



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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**T**his week Year 11s and some Year 13s have been back in school to start their GCSE and A-level examinations, which have gone very smoothly indeed. Whilst nervous, they appear to be taking everything in their stride and we wish them every success as the exam season gets underway. Our team of invigilators includes some new members and they seem to be enjoying their new roles at NGHS.

Last week we appointed a new postholder to NGHS; our Outreach, Partnerships and Marketing Officer. This post will enable us to fulfil our responsibilities in relation to the Selective Schools Expansion Fund (which paid for most of the extension we opened in January) but also raises the importance of encouraging greater social mobility to those who apply to NGHS. We already have a strong primary education programme (NGHS staff currently teach Maths and Design Technology in local primary schools) and this new post will enable us to offer more in the coming

years. We are also hosting our annual Maths Challenge today with pupils from five local primary schools coming to fight it out! Now the third time we have run this competition, it is a fiercely competitive challenge and reputation is at stake! Thank you to Mrs Patel for coordinating the day. It's lovely to welcome students from other local schools back to NGHS, too.

This week's NN includes information from SustaiNGHS. They are keen to set up a **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**. Please see more on page three. With the increased cost of living, we hope to do what we can to mitigate increased cost pressures for September and this may provide a solution for some NGHS families. Please offer your support if you can.

Finally, we say a second farewell to Reverend Walters today. Mrs K Wallace returns to the Maths Faculty on Monday and we are very grateful to 'The Rev' for returning to NGHS to teach Mrs Wallace's timetable for the past couple of months.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mr M J Scott**

### Free Parent Webinar

The Local Authority have contacted us to make us aware of a free webinar for parents. Following mental health week (9th- 15th May) Role Models are hosting a free webinar on Tuesday 24th May at 7:30pm on 'Letting go of Perfectionism'.

Two in three parents believe their child struggles with perfectionism. Consequently, providing actionable strategies through online sessions has proven transformative for many parents. If you are interested, you can sign up for the webinar by clicking on the image below. We hope that you might like to attend.



### Beam

Shropshire  
Telford and Wrekin

Beam offer low level, brief intervention emotional wellbeing support for children and young people up to the age of 25 as well as

their parents, carers and professionals. 'Drop in' sessions are now running on the following days:- no appointment is needed, please come along and talk with an Emotional health and wellbeing Practitioner.

- Monday 'Drop Ins' – 12pm – 4pm (last session 3.15pm) at The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG
- Tuesday 'Drop Ins' – 10am – 6pm (last session 5.30pm) at Beam, 9 Market Square, Wellington, TFI 1BP
- Thursday 'Drop Ins' – 10am – 6pm (last session 5.30pm) at Beam, 9 Market Square, Wellington, TFI 1BP

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# New SEND Ambassadors



**In each subject we have Subject Ambassadors (chosen from Year 12), whose job is to promote their subject to younger years and visitors to the school. Recently we have branched out to include whole school Ambassador roles such as Careers Ambassadors and, now Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Ambassadors. Our new SEND Ambassadors introduce themselves:**

Hi, I'm Issy and I'm joint SEND Ambassador for NGHS. I am passionate about making sure that SEND issues are high on the school's agenda and raising awareness in order to make the school a more inclusive place. When I was in primary school, I was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, and as a result, I have experienced the school's SEND support structures first-hand. As a part of my role, I will help out with assemblies such as Autism Awareness Week and with the new SEND notice board; making sure it is kept up to date.

Hi, I'm Beth and I am looking forward to working with Issy, Mrs Dugdale and Mrs Benoit to help create a wider understanding of SEND matters within the school. I aim to do this by answering any questions about what the school offers to support students with SEND as well as answering questions on ways to help others understand and support friends with SEND in their classes.

Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions, from how to access support to how to better understand each other. We look forward to hearing from you!

Remember you can contact our SEND Assistant Mrs Dugdale and Acting SENDCO Mrs Roycroft via [SEND@nghs.org.uk](mailto:SEND@nghs.org.uk). Mrs Benoit, our SENDCO will return to NGHS later this term.



## Head Girl Team Highlights...

### This week at NGHS...



As exam season begins, the whole school are wishing the year 11 and year 13's the best of luck as their GCSE's and A-Levels begin.

It is likely to be a stressful period, but it's vital that you trust in your hard work and determination, as well as taking some time out for yourself to break up the revision.

Today, NGHS welcomed year 5 students from several local primary schools to take part in a maths challenge. It was fantastic for me



and some of the year 12 maths ambassadors to see potential students enjoying some friendly competition, and they even got to enjoy a cookie from the canteen! Hopefully, we might see them join NGHS in a year or two!

It also has been a busy week for the new house teams! The notice boards have managed to surpass all expectations, with Roddam opting for The Bee-tles aboard a yellow submarine, Austen choosing to be a squad of firemen and Seacole choosing mermaids in a seaweed forest. They have all successfully completed their first house assemblies and are getting underway with the preparation of house drama, with this year's theme being: Villains.....

Wishing everyone a restful weekend as we look forward to the half-term!

**Emily & the HGT**

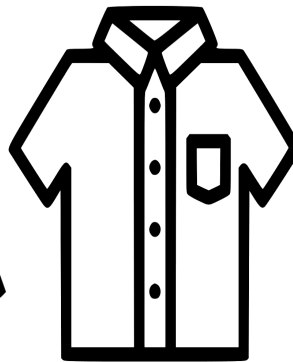
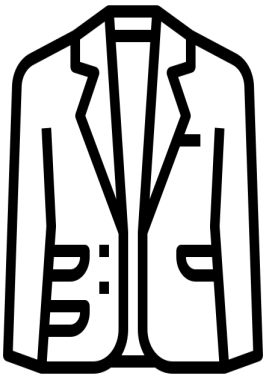
# SECOND HAND UNIFORM

**WHAT:  
UNIFORM SALE**

**WHEN:  
THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY**

**WHERE:  
SUMMER FAIR**

**WHO:  
SUSTAINGHS**



## **DONATIONS:**

- **PLEASE BRING IN ANY ITEMS OF UNIFORM THAT ARE IN GOOD CONDITION AND ARE NO LONGER NEEDED/DON'T FIT**
- **MAKE SURE THEY ARE WASHED (AND IRONED) BEFORE HAND**
- **BRING ALL DONATIONS IN BY MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY**
- **GIVE IN TO MRS GILL IN ROOM 103**
- **BRING BLAZERS ON A HANGER IF POSSIBLE**
- **WRITE DOWN SIZES OF EACH ITEM ON A POSTIT NOTE**
- **TAKE OUT NAME LABELS IF ATTACHED**

## SUSTAINGHS



**ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT MRS GILL.  
IF YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AND HELP  
DONATE IT WOULD BE GREATLY  
APPRECIATED**

**ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS  
THE PTA AND WILL BE REINVESTED INTO  
THE SCHOOL**

## Equestrian Update

Our NGHS Equestrian Team competed at Wrekin North Riding Club Open Show last weekend. All four were dominant in their categories taking first, second, third and fourth place in both the 70cm and 80cm classes. Well done to Eva, Hannah, Jazz and Connie on this great achievement.

**Mrs H Goodall**



## Shropshire Schools Swimming Gala

On the 11th of May, the school competed in the Shropshire Schools Swimming Gala, and had a very successful competition. Despite only sending four swimmers, we managed to gain two medals - a gold in the 100 back and a bronze in the 200 individual medley - with multiple 4th and 5th places. Considering this event was open to every school in Shropshire, this is a considerable achievement.

Our swimmers all train at the local Newport and District swimming club or Telford Aqua swimming club and gained multiple personal best times at the meet. Overall, it was a really rewarding event and hopefully this success continues in the future, with more entrants next year.

**Charlotte T, Year 10**



## New Safer Schools App

I am delighted to be able to launch with students and parents the safer schools app. Staff in school have been using this app since January and they have completed some online safety training using this app.



# SAFER SCHOOLS

Please read the letters which accompany Newport News to learn more about how to download the app to your phones. We would encourage all students and parents to utilise this resource to raise awareness of online safety tips and advice.

- 👉 For students in Years 7 and 8 the code required is: 3447
- 👉 For students in Years 9 and 10 the code required is: 4898
- 👉 For students in Years 11, 12 and 13 the code required is: 1544
- 👉 For parents / carers the code required is: 7675



## Festival Safety

As the Summer months approach, many older teenagers will be packing to attend their first festival. For most, their weekend will be exciting and eventful. For others, it may be memorable for the wrong reasons. The [Festival Safe website](#) aims to help first-time festival (and hardened veterans) have a safe experience. Amongst other topics, the site includes a section on alcohol and other drugs, including:

- Understanding The Law
- General Harm Reduction Guide
- Alcohol Harm Reduction Guide
- Drugs Harm Reduction Guide
- Drug Testing

# 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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outside school hours, please use [urgent@nghs.org.uk](mailto:urgent@nghs.org.uk)