



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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New Drama Studio Completed!



I hope that all our NGHS families had an enjoyable break during the recent school holiday. It was nice to see some decent weather and I have been pleased to not hear students talking about

revising 'the whole holiday' whilst wandering around school this week. Whilst I hope that students are in exam revision mode ahead of the upcoming assessments, it is very important to balance this with ample exercise, downtime and relaxation.

Over the holiday we made a few site developments. The car park entrance has been re-tarmacked and our new PE Lodge (changing area) arrived. Inside school, the drama studio was finished (see above) and some new vinyl wall prints appeared in English and Science. Next week we look forward to our Open Days/Open Evening. Thank you to the students who have volunteered to take part. We cannot run these events without the positive enthusiasm and support of our students and, if you are attending with a younger sibling, we look forward to seeing you.

I'd like to thank everyone who is supporting our new bus routes in September. We have pretty much filled both coaches and I'd especially like to thank our Chair

of Governors and the team at Lakeside Coaches for their help in organising routes and tweaking numbers to help us fit everyone in! Deposit payments must be paid by **Tuesday** and we will communicate how we intend to board coaches after school towards the end of the year. The safety of pupils at the gates is, of course, our top priority. At the time of writing, we have (just) two spaces left, so if anyone is still considering a place, please email coaches@nghs.org.uk.

I'm delighted to tell you that former pupil, Rowan Macpherson has won a national musical theatre competition. Rowan was in Y13 when I joined the school and she is very talented! More on page 3.

This summer term will be busy as always. Obviously our Year 11 and 13 students are focused on their GCSEs & A-levels and are working very hard. Year 10 have work experience and Year 12 will start to focus on higher education/apprenticeships. Years 7-9 can enjoy Curriculum Enrichment Week at the end of June. We also look forward to our first Cultural Fair in July. Please also note that Friday 1 July will be our Queen's Jubilee holiday so there will be no school on this day, but Year 10 will still attend work experience.

Best wishes for the long weekend, **Mr M J Scott**

Newport Girls' High School

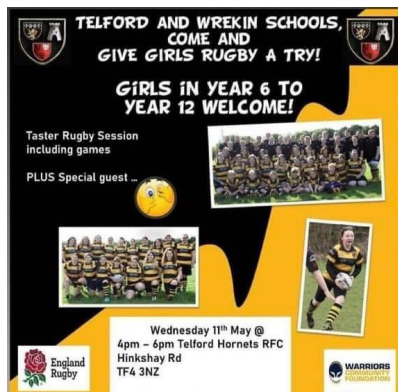
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Rugby 7s: First Ever Comp. & Finish Third Overall!

Yesterday, Miss Register and Mrs Birch took Year 9 and 10 students to Shrewsbury Rugby Club to play rugby sevens in the school games. Every student played so well with brilliant tackles from all players. The NGHS team went on to win their first game with a 6-3 victory, with many more tries to follow in the remaining 2 games. Each student showed the rugby values (TREDS - teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship) throughout. With only **THREE WEEKS' experience**, they performed brilliantly and finished third overall! Well done!



Head Girl Team Highlights...

Hello from the new HGT!



The team and I are delighted to be able to introduce ourselves as your new Head Girl Team.

We'd like to give an enormous thank you to Meg, Ros, Jenny, Abi, Laura & Maisie for everything they have done over the past year; you have all done an incredible job.

I'm really excited for the up-coming year, and working with my amazing new team. We have already met several times to discuss how we plan to best represent the study body and we look forward to chairing the various student committees and councils next week.

As we move forward, we hope to help all of the students to flourish and to have a hugely positive experience here through our actions as members of the Head Girl Team.

My priority is to provide support and a voice, acting as a link between the staff and students and I will encourage you to seize all the opportunities our school has to offer.

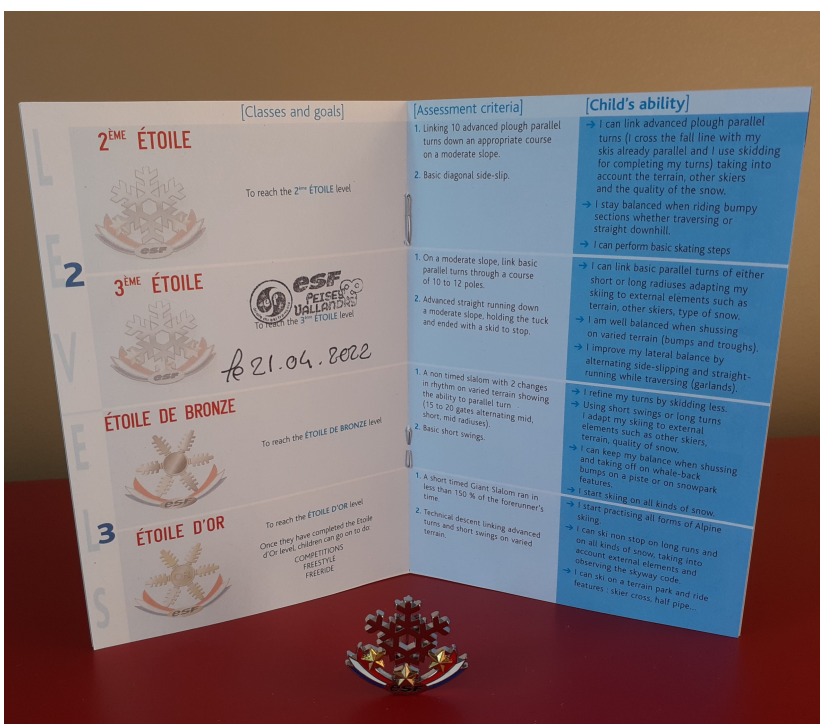
Working as a team, we hope to continue to give and improve on the school's excellent academic support (e.g. through our mentoring scheme), promote acceptance and integration within the community, build on career support and much more!

We will work as hard as we can for the school, and for all of the students over the next year.

Liv T & the HGT

Y7's Skiing Award!

Over Easter, Genevieve Lomas (7N) achieved her troisième étoile / third star award in skiing proficiency from the École Ski Français. Despite its name the troisième étoile is actually the fifth level of achievement graded by ESF and Genevieve has been working her way up that ladder since pre-school and she was required to demonstrate a high standard of control and proficiency to achieve this level. Genevieve also faced a number of hardships this year including catch Covid, fracturing her wrist and then spend time in hospital with a viral infection, therefore we are very proud of her to bounce back from all of that to register this achievement.



Rowan wins National MT Competition!



On 10th April, NGHS alumnus Rowan Macpherson (2018) was announced as the winner of the **Musical Theatre Appreciation Competition 2022**. The Facebook-ran competition began on 1st January, and saw over 200 entries from across the UK whittled down to a final 12, who have battled each week to reach the top spot. Contestants were given a new theme every Monday to respond to with a musical theatre performance, testing not only their singing and acting abilities, but also their video editing skills – the past 10 weeks have seen Rowan perform songs from a wide range of musicals, from *West Side Story* to *Heathers*. Participants of the competition are frequently performing arts graduates, making Rowan especially pleased to have won with no formal training – except for several performances at NGHS! Due to the stress of COVID on those in the theatre industry, there is no longer a formal prize awarded to the winners, but Rowan is looking forward to meeting up with the competition runners and her fellow contestants in London in weeks to come to celebrate her win!

EASTER REVISION FOR YEAR 13



During the first day of the holidays, we welcomed a number of selected Year 13 students (and their teachers!) into school for a revision session. With the sessions running for two hours, students had the time to consolidate their learning, ask questions, and develop their confidence in key areas. Mrs Fujii also managed to bring her usual creativity to revision by effectively utilising the school fence – despite the best efforts of the windy weather! We would like to thank the teachers who were able to give up some of their time to run these sessions, and also for the Year 13 students that attended.

Miss S Webster - Deputy Headteacher



This week during our whole school assembly, we celebrated our military children. They took the lead with the assembly and shared with us what life is like as a service child. It was very interesting to hear their stories and we are very proud of them all.

Careers Club Gathers Momentum

We are happy to say that since starting up Careers Club we have had a really positive response and have tried to cover a wide range of careers each Friday. The members have been extremely helpful in providing ideas for the careers that we have explored. We have now decided to expand and set up a 'Careers Champions' scheme in which we will be choosing one applicant from y7-8 and one from y9-10 for each subject area, so; art, biology, chemistry, computing, design technology, drama, English, Languages, geography, history, maths, music, PE, physics and RS. Achieving this role will be great to add to any future applications as an example of a leadership, organisation, presentation skills and contribution/commitment to an extracurricular opportunity. We have sent an email around explaining what will be required along with an application form and welcome any questions you have. Feel free to email Hetal.katkar@nghs.org.uk or Evie.wade@nghs.org.uk for more information.



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
N Athwal (10Sea)	Ms J Capaldi
P Bolton (A8)	Mrs H Birch
K Charcinska (9Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
L Deweerd (R6)	Mrs H Birch
P Evans (A8)	Mrs H Birch
E Fearn (S6)	Mrs H Birch
G Graysmark (7G)	Miss S Webster
A Hamilton (R7)	Mrs K Gill
G Hicklin (7N)	Mrs B Dugdale
S Hussain (9Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
N Johal (A6)	Miss S Webster
P Larsen (9Sea)	Miss AM Davies

To: Student	From: Teacher
A Massey (7H)	Miss S Webster
L McCartney (A7)	Miss S Webster
H Meechan (R6)	Mr M Ley
S Mejer (R6)	Mr M Ley
N Millington (R7)	Miss S Webster
S Reddington (10Rod)	Ms J Capaldi
I Russell (10Rod)	Ms J Capaldi
A Trafford-Piper (10R)	Ms J Capaldi
A Talens (S7)	Miss S Webster
E Walkley (S7)	Mr M Ley
J Webb (A6)	Mrs K Gill

“The Lodge”

We have installed a new PE changing space for outdoor PE lessons. We are calling this “The Lodge”; it provides much-needed PE changing space, but also is part of our north end site improvements which includes more parking on site and access for the kitchen deliveries.

The Lodge has heating, privacy windows and space for 30 students to change as well as storage for PE equipment. Mr Scott successfully secured additional funding for this building which replaces our old PE shed owing to the school's expansion and increased PE demand next year.



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

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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