



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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**P**reparations for next academic year are now firmly underway as this half term rapidly disappears. This week Mrs Jones and I have completed the school's timetable for next year and staff are busy writing reports and completing training/CPD activities in lieu of Year 11 and Year 13 class teaching.

I have been away from school for a few days already this half term attending Head teacher/Grammar Head conferences. These have all been very useful and provide a springboard for ideas for the new academic year, which will feed into our whole-school and faculty development plans, which we will share with governors in July and latterly with parents/students at the start of next term. Exams continue to run well with only a handful of students missing examinations owing to Covid, for whom there is a clear procedure in place with JCQ to ensure no student is disadvantaged by this. All our students are taking the public examinations in their stride and we continue to be impressed by their commitment and approach.

Next week sees the end of GCSEs and I am delighted to be able to take Year 11 to Alton Towers to celebrate their amazing five years (so far) at NGHS. We have also booked Loudmouth to present a very important play "Calling It Out" to years 9, 10 and 12. Loudmouth are a fabulous drama company and their current, hard-hitting performances are always appreciated by staff and students alike. This is just one part of our SRE (sex & relationships education) curriculum, for which NGHS is a lead school in the area, and we hope that students enjoy the performance, but, most importantly, gain from the messages it delivers. Mrs Birch has included information about this on page two of this week's Newport News.

Our Year 10 and Year 12s enjoyed a lovely trip to Nice this week. Thank you to Mrs Furnival, Ms Branson and Mrs Martin for taking them. A news report will follow next week.

Wishing you a nice (warm) weekend **Mr M J Scott**



## Save the date!

This year's PTA Summer Fete will take place on **Thursday 14 July starting at 4.30pm and ending at 6.30pm**. As in previous years (pre-Covid), we will have a range of student-led stalls with refreshments and musical performances with all money raised going to the PTA who continue to support our school. The House Teams will be launching this with students next week and we look forward to seeing the array of stalls they are going to organise. All parents are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you at the event. *(PS image may not be representative of the Fete; Ferris Wheel is not guaranteed!)*

**Film Night**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**15:50 to 17:50**



**Tickets on the door**  
**£2 including drink & snack.**



**All proceeds to the PTA**

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# Calling It Out!

Next week we are delighted to welcome Loudmouth back to school to work with our Year 9, 10 and 12 students. This time each year group will be watching the newest performance 'Calling It Out' which was developed following the launch of the Everyone's Invited website last Summer. The objectives of the Calling it Out session are to:

- ☑ Raise awareness of what harmful sexual behaviour is
- ☑ Challenge negative attitudes and behaviours
- ☑ Learn strategies to support young people to call out and report incidences of sexual harassment and assault.

Owing to space restrictions in School with external examinations continuing next week, we have paid to hire the Royal British Legion club in Newport as a venue. Students will walk in year groups to attend and Mrs Birch will be writing to all parents with the full arrangements on Monday.



*Head Girl Team Highlights...*



## Pride Month



LGBTQ+ Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honour the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. Some celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, concerts and more! Pride month and events within it promote acceptance, equality, celebrating the work of LGBTQ+ people, awareness of LGBTQ+ history and raising awareness of issues which the LGBTQ+ community face, as well as the progress that has been and needs to be made.

Pride is about being proud of who you are no matter how you express yourself, how you identify and who you love. At NGHS we want to promote the fact that people can express themselves in any manner they chose and our celebration and acceptance of these identities is not limited to only the month of June- every month can be pride month and an opportunity to celebrate who you are!

Look out for various talks, craft sessions and an LGBTQ+ poetry special at literary society, starting Friday 17 June, and information about local celebrations such as marches and picnics that you can get involved in! These events are a great way to raise your awareness and celebrate your own and your peers different identities.

Wishing everyone a nice weekend!  
**Liv & the HGT**

# Cycle to School?



We have taken delivery of a new cycle shelter at the front of school which is covered by CCTV and larger than its predecessor. We need to encourage more cyclists as part of our Travel Plan. **Next week any student who cycles to school can receive a free lunch as an incentive!**

A free lunch voucher (to the value of £2.80) can be collected from Reception each morning by those who cycle to/from school. Cycle helmets can also be left at Reception in exchange for the voucher. Students who cycle must ensure they wear appropriate safety kit and have parents' permission to ride to school.





## 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
H Abbasi (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
Z Ahmed (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
L Alame (8Aus)	Mrs K Gill
B Armstrong (7N)	Mrs A Seys
I Chadwick (9Sea)	Mrs A Seys
T Chhokar (8Sea)	Miss A Rosbach
J Davies (7N)	Mrs L Roberts
E Donaldson (8Sea)	Mrs K Gill
L Greenwood (A7)	Mrs K Griffin
R Grunug (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
A Hamilton (R7)	Mrs K Griffin
G Hicklin (7N)	Mrs T Fujii, Mrs A Seys
S Hothi (7G)	Miss AM Davies
N Johal (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
B Jones (7G)	Miss AM Davies
M Joseph (9Sea)	Mrs K Gill
S Karthik (7N)	Miss J Walker, Mrs T Fujii

To: Student	From: Teacher
C Knight (10Aus)	Mrs K Gill
P Larsen (9Sea)	Mrs C Petford
G Lomas (7N)	Mrs L Roberts, Miss S Webster
L MacMullen (7S)	Miss J Walker
K Markworth (10Aus)	Mr D Postle
V Matthews (7N)	Miss S Webster
I Miles (10Rod)	Mrs A Seys
M Patel (A8)	Mrs K Griffin
S Raiyat (7G)	Miss AM Davies
R Rajendran Kalpana (7H)	Miss J Walker
S Rodrigues (10Sea)	Miss J Walker
M Salem (9Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
A Talens (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
S Uppal (R6)	Mrs K Gill
A Vasikaran (8Rod)	Mrs A Seys
A Williams (7G)	Miss AM Davies
A Wysome (7S)	Miss J Walker

## Shrek The Musical Trip

Just before half term, a group of students from years 7-10 went to see Shrek the Musical. We departed from school and with excitement arrived in Northwich where we went to get dinner at the Fish and Chips Shop. We all enjoyed the amazing food and entered the theatre, got to our seats in the audience, and eagerly waited for the show to begin.

Mr Scott's conducting of the talented orchestra, coupled with the brilliant actors and comical, well executed plot was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there. The audience were always laughing at the jokes and we were sad for the show to come to an end. We departed with a cheerful post-show mood with many still singing all the way home. We all really enjoyed the whole experience and hopeful to go again!

**Isabella & Isabella** (Year 10)



# Pastoral Review Group Meeting Feedback



This week Miss Webster has met with students across all year groups about their thoughts on pastoral and safeguarding issues that young people face. Some of the points that were raised were:

- Feeling pressure to get certain social media apps as others have them – this is particularly being felt by lower school pupils who may not yet be at the recommended age for some of these apps
- Use of group chats – these have usually been created to help remind each other of homework and what's due when but we have been told these are being used inappropriately
- Difficulty knowing how to interpret tone in messages that are received

We are going to work on some of these points in school and relevant Heads of Year are planning to talk to their year group as required, but your support with this at home would be appreciated.

## Top Tips:

- Have regular conversations about phone and app usage
- Be aware of the conversations taking place in group chats
- Remind your child they can talk to you or someone in school if something has caused them to be worried or concerned online

**Mrs H Birch** (Assistant Headteacher)

**SUMMER RUGBY CAMP**

with coaching from...  
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**1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

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We have been notified by two members of the public driving past school about students not using the crossing before school and choosing to dart across the road between cars. This is clearly dangerous and a poor example to set to younger students including children at Moorfield Primary. All NGHS students are expected to use the lights crossing on Wellington Road.

# 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 F Davenport**  
Pastoral Support



**Miss S Webster**  
Deputy Head



**Mrs K Danby**  
Wellbeing Officer



**Mrs H Goodall**  
Head of Year 7



**Ms J Capaldi**  
Head of Year 8



**Mrs A Chapman**  
Head of Year 9



**Mrs A Seys**  
Head of Year 10

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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