



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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A Musical Masterpiece!



This week has seen a new era of life at NGHS. *Matilda* was performed by around sixty students over three evenings to sell-out audiences. As Headteacher, I am extremely proud of all of the students involved and also proud to have been part of the music team myself. It was clear from the cast's tears on Wednesday night how much they had enjoyed the experience of auditioning, rehearsing and performing and I can reassure them, and parents, that this is just the start of something particularly special at NGHS. Well done to everyone involved. So many staff also supported the show week, keeping students calm backstage, helping front of house and with the technical aspects of the show. The well-oiled NGHS family machine pulled together to support the production. I must offer particular thanks to staff who have given up hours of their time to prepare students for the performances; Mrs Saysell (Director), Mrs Chapman (Musical Director), Mr Postle (Producer) and Mr Bramhall (Pianist). We are already talking about next year's production, so watch this space!

Thank you to all NGHS families who have donated goods for the Ukraine Appeal. I am delighted that Moorfield Primary School asked to join in too and we have filled the large donations box many times over already, so much so that an additional collection had to be arranged on Wednesday as we were running out of space! The rest of your donations will be collected on Monday morning - thank you for the difference you have made to those who are suffering most.

Thank you also for the donation of books for the new Reading Room. Mr Postle and his team of sixth formers will start categorising and logging them onto

the library software next week. The room is coming on well and it will be ready by the end of the month.

We have a German Assistant joining us from April-July and she is looking for a spare room! If you can help, please see page 3 for more information.

I will write to you next week concerning our Parent Governor elections. Students will be asked to bring home one letter per parent with a unique code to enable a vote to be cast on a webform.

Our PTA has an exciting update on page 2 - please take a moment to support *their* support of the school.

Finally today's study by the University of Manchester about girls facing more pressure than boys to be a perfect teenager makes interesting reading. The sexes disparity in the use of social media is also a concern. There is, however, little we didn't really know already from working closely with students. Nevertheless we will review the report as part of our PSHE programme. Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mr M J Scott

UPCOMING SCHOOL CONCERT

Monday 28 March at 7pm

Come and hear a wide range of pieces from our exam year musicians. There is no admission charge but a collection will be taken for the Disaster Emergency Committee (Ukraine)

See you there!



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The Class of 1997

Last Saturday, Mr Scott opened the school to the Class of 1997. Pictured are (believe it or not) **a third of the year group** at the time with just one form per year in the 1990s/2000s at NGHS. Some former students had travelled from London and northern Scotland to attend and it was lovely to hear their stories about their time at NGHS. Obviously only about 20% of the school building was recognisable with the DT/Art rooms having been opened just as they were leaving (and nothing further towards the field than that!) The group were very impressed with how well-being is managed at the school these days, how we communicate with parents (weekly newsletters were never part of the school back then!) and the cultural and ethnic diversity of our student population in the 21st century. They particularly enjoyed stepping into Room 12 which was the “**non-smoking** staff room” of the day (the smoking staff room was apparently upstairs!)



The PTA has spent the first half of this week providing the audience of Matilda with refreshments during the interval. This was our first event since Covid and as a new PTA team was a little daunting but turned out to be a great success. Thank you so much to everyone who supported us both with help on each night and by purchasing/donating for drinks.

Next week will see the return of the PTA film night on Thursday. We hope to welcome lots of students on the night, which I'm sure will be filled with popcorn and the occasional singalong. Tickets are available to pre-purchase, or on the night as detailed in the poster.



Finally, we are excited to confirm that the **Easter Hamper will return this year**. Look out for tickets being sent home next week. Next week's Newport News will also have more details, including requests for donations to be included in the hampers. Watch this space!
Mrs Fairhead (PTA Chair)

PTA Update



Head Girl Team Highlights...

Spring is approaching, chocolate eggs are filling supermarket aisles, and NGHS is looking for a brand new HGT! If you're in year 12 and think you are ready to take on a role on the team then please make sure to have your application in by Monday 21st January. We can't wait to see who we will be passing the baton to!

This week, lots of talented members of the NGHS family took to the stage to perform in Matilda: The Musical and the HGT team would like to say a big well done to everyone. It's been great to see it come together, and you should all be extremely proud of yourselves whether you were on stage or behind the scenes!

Speaking of working behind the scenes, years 12 and 13 have been working away in preparation for A-Level and Summer exams. We just want to remind you all to find a good balance whilst studying and remember to give yourselves regular breaks.

You've got this!

Ros & the HGT

FILM NIGHT

THURSDAY 24TH

FROM 4PM TO 5.50PM

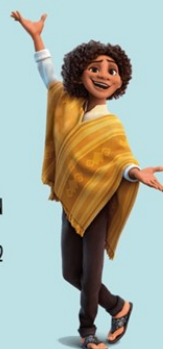
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS GO TO THE PTA

ADMISSION: £2
INCLUDES A DRINK &
EITHER A BAG OF POPCORN
OR SWEETS



TICKETS CAN BE
PURCHASED AT THE
DOOR

PRESALE TICKETS CAN
BE BOUGHT FROM
KIERA DHIRAJ, YEAR 12
S7 OR DURING FORM
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Matilda
 THE MUSICAL
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Here are a selection of photographs taken by Darcey Gallacher in Year 8 - professional quality indeed! Thanks, Darcey!



Art Competition Winner

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who entered the Spring Term Art Competition ran by our Y12 Art Ambassador. A huge well done to Srinidhi K in 7N for winning with the 'World Around Us' theme. Keep your eyes peeled for future art competitions on the Room 7 (art room) door.

Miss A Holmes (Art Teacher)

German Assistant Hosting



We are pleased to announce that we will be welcoming two students from the University of Wuppertal. Jessica and Aiza will be working as Teaching Assistants as part of their teaching degree. Whilst Aiza had already secured accommodation before the visit was cancelled two years ago, Jessica is still looking for a place to live between 25th April to 21st July. Perhaps you could help? This is what Jessica wrote about herself and her situation:

My name is Jessica, I am 32 years old and I am currently looking for a kind host family. Since I have the goal to work as a teacher, I am studying English and Theology at the University of Wuppertal in Germany. From 25th April to 21st July 2022, I will work as a Teaching Assistant at Newport Girls' High School. About my arrival and departure dates, we would have to talk individually because in cooperation with my University Studies I need to be abroad for at least 90 days. I am looking for a homestay which can offer me a room of my own. A bathroom of my own is not obligatory. A family who lives close to Newport Girls' High School would be of great advantage, since I will be dependent on public transportation. To cover my accommodation, 300 pounds per month would be affordable for me. I am looking forward to hearing from you.
Jessica

If you can help, please email a.rosbach@nghs.org.uk ASAP!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

BIOLOGY



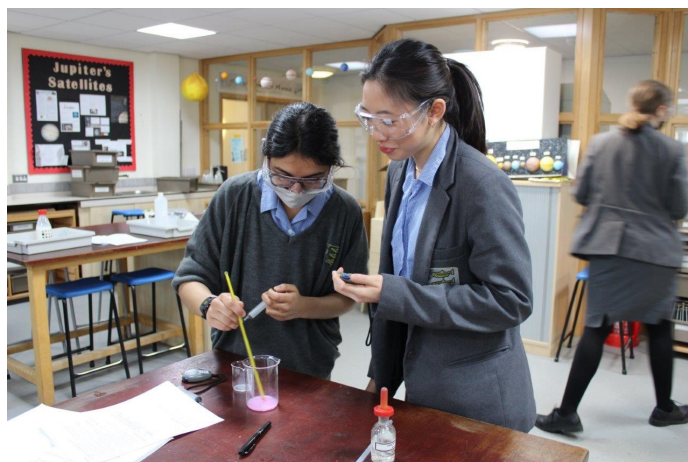
Students Riding High on the Crest of a Wave!

For a number of years NGHS has had success with Y13 biology students completing the Gold Crest Award in collaboration with Harper Adams University. Achieving the Gold Crest Award requires practical research in the labs at Harper Adams University with a lecturer as a mentor, a written report and a presentation to the Harper academics and Crest peers. Jiaqi D was awarded her Gold Crest a few weeks ago for her original research into "Essential oils and their effect on aphids and a parasitoid enemy".



However this year has been very special with two students, Vinethma J and Amelia J, attending Harper Adams during the summer holiday to complete their Silver Crest Award. Their titles respectively, "The effect of glucose on gut cells modulated with lysophospholipids" and "RTgutGC cells dose response to lysophospholipids in vitro". When submitted to the British Science Association for marking, they were so impressed with the depth and quality of research, the students were awarded Gold instead of silver.

Meanwhile back in the classroom, year 8 have been honing their scientific thinking with an investigation into the effect of glucose on the rate of respiration in yeast. We cannot see yeast respiring so we have to devise a way to indirectly



measure the respiration rate. The students fed their yeast different masses of glucose and then made dough with the yeast. The faster the dough rises the faster the yeast are respiring. The students devised their own hypothesis and applied their knowledge of variables to carry out a valid investigation.

Year 10 have been getting to grips with biomass transfer through the trophic levels using modelling to help them. Coloured pasta helped the students to understand how biomass is lost as you go through a food chain.

Decay is the order of the day in Y11. 11Y students (pictured above) have been looking at home made compost complete with detritus feeders; worms and woodlice, working out what happens and why, where do all the dead things go? 11Z have taken this a step further, carrying out an investigation into the effect of temperature on the decay of milk. Students added the enzyme lipase to milk and measured the rate at which fatty acids were produced by measuring the pH. The more fatty acids the more acidic the solution becomes.

With **three** A-level biology groups now Year 12 at NGHS, the subject is thriving!

Mrs S Dainty (Lead Teacher of Biology)



Performing Arts Success!

Congratulations to **Cait Bickerton** (Y9) [far left] for her silver medal performance in the Modern Dance Category at the Wenlock Live Arts Festival (see next page for musical winners too). Also to **Natasha Parker** (Y11) who recently played the principal role of Little Inez in Hairspray at Theatre Severn.

If you have an achievement to share, do let Mr Scott know about it!

Law & Journalism: Alumnae Talk

Last Friday, we were visited by Samantha Smith, a school alumna now studying law at Durham University, who came to talk about her experiences with studying law and her career in journalism.

Samantha has been published in several prominent national newspapers including The Daily Mail, the Telegraph and the Spectator, predominantly writing on education and social mobility. She talked us through both her writing process and how to build up a portfolio, emphasizing the role that social media can play in your career. It was through her activities on twitter during the 2020 A levels fiasco that provided her with the opportunity to write for her first national newspaper. Whilst almost every student will have some form of social media, few of us have considered it as a way to launch our careers in addition to connecting with our friends.

Samantha also discussed the merits of a gap year in helping to build connections within the legal and political sector. Before going to university, she worked in the office of the Telford MP Lucy Allen which helped her to create connections in London and Westminster as well as local politics whilst allowing her to continue studying and pursuing journalism. This provided insight into ways to effectively build up your career and portfolio and how best to use a gap year.

Discussing her experiences as a first-year law student, Samantha addressed the expectations of a law course as well as balancing academic commitment with other commitments including social life and work. Law is a demanding degree and for many of the students present, the ability to balance the workload is a significant concern. Samantha helped to assure us that whilst law is demanding, with the effective time management, you can manage work, social commitments and your education. She also talked us through the structure of her course, and the teaching styles that are used, helping many of the year 12 students gain new perception of what studying law will be like in practice. In addition, she discussed future career prospects, and the role a university can play in securing a training contract which helped dissuade some of our fears over these lucrative roles.

This visit provided useful insight into beginning a career in journalism and what it's like to study law at one of the top Universities in the UK. We are immensely grateful that Samantha gave up her time to come and talk to us about her experiences and share some invaluable advice.

I Nicklin, Year 12



Double Medal Winners

The recent Wenlock Live Arts Festival crowned two musical winners from Newport Girls' High School. Congratulations to Edith **Howe** who achieved gold in her category and overall senior Musician of the Year. She is pictured far left receiving her award. Also in Year 11, Pranavi **Kondapalli** achieved silver in her senior vocalist category.

We were delighted to hear this news and congratulate both students on their awards and medals.

Mrs A Chapman



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
K Abraham (7G)	Mrs T Fujii
E Anderson (A6)	Miss S Webster
A Aston (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
N Athwal (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
O Augustus (R6)	Miss S Webster
S Balaji (10Aus)	Mrs A Seys
R Briggs (10Rod)	Mrs A Seys
M Brown (A8)	Miss S Webster
M Carroll (10Rod)	Ms J Capaldi
Olivia Cass (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
L Chinthalapati (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
A Ciras (A8)	Miss S Webster
G Clarke (7G)	Mrs H Birch
I Cooper (10Aus)	Mrs H Birch
M Croughan (R6)	Mrs C Petford
D Davies (10Rod)	Mrs A Seys
C Fewtrell (9Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
C Gemmill (S6)	Mrs H Birch
M Gemmill (9Aus)	Mrs H Birch
M Gill (7G)	Miss A Rosbach
G Graysmark (7G)	Mrs H Birch
E Grove (8Sea)	Mrs H Birch
L Hambler (9Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
M Hartwright (10Rod)	Ms J Capaldi
U Haskell (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
A Hawkins (11Aus)	Miss A Rosbach
A Hekant (R8)	Mrs H Birch
J Hothi (10Aus)	Mrs A Seys
K Hughes (S6)	Mrs S Dainty
I Hurst (7N)	Mrs H Birch
A Jarrett (10Sea)	Mrs H Birch, Mrs A Seys

To: Student	From: Teacher
B Lawal (7N)	Mrs T Fujii
F Lenton-Smith (10Aus)	Mrs A Seys
L Livingstone (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
A Lutzeier (10Aus)	Mrs A Seys
A Mangham (10Rod)	Ms J Capaldi, Mrs H Birch
A Mangham (10Rod)	Ms J Capaldi, Mrs H Birch
V Matthews (7N)	Mrs T Fujii
B McCloy (8Sea)	Mrs H Birch
H Meechan (R6)	Miss S Webster
O Needham (A6)	Miss A M Davies
S Nitta (10Rod)	Ms J Capaldi
C Nwaomu (8Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
C Phillips (A6)	Mrs H Birch
M Rai (9Rod)	Mrs H Birch
S Rodrigues (10Rod)	Mrs A Seys
I Russell (10Rod)	Mrs A Seys
R Shah (10Aus)	Mrs A Seys
A Shaheen (A7)	Mrs B Dugdale
C Smith (S8)	Miss S Webster
E Spencer (R8)	Miss S Webster
A Strafford-Piper (10Rod)	Ms J Capaldi
J Tagboto (9Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
H Tay (8Sea)	Mrs H Birch
H Thorpe (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
F Tilyard (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
M Turner (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys
A Vasikaran (8Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
E Walkley (S7)	Miss S Webster, Mrs C Petford
E Wilkinson (A8)	Mrs H Birch
A Wyke (10Sea)	Mrs A Seys

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.



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Designated SL



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Headteacher



Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 7



Mrs F Davenport
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Miss S Webster
Deputy Head



Mrs A Chapman
Head of Year 9



Ms J Capaldi
Head of Year 8



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Wellbeing Officer

Safeguarding

Years 7-10



Mrs A Seys
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Years 11-13



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Head of Sixth Form



Mrs D Martin
Wellbeing Officer

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