



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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**E**xams are now firmly underway for Year 10 (GCSE RE), Year 11 and Year 13 and we are delighted with the way in which students are approaching this stepping-stone (or hurdle?) in their lives. Hats off to Ms Gaughan, our relatively new Exams Officer, and her team for ensuring everything runs not only smoothly, but also within the strict guidelines of the JCQ (exams regulator).

It has also been nice to see Year 11s and Year 13s coming in to school to work during the study leave/revision period. A reminder to parents that all students in these year groups are welcome to come in and areas have been set aside for each year group. Some Year 11s have taken a very mature approach to their studies; balancing these with short bursts of NGHS Monopoly, which they created themselves!

Last Thursday, forty students visited the theatre to watch a performance of *Shrek The Musical* and seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. Our athletics teams have also been enjoyed competitions against other schools this week. Our Year 8-10 netball weekend was very successful with lots of matches won and I would like to thank all the staff who give up their 'free' time to ensure our students get the most out of NGHS.

This week, Mr Pointon has issued details about **Curriculum Enrichment Week** which is the last week in June. Year 10 are on Work Experience Monday-Friday and Years 7-9 and 12 are in school or out on day trips or Duke of Edinburgh expeditions overnight (Year 9). Year 12s are particularly focused on life after NGHS with visits to university open days, extended project qualification (EPQ) workshops and apprenticeship talks. These all take place Monday-Thursday because schools have been asked to schedule a day 'in lieu' of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we have chosen Friday 1 July for this. Talking of trips, we are also putting plans in place for the return of some exciting trips and visits in 2023 and 2024 including to France, Germany and the US. The ski trip (twice cancelled) is also much anticipated in February 2023. More to follow on these opportunities in September. We are also looking how we can make trips more affordable for all in the current climate through longer payment plans and greater notice for families.

We finish today for half term and return to school at 8.50am on Monday 6 June. I hope that the nice weather continues and, whilst I know Y11/Y13s will be studying, I hope everyone can get some rest ready for the final half term (which has come round quickly!)

**Mr M J Scott**



### Year 11s break studies with MONOPOLY!

Our students have continued to take their exams in their stride this week. They have remained calm and composed and we have seen plenty of smiles as they come out which is lovely to see.

It has been great to see students still recognising the importance of their well-being throughout this examination period, and building in designated breaks to do something for them. I have



seen year 11's this week reading, crocheting and dancing. Some have been particularly creative and have made their very own NGHS Monopoly board. Mr Scott was very impressed, as was I!

**Mrs D Martin**, Acting Head of Year 11

# Today's Assembly



## IMPORTANT Vaping and E-Cigarettes

Following some concerns raised in our neighbourhood, Miss Webster led a whole-school assembly this morning to inform students of the concerns we share about vaping and e-cigarettes. The assembly focused on the health dangers, unproven facts and peer pressure as well as the legalities for young people of high school age.

It is therefore worth a reminder in NN that **all vaping products / e-cigarettes are prohibited in school**. Our behaviour policy is clear on our approach to the possession of any prohibited items, whether or not they are being used. As with every school in the country, NGHS is a non-smoking site and any student found in possession of vaping/e-cigarette equipment will face a sanction in line with its severity on the behaviour policy scale.

Whilst we cannot control students' habits outside of school (although we remind students that by wearing NGHS uniform they are ambassadors for the school), any student who elects, illegally or if over 18, to vape outside of school and who brings vaping equipment to school (accidentally or otherwise) should ensure this is handed in at Reception on arrival.

We thank students and parents for their cooperation.

## Teaching & Learning Update

This week staff have been meeting after school in their professional learning groups to review and evaluate the work they have completed this year on Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction.

Teaching colleagues have been working collaboratively to contribute to a toolkit of classroom strategies and sharing resources across different departments.

If you would like to find out more about our Teaching and Learning focus this year, please do have a look at the school website:

<https://www.nghs.org.uk/academic/teaching-and-learning/>



### Head Girl Team Highlights...

#### This week at NGHS...



After a very busy half term with years 7-10 and 12 having internal assessments and year 11 and 13 starting their GCSEs and A levels, the week-long break is very well deserved across all the years and couldn't have come sooner.

In school this week, we've had the official announcement of the winner of the school canteen naming competition. The winner was **'In Omnibus Foodelis'** by Year 12's Layla G, named after the school motto. Well done to everyone for getting involved, there were some great names put forward.

During the half term, the 2nd to the 5th of June is an extended bank holiday for the celebration of the Queen's 70th year on the throne. This makes her the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee so lots of celebration, street parties and decorations are encouraged.

I hope everyone has a lovely break making sure to get lots of rest and down time ready for the last half term of school when we get back.

Wishing everyone a restful half-term!

**Melissa & the HGT**







# 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
E Adeniyi (10Aus)	Mr D Postle
C Askin (8Aus)	Mrs K Gill
A Aston (10Sea)	Mr M Ley
O Augustus (R6)	Mrs S Dainty
E Bower (R6)	Mrs L Roberts
R Briggs (10Sea)	Ms J Clarke
M Brown (A8)	Mrs L Roberts
O Cass (10Sea)	Mr D Postle
I Chadwick (9Sea)	Mrs A Seys
A Fairhead (10Aus)	Mr D Postle
C Fang (S8)	Mrs T Fujii
A Hekant (R8)	Mrs T Fujii
L Hicklin (9Aus)	Mrs J Barker
E Jackson (S8)	Mrs K Gill
I Knight (A7)	Mrs T Fujii
S Lyall (A8)	Mrs T Fujii

To: Student	From: Teacher
H Meechan (R6)	Mrs L Roberts
M Mohammed-Elamin (7S)	Mrs J Barker
D Munyaneza (R6)	Mrs L Roberts
M Padkin (A6)	Mrs T Fujii
CM Plummer (8Sea)	Mrs K Gill
S Rodrigues (10Sea)	Ms J Clarke
H Sedman-Smith (9A)	Mrs K Gill
R Shah (10Aus)	Mr M Ley
E Spencer (R8)	Mrs L Roberts
A Srinivasan (S6)	Mrs L Roberts
A Strafford-Piper (10R)	Mrs K Gill
O Todd (S8)	Mrs T Fujii
E Walkley (S7)	Mrs L Roberts
M Watkin (S6)	Mrs L Roberts
K Wykes (S7)	Mrs L Roberts



## Extra Curricular Update SCRAP BOOK Challenge

At NGHS, we pride ourselves on the range of extra-curricular activities that our students can take part in. This term, we have had a plethora of clubs running including song-writing, drama, LawSoc, rugby, and rounders, to name but a few. This term also saw the launch of our scrapbooking club run by Miss Webster where students have been using a whole range of craft items to create their first page. Some of our Year 11s took a break from their revision to join in the fun! The club will continue after half term every Monday at 1pm on our soon to be published Summer 2 extra-curricular timetable. We encourage all students to get involved in an activity they enjoy and are committed to providing something for everyone. Remember, if any students would like to run a club, please ask them to see Miss Webster with their ideas.



Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin  
Integrated Care System

# Online work experience

applications now open!

- The programme is open for students aged 14-19 who are based in Shropshire, Telford, Wrekin, Staffordshire or Powys
- Approximately 10 hours to complete
- On-demand webinars
- Complete at a time that suits you

If you're intrigued about a career where you can help other people every single day then this Virtual Work Experience is for you.

This programme links to careers in: **Healthcare, Nursing, Social Care, GP's, Surgeons, Doctors, Medicine, Midwifery, Therapy, Radiography, Paramedics** and more. Subject links include: **Biology, Health and Social Care, Social Sciences**. This programme meets Gatsby Benchmarks and is widely accepted by universities and employers as evidence of work experience.

Apply now for:

-  **Allied Health Professionals** >>>>
-  **Nursing and Midwifery** >>>>
-  **Medicine** >>>>



This programme will be available for 12 months after the 13th of June.  
We do encourage you to complete within 10 days of starting the programme.

**Mrs K Gill**

# Online NHS Work Experience 14-19

Recently, a Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin virtual work-related learning and careers programme has been launched which may be of interest to some of our students who are aged 14-19. This free of charge, flexible, opportunity involves a structured programme of webinars and would suit those interested in a career in medicine, nursing and midwifery or allied health (AHPs).

- [Medicine](#)
- [Midwifery](#)
- [Health Professionals](#)

## Online Sexual Harassment



Further to our September Parents Information Evening regarding online sexual harassment. The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza DBE, has published a guidance document for parents helping to support them to understand online sexual harassment. It is a sensitive topic, and not one all parents feel comfortable discussing with their children.

The Commissioner's team brought together a group of 16 - 21 year olds and asked them talk about what they think parents should know, and what they should say to their children when talking about sexualised bullying and the pressures of growing up online.

Key advice from the young adults in the focus groups included:

- Start conversations early, before your child gets a phone or social media account. Keep the conversation going over time, adapting to your child.
- Young people want their parents to learn about new technology and trends, including risky behaviours and dangerous spaces online.
- Create a safe and trusting home environment. Young people told us the home environment is key, they want to share things with their parents but don't always feel able.

The report and poster 'The things I wish my parents had known...' can be downloaded [here](#)

**Mrs H Birch**, Assistant Head (Safeguarding Lead)



# Tackling Child Abuse (HM Government/DfE)

The government has launched a campaign called 'Together we can tackle child abuse'. The resources, include four very short videos explaining physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and online abuse.



The simple mnemonic, ABC, is used to remind people that they should look out for changes in appearance, behaviour or communication. The webpage has a search engine to find out where to report abuse. For more information, go to: <https://tacklechildabuse.campaign.gov.uk>



## Online Safety for 11 - 18s (CEOP)

CEOP has created a new website for teenagers called 'The internet, relationships & you' and offers advice on socialising online, online safety, getting support and sexual content online. CEOP is a part of the National Crime Agency.

The website can be found here: [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_18](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18)

### June Half Term at Fordhall Farm

#### Pond Pirates

Join us for Pond Dipping...with a difference! Come dressed up as a pirate, scavenge for natural materials and transform them into your very own mini pirate ship and sail it in our wild wonderful pond. We will also explore the pond for nature's 'treasures' - what will you find living in our waters? **Wednesday 1st June 2022.**  
Ages 3+ £7 per child. **Must be accompanied by an adult.**  
2 sessions available - 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm. Book online at [fordhallfarm.com](http://fordhallfarm.com) or call us on 01630 638696.

#### Queen Bee's Jubilee Garden Party

You are cordially invited to a royally fun garden party hosted by our very own Queen Bee Alyssial! Make your own ivy crown to become a Fordhall King or Queen and create beautiful paper posies. Prepare your own snack, creating delicious rice cracker and fruit bees and other animals! There will also be lots of traditional garden games so expect a fun packed visit. **Thursday 2nd June 2022.**  
£7.50pp Ages 1-100 - just need to have a sense of fun! Children must be accompanied by an adult. 2 sessions available - 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm. Book online at [fordhallfarm.com](http://fordhallfarm.com) or call us on 01630 638696.

#### Be a Bee Trail

Follow Bobby Bee around the farm as he tells you all about how to be a bee! Trail packs include a trail map, seed bomb to grow your own wild flowers, crayons and an eye mask to decorate - buzz around the farm and show off your creation! **Easter holidays onwards. £2.50 per pack.**  
Pick up from the farm shop, no need to pre-book!

Web: [fordhallfarm.com](http://fordhallfarm.com)  
Tel: 01630 638696  
Fordhall Organic Farm, Tern Hill Road,  
Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PS

# FRANK

0800 77 66 00 [talktofrank.com](http://talktofrank.com)

I have recently been in touch with the organisation Talk To Frank to explore if they do parents presentations about drug and alcohol use by young people.

The Talk to FRANK service only exists online as a website, as a 24 hour free confidential help line and text, email and limited chat service. They have suggested that I make our families aware of the website and the 24 hour helpline. They would be happy to talk to parents or carers individually who are either concerned or just have a question. The website does give a comprehensive overview of the most common street drugs as well a link to find a local drug or alcohol service including young person's services and advice about how to talk to your child about drugs. I have put some useful links below:

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>  
<https://www.talktofrank.com/drugs-a-z>  
<https://www.talktofrank.com/get-help/dealing-with-peer-pressure>

Mrs H Birch

# 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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To urgently contact a member of the senior leadership team  
outside school hours, please use [urgent@nghs.org.uk](mailto:urgent@nghs.org.uk)