



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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**M**atilda the Musical tickets are now on sale! The production runs for three nights in March and we are very excited to bring this enjoyable production to Newport. The cast are working very hard and Mrs Saysell, Mrs Chapman and Mr Bramhall are enjoying rehearsing with our students. We hope that the whole school community will get involved by buying tickets to support friends and family, volunteering to help on the show nights and perhaps donating a raffle prize or sponsoring a page in the programme. More details on the last two will follow in due course but I very much see the production as a whole-school event and an important one in the calendar. This is NGHS's first full musical production for a number of years and we know, from surveys, how much parents value and desire additional wider curriculum opportunities for students; I know I can count on parents' support to sell out the performances! Tickets can be bought from Reception.

Regular readers of Newport News may remember how a team of four NGHS Year 8 students reached the regional finals of the CyberFirst Girls' competition. These finals took place on Wednesday and **we are delighted that the NGHS team came second overall in the whole region.** This is a phenomenal achievement. Congratulations to Daisy, Isla, Chimmy & Harriet. You can read more on page 2.

This week I had the opportunity to talk, individually, to Year 8s about their subject preferences for GCSE. Together, with Miss Davies and Ms Capaldi, we have spoken to almost every Year 8 student now about their likely future goals. It's a really enjoyable part of my year as I can make a small contribution to their future journey through the school. The deadline for Year 8 and Year 9 options is Thursday 17 February and the deadline for Year 11 into 12 transition forms is a week on Monday; 14th February. These deadlines are strictly observed. If parents have any questions about the options process, please email [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk) and we will gladly assist you.

**Newport Girls' High School's**  
Production Of...

ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th March 2022 7pm

Book by Dennis Kelly | Music and Lyrics by Tim Minchin

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe) | All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe.  
[www.MTIShows.co.uk](http://www.MTIShows.co.uk)

£9 Adults  
£8 Concessions

Tickets Available From Reception

We are pretty much at the half-way point in the academic year. Next week we are expecting more guidance from DFE and JCQ about 2022 exams, which will affect Years 10, 11 and 13. As ever, families will discover the guidance at the same time as us, so please bear with us as we update you on the NGHS application of any policies/guidelines.

Finally, in last week's Oxbridge section, one student's name was misprinted. Apologies to Cambridge offer holder Gabrielle Farge and her parents for this oversight. This week's NN has lots of well-being initiatives including our staff well-being week. Have a lovely weekend, **Mr M J Scott**

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## Second Place in Regional Finals

In December, we took part in a Cyber Security competition run by the GCHQ called CyberFirst Girls which over 7000 girls took part in. In these qualifying rounds over a series of days, we took part in challenges which were split into five sections: Logic and Coding, Cyber Security, Networking, Cryptography and Speciality. The challenges were worth points from 5-125 depending on difficulty and the aim was to collect as many points as you could as possible in your team of four.

The challenges aim to interest more girls into Computing and possible careers in Cyber Security as it is a male-dominated job, with only 16% of females working in cyber security. During these challenges we had to crack different types of cipher, hack pre-made websites, find hidden data and use our logic to work out complex problems.

After the qualifying round, there were 13 simultaneous finals for different regions which ran in the same format as the qualifying rounds, although the questions were more challenging. In the West Midlands final, we competed against eleven other teams, and we were the Clueless Coders with our mascot, Sam-Penny the pig. As Harnour was poorly, Harriet had to step in at the last minute to join our team. We started in ninth place, leapt up to third place and were in first place before lunch. Sadly, we were beaten into second place by the Bishop's Best from the Bishop Challoner School.

**Daisy, Isla, Chimmy and Harriet (Year 8)**



*Head Girl Team Highlights...*

Safer  
Internet  
Day 2022

Tuesday  
8 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for young people, inspiring people to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

Here are some top tips from the UK Safer Internet Centre to ensure you are staying safe online:

- Use the internet to show kindness, care and support:
- For everyone, what you do, say and share online can have a big impact on the way other people feel, and what they think about you.
- Ensure that your online relationships are healthy:
- True friends should listen and support their peers both online and offline. Make sure that you respect boundaries and treat everyone with kindness. Keep an eye out for signs of an unhealthy relationship, and remember that you can always talk to a friend or trusted adult. Speak up when you see something wrong. an upstander when you see bullying, harassment or hate.

By using reporting tools or speaking out if you feel able to do so, you can offer support to the victims of bullying, harassment or hate. This can help people to feel less alone and can encourage them to seek further assistance if they need it.

**Meg & the HGT**

## Wellbeing weekly drop-in for all year groups

Every Monday from 11.15 until 11.35, Mrs Danby and Mrs Martin will be in room 12. You can come and talk about worries you may have about yourself, a friend or family member and we will signpost you to the most appropriate support. Now more than ever it is important that we find time to talk about our mental health. We look forward to seeing you there.

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

THE NGHS STAFF CHALLENGE

# NGHS BE ACTIVE FOR BEAT



LANDS END TO  
JOHN O GROATS  
AND BACK.

Following such an incredibly successful 'Minds for Miles' challenge last year. This year Our staff will be lacing up their trainers for 'Be Active for Beat.'

Beat is the UK's leading charity supporting those affected by eating disorders and campaigning on their behalf. Throughout the pandemic, it is believed that referrals for eating disorders has almost doubled. For those who are referral for urgent care, too many are still waiting for help.

Beat provide a national helpline to encourage and empower people to get help quickly, because, as we all know the sooner someone starts treatment, the greater their chance of recovery.

The challenge this year is to make it from Lands End to John O Groats **AND** back, a total of 1748 miles. This only approximately 148 more miles than what we managed to achieve last year!

Each week we will be keeping you updated with our progress in the Newport News. Wish us luck!

**Mrs D Martin**  
Wellbeing Officer & Acting Head of Year 11



This week has been one of our staff well-being weeks at NGHS. Well-being is at the centre of our agenda for students and staff alike, but we allocate four weeks a year where there are no after school meetings and we take a step back from the hectic life of working in a school. Following the national pillars of well-being, all staff were invited to 'connect' after school on Thursday in our new dining room. Leesa, our Catering Manager, baked some fabulous scones with jam and clotted cream and Mr Scott served the tea! Everyone enjoyed a half hour chat about life outside school before heading home.



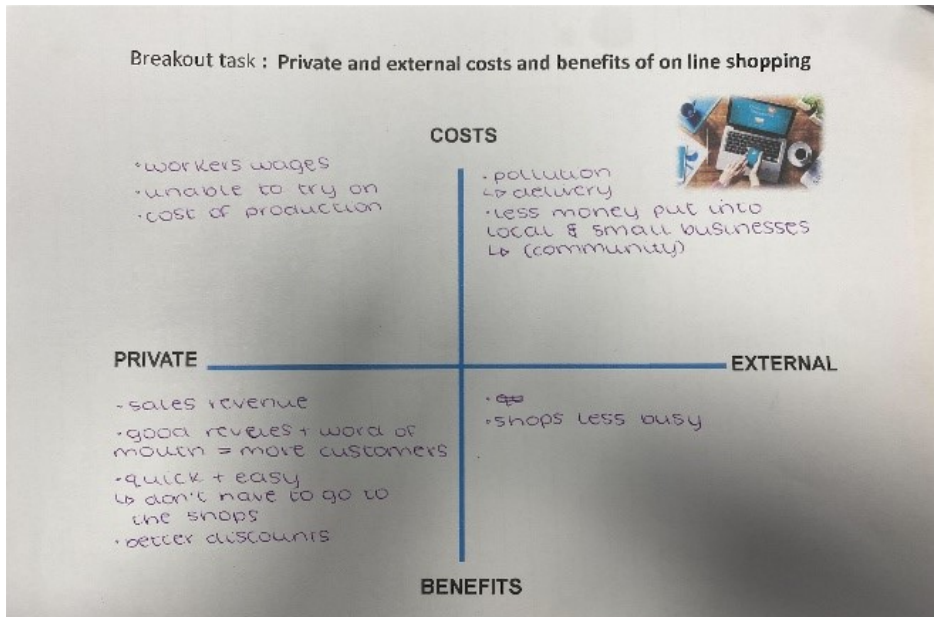
# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ECONOMICS



For many students in the lower school, economics is a relatively unheard-of subject, that you are unlikely to have studied at GCSE or know much about. For both of us, as Economics Ambassadors, embarking on our A Level studies has enabled us to embrace the subject and immerse ourselves in understanding how economics has a bearing on not just businesses, but almost every aspect of our lives.

In the last few weeks, we have begun to explore and appreciate how the economy works, focusing on the wider economic environment, including government policy and its influence on the success of different types of businesses and consumers. In the current economic climate, with record inflation levels, this has become increasingly relevant in our analysis of current affairs.

Furthermore, our recent trip to Cadbury World aided us in developing our understanding of manufacturing and marketing, and the secrets to the company's astronomical success from the beginning to the end of the production process. We had the fascinating opportunity to listen to



a marketing presentation which discussed important business concepts such as market segmentation and the four P's (price, place, product and promotion), some of which we have covered and others that we will encounter later in the course.

This week, we have been looking at market failure and externalities, examining the wider impacts, both positive and negative, of our purchases on society, public health and the environment. The photograph shows an example from the class where we were set a task

to investigate the effects of online shopping. It required us to think outside the box to identify the costs and benefits of financial decisions that we may not have considered before.

If you are interested in the subject and would like to learn more, please do not hesitate to contact us! - We will be happy to offer you an insight of how best to allocate finite resources in a world with infinite demand.

**Kiera & Anna,**  
Economics Ambassadors



## NGHS marks Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and to mark this in school we will be running some activities in form and at lunch times. The theme this year is 'Growing together' so with this in mind we will be planting some seeds in pots to take home. This activity will give us the opportunity to start discussions around emotional growth - an important part of our development but not one you can necessarily see. A chance to look at how we have grown emotionally through dealing with setbacks helping us learn to grow and adapt. This conversation will be continued through cross year group activities run by the student Wellbeing Team. We will aim to show that "we can also be a great

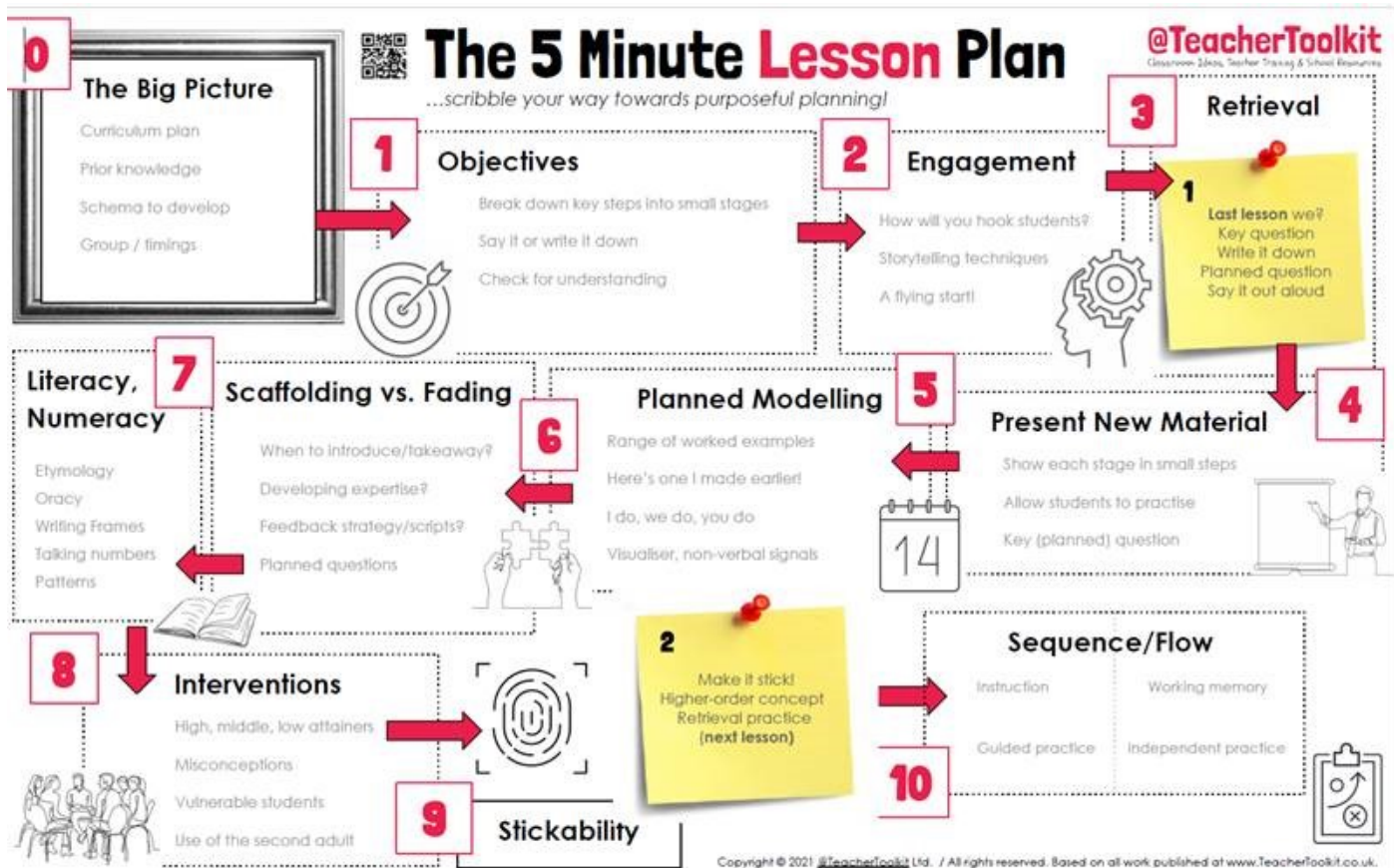
source of support to others as they grow - an encouraging word, a smile or championing a cause for the greater good all helps us, and others, to grow. Even when we have experienced really difficult challenges in our lives, with the right support, we can continue to grow and flourish."

**Mrs K Danby,** Wellbeing Officer



# Teaching & Learning Update

Over the last two weeks, teachers at NGHS have been identifying a previously taught topic that students would benefit from revisiting. In some cases this is based on an analysis of assessment results, or it may be a topic taught in a previous year involving a challenging concept or theory. Using Rosenshine's Principles and considering the individual needs in their classroom, teachers have thought about how they could best approach this topic to further student understanding and address any misconceptions. The updated 5 minute lesson plan from the Teacher Toolkit has been used to facilitate their thinking and support with best practice.



## New Building sparks press interest!

Did you see NGHS in the Shropshire Star? Our new building was featured online and in print this week. Please [click here](#) to view the article which is also in the Newport Advertiser.



## Stourport Head

Congratulations to Aimee Corkhill (Y9) who recently was chosen to cox the women's eight on their first race, among other much older teammates. They completed the 3.7km distance in first place in 12.52 minutes and were also the fastest women's boat of the day. Aimee would be delighted to talk to any other students about her participation in this exciting sport as her club, Trentham Boat Club Juniors are looking for new members. Well done, Aimee! *If other students have interesting hobbies/successes to share, come and talk to Mr Scott!*





# 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

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

Monday 7th is week 3

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

**SEASONAL KITCHEN**

- Jan: Carrots
- Feb: Peas
- March: Cauliflower
- April: Daisies

**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.

# 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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