



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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Last night we welcomed our Year 7 parents to NGHS. For almost all of them it was the first time they had visited the school (owing to Covid curtailing our previous two Open Evenings) and we were delighted with the positive comments from parents/carers at the end of the evening. Subject teachers enjoyed meeting parents and Mrs Danby, our Wellbeing Officer, was able to offer some helpful advice on a range of pastoral matters and also put faces to names of those she had spoken to previously on the phone. It was great to see the school busy once again with face-to-face events.

Talking of face-to-face events, we are all looking forward to *Matilda*, which is being performed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening next week. The Hall is being prepped with a hired stage and set and there will be a live band. Dance routines are being perfected, lines have been learnt and our cast of over 40 are keen to entertain. Tuesday is sold out and there are still a few tickets left for Monday and Wednesday - thank you in advance to everyone who is supporting the production.

On Wednesday we marked International Women's Day through form time awareness and a display alongside our recent vinyl wall coverings highlighting successful women in computing - our Head Girl Team and Miss Webster detail this on page 2 of NN. Also, Wednesday saw a group of 15 dancers from Years 7-13 represent NGHS at a Dance Showcase in Shrewsbury. This is the first time we have entered this event and two sixth formers, Caitlin and Charlotte took on the choreography of the routine. Unfortunately I wasn't able to watch the performance live, but have seen a video and must complement the cross-year group on their stellar performance. There is a real appetite to enter future competitions so thank you to all the students as well as Mrs Birch and Miss Register for their help and guidance.

I mentioned in last week's newsletter, that we would welcome the donation of **good quality, second-hand fiction books**. We have had some donated already but would welcome more. If you have a chance for a clear-out this weekend, please feel free to donate as we hope to expand our fiction range in our new Reading, Relaxation and Research room.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr M J Scott

## UKRAINE CRISIS UPDATE



We have been bowled over by the generosity shown towards the DEC/Save The Children humanitarian fundraising appeal for Ukrainians caught up in the ongoing conflict. On Tuesday we made a donation of **£2100** on behalf of NGHS students. With doubled government funding reaches £4200, which will directly support children/families.

But the desire from NGHS students to help doesn't end here and a number of girls have approached me. We are aware that a local transport company is sending a truck full of provisions to the Ukrainian border in the next fortnight and therefore we would welcome donations to support them. **A donation box will be in Reception all next week**, so, if you can, feel free to donate something from the list below and we will ensure it is brought to the collection point:

- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Towels
- Warm new clothes including thermals, coats, gloves & hats
- Warm new shoes
- Colouring books & crayons
- Torches, batteries
- Sanitary goods, and personal hygiene items
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap etc.
- Nappies
- First Aid supplies (Calpol, Paracetamol)

Thank you.

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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

## #BreakTheBias

We will celebrate women's achievements

#BreakTheBias



*Head Girl Team Highlights...*



Wednesday 8 March was the annual celebration of International Women's Day. First observed in the early 1900s, it is a day when people come together to celebrate the achievements of women and girls. The theme of this year is #Breakthebias as the day is also used to raise awareness of the need for further action to ensure a gender-equal, inclusive world that is free of bias and discrimination. During tutor time on Wednesday, students learnt that although a huge amount of progress has been made in past decades, there are still significant inequalities that need addressing. Students may have been surprised to discover that reports from Oxfam found that:

- Globally, women are paid on average 16% less than men.
- In no country have women achieved economic equality with men, and women are still more likely than men to be impacted by poverty
- Just eight of the chief executives in the FTSE 100 companies are women
- Alongside this, we asked students to think about the women that inspire them. Some of our Sixth Form subject ambassadors have used this to update one of our display boards so that we can continue to raise awareness of women's achievements worldwide. We know that our students have the potential to make a huge difference in the world so perhaps one day, they will be featured on one of our future displays!

**Miss S Webster**, Deputy Headteacher

This week has been the celebration of International Women's Day, and as a Girls' School I feel it is of great importance to recognise this and honour the cultural and political achievements of women.

As a lover of history, I always find it shocking when learning about the challenges we as women have faced in the past, and find it even more frustrating knowing that there is still so far to go in the movement for the future. Young women across the world are still being kept out of education, are subject to child marriage, and everyday lose out on opportunities in the workplace.

Upon reflection this week I think we should all take a moment to recognise our achievements as women and remember those who fought for these rights, but also raise awareness of the changes that still need to be made. This fits with the theme of this year's International Women's day, 'Break the Bias', which is about focusing attention on the gender biases that still exist in our modern world, and trying to do something about this.

So take the opportunity to perhaps expand this awareness, show your support, or simply celebrate the women that you love this week.

Have a great weekend and a good relax!

**Abi & the HGT**



# Careers Week & British Science Week



**Miss S Webster**  
Deputy Headteacher

Alongside International Women's Day, it has also been Careers Week and British Science Week! Our assembly this week has therefore focused on celebrating growth in the field of STEM with some of our Subject Ambassadors sharing information about the women that inspire them in this area of work. Maria chose Mae Carol Jemison who made history as the first African-American female astronaut, whilst Emily told us about Hedy Lamarr whose work forms the basis of the Wi-Fi and Bluetooth systems worldwide. Hattie also shared that on Monday it is Pi Day! Pi Day (whether written as 3.14 or 3.14) allows us to recognise the long history of the number. Pi has been calculated to over 62 trillion digits with the world record for the number of digits recited from memory standing at 70,000! Why not have a go this weekend to see how many digits you can remember?!

Mr Scott has also received a letter from Michelle Donelan, Minister of State for Further & Higher Education about the education, training and work choices available to young people after they finish their GCSEs and/or turn 18.



At NGHS, we have a very detailed Careers programme, offering guidance on the full range of courses, but you can read more from the Minister by clicking [here](#).

We hope that students will also take part in some of our extra-curricular STEM activities. We know that many of our Y7-9 students are looking forward to the upcoming STEM club activities being run by some of our Sixth Form students with the support of Mr Wade, which include exploring the physics behind marshmallow towers, as well as how to make hoverboards from balloons and CDs!

## Teaching & Learning Update



Throughout this academic year, staff take part in three Good Practice Weeks, which provide them with an opportunity to learn from each other. This week, colleagues have led a variety of sessions taking place after school, which included the sharing of revision ideas, how

we introduce students to new information, supporting well-being in the classroom, and the psychology behind our long term memory.

All the sessions provided continued professional development and the range of topics ensured there was something for everyone. Why not try one of the revision activities that was shared at home by playing 'Key Word Articulate'? As with the popular board game, students can try and describe the key words for a topic without saying the word itself. This reminds them of the subject specific vocabulary they need to use to enhance their answers whilst adding an element of fun to their revision!

**Mr D Postle**, Associate Senior Leader



## Fencing Success!

Two of our Year 9 students have achieved high rankings in last weekend's West Midlands BYC Sabre competition. Well done to Grace Clarke and Phoebe Adamson! Grace finished second and Phoebe third in the U14 Girls Contest. They both go forward to represent the West Midlands in the National Finals which will be held in May at the EIS Sheffield. Congratulations to them and their coaches.

**Mrs H Goodall**, PE Department

# 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**  
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**Miss S Webster**  
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**Mrs K Danby**  
Wellbeing Officer

Safeguarding

Years 7-10



**Mrs A Seys**  
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Years 11-13



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