



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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What a week at NGHS!



Issue 36 and the penultimate of this academic year! It's been a fantastic week. We have enjoyed Cultural Week, Sports Day, House Drama and our School Fair with money raised for the PTA. With costs deducted, over £1600 was raised in two hours which is phenomenal with the SustainNGHS second-hand uniform stall bringing in over £600 alone! More can be found in this week's edition and each event is a real reason to celebrate life at NGHS hence the quad of photos above! It's been lovely to see everyone come together this week, in so many ways, and it just shows how special this school is.

Next Friday, we will finish promptly at 12.30pm. Coach services are all scheduled for lunch time. There will be morning lessons and a final assembly: Who will win the House Cup this year?! Austen won Sports Day and Roddam House Drama this week and there's so much more to the overall total. All to play for!

All parents who have purchased coach places for September should now have received an update about the services we are running and we look forward to this exciting venture starting in the new term.

Uniform: The weather on Monday and Tuesday is forecast to be very hot. Students were told in assembly today that they can decide whether they would prefer to attend school in their PE kit on both days. If they choose to remain in school uniform, they should leave their blazers at home, but don't forget locker keys! Sixth form can also wear their core PE kit too if they wish but don't forget lanyards to get in/out of school. In addition, **all** students must have a water bottle to refill at break/lunch (or bottles of water) with them and a hat/cap to be worn outdoors, even in the shade. Let's all stay safe and hydrated next week!

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

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NAVYA CLIMBS TO THE SUMMIT!



Last Saturday, my aunt, uncle and I went up Snowden to raise money for Khalsa Aid. We started the hike at 8:25 and managed to get to the top in 2 hours and 30 minutes. The first 25 minutes were really tough but we managed to pull through and the path started to level off (thank god!). The views were amazing, getting better as you climbed to the top. As we started to get to the top we were faced the hardest part of the hike, we thought of it as the final test before you get to see the views (which were so worth it) so I got my bag of fruit pastels ready and pushed on through to the end. When we were coming down we saw many Khalsa Aid hikers starting their journey and we gave them advice and wishing them well; occasionally telling them how hard it was! We were the first ones down and were greeted with a free langar and ice cream. All the hikers got a medal which I was super excited for. Approximately 600 people were hiking and the charity wanted to raise £50,000 and ended up raising £80,000! Thank you all so much for bringing in money during Cultural Week as the proceeds will go to amazing charities supporting great causes.

Navya, Y10



Head Girl Team Highlights...



The arrival of the beautiful weather this week has made for, I hope, a really enjoyable week for all of NGHS. It's been a busy week for the majority of the school, and it's been lovely to see everyone getting involved with all of the activities going on. First was sports day, potentially one of the best ever seen by the school, due to the unrivalled NGHS house spirit and the determination of all students involved. Despite the hot weather, numerous school records were broken, although the persistent breeze made the egg and spoon race potentially more challenging than the infamous 1500m...

House drama on Thursday was an incredible opportunity for each house to showcase the array of theatrical talent: each performance was completely different but equally amazing. A massive well done must go to the house teams for co-ordinating both sports day and house drama, two out of the three biggest house events in a year, on consecutive days, and also to every NGHS student who got involved in either competition- it made for an amazing week to be part of the school.

I hope everyone has a restful weekend as the summer holidays approach!

Emily & the HGT

NUT FREE SCHOOL

One of our students was taken ill this week after nuts were brought into school by another student. It is very important that we remain a NUT FREE SCHOOL. Thank you.



Student Travel for the 2022-23 Academic year

Dear Parents and Guardians

The Arriva Bus company would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the options we have available to support you in getting your child to school safely.

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What a fantastic day!

Thank you to all the staff who helped make Sports Day happen, in particular Mrs Martin and the whole PE staff. It was a lovely, sunny day and great to see the whole school coming together on the field.



Camaraderie took on a whole new meaning at this year's Sports Day!

True house spirit shone through as Austen, Roddam and Seacole competed in both fun and athletic events throughout the day. With top performances, new school records and support for each other on a scale you would have had to have seen to believe, NGHS students made us, once again, incredibly proud.

It wasn't only the students having fun and showing their competitive spirit, our wonderful staff got involved too. A highlight of the day for everyone would have to be the Staff vs. Sixth Form tug of war competition. Well done to the winning **staff** team.

A huge congratulations to our overall winners of this year's sports day
AUSTEN! (when will they be beaten?!)





PTA Summer Fair raises £1600+!

Yesterday afternoon saw the return of the PTA Summer Fair. The atmosphere on the school site was wonderful with students doing us proud running a huge array of stalls. We had cake stalls, raffles, hand-made crafts, refreshments, name the teddy and many more. Both the 'Slime Time' stand by Year 9 and the Year 10 pick and mix stand were extremely popular with both completely selling out by the end of the fete! Our Year 7s selling ice-creams were equally busy as they faced the challenge of trying to keep the tubs cold in the sunshine! As expected, the cake stalls were as popular as ever selling well over £100 worth of sweet treats. We had a star prize of a new jukebox which was won by Mrs Fujii and family with the raffle itself raising over £120! The fete was also the opportunity for us to launch our second-hand uniform sales. With SustaiNGHS at the helm this was always going to be a success. Mrs Gill and her team of helpers sold almost all their stock and whilst we were confident it was going to be popular, we were thrilled with the total raised which was over £600. We would like to thank all of the students that helped set up the event and run the stalls and everyone that attended to support the PTA. We hope that you enjoyed the afternoon and also took the opportunity to see our new classrooms and dining room. We would also like to thank the staff that supported the event including Mr Postle and Mr Wade for moving so many tables and chairs, Mr Pointon for helping to coordinate the house teams to provide the stalls, and Mrs Chapman for ensuring we had excellent musical performances throughout the event. We are still adding up the total amount raised and will share this in Newport News next week. We are looking forward to another successful event next year!

Miss S Webster, Deputy Headteacher



Last weekend, the year 12 geography class went on a field trip to Cumbria, which was a brilliant way for us to collect the data for our NEA investigation. Despite being found in the wettest part of the UK, our youth hostel didn't live up to this name as we were bombarded with sunshine. Safe to say the raincoats stayed at the bottom of our bags.

After arriving at school bright and early at 5.50am Friday morning, we made our way up to Cumbria. Our first stop was Mawbray banks, to collect data on the sand dunes. Despite the wind, we were able to get the job done without disturbing the local toads in the dune slacks. Despite not being able to interview anyone at first, some students were able to chat to some workers cutting the grass about the coastal management of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

After dinner each evening, which for some entailed a jacket potato for 3 days straight, we all walked down to the local village hall to consolidate our data collection from that day. It had the most beautiful view of the fells, with cows within smelling distance of the hall's balcony.

Day two saw our cohort visit Keswick in the morning and Workington in the afternoon, with a speedy stop at McDonald's for lunch. In these towns, we were interviewing both tourists, locals and business owners about a plethora of topics, from their sense of place, to the impact of COVID or regeneration in their town. It's safe to say that all of our confidence grew massively on this trip and I would be surprised to find a shop in either location that an NGHS pupil hadn't attempted to interview in.

Day three was led by the Field Studies Council, who taught us more about data collection, with the main entertainment by Mr Pimm who stealthily jogged down a steep rocky path in order to relay information between two sets of students, giving Bear Grylls a run for his money.

After the longest hike of our entire life up to the top of a fell, we arrived at a grassland area to investigate infiltration rates of soil, to then compare with woodland infiltration. Hammering the tubes into the ground saw Mollie's karate debut as she hit the tube

so hard into the ground her mallet snapped in half. We also took calculations which we then used to measure the amount of carbon one tree can store, which was great to be able to use our calculations in a real-life scenario. If we had a pound for every person that slipped on the way down the mountain, we could have funded the group's snack budget. At the end of the day, we had a movie night which saw both Mr Pimm and Mrs Gill fully immersed in a romantic-comedy film. Mr Pimm was also able to practise his limbo skills under a blind to get to the balcony, whilst Mrs Gill simply pulled the blind back up to elegantly walk through.

On our last day, after a full English breakfast, we made our way over to Cockermouth, for our last data collection. We received a whistle stop tour courtesy of Mr Pimm of the various flood defences and the confluence between the river Cocker and Derwent. This was really interesting especially for those that were at NGHS for GCSE as this was a prior case study of ours. The weather again was blue skies all around, however my horsefly bites covering my leg were slightly distracting from the views.

We all had a brilliant time and were able to bond together as a group better as well as getting to know our teachers more. A huge thank you to Mr Pimm, Mrs Gill and Mrs Taylor for organising the trip and putting up with us all for 4 days: we had a blast!

Portia, Year 12

From The Kitchen...

Having now moved over to our new current cashless catering supplier any money that was owed due to any students not being able to top up or not having the sufficient funds on their account to make a purchase while we were with our previous supplier Kappture have now had this removed from the their Scopay account on the afternoon of the 6th and 7th of July. Please check your Scopay accounts to ensure that any negative balances are paid off at the earliest convenience. Thank you. Leesa Owen (Catering Manager)
leesa.owen@atalianworld.com

Year 7 Ceramics... all fired and glazed!



Our artists in Year 7 have been working tremendously hard learning how to create sculptures with clay which has been fired in our kiln here at NGHS. Some superb outcomes which have been glazed with some beautiful bright and bold colours!

Digital Leaders visit Moorfield Primary

Last Friday, a group of digital leaders went to Moorfield Primary School to host a Computing workshop. We were a team of 9 students and Mr Ley. Our main aim was to encourage year 4 students to take an interest in



computer science, and to give the pupils an example of girls leading in computer science. As this was our first time doing such event, we ran this as a pilot test with 15 students from year 4 to see how it works out. The workshop consisted of three stations: Coding, Computational Thinking and Cyber Security. Prior to the event, Isla and Daisy (Yr. 8), created a scratch program which the yr4 students at Moorfield had to personalise to make their own. Computational thinking, led by Annabelle (Yr. 10) and Piper (Yr.9) involved the children working together to solve riddles. One of the riddles was the famous riddle of the fox, chicken and grain. In the cyber safety workshop, created by Rutvi (Yr. 10), we taught the children 'how to keep their grandparents safe' from spam emails, text messages and phone calls. On the whole this workshop went really well and we plan on doing other workshops with a larger group of pupils. A big thank you to Rutvi, Annabelle (Yr.10), Oak, Piper, Anna (Yr. 9), Aimee, Lara, Daisy and Isla (Yr. 8) and of course Mr Ley for organising this as well as Mr Bussey at Moorfield Primary School for allowing us to visit.

ROMEO + JULIET



STAFFORD CASTLE
24 JUNE - 9 JULY



Last Tuesday, we went on a fabulous trip to see the thirtieth anniversary production at Stafford Castle of 'Romeo + Juliet'. Upon arrival, we were faced with the task of climbing up a steep hill which, though beautifully covered in fairy lights, felt a little like a Duke of Edinburgh expedition! However, it was all worth it in the end, as the stunning scenery of the castle, accompanied with the gorgeous 'fair Verona' set that lay before us were enough to take our breath away.

Though the well-renowned play of the ill-fated couple is a story that most of us were already familiar with, the performance itself was massively captivating, and kept us all on the edge of our seats. Whether it be the grip of fate on the two star-struck lovers, or the comedic character of the nurse, every scene had something for everyone.

The traditional Early Modern English used throughout the performance was a beautiful and challenging aspect

of the performance. Although the play itself was written centuries ago, the performance incorporated some fresh and fun references to modern life. In a Bridgerton-like fashion, the performance included medieval orchestra versions of modern-day songs, a personal favourite being "Shivers" by Ed Sheeran and an indirect reference to the tiktok dance of "Blinded by the Light" by The Weekend. This added a refreshing element to the play, and was particularly enjoyed by the audience.

As well as this, the play managed to tackle some more serious modern issues in the overarching themes, including the pulling down of statues and their place in society, and how hate and miscommunication can spread and destroy lives. Overall, the performance was fabulous and we all had a great time! Thank you to all the staff for taking us to see the play.

Charlotte M, Year 12



Monday kicked off Cultural Week with a vibrant burst of colour and clothing styles as everyone dressed in clothing which they felt represented themselves. Around £500 was raised for Khalsa Aid: It was lovely to see such a variety of outfits!

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.



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