



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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**A**pologies for the late arrival of this week's Newport News. I was away from school last week for two days and Friday was a rather busy day at school for we held our first Presentation Afternoon since 2019 with a sports hall full of parents and students. The majority of students were current Year 12s who collected their formal GCSE results with a number of other prize-winners who had secured excellent academic attainment and progress awards from last summer's exams. It was a great occasion and a delight to see students process across the stage to collect their awards. Our guest speaker was Beth Foster who left NGHS in 2001. After a varied and exciting early career, Beth is currently Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Lead for Google Cloud EMEA with oversight of goals, equity programmes and inclusion for staff in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. She has also been shortlisted for the 2023 Women in IT awards Diversity Lead of the Year. We were delighted that Beth could join us on Friday and even more delighted when she agreed to come and talk to students who are taking Computing in Mr Ley's classes in the next few weeks whilst she is 'home' from London.

Our Year 11 students have been fantastic during their mock examination period and they earned their donuts on the last day of exams! Staff will now be busy scrutinising the students' scripts and we will share the results ahead of January's Year 11 Parents Evening with a clear indication of what has gone well and where further improvements are needed.

Just a reminder that we are collecting gifts for **Telford Christmas Smile** all this week. Any

donations of new toys, selection boxes and gifts for adults and teenagers are very welcome. It is a charity I love to advocate and it is humbling to see the support we get every year from so many NGHS families who are keen to help those most in need in our local community, particularly those who are trying to afford gifts for their own children/family. As time is tight and gifts must be donated by **this Friday (2 December)** I am willing to also accept a cash donation at Reception in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Smile" and this will be passed on to the organisers if you don't have time to visit the shops. Thank you to everyone who can donate, particularly in this difficult economic period - your support means so much.

Thursday's Young Enterprise fund-raising fancy dress was a great success. Thank you to students and staff who got involved - there are some lovely photographs on Page 3 of this week's Newport News. Well done to one of our Y.E. teams for suggesting this!

Best wishes for the week ahead **Mr M J Scott**

### Upcoming Events

Thursday 1 December	Y12 Parents Evening
Wednesday 7 December	Y10 Parents Evening
Friday 9 December	Y11-13 Cheshire Oaks Trip
Tuesday 13 December	Carol Service, 7pm
Wednesday 14 December	Y14 Reunion at NGHS
Thursday 15 December	Winter Jumper Day
Friday 16 December	End of term, 12.30pm

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Outside of school hours: [urgent@nghs.org.uk](mailto:urgent@nghs.org.uk) for matters of significant urgency

## FILM NIGHT

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
16:00 to 17:45

Tickets on the door  
£2.50 inc. drink & snack

All proceeds to the PTA

# Christmas smile



## Once again, we strive to make a difference

I am thrilled to announce we will be supporting **Telford Christmas Smile** again this year. Now for the fourth year running, we want to make a real difference to families in our area who are struggling to purchase Christmas gifts for their relatives.

I fully appreciate the difficulties many families are facing at this time and understand that not everyone will be in a position to make a difference. If you can help, that would be fantastic.

We welcome donations of gifts for babies, toddlers, children, teens and adults (boys and girls). Even a simple selection box alone is most welcome. The deadline is **Friday 2 December** and we will be collating gifts at Reception during week commencing **28 November**. Please kindly consider donating something to help others in our community. More info can be found on [their website](#).

**DONATIONS CAN NOW BE BROUGHT TO RECEPTION ANY DAY THIS COMING WEEK. THANK YOU!**



## Young Star Singer Belle Visits NGHS

On Wednesday 24 November we had a singer/songwriter (Belle) come into the school and talk about cyber bullying and mental health as well as singing some songs to year 7, 8 and 9, which she had wrote herself. It was very fun because she was very interactive and energetic and had an amazing voice. Belle also discussed topics of social media and cyber bullying with us and what effects this can have on young people. It was really interesting as Belle shared her own experiences on these topics and how out of control it can get. Belle then shared her advice on how to deal with these issues and this advice is something we will all carry into the future. Belle is 16 and doing her GCSEs at the moment and it really showed us all that if we work hard anything could happen! It was an all-round positive experience and it was a great way to get the message across to us.

**Emily, Year 9**



## Head Girl Team Highlights...

### A busy week at NGHS!

Friday saw the return of the annual Award Presentation Ceremony celebrating all the hard work and outstanding GCSE achievements of our Year 12 students. Well done to all involved in this. The GCSE mocks have finished this week for the Year 11's and although they may have been stressful, I'm sure you will be pleased to have completed them; plus, it is a valuable opportunity to highlight any particular areas for improvement prior to the actual exams next year.

We are already getting closer to the end of our first term which means the festive break is fast approaching and there is always a busy itinerary at this time.

Next week our school will once again be supporting the launch of the local Christmas Smile campaign. As this gets underway if you have any donations to support this very worthwhile cause they would be greatly appreciated. Gifts for all ages are welcome and can be handed in at the School Reception between Monday and Friday next week.

Our exciting House Music competition will also be happening soon, and it has been lovely to hear everybody in the choirs rehearsing during lunchtimes.

Finally, it was great to see everyone getting involved on Thursday in raising money for Young Enterprise and dressing up with some fabulous and very creative costumes!

Best wishes to all in the NGHS Family

**Liv A**



## Young Enterprise TV Character Day!

# PLEASE PARK SAFELY NEAR OUR SCHOOLS!

When parking in the local area, please park legally and with consideration for our pupils and residents.

Thank you from Newport Girls' High School & Moorfield Primary School



# Weekly Maths Challenge

Last week, Katie W, Emily S, Emily W, Darlene M and Matilda W (all Year 12) entered the UKMT Senior Maths Kangaroo Challenge. Here is a taster of the problems they faced. Can you master this?

1. The number  $x$  satisfies  $x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$ . What is the value of  $x + \frac{2}{x}$ ?
2. The sum of the ages of Tom and John is 23, the sum of the ages of John and Alex is 24 and the sum of the ages of Tom and Alex is 25. What is the sum of the squares of their three ages?

Due 9am next Thursday by email to Mrs Roberts or in box in 301.

## Last Time's Winners

Correct answers from last week's problem are shown below. Well done to:

I Lukesenaite (7H) A Ahmed (7G)  
G Seo (A3) E Alderson (7G) A Mills (7P)  
R Wattal (7S) A Lechenko-Webb (7S)

Problem B

difference of 2 squares  
 $(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$

d is the largest  
 $(x + \frac{1}{4})(x - \frac{1}{4}) = x^2 - \frac{1}{16}$

a)  $(x+1)(x-1) = x^2 - 1$   
 b)  $(x + \frac{1}{2})(x - \frac{1}{2}) = x^2 - \frac{1}{4}$   
 c)  $(x + \frac{1}{3})(x - \frac{1}{3}) = x^2 - \frac{1}{9}$   
 d)  $(x + \frac{1}{4})(x - \frac{1}{4}) = x^2 - \frac{1}{16}$

Problem A:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2468 \times 2468 = 2468 \times 2468 = \\ \underline{2468 + 2468} \\ 2468 \times 2 \\ \hline 2468 = 1234 \end{array}$$

✓ 1 HP

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & a & & \\ h & | & b & \\ g & - & x & - & c \\ & f & | & d \end{array}$$

$$a+b+c+d+e+f+g = 40$$

$a+x+e=13$	$a+e=13-x$
$b+x+f=13$	$b+f=13-x$
$c+x+g=13$	$c+g=13-x$
$d+x+h=13$	$d+h=13-x$

$$13-x+13-x+13-x+13-x = 40$$

$$52 - 4x = 40$$

$$52 = 40 + 4x$$

$$4x = 12 \quad x = 3 \quad \checkmark 1HP$$

Special well done for the best solutions from:  
 J Seifo (7N),  
 A Morris (9R)  
 L Smith (11S)

Above are last week's three puzzles solved!

## Victory for new Year 7 team!

Football is really taking off at NGHS this year and our Year 7 team had their first District Game match against Holy Trinity last Tuesday...



The team were excited to play Holy Trinity last week and everyone was hoping for the win to get through to the next round. It was a very close game, with both teams having opportunities at either end. Holy Trinity broke the deadlock first to make it 0-1. NGHS kept calm and continued to play their game and pass the ball around well. Fifteen minutes into the game NGHS had a throw-in from the half way line, Molly made an excellent run and Eve threw her the ball, Molly continued to run with the ball and the keeper made a

great save which rebounded off her nicely to Isabel who put the ball into the back of the net to make it 1-1. The second half started off very similar to the first half with both teams having opportunities. Lucy made some excellent saves in goal and her defence made sure the ball didn't get through too often. With one minute remaining and the team thinking the match could go to penalties NGHS made one last big effort to get the win. The ball ended up near their goal and Eve put her foot through it to make it 2-1 with less than 10 seconds remaining. As soon as Holy Trinity kicked off again the referee blew their whistle and **NGHS were through to the next round of the District Cup**. I would like to say a massive well done to all of the team, everyone played their part and supported one another.

Miss R Saunders - Director of Sport

# Many Student Successes!

We're excited to announce that our students Natasha P (Y12), Alice W (Y11), Hannah T (Y11) and Mia W (Y7) have made it through the audition process and are taking on roles on The Polar Express at Telford Steam Railway in the run up to Christmas. A Warner Bros immersive event, this is an exciting opportunity for them to be part of an internationally run professional show. We are very proud of them and we wish them the best of luck for their trips to the North Pole.



Mrs Chapman was delighted to learn that Srinidhi (Year 8) had won a certificate of excellence in the UKAT Best Singer awards. This was part of a Tamil Song Competition. She sang a Tamil song 'Malare Mounama' in front of 800 people. Well done Srinidhi!



Last Friday (18th) Violet M (Year 8) raised money for the Wolves Foundation and Good Shepherd Charity by sleeping outside at The Molineux stadium. The charities both support those in need in the local community. So far Violet and her dad have raised £375. If you would like to support the charities, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/djmvfm>

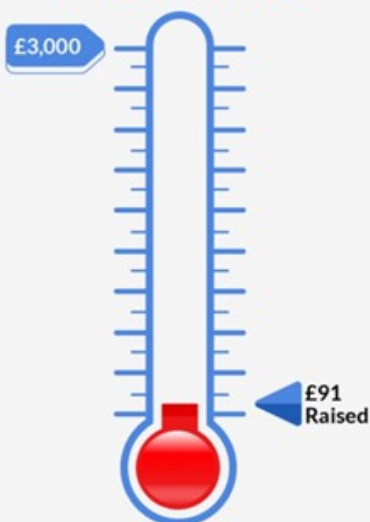
What a great, but certainly chilly thing to do. Well done!



Well done to Emily M (Year 8) who won a gold award at last week's SSJ Ice-Skating competition.

**It's great to learn about the diverse awards our students win outside of school. Keep them coming! schooloffice@nghs.org.uk**

## PTA fundraiser



# PTA NEWS UPDATE

Thank you to all the parents who supported us at the Y7 meet the tutor event a few weeks ago. Through a combination of refreshment and Second Hand uniform sales we raised £91!!! A great start to year. Thank you!

Are you **online shopping this Black Friday?** If so you could be raising a free donation for the PTA whenever you buy anything online. Plus, once you've signed up and raised £10 in donations, Easyfundraising will give us an extra £10 bonus donation. [Click here to sign up.](#)

We also have advertised our upcoming PTA Film Night on page one of NN. We welcome students from all year groups to stay after school to watch a film with their friends on Monday 5 December.

 Sign up to support us  
Shop with your favourite brands  
We get a bonus £10 donation  
It's not magic, it's easyfundraising!



Last week was one of our calendared staff well-being weeks and this time around we focused on connecting with colleagues and learning something new. By using the expertise of Mrs Jones, Mrs Gill, and Miss Walker, our staff had the choice to get involved with learning additional first aid, practising their yoga moves, and developing their craft skills with clay. With Mr Carey providing the music, the clay crafternoon was a particular success with the creation of miniature pots for paperclips (always useful as a teacher!) to making decorations for future Christmas trees. Getting involved with something new can provide a real boost to our well-being and we would like to thank all the staff that stayed after school to join in the fun.



# 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 Back (A1)	Mrs K Gill
P Bolton (6A1)	Mrs K Jones
T Bridgman (6R1)	Mrs K Gill
M Brown (6A1)	Mr C Tolley
I Chadwick (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
E Challinor (A3)	Mrs K Gill
Q Dang (9Rod)	Mrs K Gill
C Fewtrell (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
E Fletcher (6R1)	Mrs J Barker
S Gunasekara (R3)	Mr R Bourne
A Hamilton (6R1)	M. C Audouin
A Hekant (6R3)	Mrs L Payne
H Jones (S2)	Mrs K Gill
G Keay (6A1)	M. C Audouin
S Lyall (6A1)	Mrs T Fujii, Mrs L Payne

To: Student	From: Teacher
T Mistry (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
A Murphy (9Aus)	Mrs K Gill
M Padkin (6A3)	M. C Audouin
P Saiprasad (6S2)	M. C Audouin
N Skingsley (R2)	Mrs K Gill
C Smith (6S1)	Mr C Tolley
O Todd (6S1)	M. C Audouin, Miss Davies
L Vickers (6S1)	Mrs J Barker
N Viswanathan (11Rod)	Mrs K Gill
E Walkley (6S3)	Mr M Ley
R Warner (6S1)	Mrs K Gill
J Whitehouse (10Rod)	Mrs K Gill
G Wilson (6S1)	Dr S Catalan
E Woodward (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
K Wykes (6S3)	Dr S Catalan



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Tutors have been asked to share (today or on Monday) a copy of the Extra-Curricular Clubs list with their students. Please find below a summary (the student version has rooms/staff details on, too). House activities will also get underway shortly. We expect all students to take part in at least one main House Activity plus Sports Day and encourage all students to join at least one club. Please encourage your child to do this, too! More clubs will be added as the year continues.

	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	
MONDAY	Japanese club (all years) School production (all years) Rugby club (Y7-11) Chemistry work clinic (Y13) Genocide Awareness Group—The Holocaust, My Family & Me String Ensemble (all years)	Crochet club (all years) Netball (Y11-13) Gardening club (all years) Maths support (Y7-8)	School Production Rehearsals (all years) Body Barn (Y9-11 sign up)
TUESDAY	Netball Club (Y7) Football club (Y9-11) Introduction to film studies (Y10-13) SustainNGHS (all years) Introduction to Spanish (all years) Senior voices (Y9-13) Literary society (all years) Biology GCSE mentoring (Y11) Horrible Histories club (Y7-8 week A) Maths enrichment club (KS3 week A, KS4 week B)	Indoor athletics (Y7-8) RS GCSE support (Y10) Physics drop-in (Y7-11) DentSoc (Y11-12) Chemistry drop-in (Y12) Alibi production (all years) Maths support (Y12)	
WEDNESDAY	Netball team trials Rugby club (Y12-13) Maths drop in (Y11) Biology intervention (Y13) Digital Leaders (Y10) English examination skills (Y11 invited students) Philosophy club (Y7)	Chemistry mentoring (Y11) GCSE German support (Y11) School choir (all years) MedSoc (Y11-12) Party Games Club (Y7-8)	Karate Club (all years) - external coach
THURSDAY	Saxophone ensemble (all years) Team netball practice Volleyball (Y9-11) English drop-in (Y7-11) Maths support (Y13) STEM club (Y7-8)	Physics drop-in (Y12-13) Football club (Y7-8) Drama club (Y9-11) Iris club (Y9-10) Coding Club (Y8) Geography Club (Y7-8)	Fencing Club (all years) - external coach
FRIDAY	AS PE intervention Film club Friday (all years) Orchestra (all years) Doodle club (Y7-9) Maths support (Y9-10) English Literature book club (Y12-13)	Football club (Y7-11) GCSE German support (Y11) Psychology support (Y13) Cultural Celebration Club Biology intervention (Y12) Debating Club (Y12-13 wkA) Debating Club (Y7-11 wkB)	Body Barn (Y12-13) Netball Satellite Club

# NGHS PASTORAL WHO'S WHO 2022-23

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 Lead



**Mr M J Scott**  
Headteacher



**Mrs H Goodall**  
Head of Year 7



**Mrs F Davenport**  
Pastoral Support



**Mrs A Seys**  
Head of Year 8



**Miss S Webster**  
Deputy Head



**Ms J Capaldi**  
Head of Year 9



**Mrs A Chapman**  
Head of Year 10



**Mrs K Danby**  
Wellbeing Officer

Safeguarding

Years 7-10

## Years 11-13



**Mrs S Tomkinson**  
Head of Year 11  
(maternity leave)



**Mrs K Griffin**  
Head of Sixth Form



**Mrs D Martin**  
Wellbeing Officer  
Acting Head of Y11