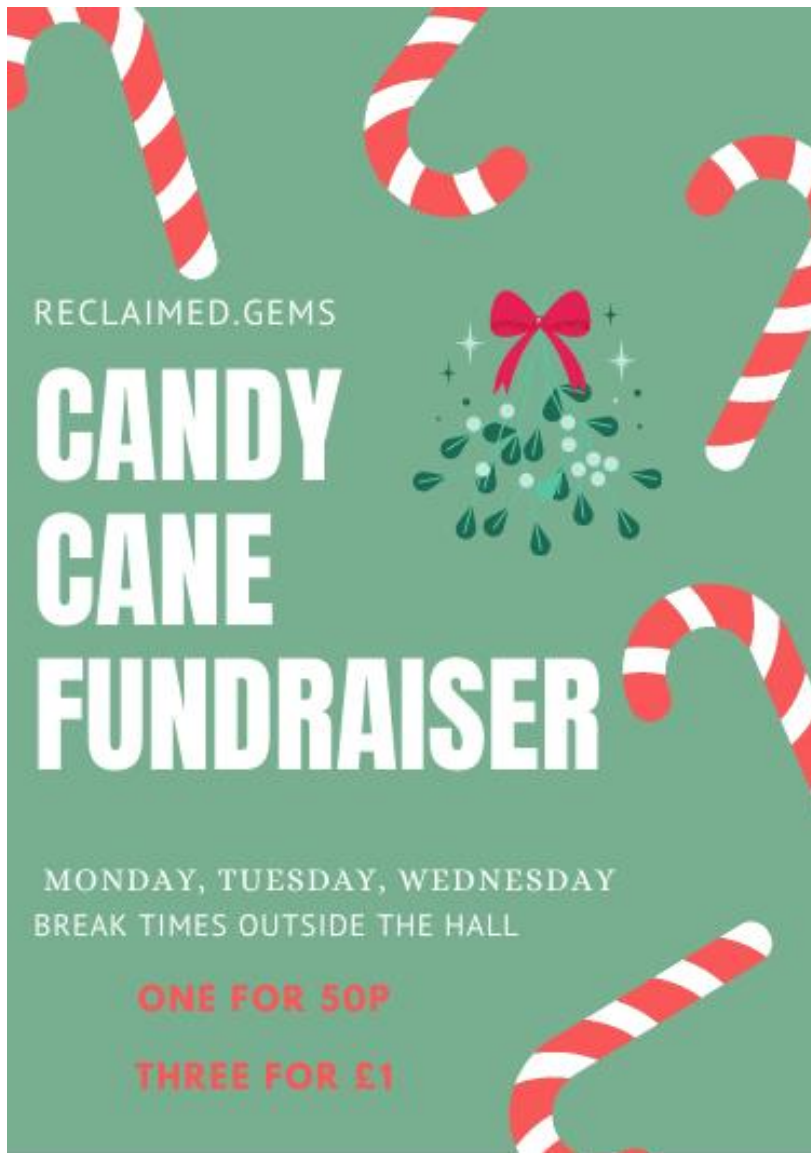
This must be pre-booked via our email address schooloffice@nghs.org.uk by **13 December.**



Thank you for the many donations!
There is still time to bring donations on Tuesday next week if you have forgotten.

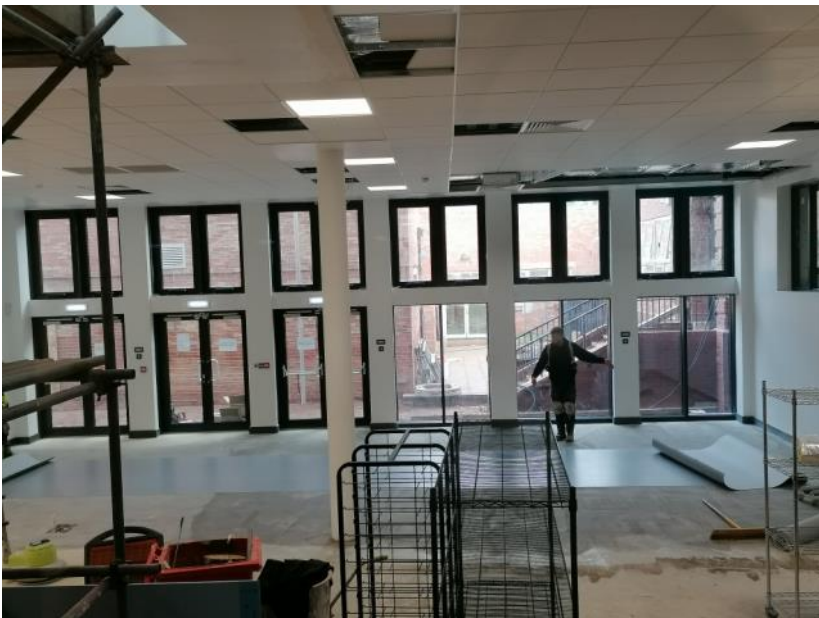
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Lay That Vinyl Down!

The dining room is finally nearing completion and we will be snagging the upstairs of the new building next week ready for the new term. We should be ready to go in January....



Head Girl Team Highlights...



Two weeks to go...

We've finally entered the last month of 2021! Coats are coming out of wardrobes (less so in Y9 & 10 says Mr Scott!), Christmas trees are being decorated and the Houses have spent the last few weeks warming up their vocal chords in preparation for the annual House Music competition.

On Tuesday, the whole school had the pleasure of watching a variety of different musical performances from each of the houses and the whole Head Girl Team was incredibly impressed with the amount of dedication and talent that everyone involved showcased. We would also like to pass our congratulations to the winning team – Roddam. Well done!

Last Friday, students had the opportunity to go on a shopping spree at Cheshire Oaks. We are sure that this was a fantastic chance to get a head start on Christmas shopping! Above all, we hope that everyone was able to have some fun, unwind and grab those Black Friday deals.

Only 2 weeks left of this half term everybody! Try to spend this weekend doing something you love so that you can return to school next week feeling ready and refreshed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ros and the Head Girl Team

WHAT'S GOING ON IN... FRENCH



Qu'est-ce qui se passe aux cours de français?

Y12 made revision resources and activities to practise their recently completed topic of 'La Famille'. We had Pass the Parcel, a wordsearch, anagrams, antonyms, a statistics and

facts card match, a definitions guessing game and lots of biscuits and French café music! Year 12 are also planning a little French Film club in lunchtimes soon – watch this space!

All students learning French are being encouraged to write a French card or letter to an elderly French-speaking care home resident in Canada. We'll be sending them off as soon as possible in order to try and get them there in time to cheer up a lonely person and let them know we're thinking of them. Watch this space for an update on this!

Y8 have been practising their verbs ending 'er', 'ir' and 're' and enjoyed singing little songs that help them remember the verb endings. Here's the 'ir' verb song! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mp6xPrItAtk&t=5s>

Mme Branson, Head of MFL

Picking up a bargain at Cheshire Oaks!



We had an amazing and festive evening in Cheshire Oaks, where years 11, 12 & 13 had the opportunity to do some shopping. Despite the cold and windy weather, we had fun and made great memories. The whole place was lit up with the Christmas lights and the tree was beautiful. The German market stalls looked wonderful along with all the decorations and had a festive atmosphere.

We managed to get some early Christmas shopping completed. Overall it was a nice relaxing, break away from school.

Paveen Sanghera, Year 12



CHRISTMAS DINNER

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Turkey and cranberry sauce
Brie and cranberry bake
Roast potatoes
Roast parsnips
Sprouts
Glazed Carrots
Peas
Pigs in blankets
Stuffing
Gravy

Seasonal spiced pudding with custard

Also with a 330ml bottle of sparkling water.

£4.00

Please purchase your ticket by the 10th December



Save on the Buses

If you are aged 16-19 and live in T&W, don't miss out on discounted fares. Visit www.Telford.gov.uk/teencard for information.





THANK YOU FRIDAY

Congratulations to this fortnight's winners...

Each fortnight we recognise students who have gone the extra mile to help a member of staff. Parents will receive recognition of the child's success through a postcard home and publication in Newport News.

To: Student	From: Teacher
N Adkins (11Aus)	Ms J Capaldi
G Beff (9Aus)	Miss A-M Davies
L Chinthalapati (10Sea)	Miss J Walker
K Drosdzowski (10Rod)	Miss A-M Davies
G Fernandes (8Aus)	Mrs K Taylor
P Fowler (10Rod)	Mrs A Mason
D Gallacher (8Sea)	Mrs K Taylor
M Hartwright (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
I Harvey-Ewusi (R8)	Miss S Webster
G Hicklin (7N)	Miss A Holmes
P Larsen (9Sea)	Miss A-M Davies
A Mangham (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
A Mangham (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
M Mason (S8)	Mrs L Payne
D Muraleedharan (8Sea)	Mrs K Wallace

To: Student	From: Teacher
C Nock (R7)	Mr D Postle
C Norris (11Aus)	Ms J Capaldi
Q O'Howell (10Sea)	Miss A-M Davies
J Payne (10Rod)	Mrs B Dugdale
N Perumal (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
N Qureshi (8Aus)	Mrs K Taylor
R Rajendra Kalpana (7H)	Mrs C Petford
A Reilly (8Aus)	Mrs K Taylor
S Rodrigues (10Sea)	Ms J Clarke, Miss J Walker
N Sagili (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
J Slater-Morris (S6)	Mrs K Gill
A Stephen (8Aus)	Miss A Holmes
C Ward (R7)	Mrs L Payne
C Worthington (R6)	Mr D Postle

Supporting Motor Neurone Disease

A few weeks ago I had the idea to raise some money for the MND Association. I particularly want to support this charity because I have a close relative with MND (Motor Neurone Disease) and the MNDA funds care and support for people living with MND across the country as well as research to find a cure.

I approached Mr Scott a couple of weeks ago to see whether I could organise a bake sale in school. I know that it's been a while since the school has held any sort of bake sale, so I was really pleased when Mr Scott agreed to my idea and the following Friday in the Newport News announced that NGHS would be restarting "more of the things we love about NGHS such as Bake Sales"! And today I've been given space in the Newport News to let you know the details of my MNDA Bake Sale next week.



WHEN: Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th December, every lunch break at 1pm

WHERE: Outside the hall

WHAT: All sorts of cakes, including cupcakes, brownies, gingerbread, cookies, banana loaf, Victoria Sponge, shortbread etc.! (All goodies will be nut-free and all ingredients that are used will be listed)

I really want to raise lots of money for this incredible charity and I have a target of £85 to raise from the sale, which would be enough to buy the software for someone to be able to bank their own voice. The other really great thing is how many of my friends at school have offered to help by baking something on Monday to donate towards the Bake Sale. Thank you everyone – bakers and buyers!

Lily, 8SEA



We have our second Crafternoon coming up next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This time we will be offering our students the chance to take part in a Christmas themed cross-stitch card.

Crafternoons are an initiative that have been launched by the charity Mind as they recognise the benefits of craft activities on boosting our mental health. As a school we run Crafternoon's at the end of each half term. Students in Year 11 recently took part in a cross-stitch Crafternoon and enjoyed it so much that it

inspired me to choose cross-stitch for the theme of our next Crafternoon.

Places for this Crafternoon will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, up to a maximum number of 30 students. If you are interested in attending can you send an email to h.birch@nghs.org.uk I will respond to the email to confirm your place working in order that that the emails are received. Please let Mrs Birch know if you are interested in this end of term Crafternoon. Hope to see lots of you there.



The theme for anti-bullying week was one kind word. Mrs Danby and Mrs Martin arranged a lunchtime activity for students to come and write some positive and kind words on a post-it. I am delighted to show you the wonderful noticeboard that our kind students have created. We hope that this gives anyone that needs it, a little boost!



On Monday, eight students from year 9 and 10 were part of the Shropshire Young Health Champions training. After a full day of fun teambuilding activities on mental and physical health, we have become Young Health Champions. We have started two projects that will be taking place both inside and outside of school. One of our projects is to raise awareness and combat isolation, and the other is to eliminate the stigma around periods in our society.

In our isolation project we hope to send out Christmas cards to local care homes and create a Christmas quiz for the residents to take part in. In the future we also hope to be able to go to care homes and hold coffee afternoons and talk to the residents in person.

For our second project we hope to raise awareness on period poverty and reduce the stigma around periods. We want to take over the sanitary products distribution scheme that was introduced around school last year by the Head Girl Team to make sure that sanitary products are readily available to everyone all the time. We also want to expand our project to other secondary and primary schools around Newport where we hope to give out talks and lessons to the students there.

If you have any ideas or any ways you would like to support our projects please talk to a member of the Shropshire Young Health Champions Team or Mrs Birch.

P. Finan and Z. Nwaomu

Parent Views Sought!

As you may be aware, NGHS was an early adopter school for the delivery of Sex & Relationships Education, starting in 2020. We are committed to providing relevant, age-appropriate material in line with the DFE's policy and methods of delivery in a professional, supportive manner.

Your views as parents/carers help us to understand conversations which may or may not go on at home and this survey will ensure we continue to deliver advice and support to students and parents/carers too (where desired).

Please kindly complete this survey no later than Friday 10 December, when it will be closed. The link to complete this survey is here: <https://www.nghs.org.uk/s/rse-parental-survey>

Thank you in advance for your help!

Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Miss Holmes recently launched a Christmas Card competition for all students to take part in. Mrs Birch and Mr Scott can now announce the winner of this competition. This card has now been printed and is being used as our school's Christmas card for 2021. We were blown away by the number and quality of the entries and it was extremely difficult to decide. Thank you so much to everyone who got involved.

First place (left) F Price (Year 12)
 Second place C Fewtrell
 Third place E Roberts
 Highly Commended I Turner + Anonymous! Please see Mrs Birch if your design is shown!!

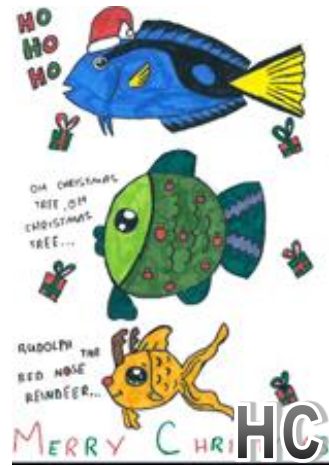
Prizewinners collect a prize from Mrs Birch on Tuesday!



2nd



3rd



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December Kindness 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	15 Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
			29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022	31

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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As a Kindness Ambassador School, we are keen on supporting students to bring some kindness into every day. We have started to use the action for happiness calendar. This month's theme is **Do Good December**. The focus this month is on carrying out small acts of kindness. We recognise that this has been another difficult year of uncertainty with many ups and downs. But kindness is contagious, and helping others has proven to make us feel better. This month's calendar focuses on us being generous with our time and attention. Are you going to get involved, please see the daily activities on the picture above?
The Pastoral Team

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 any concerns, but there are certain colleagues with additional training to support you in pastoral and safeguarding matters.



Mrs H Birch
Assistant Head
Designated SL



Mr M J Scott
Headteacher



Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 7



Mrs F Davenport
Pastoral Support



Miss S Webster
Deputy Head



Mrs A Chapman
Head of Year 9



Ms J Capaldi
Head of Year 8



Mrs K Danby
Wellbeing Officer

Safeguarding

Years 7-10



Mrs A Seys
Head of Year 10

Years 11-13



Mrs S Tomkinson
Head of Year 11



Mrs K Griffin
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs D Martin
Wellbeing Officer

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outside school hours, please use urgent@nghs.org.uk