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ONLINE AUCTION LAUNCHES

Newport Girls' High School Online Auction.



Welcome to our online auction.

s you can see above, our online auction of amazing experiences has launched today to support our *Primed for Success* campaign. I would like to say a massive thank you to our Fundraising Committee of parent volunteers for arranging the lots. Do click on

this link to take a look at what is on offer. Some experiences would normally set you back at least $\pounds 100$, so please start bidding! Every penny you donate will make a real difference to our school. We are not yet at our target of $\pounds 75,347$ for the new building and are less than two months away from the completion date. Please do what you can to support the future of NGHS for all our students.

This week our Year 7 students have had a marvellous day at Edgmond Hall. The bad weather certainly didn't dampen their spirits and the staff enjoyed themselves just as much as our students! Year 7 are a fabulous year group and seem to settling really well into life at NGHS. See page 5.

Over the first half of this year, we will be featuring a different subject each week in NN. We start with **Design Technology** and Miss Walker's Year 8 classes have been working hard this week, as you can see on page 3.

Our first ever Online Auction is LIVE, as of 9am 1st of October 2021, do not worry you have until 22nd October to place bids. Please take a look we have some fantastic gifts and experiences donated from many local businesses and from further afield. We will extend special thanks to everyone that has generously supported our auction in the coming weeks and update you on the bids! Watch this space! Get Bidding! The Auction Link is here: <u>NGHS Primed For Success</u> <u>Online Auction</u>

It is possible to continue to add items to the auction, we would love to expand on what are some already amazing prizes, if you have something brand new, or you can offer something, a service, gift vouchers, experience or tickets please get in touch.

Our Auction is powered by Jumblebee. Please visit the jumble website for more information, to bid on items you will need to register an email, your privacy is protected you can see there policy <u>here</u>. We hope that you will support this online auction! It is for the benefit of all of our children at NGHS. The Fundraising Committee

You will be no doubt be aware that children aged 12-15 are to be offered a single dose of Covid-19 vaccine (Pfizer Biontec). Schools have been asked to facilitate the use of a hall for this purpose and to provide administrative support in distributing and collating consent forms. NGHS has been asked to support a date in early November. Another school locally has already hosted the vaccination team, which has gone well. I appreciate a variety of opinions on this issue so I wish to reiterate that the School is playing a role in *facilitating* the vaccination programme for those who wish to take the vaccine. The decision about taking the vaccine or not is for the student and family to make. Students aged 16-18 will not be vaccinated in school, but can find more information about vaccination from the NHS website.

We continued our Information Evenings on Teams this week and thank Year II parents for tuning in last night. The next one is for Year I0 parents on 5 October, Year 7 parents on 7 October with Year 8 on Monday II October. Our Year I3 Parents Evening is coming up on I4 October and this will be on Teams at the request of the local Health Protection Team. A separate letter has been sent by Mrs Griffin, Head of Sixth Form about this.

Have a nice weekend,

Mr M J Scott

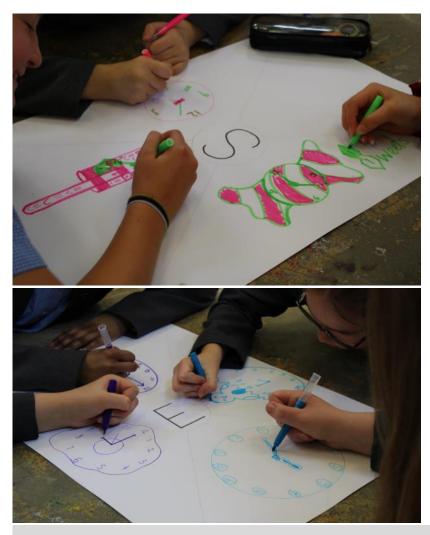
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WHAT'S GOING ON IN... Design Technology

This week in D&T Year 8 students have been experimenting with design strategies to support their initial design sketches and combat design fixation. Students are currently working on a Laser Clock project that will build their ability to understand technical and function issues and combine graphical & technological skills with creative thinking to design and manufacture their own clock. Students in 8c worked in groups to come up with a theme based around a letter in the alphabet. They were then given 5 minutes to design a clock for their chosen theme and could only work in pen. This activity helped to develop confidence, imagination, and creativity ready for their initial design sketches next lesson. We will check back in to find out how the clock building has gone later in the academic year.



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Head Girl Team Highlights...

Hello Yellow Day!

Another week down! Huge relief for year 13s as class assessments are over, but not so much at the sudden winter climate in the Atrium.

We are all very excited for the upcoming week; as many of you know we will be celebrating Hello Yellow Day next Friday, and we are looking forward to seeing many people get involved! This will be all about spreading awareness for mental health and encouraging mindfulness and of course some fun. For those of you who remember last year, NGHS loves a celebration, so we encourage you all to wear yellow accessories in support and get as involved as you can! Fundraising and a Just Dance will take place in the Hall next Friday, as well a craft session led at lunch time. See page 4 of the newsletter. This event is all about showing solidarity as schools all across the country will be wearing yellow, so dig out your neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat this Friday and show people they are not alone.

I just wanted to say a big thanks to my incredible Wellbeing Committee this term for their fab suggestions and help organising this Hello Yellow event! I'm always welcome to any ideas on how we can better the already incredible pastoral support here at NGHS, so don't feel afraid to drop any of us an email.

Hope you all have a well-deserved relax this weekend.

Abi and the Head Girl Team

NGHS welcomes 'New Rules' to support our PSHE programme

On Wednesday 6 October we will be welcoming the band 'New Rules' to the school. They will be working with students in Years 9 and 10 during P4 and with students in Years 11 and 12 during P5.

This session will begin with a live performance from the band and will finish with a PSHE presentation on mental health.







Advice and Support FOR NGHS FAMILIES



#HelloYellow



JUST DANCE THIS FRIDAY!!

Come along and have fun to celebrate this Hello Yellow Day!

50p entry to raise money towards mental health charities. We can't wait to see you all there!

Taking place in the hall, Friday 8th October

YOUNGMINDS

#HelloYellow

HELLO YELLOW CRAFTERNOON

Come along and join us at lunchtime in Room 11 to celebrate Hello Yellow Day!

50p entry to raise money towards mental health charities. We can't wait to see you there!

We will be creating hello yellow posters, doing some mindfulness colouring and making friendship bracelets.

ETFLIX

Netflix is one of the leading online streaming services, providing users with unlimited access to a huge selection of TV shows and films. To create a Netflix account the account holder must be 18 old.

Netflix hosts and produces content for all ages, we have been made aware in school this week that students are watching programmes that have a higher age rating than the students are. Young people can search for almost anything and when using the same account as an adult, it can open them up to viewing content that is adult themed or inappropriate.

We would advise parents to set maturity ratings and block content, this can be done by creating a separate profile to your own and a maturity rating means that young people will only see TV shows and movies that fit that rating. Parents can also review the TV shows and films that have been watching on each profile under their account. We would also suggest if young people are watching Netflix independently that open and honest conversations are had about the types of shows they are watching.

Cyberflashing This is the act of sending someone nude pictures online without their consent. Cyberflashing is sexual harassment. It can be distressing and intimidating to young people and it is

happening every day. According to a survey conducted by Brook four in ten young women have report being cyberflashed. If a young person receives a picture like this, it can be shocking and they may not know how to react. If any young person experiences this we would encourage them to block the sender and report to the platform where it happened. We would also encourage young people to talk to their parents or come and speak to someone in school that they trust to seek some support. Staff in school who have received additional training to support any young person experiencing this are: The Safeguarding Team (Mrs Birch, Mr Scott, Miss Webster, Mrs Davenport & Mrs Danby) and Mrs Griffin (Head of Sixth Form) and Mrs Martin (Wellbeing Officer Y11-13).

Year 7 Team Building at Edgmond

On Tuesday 28th September we went to Edgmond Hall so that all of Year 7 could get to know each other in an informal setting. This gave us all an opportunity to talk in an environment that was outside of school gates.

During the day we made Nature Art, played team building activities, built a shelter in the woods and (my personal favourite) started a fire using flint and steel.

Unfortunately the weather was against us and we had to do the majority of activities in the rain, but we had fun playing in the puddles and the rain also meant that we had to make sure our shelters had no holes in the surface.

The day was very enjoyable and I had a lot of fun with my peers and would do it again if I could.

Charlotte F, 7S

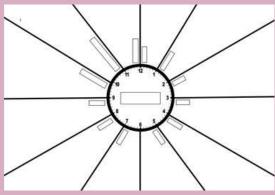
The annual Year 7 trip to Edgmond Hall is something our sixth formers still talk about. As these photos and report show, good fun seemed to be had, despite the weather!





Teaching & Learning Update

Retrieval Practice: A strategy to try at home!



We continue to support our students with strategies they can use to help recall content they have previously been taught. This regular retrieval practice enables students to gain a degree of fluency with the material. This applies to anything we learn, such as driving, playing an instrument, or speaking another language.

Being able to recall information efficiently also allows our working memory to focus on applying it to the task at hand. Why not try creating a knowledge retrieval clock at home? In the centre of the clock, choose an overall topic to revise and in each segment a mini-topic within it.

For example, the topic of 'Tectonic Hazards' could be divided into sections such as causes (plate boundaries), specific case studies, or technology to reduce the impacts. Students should spend 5 minutes recalling everything they can from just their memory on each topic. After this, they can use their notes to add in anything they didn't recall. Remember it's never too early (or too late!) to practise these techniques and build your ability to recall information in the future.

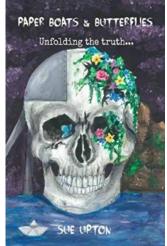
History Competition Results

After launching our competition at the start of September on European history, we are happy to announce the winner and runners up! Special mention to Scarlett B (Y9), Grace W (Y9), Phoebe A (Y9), Beatrice P (Y7) and Srinidhi K (Y7) who all made amazing projects that were full of creativity and were interesting to read. The variety of information was outstanding and we could clearly tell that everyone involved had a real passion for history with the level of research and quality involved. Our winner is Ridhima (Y8) with her truly fantastic poster that blew us away with the effort she put in and her attention to detail, especially with the 3D feature she made.

We are launching another competition in October on Asia to encourage more students to get involved with history. More information can be found on the posters placed around the school or from your history teachers and the deadline will be the <u>20th October</u>. We look forward to seeing all the amazing entries that are sure to come!

The History Ambassadors Becky and Aimee (Year 13)





Literacy Society welcomed Sue Upton

On Friday 24 September the NGHS Literary Society welcomed a special guest speaker, Sue Upton. Sue is a former NGHS student who has recently published two novels. The novels are part of a series entitled 'Paper Boats and Butterflies'. Upon arriving, Sue was greeted by her former classmate, Mrs Payne and there was lots of reminiscing! After a tour of the school, Sue delivered a talk which focused on her writing process and offered students advice on how to get published. This was a really enjoyable session and the students felt very inspired. We would like to thank Sue Upton for her visit and for gifting the school copies of her two novels, along with some lovely bookmarks. **Mr Postle**





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
T Adeniyi (10Aus)	Mrs K Wallace
T Bridgman (IIRod)	Miss A-M Davies
L Chilcott (I I Rod)	Miss A-M Davies
M Croughan (R6)	Mrs K Griffin
C Cui (IISea)	Miss Davies & Mr Postle
L Dale (R7)	Mrs K Griffin
T De Silva (7G)	Mrs T Fujii
P Evans (A8)	Mrs K Griffin
A Girn (R8)	Mrs K Griffin
G Girn (R8)	Mrs K Griffin
U Haskell (10Sea)	Mrs K Wallace
A Hekant (R8)	Mrs K Griffin
G Hicklin (7N)	Mrs A Benoit
K Hughes (S6)	Mrs H Goodall

To: Student	From: Teacher
E Jackson (S8)	Mrs C Reeves
C Kershaw-Young (7G)	Mrs T Fujii
C Knight (10Aus)	Mr D Postle
B McCloy (I I Sea)	Mr D Postle
C Nock (R7)	Mrs A Benoit
F Price (S6)	Mrs K Griffin
J Slater-Morris (S6)	Mrs H Furnival
C Smith (S8)	Mrs K Griffin
E Spencer (R8)	Mrs K Wallace
K Steele (9Sea)	Miss S Webster
R Tagg (9Aus)	Miss A-M Davies
I Turner (I I Aus)	Miss A Holmes
R Warner (S8)	Mrs K Griffin
D Westwood (7S)	Mrs K Wallace



Mark Robinson Award stays at NGHS!

Over the past few years, NGHS has benefitted from the opportunity for a small group of A-level scientists to work alongside researchers at Harper Adams University. The most promising scientist is also awarded a trophy for their efforts and we are delighted that, in spite of a number of local schools and colleges competing, it has remained at NGHS for a second year. Worthy recipient Jiaqi Ding reports:

The Gold Crest Award is a research project we completed that took place at Harper Adams to produce a scientific report and presentation on an original title. Fully immersing ourselves in an entirely new subject area was fun and working alongside a university lecturer was eye-opening. Both of our favourite parts of the Award was definitely the practical work at the university. They gave us lab coats!

I researched 'The effect of plant essential oils on aphid plant pests and a parasitoid natural enemy' and was also awarded the Mark Robinson Award, an award in memory of the man who strongly supported the Crest Awards at Harper Adams, up until his passing in 2019. Thank you to Mrs Dainty (our Lead Biology Teacher) and all the staff at Harper Adams for this amazing opportunity.

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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