



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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The new building is complete!



Mr Scott receives keys to the new building in the dining room from Des O'Neill, Managing Director at Interclass Plc with Martin Thompson from Greenwood Consulting, Leesa Owen and Darren Barnes from Academy (Caterers) and (r) Roger Tew, Site Manager for Interclass.



I am delighted to confirm that we have now taken ownership of our new extension! From Monday, we will be teaching classes in Rooms 301-305 (upstairs in the new building) as well as enjoying food in the Dining Room and kitchen.

Outside, fresh turf is being put down but will require a few weeks to bed in. Students have been told, today, how to access the Field etc. in this interim period and have also received freshly-printed timetables with new rooms. I would like to first thank all the NGHS families who committed a financial donation to the building. In total we raised around £55,000; not quite the £74,357 we were hoping for and the figure of £55,000 included a generous donation from a charity to which I wrote a bid for IT equipment. Nevertheless, we have afforded most of what we hoped to give our students the best possible educational experience but have had to make some savings along the way. As the academic and financial year continues, we will continue to monitor our school budget and it will be tight this year! I would always be grateful for continued donations and hopefully you will hear about the new rooms (and probably the new toilets) from students!

Our classrooms are named by the families who made very generous donations to our Primed for Success campaign and also some were selected at random from those making a donation of £7.51 a month for 12 months, which is all we

asked at the start of the campaign. Classroom 304 is named 'The Don Steward Room' in memory of a much-loved NGHS former maths teacher who sadly passed away in the first few weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The building project has been overseen by myself and Mrs Machin, our Finance and Facilities Manager at NGHS as well as architects Baart Harries Newall of Shrewsbury, Greenwood Consulting who were our Project Managers and of course Interclass of Wolverhampton who completed the build. I would like to thank them all for their commitment and support, particularly when issues arose surrounding the supply of materials and staffing shortages with Brexit and Covid; all of which added to the delay of a couple of months. Also, our group of parents and governors who helped fundraise, in particular Mrs Harris (Vice Chair of Gobs) and Mrs Tunnicliffe (Auction Coordinator).

Next week our mobiles and outdoor toilet block will be lifted away (the latter won't be missed but we will actually miss the mobiles) and I will turn my attention to seeing what we can do to improve the north end of the site beyond the Courts to improve parking and PE facilities! As the number of students grows, I am committed to making the school the best it can be for the benefit of all students.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr M J Scott

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OPENING DAY
CELEBRATE OUR NEW CATERING FACILITY

Come and celebrate the opening of our new catering facility at NGHS with **10% off main meals and our new deli bar** for 3 days only on 24th, 25th and 26th January 2022

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New Dining Room

Payment in the Dining Room will be via biometric finger print only (no cash can be accepted). The ACADEMY app (black/yellow icon) can be downloaded to all devices for top up by parents. About 90% of students have signed up, so those who have not should please see the Catering Manager in the new kitchen for biometrics. The new school menu is shown below.

Academy Catering Team

MAIN MENU



Monday 24th is week 1

	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEGETABLES
WEEK ONE	Butchers Sausages	Authentic Beef Bolognese	Class Roast Chicken	Traditional Cottage Pie	Take Away Day
	Quorn Sausage	Vegetable Bolognese	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Pie	Vegetarian Burger
	Daily Special	Daily Special	Daily Special	Daily Special	Battered Fish
	Mashed Potatoes	Pasta	Roast Potatoes	Choice of Vegetables	Chips
	Choice of Vegetables	Garlic Bread	Vegetables and Gravy	Gravy	Beans
WEEK TWO	Meatballs in a Spicy Italian Sauce	Southern fried chicken wraps	Class Roast Pork and Stuffing with Apple Sauce	Chicken Pasta Pot Day	Take Away Day
	Quorn Chilli	Cheese and Onion Pinwheel	Vegetable Pasty	Vegetarian Pasta Pots	Pizza
	Daily Special	Daily Special	Daily Special	Daily Special	Battered Fish
	Rice	Potato Wedges	Herby New Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Chips
	Choice of Vegetables	Beans	Vegetables and Gravy	Choice of Vegetables	Beans
WEEK THREE	Hunters Chicken Stew	Creamy Chicken Carbonara	Classic Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Madras Curry	Take Away Day
	Quorn Casserole	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetable Crumble	Vegetarian Curry	Vegetarian Burger
	Daily Special	Daily Special	Daily Special	Daily Special	Battered Fish
	New Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes	Flatbread	Chips
	Choice of Vegetables	Choice of Vegetables	Vegetables and Gravy	Poppadom	Beans

Also Available Daily:
Daily selection of tempting traybakes and delicious desserts

SEASONAL KITCHEN

- Jan Carrots
- Feb Pears
- March Cauliflower
- April Bananas

Food Allergies & Intolerance
If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance please speak to a team member before you order your food or drinks.

Our Stunning Dining Room and Kitchen!

...Photos of upstairs will follow soon once students have seen them for themselves...





Hello, we are Evie and Lara (Year 12) and are setting up a Careers Club in school starting from Thursday 27 January in room 102 at 1:00pm. We decided to set this club up in order to increase awareness of the range of careers available as we feel we would have benefited from something similar when we were younger and can could assist other students in making more informed decisions regarding GCSE and A level choices and alternative routes of work and study. We would welcome any engagement from parents regarding careers areas which they are familiar with.

There will be two sessions on one career: in the first one we will talk about what the career involves, how to get into it and what work experience could be done and in the second one we will delve further and hopefully secure time with an expert.

We would also encourage students, parents and carers to take a look at the NGHs Careers Zone at www.nghs.org.uk/academic/careers-zone.

For more information or to express an interest in the club please contact k.gill@nghs.org.uk.

Oxbridge Talk

Last Friday, Year 12 were given the opportunity to attend an exciting talk by Dr Matthias Dörrzapf, the Director of Scholarships and International Programmes at St John's College, University of Cambridge. The talk covered all that we need to know about the university, including choosing a course, choosing the college that we would like to apply to, and the college structure in general. It was intriguing to hear about how all of the day-to-day learning at the University is organised by whichever of the 31 colleges you belong too, especially as the collegiate structure is something that is unique to just Oxford and Cambridge. Matthias also gave us some very helpful pointers about the application process, including shedding some light on what the interviewers are likely to be looking for in an interview at Cambridge.

While highlighting the importance of being able to hold an engaging discussion with the interviewers, Matthias reminded us that the people interviewing us would be likely become our teachers and peers (or perhaps have written a textbook that the university choose to study) and therefore it was vital to be able to connect to them on a personal level as well as an intellectual level.

All in all, it was great to learn more about such a prestigious university, and what life might actually look like at Cambridge. Thank you to Mrs Gill for organising this for us through the 6th form careers programme and to Mrs Griffin for introducing the speaker.

Emily S (Year 12)



Head Girl Team Highlights...

January Tips

We are over halfway through the first month of the new year, and still there is so much to look forward to over the coming weeks. To start with, everyone is super excited about the New Build, it's looking amazing! There is also House Dance and a House Quiz coming up, meaning it is once again time to bring out that competitive team spirit!

January is know to be a stressful month, with assessments and mocks for the upper years. While revising, it is important to remember to focus on your own wellbeing, taking a break is important – even just for a wintry walk. Additionally, at these times it is important to look out for each other. One way to do this is to check in with your friends as you will most likely be experiencing similar worries... and a problem shared is definitely a problem halved! Our school is known for the welcoming and friendly atmosphere created by the students, so let's all make sure to continue this over the next couple of weeks!

Good luck to everyone who has assessments, you will all be amazing,

Maisie and the HGT

Safety First after School

Following complaints from residents, students have been reminded today about not blocking pavements walking 3-4 abreast when leaving school and giving way to members of the public.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GERMANY?

Verspätete Weihnachtsgrüße aus England bereiten Senioren große Freude

Herten. Anfang Januar kam ein dicker Brief für Gerd Beltermann im Caritas-Zentrum Franz von Assisi an und er wunderte sich, wer ihm da wohl schreiben würde.

Als er sah, dass der Brief aus England kam, war ihm schnell klar – der kann nur von seiner Nichte Alexandra Rosbach sein.

Sie ist Lehrerin, unterrichtet Deutsch an einem Mädchengymnasium in Newport in Shropshire und hält regelmäßigen Telefonkontakt zu ihrem Onkel. „Wir verstehen uns richtig gut.“, sagt er. „Aber ich habe mich gewundert, dass sie mir auf einmal schreibt.“ Kurz vor Weihnachten hatte Alexandra Rosbach ihrer achten Klasse (das entspricht vom Al-

ter her in Deutschland der Klasse sechs) erzählt, dass ihr Onkel mit vielen anderen Bewohnern im Caritas-Zentrum Franz von Assisi in Herten lebt. Die Kinder hatten die spontane Idee, Weihnachtsgrüße für die Bewohner nach Deutschland zu schicken. Sie malten, bastelten und schrieben mit viel Liebe und Begeisterung. Alexandra Rosbach hat alle Karten gesammelt und ihrem Onkel geschickt.

Der hat sich zusammen mit den anderen Bewohnern sichtlich gefreut. Auch wenn die Karten erst nach Weihnachten angekommen sind, machten sie bei den Bewohnern die Runde und an einer Antwort Richtung England wird schon gearbeitet.

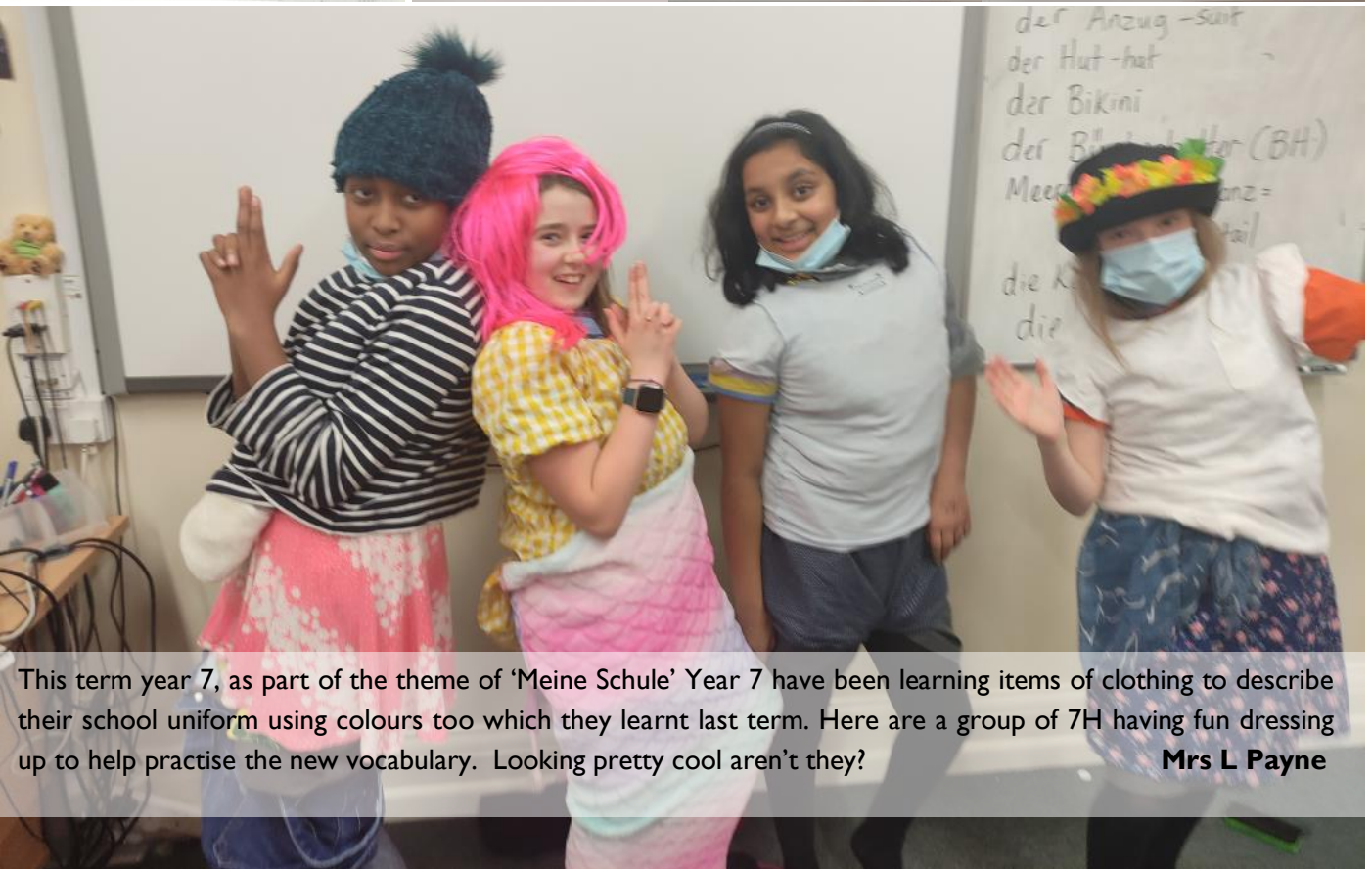
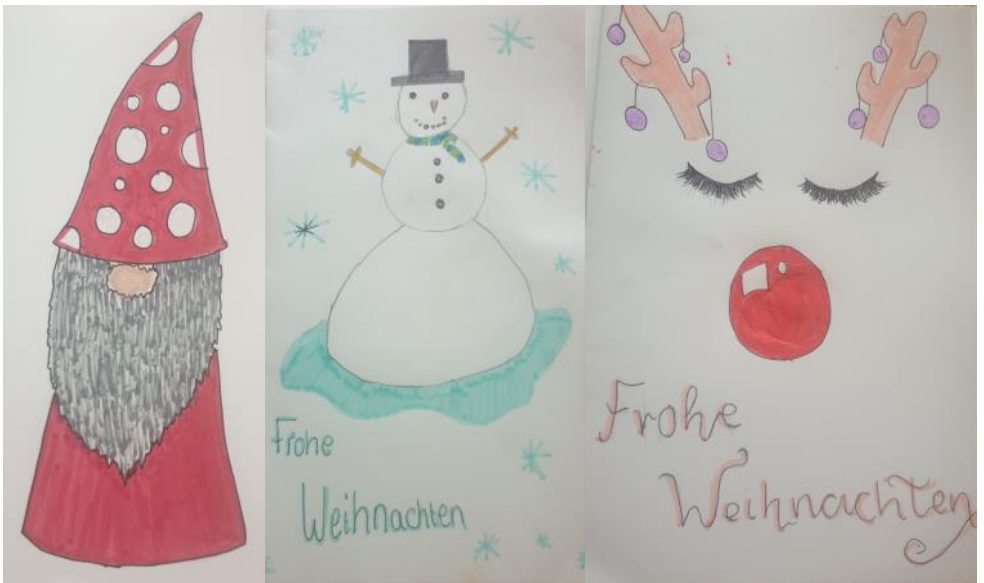


Sie kamen zwar leicht verspätet, aber noch rechtzeitig, um sie an der Krippe zu lesen: Gerd Beltermann und Gertrud Germies freuen sich über die Weihnachtsgrüße aus England.

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Christmas would not be Christmas without exchanging and sending Christmas cards, wishing each other a merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. This Christmas, Y8 SEA took this idea further and made lovely cards for a care home far away; Residents of the Franz von Assisi care home in the town of Herten in Germany could not believe their eyes when a big envelope from the UK arrived for them after Christmas, containing charming, hand-crafted cards, each conveying a caring message written in German. They were so moved by this act of kindness that the press got involved and the story ended up in the local newspaper. A thank-you letter from Germany is on the way but for now thank you very much indeed Y8 SEA!

Miss A Rosbach



This term year 7, as part of the theme of 'Meine Schule' Year 7 have been learning items of clothing to describe their school uniform using colours too which they learnt last term. Here are a group of 7H having fun dressing up to help practise the new vocabulary. Looking pretty cool aren't they?

Mrs L Payne

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC ?

In Year 9...

This month, we have spent our Friday Music lessons learning about sea shanties. We have learnt that they are traditional folk songs sung in rounds to help sailors with rhythmical work. We have spoken about well-known examples like 'Drunken Sailor' and 'The Wellerman'. Lots of us knew 'The Wellerman' already after it became famous on TikTok so it was really exciting to work on our own arrangements of it. We have worked in groups learning the melody lines and chords, singing harmonies and even using the boomwhackers! This topic is very different to anything we have learnt about before and everyone is really enjoying it.

Alice R - (Year 9)

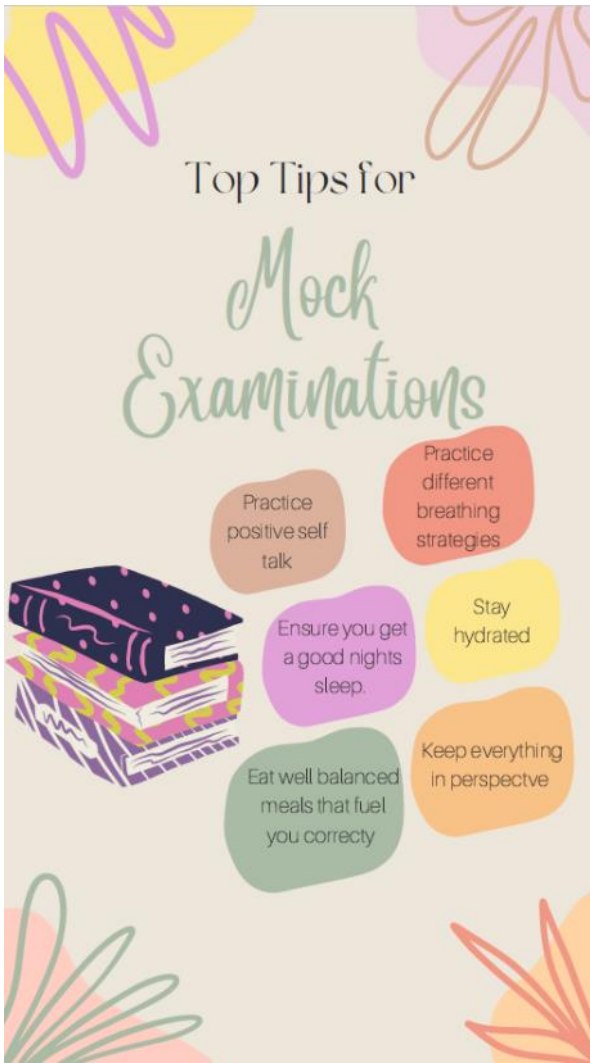
In Year 8...

So far this half term, we have been studying film music. We have been learning about the musical features and elements which make up film music such as dissonance, motifs and ostinatos and have been using these features ourselves to create our own horror film trailer soundtrack to the film 'Women in Black'. We have also watched a very well known, John Lewis advert called 'the man on the moon' but after re-watching it with different music, it is safe to say that none of us will watch it in the same way. By doing this we got to see the importance of film music and how much power it has in creating a story. I have really enjoyed this topic so far as we have been able to work in groups of our choice and compose an original soundtrack. Freya E (Year 8)



Can any parents help us to make some wooden boxes for Matilda the Musical ? We need 8 (50cmx50cm) each.
If you can help us, please contact Mrs Chapman via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk

SustaiNGHS meets Blue Peter!



With all of the current issues affecting our climate, it's important that we all do our bit to help, such as double-checking the recycling instructions on products, educating ourselves on species of endangered animals, or coming along to SustaiNGHS to help look after our school. One way to show you care for, and appreciate the environment, is by applying for a green Blue Peter badge if you are 15 or under. We would love to see as many of our students get badges as possible!

Getting the green Blue Peter badge is a great thing to do for lots of reasons, including getting free access to over 200 attractions such as Cheddar Gorge, the Eden Project and ZSL London Zoo.

To earn a badge, you need to:

- 1) Search 'Green Blue Peter Badge' on your web browser.
- 2) Pick 3 of the 6 pledges that you will make to gain your badge.
- 3) Keep up with them for 2 weeks.
- 4) Apply for the badge online by filling in the form that can found on the website and attach evidence of your pledges.

You can find all of this information on the SustaiNGHS board outside Lab 15, and please email Mrs Gill if you are awarded this badge. We can then share your efforts to help our school gain the EcoSchools award, after all, it is a team effort.

Finally, please take a look at our schedule of activities for SustaiNGHS this term. We hope to see you there!

Rosie & The SustaiNGHS team!

SUSTAINGHS - TUESDAYS AT 1PM, ROOM 103

DATE	PLAN
11 th JANUARY	Launching the new term. News/updates
18 th JANUARY	Winter wildlife talk
25 th JANUARY	RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch
1 st FEBRUARY	School environment audit - tell us what you think!
8 th FEBRUARY	Green careers
15 th FEBRUARY	Eco craft - practical session
1 st MARCH	Recycling/Terracycle - help the school to recycle more
8 th MARCH	Spring wildlife talk
15 th MARCH	Action on litter/Big Litter Pick
22 nd MARCH	Food waste
29 th MARCH	Fast fashion - what are the alternatives?
5 th APRIL	End of term review - progress towards green flag



Lex to visit NGHS

On Wednesday 26 January we will be welcoming the artist Lex to the school. She will be working with students in Year 7 during P4 and with students in Years 8 during P5. This session will begin with a live performance from her and will finish with a PSHE presentation on mental health and body image.

REWARDS ASSEMBLIES

This week we have had our rewards assemblies, this is a chance to celebrate student's successes from half term two. The first award went to any students who have received 50 House Points during this academic year. The winners were:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
L. Finan E. Kaur G. Hicklin I. Hurst V. Matthews M. Needham F. Parekh S. Raiyat	S. Baah A. Morris M. Royce A. Stephen	Z. Ahmed C. Fewtrell P. Finan A. Roddy	L. Male S. Rodrigues

The next award that was presented was the inter form house point cup. This award is given to the form with the highest house point total in their year group. Our winning forms from half term 2 were 7S, 8 Roddam, 9 Seacole, 10 Roddam, 11 Austen and R6 and R7. The next award was to celebrate individual achievements for those students who had received the most house points.

Year Group	Gold	Silver	Bronze
7	M. Needham F. Parekh	L. Finan I. Hurst	E. Kaur V. Matthews
8	A. Stephen	S. Baah	E. Cornish
9	C. Fewtrell	P. Finan	K. Charcinska S. Jackson
10	L. Male	H. Biju	R. Shah A. Strafford-Piper
11	A. Hawkins K. Hossack	L. Chilcott	A. Lewis H. Makwana
12	M. Padkin	A. Hamilton	H. Meechan
13	C. Blanks	O. Needham	G. Campbell E. Hutchinson L. Jones

The final award that was presented was our lucky dip. For every 10 House Points that students have received one ticket gets added to the lucky dip box. Our winners were:

Year	Winners
7	R. Dillon, E. Lall, S. Munyaneza
9	S. Jackson, A. Pilling, A. Thompson
11	A. Lewis

Year	Winners
8	B. Bince, S. Lawrence, A. Naylor
10	I. Cooper, V. Hikkaduwege, A. Wyke
Sixth Form	S. Mejer

Well done to all of our winners. A reminder that rewards assemblies are based on achievement each half term and so the totals have been reset to zero for this half term.

Mrs H Birch (Assistant Head, Rewards)

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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