



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Another busy week comes to an end in the lead up to half term. Just a reminder that half term begins at 3.45pm on **Thursday** next week. Friday is a staff INSET day. Year 8 Parents Evening last night was well attended online and our Year 8s have until Thursday to request their options preferences for GCSEs. Year 9 have the same deadline for a decision about which options to continue and Year 11 have a deadline of Monday 14th to inform us of their subject choices and plans for September.

This week, the examination boards have released information about any amendments to course content. As I have walked round school, I have seen teachers clearly explaining these documents to Year 11 and 13 students. We broadly welcome the trajectory of examinations for this year's cohorts; students are working hard and deserve the 'right of passage' of sitting public examinations this summer.

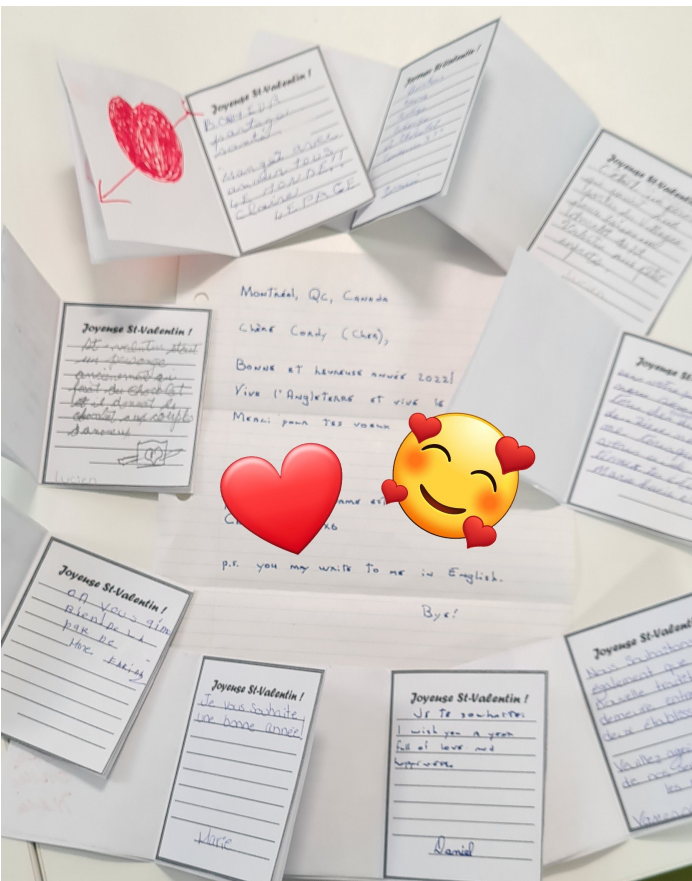


Next week we have a number of interviews for teaching posts for September. These are all as a result of the growth of the school and we have strong fields of applicants for all positions. It is a great position to be in as a Headteacher to know that there are highly qualified, knowledgeable candidates who want to continue their career at NGHS. Next week is also **Charities Week**—see Mr Pointon's letter and dig out a hat for Monday!

On Wednesday we welcomed some of our external Y11 applicants to view the new building with their parents. It was great to get such positive feedback ahead of the application deadline for sixth form on Monday. On Thursday it was my turn to take Year 7 and 8 students to Telford College for their food technology lesson. Sweet chilli chicken wraps were on the recipe and, as the photographs above show, the students worked hard to produce a feast for lunch!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr M J Scott



O l'amour !

This week we received a lovely little package of French Valentine's cards as a thank you for our Christmas greetings to a care home in Canada. One lucky student got a personalised response!
#ActsOfKindness #valentines #StValentin

Raffle Prize Request



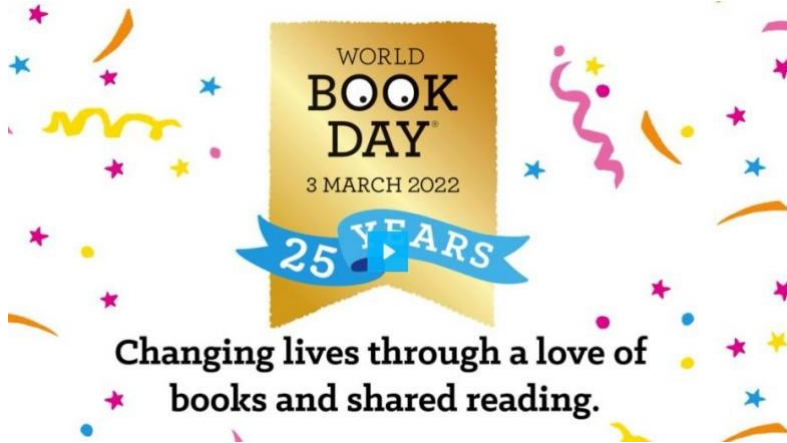
Calling all raffle prizes...if you are able to donate a suitable raffle prize for a performance of Matilda in March, please kindly drop it at Reception. Thank you!



Mr Postle



Head Girl Team Highlights...



Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

World Book Day Book Swap

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3 March, which is during the first week back after half term. At lunchtime on Thursday 3 March we are going to run a book swap in the Centenary Hall. Students who would like to get involved should wrap up a second hand book and bring it with them on the Thursday lunchtime.

On the front or on a tag students should write:

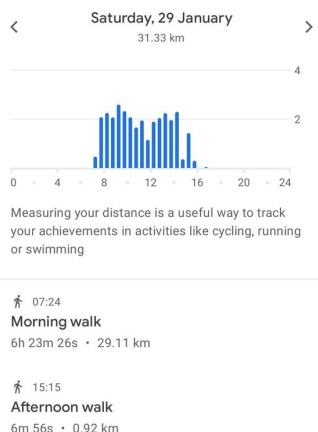
- Their name and form
- Three or four words to describe the book
- The age group the book is suitable for.

We hope as many students as possible will get involved in this event!

Fundraising Walk for Lingen Davies Cancer Fund

Congratulations to Catherine N and Elena L (Y13) who completed a **30km walk** on Saturday for Roddam's House Charity. This was a brilliant effort and is raising much-needed cash for a brilliant cause.

Grace, Roddam Charities Captain



Hopefully all students and parents received information from the Department for Education (via Mr Scott) on Monday about National Apprenticeship Week?

Apprenticeship Week 2022 is the fifteenth annual week devoted to apprenticeships and brings together businesses and apprentices across the country.

The year's theme is 'build the future', reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop skills for the future, following college or sixth form studies, as well as helping businesses develop a talented workforce.

There are over 1200 events happening across the country both virtually and in-person which we would recommend checking out if you are interested. Details of these events can be found on the government's apprenticeship website and are happening throughout this week.

In other news, next Monday kicks off NGHS's charities' week! This will be filled with fun activities organised by the house teams with the aim of raising money for the house charities.

I hope you're looking forward to this as much as we are and have a great weekend!

Jenny & The HGT

(See more about apprenticeships on page 5)

Superleague Netball Trip

On Sunday Mrs Birch, Miss Register and Mr Scott took 30 students to watch the Super league netball season opener at Resorts World in Birmingham. It was such a privilege to be able to return to school trips to watch live sport. We were lucky enough to watch 5 full games of netball which included a men's game and then 4 Superleague ladies games. We are pleased that the students enjoyed being back watching a live sporting fixture!



Shropshire Schools Cross Country

On Saturday, the cross-country runners went to Oswestry School to take part in the Shropshire Schools cross country race. We had a team of four runners from Year 7 and 2 Year 10 students taking part. Well done to Amy, Issy and Easha on top 10 finishes and a special mention to the Year 7 team who came second in the team event. This is only the second time since 2012 that we have won a team medal at these championships so a huge congratulations to the team.

Mrs H Birch



Some of you may have heard the talk from Papyrus that was available for parents in November. I wanted to do a reminder about this amazing charity and the work that they do to support young people and their families.

For anyone that wasn't able to join us Papyrus is a national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. They exist to reduce the number of young people who take their own lives by shattering the stigma around suicide and equipping young people and their communities with the skills to recognise and respond to suicidal behaviour.

They have a really informative resource section of the website: please follow [this link](#) . This includes apps to support your wellbeing, safety plans, conversation starters, coping strategies and distraction techniques.

Please also remember that Hopeline is available so please get in touch with them if you would like some advice. You can also call and talk to a member of the safeguarding team in school.

Mrs H Birch

Assistant Head / Designated Safeguarding Lead

Congratulations!

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
E Anderson (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
I Bates (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
A Billington (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
M Bowen (A8)	Mrs K Griffin
M Brown (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
E Caudle (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
A Ciras (A8)	Mrs K Griffin
K Dhiraj (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
G Farge (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
A Finney (7N)	Mrs T Fujii
N Freeman-Evans (A7)	Miss A-M Davies
S Gormley (S7)	Mrs K Moore
R Gurung (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
A Hawkins (11Aus)	Miss A Rosbach
F Healey (11Aus)	Mrs K Gill
I Huckin (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
K Hughes (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
N Johal (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
L Jones (S8)	Mrs K Griffin
S Karthik (7N)	Mrs K Bramford-Hale
P Kerr (11Aus)	Miss A Rosbach
Z Khan (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
R Kwafo-Akoto (R7)	Miss Webster/Mrs Griffin
P Larsen (9Sea)	Miss A-M Davies
S Lloyd (R8)	Mrs K Griffin
M Lo (R6)	Mrs K Griffin

To: Student	From: Teacher
H Meechan (R6)	Mrs K Griffin
S Mejer (R6)	Mrs K Griffin
K Mulraney (A7)	Miss A-M Davies
M Nachiappan (11A)	Miss A Rosbach
O Needham (A7)	Miss A-M Davies
C Nock (R7)	Miss A-M Davies
F Parekh (7S)	Mrs H Furnival
N Parker (11Aus)	Miss A Rosbach
A Pattar (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
I Pickles (R6)	Mrs K Griffin
C Plant (S6)	Mrs K Moore
L-M Pye (S6)	Mrs K Moore
A Rothwell (9Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
L Salt (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
A Srinivasan (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
J Tagbota (9Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
H Tay (8Sea)	Miss A Rosbach
K Tunnicliffe (8Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
S Uppal (R6)	Dr S Catalan
J Upton (A7)	Mrs K Griffin
L Vickers (S8)	Mrs K Wallace
C Wilkinson (R8)	Mrs K Taylor
E Williams (7S)	Miss A-M Davies
G Worrall (9Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
K Wykes (S7)	Dr S Catalan
A Wysome (7S)	Miss A-M Davies

New Just Dance Club!

Every Thursday at 1pm in the Hall, we hold a Just Dance club where you can come and have a blast! We dance, eat snacks and have a great time! With your music requests taken, you and your friends can dance to your favourite songs whilst gaining house points, as well as free lollipops! If you have any questions, come find us in the Atrium! **Rehab & Ayesha (Y12)**



Apprenticeship Success

In the week which celebrates the diverse and interesting range of apprenticeships available to young people in the UK, former student **Neha Patnaik (class of 2021)** tells us more about her journey so far!



I am currently in the Financial Services Degree Apprenticeship programme at J.P. Morgan Chase and The University of Exeter. Within the firm, I am in the compliance team. In the span of only a few months, I have learned that the requirement for compliance is imperative within the functionalities of all banks, particularly post-crash. J.P. Morgan was one of the few banks that were able to save and recover whatever remnants of the market remained, and assisted in the implementation of new regulatory standards. In the aftermath of the crisis, the States passed the Dodd – Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Act, which promoted transparency and accountability within banks, and other legislation has followed. My role has demonstrated that Compliance is indispensable for the firm. This is since it protects the bank from malpractice and ensures that both the bank and its consumers are safe.

During my final year at NGHS I was applying for a university place, like most NGHS pupils. However, I came across several degree apprenticeships that the University of Exeter provided in partnership with a diverse range of companies. After further research into the firm and programme, I knew that this was ideal for me. The programme provides a plethora of benefits including:

- ⇒ A four-year programme with a prestigious bank and a Russell Group university
- ⇒ Earning a degree in BSc Applied Finance, as well as gaining qualifications in: Level 4 & 6 CISI and CFA certifications.
- ⇒ Opportunities for mobility, with openings for front office roles being provided during the programme.
- ⇒ Earning whilst learning.
- ⇒ Obtaining on-the-job training and working alongside industry professionals
- ⇒ Networking with a large demographic of diverse individuals.
- ⇒ Joining Business Resource Groups to connect with like-minded individuals who cared about the community within the firm.
- ⇒ Opportunities to make a change within the community, by participating in philanthropic initiatives.

The process of applying to J.P. Morgan is rigorous. After several rounds of interviews, I received an offer. The selection of candidates for my respective cohort was competitive, with only the top 1% being onboarded from thousands of applicants. Here are some steps that I had taken throughout the application process:

- ⇒ Research showed this was an enjoyable career path
- ⇒ I researched the company to learn about their initiatives, core values and practices
- ⇒ I stayed up to date on news regarding the company. For example, J.P. Morgan have expanded Chase (their consumer pillar) into digital markets
- ⇒ I used the opportunity to do an EPQ effectively, taking on a study on the effectiveness of the 2016 Demonetisation Act in India, which explored the actions the government had taken to eradicate the circulation of black money. I could not recommend taking EPQ as a fourth option enough.
- ⇒ I prepared a well-written CV. This makes a valuable first impression.
- ⇒ I prepared effectively for interviews. Nerves are natural, and they are good, to an extent. However, it is vital to remain confident, and to also be inclusive of other ideas presented by fellow candidates during interviews. Being collaborative is essential when working in any company.

Whilst it may seem that as an 18-year-old, there's very little to input within the firm, you would be mistaken. Within my first year I have, so far, been delegated with tasks and deliverables, and as this year progresses, I will be leading projects for my team. The presence of a school-leaver is invaluable, and contributions can be made as a fresh pair of eyes. Degree Apprenticeships provide independency and present an opportunity to create a career. If you are ready to hit the ground running, then I couldn't recommend apprenticeships enough. If you would prefer the best of both worlds, then degree apprenticeships are ideal.

Information about apprenticeships is offered through PSHE lessons and via the website at <https://www.nghs.org.uk/academic/careers-zone/apprenticeships/>

Neha will be offering a lunchtime session on Monday 14 February in room 103. All students are welcome to come and listen to her story and advice, plus ask any questions. Come for 12:45pm and bring your lunch.

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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