



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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ONLINE AUCTION UPDATE

Not long left to bid for a fantastic prize...

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As you may remember from last academic year, NGHS has been designated a DFE Flexible Working Ambassador School and this week I have been visiting a couple of other schools in the West Midlands to talk to school leaders about the role this status can play in recruiting, retaining and supporting staff. I have also written an article for the Schools, Students and Teachers Network, [which can be found here](#). Next week is our Staff Wellbeing week; we do not schedule any evening meetings/events and take a moment to thank all our staff for their hard work over the first busy half term in line with our wellbeing pillars. It's always nice to hear any positive affirmations from home about staff, so do remember if there's anything you need to get in touch about (positive or not!), please do use schooloffice@nghs.org.uk.

We are heading in to the last week of the **Primed for Success auction** and I expect things will hot up as the week goes on. Yet more lots have been added—there is a real chance of grabbing a bargain including some original artwork from Miss Holmes! Please read the important information on page 6 as I know some parents have asked about potentially claiming prizes for half term week. Thank you to everyone who has supported the campaign so far. Building wise, there has been some slippage on the completion date owing to a shortage of building materials, but we are confident of access at the end of term with the maths and IT rooms hopefully finished sooner.

You may have seen a new logo on our website, which shows that NGHS has been recognised as a **Kindness Ambassador School**. Mrs Seys has spearheaded this work for us (another award for NGHS under her belt!) and she has engaged the Lower School Head Girl Team who will spread and foster kindness through deeds, challenges and an appropriate use of social media. Only **five schools in the UK** have been chosen for this honour and we look forward to working with the organisation 'Be Kind' and instilling even more empathy between everyone in our school over the coming two years (and longer!) See page 2. Thank you, Mrs Seys!



Today all students have been issued with a seven pack of Covid tests. **These are NASAL swab kits (only)**. Please follow the instructions in the box, which fortunately, this time, are accurate! Please do continue to conduct home lateral flow tests twice a week. As a reminder we will set up Teams lessons for those with a **confirmed** positive Covid19 diagnosis; this comes from a **PCR** test and Teams lessons are scheduled for the isolation period only.

Year 11 students should also now have their mock exam timetable for November, which we have spread over seven school days including a wellbeing afternoon. Also, our House Bake Off results are on page 6 - thank you for some magnificent entries this year! Finally, just a reminder we close school next Friday at 4pm for half term.

Have a nice weekend,

Mr M J Scott

Newport Girls' High School



Online Auction Final Bids!

Save the day:

Thursday 21st October at 7pm

**Please note:*

New auction finishing date has come forward to give the winners chance to collect items before school closes for half term.

Please let the school office know if you have an item to donate,
Last day to add items is:
18th October 4pm

Thank you again for your support.
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NGHS awarded Ambassador School status for Kindness



Kindness is a value that underpins much of the work that we do at Newport Girls' High School. Our school aims and ethos point to the significance of kindness and our student ethos and values are based around the concepts of respecting equality, friendship and making a positive contribution.

One of the things that makes NGHS such a fantastic community to be part of is in the way that our students actively model these values through their interactions with staff and each other, their commitment to charity work and their involvement in diverse extra-curricular activities such as Rights Respecting Schools, SustaiNGHS and student committees.

Kindness is a quality that is promoted and recognised at NGHS through our behaviour and rewards policies, courtesy housepoints and thankyou Fridays which give staff the chance to nominate and show gratitude to students and colleagues who have made a positive impact on their day. It is lovely to see so many students being acknowledged for this in today's thankyou Fridays.

We believe that kindness is an essential quality that should be valued, and so we are thrilled to share that our commitment to promoting kindness has led to our selection as one of a handful of Be Kind Award ambassador schools. The Be Kind Awards are a new national initiative to celebrate kindness, and ambassador schools are acknowledged as going above and beyond in their promotion of compassion.

Mrs. Seys, Mrs. Birch and the Lower School Head Girl Team have many exciting plans, such as introducing kindness as a new category in our rewards assemblies and setting up a random acts of kindness noticeboard where students and staff can celebrate and thank each other and can nominate others for kindness awards. We will also be asking all forms in years 7-9 (and older year groups if they wish) to nominate a student as their Be Kind ambassador.

The Ambassador Team, led by Aimee J, who is the member of the Lower School Head Girl team with overall responsibility for kindness, will be promoting and running half termly kindness challenges set by the Be Kind awards team, the first of which will take place next week.

We look forward to sharing many positive stories of members of our school community who have modelled kindness in future editions of the Newport News.

Mrs A Seys
(Kindness Ambassador Lead)



Head Girl Team Highlights...

Only one week left until half term! I hope that everyone is settling in to the Newport community and getting involved in all the incredible activities offered. In 'Crafternoons', there is an exciting opportunity for House Pumpkin Carving next week! A great chance to show off all your creative spooky designs and to get into the Halloween spirit.

Speaking of creative designs, the winners of the House Bake-off competition have been announced... and the judges were blown away by all of the delicious bakes! Seacole emerged victorious...but don't worry, there is the chance for the other houses to shine with the upcoming House Music. The theme is 'Heroes' – so get involved in the house spirit and sign up! More information coming soon.

Finally, we were all so pleased with last Friday's Hello Yellow day – everyone's accessories were amazing! This is such an important event and we raised awareness for mental health within the school. All the decorations made by the lower years were really popular and our school looked absolutely fab!

We hope everyone has an enjoyable last week of half term!

Maisie and the Head Girl Team

SKI TRIP 2022

Mr Carey wishes to thank parents for their patience during the period of uncertainty over travel abroad. Some additional places have become available on the trip due as some Year 13s have now left the school.

If you are interested in finding out more about February 2022's trip to Austria, please speak to Mr Carey or send an email to: schooloffice@nghs.org.uk



WHAT'S GOING ON IN...

MATHEMATICS

In Year 10 maths, we have been finding volumes and surface areas of a variety of shapes, from cubes and spheres to prisms and frustums. We are exploring and visualising how the shapes are constructed by assembling them with paper, and working out the formula for each shape. Therefore, prompting us to think outside the box (quite literally). This has brought maths to life by putting our problem-solving skills to the test and has encouraged us to use algebra, surds and rearranging formulae.

In our recent lesson, we have each constructed a cone out of paper and used it to determine what shapes create the cone. We concluded that the cone was formed from a circle (for the base) and a fraction of a larger circle (a sector). This allowed us to conclude that the cone had a radius on the base and a radius on the sector, which helped us work out that the formula for the surface area of the cone must include πr^2 for the base.

We then worked out that the surface area for the fraction sector of the cone must be $\pi r \times$ the slant of the cone (l), allowing us to calculate that the formula for the surface area of a cone must be $\pi r^2 + \pi rl$. This was overall an engaging lesson and a great visual way to learn.
(Olivia C)



"With half-term fast approaching, there is a high chance of assessments as well. This gives us a high chance to review all that we have learnt in these last six weeks. In Year 10, we began on probability and moved onto surface area and volume. These topics gave us a chance to gain an understanding of new and different symbols and notations. We are exploring the construction of a variety of shapes including Prisms, Cones and Frustums. This has brought maths to life by encouraging us to use surds, algebra and rearranging formulae. Over the course of these two units, many new formulae have also inhabited our long term memory. (Amandi M)



This week Mrs Birch has been fortunate to be able to deliver assemblies to our Year 9 and 10 students to launch an amazing opportunity. We have opened up an opportunity to apply to become a Shropshire Young Health Champion. This will be a group of 15 students who will work with myself and a youth worker on a key issue surrounding health that may be impacting the school or the wider community. We are looking for students who are interested in helping and supporting others and who would like to make a positive difference to the health of others. Students will receive training and will then be creating a project to raise awareness,

fundraise or educate others to improve young people's health, services or health in the community. Students will apply by writing an A4 page about:

- Why they would like to be a young health champion
- How they could help their peers or the community

Mrs Birch looks forward to reading these applications and selecting a team of students who will make a difference to others after half term.



On Friday 8th October the School was decorated yellow to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. The day was about celebrating the little things we can all do to look after ourselves and support each other, and together, we wanted to show others that they're not alone with their mental health.

We want everyone in our school community to show that they care and we want all students to be comfortable to talk to someone if they are struggling.

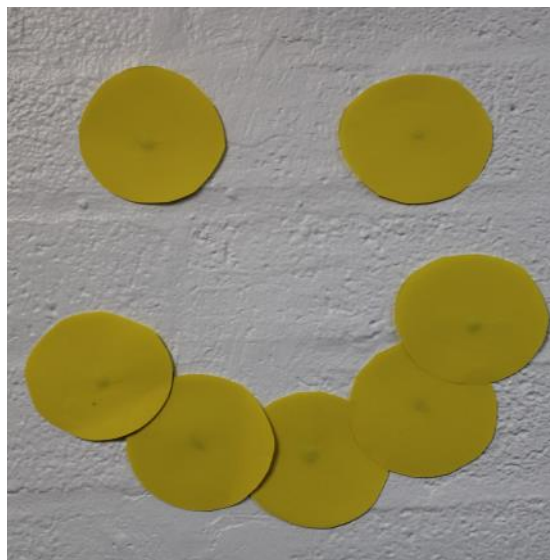
On Wednesday the Wellbeing Form Time was focused on Hello Yellow day and then on Friday students added yellow accessories to their school uniform. We also had two very popular lunchtime activities. A Just Dance session in the hall and a friendship bracelet making Crafternoon. Each of these students paid a donation to attend. We had a lot of fun and raised £56.00 which has been sent to Young Minds to help support the work that they do.

A big thank you to our Wellbeing Officers and the Health and Wellbeing Head Girl Abi as well as the Health and WB Committee for organising such a wonderful day.

Mrs H Birch



HELLO YELLOW!





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
I Bates (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
A Billingham (S7)	Mrs K Griffin
O Bissell (S8)	Ms D Branson
C Bowen (8Sea)	Ms D Branson
M Bowen (A6)	Mrs T Fujii
R Briggs (10Sea)	Mrs K Gill
G Campbell (R6)	Mrs J Barker
E Caudle (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
I Chadwick (9Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
A Ciras (A8)	Mrs L Roberts
C Cui (11Sea)	Mr D Postle
M Danby (R8)	Mrs K Griffin
D Davies (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
A Delaney (8Sea)	Ms D Branson
P Farrar-Gough (8Sea)	Mrs K Wallace
G Graysmark (7G)	Mrs T Fujii
A Hamilton (R7)	Ms D Branson
T Hardiman (A7)	Ms D Branson
M Hartwright (10Rod)	Miss S Webster
A Hill (R6)	Mrs J Barker, Mrs L Roberts
I Huckin (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
L Jones (S8)	Mrs K Griffin
R Kwafo-Akoto (R7)	Miss A-M Davies, Mrs Griffin
M Lo (R6)	Mrs J Barker, Mrs K Griffin
S Lyall (A8)	Mrs T Fujii
A Mangham (10Rod)	Miss S Webster
H Manu (9Aus)	Dr S Catalan

To: Student	From: Teacher
B McCloy (11Sea)	Mr D Postle
I Miles (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
O Needham (A7)	Miss A-M Davies
M Nicholls (9Rod)	Mrs B Dugdale
S Nitta (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
C Nock (R7)	Miss A-M Davies, Mrs Dugdale
M Padkin (A6)	Ms D Branson
F Parekh (7S)	Mrs T Fujii
A Parepalli (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
K Partridge (11Rod)	Miss A-M Davies
M Patel (11Aus)	Miss T Wells
L Patrick (11Aus)	Miss A-M Davies
J Payne (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
I Pickles (R6)	Mrs J Barker
C Preece (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
A Reid (11Sea)	Mr D Postle
N Sagili (10Rod)	Mr A Mason
M Sharma (11Sea)	Mr D Postle
H Simmons (R7)	Mrs K Moore
A Skeate (11Rod)	Miss A-M Davies
L Skidmore (11Rod)	Miss R Crevis
M Smith (11Sea)	Mr D Postle
R Tagg (9Aus)	Dr S Catalan
A Talens (S7)	Ms D Branson
S Thakur (11Rod)	Mrs K Wallace
O Todd (S8)	Ms D Branson
A Williams (R8)	Mrs H Goodall

PRIMED FOR SUCCESS AUCTION UPDATE!

Our first Online Auction is fast approaching the final days if you would like to place a bid! It's been a huge success with flurries of bids from the start, local businesses and some further afield have given so generously its amazing beyond words, special thanks to all the supporters will follow after half term. In the meantime please visit all business websites and 'like' their social media pages as way of a 'thank you' for supporting your daughters education.



We are bringing the auction to a close a day early!



Last chance to Bid is Thursday 21st October at 7pm

This is due to half term to ensure we can make contact with all the winners and arrange what we hope will be prompt payments directly to school and collections to make the process as smooth as possible for our volunteer coordinator!

We will be in touch with the winners from Thursday 21st October, 7pm onwards to explain what happens next!

Thank you once again for your generosity and continued support making our first online auction a massive success.

Please if you feel you can extend your donation every bit makes a huge difference and will directly benefit the pupils now and in years to come.

Keeeeeep bidding.....



If you have not yet visited the auction site, click on this box to see what is available! Let's raise at least £2,000 together.



**NGHS POETRY
COMPETITION
2021**

**THEME:
CHOICE**

[19.11.2021]

kooth

Kooth Update

Kooth is an online mental wellbeing community that students are signposted too if they would like free, safe and anonymous support.

Kooth send me monthly updates to share with you about what is happening over that month.

Please see below the latest Kooth resources:

- Black History Month – 1st - 31 October – [HERE](#)

The upcoming live forums on Kooth for young people to access are:

- ☑ **22nd October** – Preventing Bullying
- ☑ **27th October** – Safety On Roads

THE GREAT HOUSE BAKE OFF

Last Friday saw the first house competition of this academic year take place – **HOUSE BAKE OFF!!!** We saw bakes from all years come flooding in four categories; Super Savouries, Perfect Pastries, Your Favourite Subject and Cakes Disguised as Something Else. From fish & egg rolls to pumpkin chocolate cake there was a wide variety of bakes for the judges to indulge in. It was amazing to see so many people get involved and help support their house. The engagement across all years blew away the house teams, who are all very grateful for the effort shown towards the first competition. Let's keep this up for all future

events! With the help of friends and family, bakers brought into school a spectacular display of cakes and bakes which wowed all the judges and members of the house teams. The high standard of bakes made for a very difficult decision for the judges but a huge congratulations to all star bakers (shown in white text) and the winning house...

Yr	Super Savouries	Perfect Pastries	Your Favourite Subject	Cakes Disguised as Something Else
7	L Lutzier Austen	C Ude Austen	R Simpson Seacole	C Greenway Seacole
8	P White Austen	E Cornish Roddam	H Uppal Roddam	R Gupta Austen
9	P Williams Roddam	A Corkhill Roddam	I Chadwick Seacole	Z Morgan Roddam
10	R Shah Austen	U Haskell & A Aston Seacole	G Leaper & A Jones Seacole	A Fairhead Austen
11	S Li Seacole	E Howe Roddam	L Lo Roddam	(name to be confirmed) Seacole
12	R Raybould Seacole	E Spencer Roddam	C Neill Roddam	F Price Seacole
		R Warner Seacole		
13	B Chung & E Owen Roddam	M Mukarati Seacole	S Gormley & C Plant Seacole	G Campbell Roddam

Final Scores: Seacole (46), Roddam (38), Austen (23)

Congratulations, Seacole!



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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