



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Talk around school has not always been about politics this week although the frequent changes in Westminster are providing ample discussion material for Mrs Griffin and Ms Clarke's A-level politics class! Instead, we have heard more talk about our very successful Curriculum Enrichment Week and I would like to start by commending all students for throwing themselves in to all the activities on our programme. Year 10 seem to have enjoyed their work experience and we have had lots of complimentary feedback from companies and organisations where they spent the week. Year 9 were a bit blistered and weary after Duke of Edinburgh but seemed to enjoy the challenge and our younger students embraced activities as diverse as canal-dipping in science to workshops with employees from Jaguar Landrover. Thank you to all the staff, in particular Mr Pointon and Mrs Gill who played a crucial role in coordinating the week's events. There is a lot of planning involved in taking students out of school and C.E.W. is an enjoyable and fundamental part of our school ethos in embracing learning both in and outside the classroom. As travel abroad eases, we are also restarting our trips and visits programme next year with visits to Germany, France, Austria and Washington already in the calendar. We will provide parents with as much notice as possible of foreign trips as well as the opportunity to spread payment costs in the current financial climate.

Rehearsals for House Drama are reaching full throttle and we look forward to three exciting performances next Thursday. Sports Day sign-up is nearing completion and staff are busy writing reports - it must be close to the end of term. Two weeks to go!

Talking of next Thursday, we also look forward to our PTA Fete. Organised by our PTA with considerable support from Miss Webster, Mr Pointon and Mrs Chapman, this will be a relaxed early-evening event with open mic performances and student stalls. **Parents will also be welcome to view our new Dining Room and classrooms which were opened back in January.** The event runs from 4.30pm-6.30pm on Thursday 14 July. Please kindly park on the Courts or in town.

Term will finish at 12.30pm on Friday 22 July. Haberdashers' Adams are finishing around the same time so buses will run, starting from NGHS. Pupils will need to be prompt leaving the site. I respectfully remind parents of the need for good attendance all week as I have continued to receive holiday requests for the last week of term. I do understand the attractiveness of slightly (?) cheaper flight prices to far-flung destinations, but must follow the DFE's line in refusing absences purely on holiday grounds.

In this bumper edition of Newport News there is some information about student grouping for next year and our pastoral structure. We are pleased to return to pre-Covid arrangements in most year groups with a further strengthening of the House system through House-Based forms in all year groups. Please see page 3 for more information.

This week our new catering payment system has been installed. Mrs Jones (Operations Manager) and Mr Farrell (IT Manager) have overseen this and have done a great job in getting students' biometric prints taken (again!) Hopefully the fact that the payment system runs through ScoPay will be an advantage to all parents who use this system for school trips too.

Another highlight to report has been welcoming our new NGHS students to the school: Our new Year 7s attended four lessons and a house-based activity on Monday and then Tuesday was our Themed Day. 'Japan' was the theme this year with some impressive language, geography, craft and martial arts skills being displayed by all who attended. Thank you to Mrs Goodall and Mrs Danby for all their hard work in organising the days and both students and new parents seemed very appreciative. Our new Year 12s (existing NGHS Y11s and students who have chosen to join NGHS6 from other local schools) also attended an afternoon of induction during Curriculum Enrichment Week. We look forward to confirming our new students' places in August before they start their sixth form studies with us in September.

If you are attending the Newport Show tomorrow, I hope that you have a lovely day and may see you there!

With best wishes for the weekend, **Mr M J Scott**

YEAR 10 SPONSORED HIKING CHALLENGE

This Saturday my aunt and I are hiking up Snowden to raise money and support for Khalsa Aid. It is an international UK based humanitarian relief charity providing support around the world to victims of natural and man made disasters such as floods earthquakes, famine and war. So during cultural week some of the donations will go to the Khalsa aid charity to help them get closer in achieving their £50,000 goal for their 10 year anniversary.

You can find out more or even help sponsor me [by clicking here](#). Thank you. **Navya A**, Year 10



Head Girl Team Highlights...



It has been a successful CEW. Both lower school and Year 12 students really appreciated the opportunities and activities which were made available to them. Year 7-9 were able to take part in trips leading to increased knowledge and skills such as problem-solving skills which year 9 will have gained first-hand in the DofE trip, meanwhile both year 10 and 12 were able to move a step forward with their future career decisions. During CEW we were able to thank all the incredible teachers for everything they do for us.

The new year 12s were welcomed into our NGHS family and got to know each other through a series of activities led by both the head girl and house team, it was a super successful afternoon! This week we have been able to welcome the year 6s for a year 7 induction allowing them to experience the joys of being a student at NGHS and they were given the chance to familiarise themselves with the school enabling them to have a smooth transition in September. As the Deputy Head Girl for participation and inclusion I am so excited to be able to be part of the welcoming process for many and truly look forward to the extension of our family.

And finally on that note I'd like to wish you all a wonderful weekend!

Nakita & the HGT

Eva Jumps to Success!

Eva T (Y8) has qualified for the National Hunter Trials finals (70cm) on Paddy after a successful meet at Smallwood Equestrian Centre. Well done, Eva!



**Thursday 14 July
4.30pm - 6.30pm**

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.



Water Polo Success!

Congratulations to Harriet E (Y9) who has competed with the U16 West Mids Water Polo team, finishing in bronze position! The team is now in division one of the national league!



Student Groupings 2022-2023

We have considered carefully how our timetable and class organisation will work from September in the hope of realigning to the strong system we had in pre-Covid days. We have been on a gradual return to this during the current school year and we have updated our grouping policy on our website to reflect these changes for September. The information below relates to new year groups (i.e. current Year 7s should read the section for Year 8 etc.) Students will discover their who their new form tutor is and where their new form room is in the last week of term. Many form tutors will stay with their forms and most Heads of Year will do the same for continuity.

New Year 8s

Students will remain in the same teaching groups (N,G,H,S) as this year. However, we will make changes to form groups to bring these back to House forms (Austen 1-3, Roddam 1-3 and Seacole 1-3). These forms will be shared with new Year 7s. This will enable Year 8s to play a greater role in mentoring new students to the school. The Head of Year going forward for this year group will be Mrs A Seys in our new rolling Head of Year system.

New Year 9s

Students will remain in their Austen, Roddam, Seacole form groups and will be upstairs on the languages corridor. Please rent lockers on this corridor! Students will begin their GCSE courses so will be in newly mixed groups for all subjects dependent upon the subjects they have chosen. They will be broadly set for maths and in three mixed groups for science, English and PE. Ms J Capaldi will continue as their Head of Year.

New Year 10s

Students will remain in their form groups and classes for English, Science, PE and maths (barring any set changes). They will move classes in option subjects dependent upon the subject they are not continuing with and may or may not have the same teacher dependent upon the groups they join. However, staff are experienced in ensuring all groups are at the same point in the course by the end of this term. Mrs A Chapman continues as Head of Year.

New Year 11s

Students remain in their form groups (Austen, Roddam and Seacole) and will be housed in our brand new Maths classrooms as form rooms. They will continue with the same teaching groups as in Year 10 and almost always with the same teacher unless s/he is leaving NGHS. Mrs S Tomkinson is our Head of Year 11 but is on maternity leave at present. Mrs D Martin, Well-being Officer and Teacher of PE will therefore be Head of Year in the autumn. She has held this role with our current Year 11 already.

Sixth Form

Students remain in their form groups (Austen, Roddam and Seacole) and these will continue to be mixed with Year 12 / Year 13 students, as this year. Mrs Griffin, Mr Pointon and Mrs Martin continue in their roles in leading the sixth form.



MD School of Performing Arts

Congratulations to a number of NGHS students who have now reached the national finals of the All England Dance competition. This article was spotted in the Shropshire Star and it's lovely to see so many NGHS faces in this picture! Do remember to share any such successes with Mr Scott!



NGHS en France!

LANGUAGES FACULTY TRIP TO NICE

On Monday, we all had an early start to the day, as we had to arrive at school for 7:45. After saying our goodbyes, we boarded the coach and set off for Liverpool airport (LPL). Once we arrived in Nice, we quickly checked-in to our rooms in the luxurious Hotel Monsigny, and soon discovered that the rooms had wonderful balconies! After a delicious dinner and dessert, we set out for the Promenade des Anglais, and enjoyed the splendid view.

The next day, after arguably the best breakfast I've ever had, we departed for Monaco, for a taste of affluence. Luckily, we managed to catch sights of Prince Albert! Then we left for the beautiful hill-top village of Eze and had the chance to not only visit the absolutely gorgeous Jardin Botanique, but also have a lovely tour in the Parfumerie Fragonard. In the evening, after another wonderful dinner, we had a surprise visit to the Pathé cinema to watch Jurassic World: Dominion in 3D, which was lovely to watch.

On Wednesday, we went to the Picasso Museum in Antibes, which had amazing artwork, and in general was a very nice experience. Then, we had a bit of time to explore Antibes and to visit the Marché Provençal, which was stunning! After a much-anticipated wait, we had the chance to go to the beach! The weather was wonderful, the water was warm and everyone had a

really good time. By the time we got back to the hotel, we were all exhausted and very much ready for dinner.

On our final day, much to our dismay, we started off the day by putting our suitcases onto the coach, before going to the Confiserie Florian, which was a beautiful, sweet shop, with lots of samples - miam miam! For lunch, we were able to discover La Place Masséna, and it's beautiful market stalls. Luckily, before we had to depart for the airport, we were able to do some shopping in the massive Nicetoile (shopping centre). Finally, we had to leave for the airport, and after a small delay, we were on our way back to the UK.

Overall, I absolutely loved the trip, and it definitely made me more confident speaking French! I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been able to go on this trip!! A massive *merci beaucoup* to our teachers (pictured below): Mrs Furnival, who organised the trip and Ms Branson and Mrs Martin for accompanying us.

Esther, Year 10





...at Climate Conference

On Wednesday, the SustainNGHS team attended Telford and Wrekin's first Youth Climate Summit at Enginuity, Ironbridge. Telford and Wrekin council - who declared a climate emergency in 2019 - organised the event in the hopes to "demystify" what we already knew about climate change, and encourage us to think about what we do that leaves an impact on the planet, and positive steps we can take to ensure our environmental impact is as sustainable as possible.

Throughout the day, a number of climate change and environmental experts spoke to us about a vast array of areas which relate to our planet and local area. Several professors from local universities and experts from Telford and Wrekin Council delivered talks on their different specialist areas, all of which were focussed on different aspects of the environment, sustainability, and how our actions affect the planet. We started the day with a True or False activity to quickly dispel a range of misconceptions about the climate and climate change, before launching into a lecture from Prof. Widman on the past and future of Earth's climate, and the difference of the effects of natural factors and human factors on the environment. Afterwards, Ian Wykes from Telford and Wrekin council spoke to us about Wildlife and Biodiversity in the UK, and how a changing climate will impact the species that live here. We learnt about the complexity of factors that lead to the extinction of animals – loss of prey due to migration pattern change, loss of habitat due to increase in predator numbers – and how it is not just as simple as 'climate change.' We also learn that Hammerhead sharks have been seen in the UK for the first time due to warmer waters!

After, we had a fantastic interactive session led by Susanne Bearblock, who has numerous job titles but focuses on education and the environment. Through this session, we were able to have



our say on the climate action we wanted to see in Telford, and had the chance to deliver our groups opinions and 'even better ifs' to the room, which included nearly 100 students, scientists, and Cllr Catherine Heely from Telford and Wrekin Council. We then had lunch (all plant based) and had the opportunity to explore the museum briefly before heading back into a session led by Dr Komali Yenneti from Wolverhampton University, where we took on the roles of different countries and used a computer program to try and implement climate deals to get global warming to under 1.5C. We all found it exceptionally difficult without drastic action!

Veolia, who manage waste disposal in Telford, taught us about the importance and scale of recycling and other waste management techniques, as well as the changes we can make in our lives to reduce the amount of rubbish which goes to landfill. They also showed us several examples of bigger companies such as McDonald's and Costa working with Veolia to try and use their waste for good. To wrap up the day, we had a final talk from Prof. Andrew Beacham from Harper Adams on the future of global food supplies and sustainable crops and farming, which was my favourite part of the day. Rae Anyidoho, the Youth Parliament representative for Telford and Wrekin finished off the day, delivering a speech on how climate news is not all doom and gloom, and how our positive actions have a positive climate impact. This was especially important to me, hearing someone our own age taking climate action and education into their own hands.

Mollie Croughan, Year 12

Shropshire Schools Athletics Regional Junior Girls Pentathlon

Congratulations to Edie Nixon (Year 9) who represented Shropshire in the Regional Combined events as part of the Junior Girls Pentathlon. Edie was in a team with three girls from other Shropshire schools. After demonstrating hard work, grit and determination, not to mention great teamwork and spirit, they finished **third** out of five teams in this regional final. A great achievement!

Shropshire Handball New Players Needed!

Due to our players moving up an age category, Shropshire Handball is looking for a Goalkeeper or two to join our very successful U16 Girls team next season as well as a few court players. Current year 8, 9 or 10 students would be great. Knowledge of handball isn't required as we will teach you all. For a goalie, good reaction skills and bravery would be an advantage. If you are interested, please contact us via our FB page or via this email:



shropshirehandballfoundry@gmail.com

Curriculum Enrichment Week

Last week, it was Curriculum Enrichment Week for all the years. The year 12s did a week of sessions based around their next steps, including university applications, apprenticeships and their EPQ. Although this is a very daunting time, the sessions throughout the week really helped in getting us started, answering any questions we had and making the thought of our futures less overwhelming.

The Friday before CEW, we went to the University of Birmingham Open Day where we got to spend the day looking around and going to talks based on the courses we want to take. This was a great opportunity to get a feel for the university and then use it to compare with other open days we attend in the future.

On Monday, we started our UCAS application with the help of Mrs Griffin and Mrs Bailey. We also had the choice of two talks in the afternoon. One was about student finance and budgeting with a guest from Staffordshire University and the other was all about apprenticeships with guests from ASK, Microsoft and a year 13 who has a place on a degree apprenticeship. These talks were incredibly useful and helped us think about what we want to do and also prepare for university.

On Tuesday, we went to the UCAS fair in Liverpool. Here, we had the opportunity to speak to as many universities as possible and ask any questions. This enabled us to find out more about the universities and courses they offer as well as get as many free tote bags as possible! It was a very enjoyable day. The following day, we focused on writing our personal statements and got our first drafts started with the help of our teachers. Then in the afternoon, it was the Rounders House Cup and even though it rained, the house spirit was not dampened. The winners were Seacole!



On the final day, we focused on our EPQ and did activities based on referencing. In the afternoon, it was the year 12 induction where all the possible new year 12s spent an afternoon together. They completed lots of activities such as speed dating, bingo, writing a story and bench ball. It was lovely to see everyone joining in, making friends and making the external students feel very welcome. Overall, it was a huge success!



*Last week it was a real privilege to spend time with all of Year 12, helping them to focus on what they want to do post A levels. As a Sixth Form Team we take great pride in supporting each and every student, helping them achieve their dreams. Each student gets individual support with their UCAS application, personal statement and interview practice, and each year we are incredibly successful. However, we would like to put a call out to all parents, relatives and family friends who would like to help us make this process even better. We are looking for a group of volunteers who, alongside staff, would help interview our students via Teams. The most popular courses we see students applying for are **Medicine, Dentistry, Law, Engineering, Business** and **Oxbridge** courses. If you have any experience in these areas and could help us, please contact me via the schooloffice@nghs.org.uk email. Thank you.*

Year 12 Future Focus

Mrs K Griffin, Head of Sixth Form

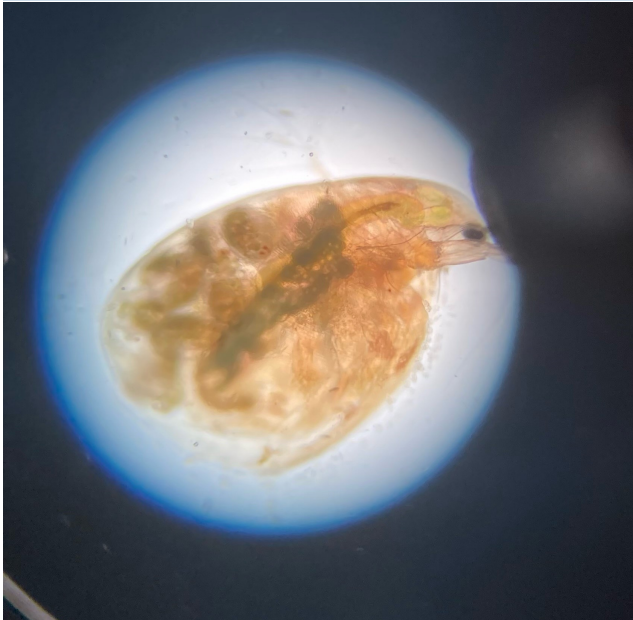
Year 8 Water Testing

On Thursday, year eight was split into two groups. we began the morning with a physics activity. In this we were tasked with building bridges out of 120 straws and tape. Each team was trying to make a bridge which could hold the largest weight; my team won with our bridge holding 2.1kg. Later, we walked to our local stream and collected water from our allocated spot.

After, we were split into two groups to chemically and biologically analyse our samples. When chemically analysing, we tested for nitrate, nitrite, pH, ammonia and the general hardness of the water. During our biological analysis, we observed for any microorganisms that were in our water sample. Some of us were fortunate enough to find larger organisms such as worms and water mites.

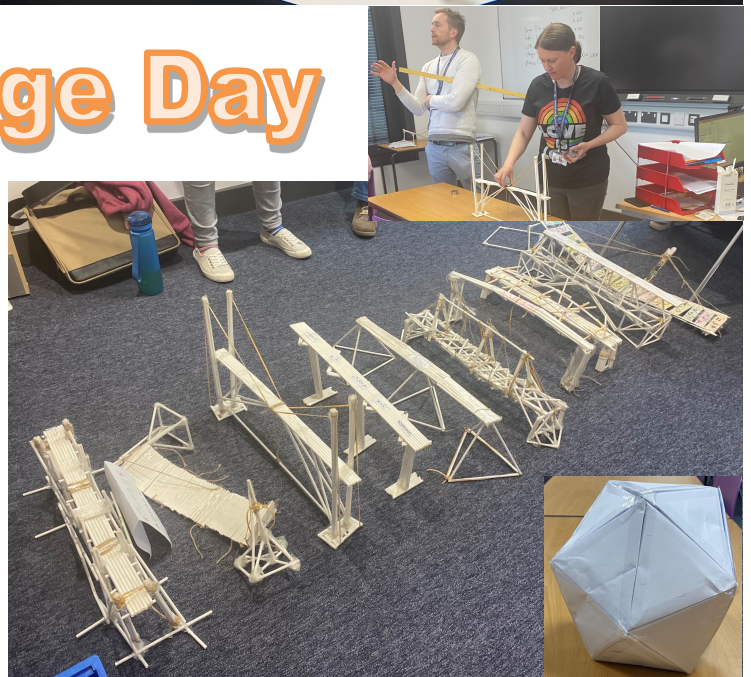
I thoroughly enjoyed the day and thank all the teachers who helped.

Harnoor Uppal, Year 8 (with photos from Year 8s)



STEM Challenge Day

During CEW we had a STEM day. We started off doing math challenges, such as pentominoes and problem solving. We then made icosahedrons out of 20 truncated tetrahedrons. In the afternoon we made bridges out of 100 straws, 10 metre string, 10 rubber bands and a role of tape. We enjoyed constructing the bridges and developing ideas in our team. At the end of the day, we all came together to test the bridges. Mr Heighway tested the strength and measured the length and height of the bridge. Mr Tolley then judged the appearance. Even though there was only one winner, we still had fun working together with new people.
T Mistry, A Rajesh and E Woodward (Y9)



Congratulations!

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)	Mrs H Furnival
E Anderson (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
N Athwal (10Sea)	Mrs H Goodall
O Augustus (R6)	Miss S Webster, Mrs K Griffin
H Bone (9Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
A Canessa-Evans (7H)	Mrs L Payne
A Ciras (A8)	Mrs K Griffin
E Fearn (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
C Fewtrell (9Sea)	Mrs L Roberts
M Hall (A8)	Mrs K Griffin
L Hambler (9Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
U Haskell (10Sea)	Mrs H Goodall
H Hussain (7G)	Mrs T Fujii
E Jackson (S8)	Mrs K Griffin
A Jarrett (10)	Mrs H Goodall
N Johal (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
RJ Jones (7G)	Mrs T Fujii

To: Student	From: Teacher
S Karthik (7N)	Mrs H Birch
A Lutzeier (10Aus)	Mrs H Goodall
S Mathew (10Sea)	Miss T Wells, Miss J Walker
H Mustansir (10Sea)	Miss J Walker
S Neeld (R8)	Mrs K Griffin
C Neill (R8)	Mrs K Griffin
M Padkin (A6)	Mrs K Griffin
A Rothwell (9Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
I Russell (10Rod)	Mrs H Goodall
J Tagboto (9Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
O Todd (S8)	Mrs K Griffin
A Ward (10Rod)	Mrs H Goodall
R Warner (S8)	Mrs K Griffin
C Wilkinson (R8)	Miss D Branson
A Williams (7G)	Mrs T Fujii
A Williams (R8)	Mrs K Griffin
A Wyke (10Sea)	Mrs H Goodall

What has been happening in Year 7 art?

Year 7 have been working on some spectacular hand crafted clay pumpkin sculptures inspired by the Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama. Keep your eyes peeled for some super polka dot and repetitive pattern outcomes as they are being fired in our kiln within the next week!



Our painting club have been focusing on refining their paint skills. Looking at how to layer and blend acrylic paint to create a Realism meets Pop Art mini final piece.

Some examples of our wonderful Painting Club work...

Artwork by Mahi P and Abigail B



Well done to all of Year 7 for their fantastic efforts! Miss Holmes



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