



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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BACK IN THE GAME!





was delighted to join our Year II netball teams at Charlton School last night for the first matches in over 18 months. Both teams put up a good fight against Wrekin College and Thomas Telford. Over the coming

weeks, they will play against all of the other schools and I look forward to many more evenings cheering on our players who are committed to inter-school sport.

I must apologise to any parents who tried to join the PTA meeting on Tuesday. There was an issue with Microsoft Teams which prevented access to the meeting. This has been rectified and Ellie Fairhead, our PTA Chair has asked to reconvene on Wednesday 6 October at 7pm. A new link will be sent out next week. The good news is if you couldn't make the meeting before, perhaps you can on the 6th! You will not be forced into a responsibility if you don't want to take something on, but all are welcome!

The new building is coming on well and I was able to visit the site again this week. Thank you to all the families who have recently donated. Our auction starts on I October and there is a really nice selection of lots to bid for - NGHS families and local businesses have been incredibly generous in offering vouchers and experiences. Do you fancy a day on a canal boot or a professional photo shoot? Or a nice meal for two in a country pub or tickets for Weston Park Bonfire & Fireworks Night? We hope you do and that you would like to offer a donation in this way. Next week I also need to confirm the donors who will have the chance to name rooms in the new building. As well as thanking those who have made sizeable donations, at least one of these rooms will be picked from the full list of known donors at random, so whether you can offer £7.51 a month or £30 a month, you could win this opportunity.

This week Mrs Birch offers the next of a series of supportive articles for parents on different topics affecting young people today. We hope this is helpful. Next week is also Bike to School Week —see page 3. Get involved!

Finally, a massive thank you to Year 10 who have been marvellous this week with the enhanced Covid measures. This is much appreciated by the whole school community.

Have a nice weekend,

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REVEALING REALITY

We have been contacted by **Revealing Reality** about participating in a survey. Revealing Reality are a social research agency based in London. They specialise in doing research with young people on topics such as social media, online harms and sex and relationships. They work with a range of organisations including the Children's Commissioner, NSPCC, BBC and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

The piece of research that we have been contacted about is hoping to explore young people's experiences of navigating digital relationships and specifically, sexualized image sharing. From previous research they understand that image sharing has become a normal part of young people's relationships, likely exacerbated by lockdowns as a result of the COVID pandemic. However, the potential for harms and the longer-term impact of image sharing on relationships is less well known, which this project aims to explore.

They are now running an **online survey** for young people aged **15-18 years old (Year 11-13)** to understand attitudes and experiences of image sharing across a **wider range of young people**. The purpose of this is to enable a better understanding of how widespread certain behaviours and attitudes are among young people, and highlight where negative impacts are occurring.

This project cuts across many important topics included in PSHE curriculum, including: Relationships, Social media and online harms, Sexual pressures and Body image.

The survey takes place until the end of October. You will find the relevant parent and student information sheets in the email with the newsletter. If your child wishes to participate in this research please ask them to email Mrs Birch who will be able to provide them with the survey link to complete this.





Head Girl Team Highlights...

What's happened this week?

It's been another jam packed week at NGHS for students and staff. We are already three weeks into the school year and there has already been so much happening!

Year 13 have been undergoing internal assessments since Tuesday and we hope that everyone's hard work has paid off. As always, it's important to have a healthy work/life balance so make sure to plan something fun to do over the weekend to reward yourselves.

The house system has always been a huge part of our school and as we get deeper into the year there will be various opportunities for you all to get involved in activities where you can represent your houses and show off your talents. Currently there is a house form board competition so its time to get your thinking caps on before the October 8th deadline!

As always, the Head Girl Team is ready to take on board suggestions that the student body may have on things you would like to improve about school life so don't hesitate to come up to us during the school day or contact us using our email (headgirlteam@nghs.org.uk)

We hope that you have a lovely weekend

Ros and the Head Girl Team

Good luck to all those auditioning for Matilda the Musical on Monday!





ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR NGHS FAMILIES



Sexism and Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is unwanted behaviour of a sexual nature which:

- \Rightarrow Violates a person's dignity
- \Rightarrow Intimidates
- \Rightarrow Degrades of humiliates someone
- \Rightarrow Creates a hostile or offensive environment

It can include verbal, non-verbal or physical acts, such as:

- \Rightarrow Sexual comments
- ⇒ Taking 'up-skirt' photographs
- \Rightarrow Unwanted touching

We understand that young people may find incidents of this nature difficult to report, but in school we have a number of key members of staff who have received **additional** training to be able to support any student that may have experienced this. Please see the poster on the right:



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.



In School

Students can talk to any member of staff but in particular those highlighted if they are concerned about sexual harassment and sexism. Any concerns that are raised will be taken seriously and support will be offered to anyone who needs it.

Support for parents

- ⇒ <u>Thinkuknow</u> (NCA CEOP): advice about what children may be doing online, how to challenge harmful sexual attitudes and <u>support positive sexual behaviour</u>
- \Rightarrow <u>Childnet</u>: advice to help keep children safe online
- ⇒ <u>Marie Collins Foundation</u>: advice to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse online
- \Rightarrow <u>Parentsafe</u>: advice and resources covering issues such as online safety, apps and reporting concerns
- \Rightarrow <u>Parentzone</u>: advice on making the internet safer for families

Support for young people

- ⇒ <u>Childline</u>: for confidential free advice for children
- ⇒ Anti-bullying Alliance: for anyone being bullied, as well as their parents and schools
- ⇒ <u>The Survivors Trust</u>: for survivors of rape, sexual violence and child sex abuse
- ⇒ <u>Victim Support</u>: for children affected by crime, and the parents and professionals who work with them



BUILDING UPDATES

High spec ventilation windows in classrooms

A Maths Classroom with store

Computing

Suite

The Stairwell is built with a temporary staircase in. You can see an entrance to the toilets and plant room on the right

The new Dining Room is really taking shape. The size is immense and the high ceiling with light wells will make the room seem even bigger.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Just a reminder of the wealth of Extra-Curricular clubs and activities that are running. This week has seen over 50 students joining Lower School Choir, a procession of Year 7s heading across the field to Gardening Club and about 40 students heading to the Hall for Japanese Club, and lots more besides. We are particularly grateful to our Sixth Formers who have offered to run yet more activities. Please see below—new clubs are shown in pink!

	LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	Sixth Form Netball Year 7 Board Game Club Physics Clinic (Y12-13) Show Rehearsals (all years) Week A - Rights Respecting Schools ster Week B - Genocide & Human Rights aw		School Production Rehearsals Sixth Form Punch (Body Barn) - YI3
TUESDAY	Netball Club (year 7) Physics Clinic (Y7-11) Senior Choir (Y10-13) KS3 Maths Club (Y7-8) Week A - NEA/History Clinic (Y13) Week B - Cold War Revision (Y11) Japanese Language & Culture Club (all) SustaiNGHS/EcoSchools/Gardening Club	Biology Clinic (all years) Chemistry Clinic (YII) Wellbeing Quiet Space (all) Maths clinic (YI2) Sign Language (all)	Harper Netball Fixtures
WEDNESDAY	AS PE group (Y13) French Club (Y11) Chess Club (all) Physics Clinic (Y7-11) Animation Club (Y7 sign up only) GCSE Geography support (Y11) Lower School Choir (Y7-8) Medsoc (Y12 interested in medicine/dentistry) Chemistry Clinic (Y13) Maths Clinic (Y7-8)		Karate Club (all years) - external coach
THURSDAY	Team Trials Team Netball practice Coding Club (Y8 and above) Geography Revision (Y13) Music GCSE Clinic Drama club (Y9-11) English clinic (all years + special Y11 grou DIG schools archaeology investigation (Y		Fencing Club (all) - external coach Winter League Netball Fixtures
FRIDAY	Netball (Y11) Revision Club (Y11) - Week A Orchestra Literary Society Week B - Debating Society (Y12/13)		Sixth Form Punch (Body Barn) - Y12 Netball Club - external coach (all years)

NGHS PASTORAL TEAM WHO'S WHO?

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