



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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As you will know from my letter to all parents on Monday, we are delighted that NGHS has been rated **outstanding** in all six judgements from the Ofsted visit one month ago. Thank you to all parents who replied to the announcement with lovely messages of support and congratulation. Please be aware that these have been passed on to staff and we genuinely do appreciate you taking the time to get in touch. It has been lovely to hear also from students how pleased they are about the outcome and how proud they are to be at NGHS.

Yesterday was House Music - the first major event at NGHS for our Year 7s to experience. From the whoops and cheers emanating from the Hall it was clear that everyone was embracing the House Spirit we know and love at NGHS. A special mention must be given to Mr Pointon who oversees House Events for his efficient organisation as well as all the sixth form house leaders who ensured a wide range of students were well rehearsed and ready to shine. Well done also to Seacole who were victorious.

Last night was our Year 12 parents evening - it was lovely to see some new faces among our Year 12 parents. I'd also like to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas Smile appeal. Your generosity is much appreciated and the gifts will be handed over on Monday. In this week's edition, please read carefully the letter on page 2 from West Mercia Police concerning parking near school. Please also note the PTA film night next Monday - reminder on page 6.

Best wishes for the weekend **Mr M J Scott**

Upcoming Events

Monday 5 December	PTA Film Night, 4pm
Wednesday 7 December	Y10 Parents Evening
Friday 9 December	Y11-13 Cheshire Oaks Trip
Tuesday 13 December	Carol Service, 7pm
Thursday 15 December	Winter Jumper Day
Friday 16 December	End of term, 12.30pm

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To contact the School about a general enquiry, please use schooloffice@nghs.org.uk
Outside of school hours: urgent@nghs.org.uk for matters of significant urgency

Notice from Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team:

The Police often receive reports of illegal and inconsiderate parking in the streets around our local schools. Whilst we appreciate that some people have no option but to drive to school, we are appealing that drivers take a little extra time to make this journey to alleviate some of the congestion found at these peak times and when parking do so with consideration of others.

It is recognised that there are more cars on the road than when most schools were built and it is also recognised that most schools do not have sufficient parking or drop off points. On-street parking is something that is utilised far more due to this reason. The knock on effect of this is that our roads are busier and more congested, particularly in the period before and after school. The Safer Neighbourhood Team are working with our schools, the Town Council and local residents to address some of the concerns raised and to improve the safety of people using our roads.

The purpose of this letter is to set out the legality of the issues raised and to hopefully address these so that people are reminded how and where they are to park.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team wish to appeal to the good nature of drivers when considering parking vehicles on the road and to remind them of the following offences:

- S137 of the Highways Act 1980.
This section provides an offence of wilful obstruction of the highway.
- Regulation 103 of the Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986.
This regulation provides an offence causing an unnecessary obstruction on a road.
- S28 Town Police Clauses Act 1847.
This section provides an offence of obstruction of the footpath.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team do not want this to escalate into an issue where we must come and enforce the above offences. Our advice would be that if you park on the road, please be considerate of local residents and consider how easy it would be for them to leave their driveway or negotiate the increased traffic near to their homes. An obstruction offence *would* be made out if there was sufficient evidence that a person has parked in such a way to prevent them from leaving their property. If a vehicle was parked in such a way that hinders, but does not obstruct, then the offence would not be made out, however please consider the effect that this hindrance has on local residents and the possible safety implications this would have for them struggling to leave their property.

We would also advise against parking on the footpath, but in some narrow streets we recognise that this is a likely occurrence. As a rule of thumb, it is unlikely that a driver would be prosecuted if they left sufficient space for a wheelchair or pushchair to pass by on the footpath. We *are* likely to prosecute drivers should the footpath be completely blocked. Drivers should not park in such a way that it forces pedestrians, particularly children, to walk in the road.

If anybody wishes to discuss their concerns with us, you can contact the team on our email: newport.snt@westmercia.police.uk. Thank you for helping to make our streets safer for children.



Head Girl Team Highlights...

A busy week at NGHS!

This week has been very busy from the Ofsted announcement to the return of House Music in person, and Y13 health day just to name a few.

House Music was a success, results are to follow, but I can say that the event was incredible. Everyone got involved, from Y7 all the way to Y13. Congratulations to everyone who took part, you were all amazing and it was great to see so many people pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and to see people showcasing their talents.

Year 13 took part in a Health Day on Tuesday, where we had the opportunity to learn about diet and nutrition as well as the importance of exercise and healthy routines. We also took part in a fun scavenger hunt event that really promoted teamwork and encouraged our competitive spirit in a Kahoot quiz at the end of the day.

The end is in sight, with only two weeks to go to the end of term and our long-awaited Christmas dinner and jumper day. Don't forget to buy your tickets so you don't miss out on an amazing meal. Keep working hard until then!

Best wishes to all in the NGHS Family

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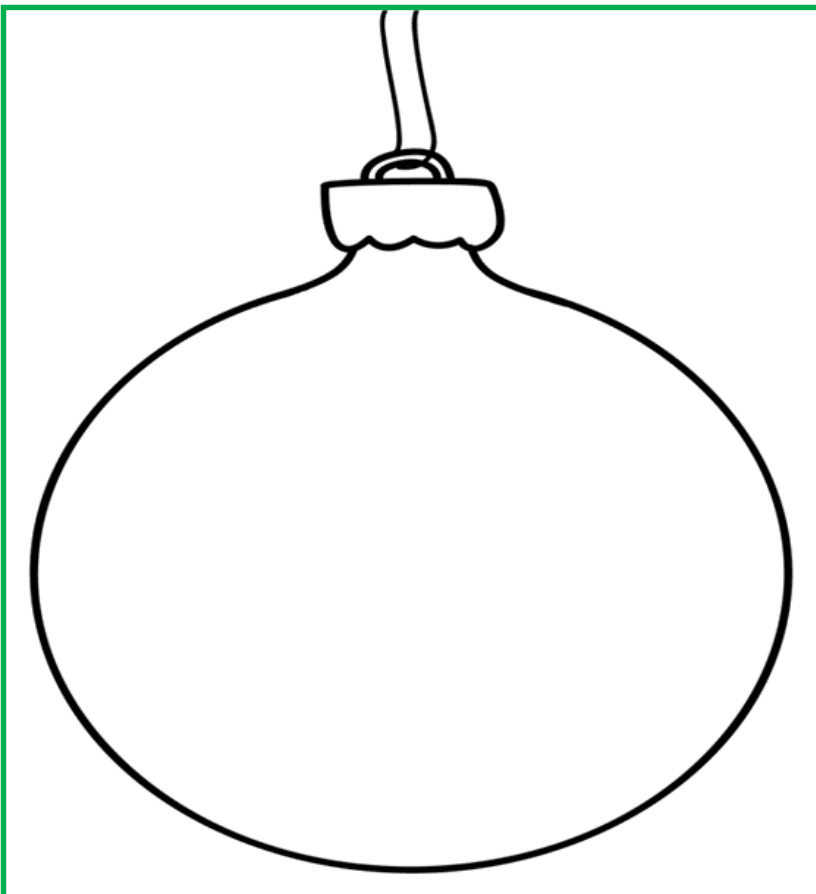
Design a bauble to commemorate a peace weaver or inspirational leader from any era. You can focus your design on any aspect of a person's life or work – an individual, a particular event or legal change, poets, artists writers or musicians, or anything else that you can think of. The best baubles will be displayed on the 'Histree', and the three most impressive entries will win a prize, so **don't forget to put your name on the back** of your bauble.

Get creating! The deadline is 9am on Thursday 15 December. Hand your entries in to Miss Davies, Miss Clarke, Miss Griffin or Mrs Seys.

On Tuesday, we (current year 13s) took part in a Health Day. This day was organised by Mrs Martin and Danny from The Bodybarn who had spent a large amount of their time preparing fun and educational activities for us all to engage in over the course of the day. We were divided into ten groups and competed against each other throughout the day to earn points and hopefully become overall winners, receiving a prize each (although of course it is the taking part that counts)! In the morning we learnt all about the importance of sleep, nutrition and a balanced lifestyle, which are all things that are extremely important to prioritise, helping us with our school studies as well as mental and physical health. In the afternoon we took part in an Escape Room competition using the knowledge we had learnt earlier on in the day, to help us crack the number code, with many of us running around school to various different classrooms to try and be the first to solve the puzzles. Although my team didn't win (however second place isn't too bad) I know myself and my fellow school friends gained important skills on the day, which will help us with our upcoming exam season and stresses we may face later on in life.

Phoebe E Year 13

Histree Bauble Competition





Media Sharing on Phones

What is Airdrop?

Airdrop is a feature available on iPhones and Mac computers. It lets physically close Mac and iOS devices share files, photos, websites etc. There are no size limits on files. It uses Bluetooth and Wi-Fi to transmit the files. Airdrop automatically detects nearby devices within a maximum distance of 30 feet. When a receiver of content is selected, they will be notified and offered the option to accept or decline the incoming file.



What is Nearby Share?

Nearby Share is available on Android 6.0 phones. Like Airdrop, it allows users to instantly share files, links and pictures with people around them. It also works through Bluetooth or WiFi. When Nearby Share is turned on, a list of devices available within sharing proximity is visible. When a receiver of content is selected, they will be notified and offered the option to accept or decline the incoming file.

Nearby Share

What Are the Risks of Airdrop and Nearby Share?

Being exposed to age-inappropriate sexualised and/or violent content.

Photo sharing as a form of cyberbullying, with the person featured in the image being the target.

The sharing of [self-generated sexual imagery](#), with or without the permission of the original image/video creator.

As always, we would encourage honest and open conversations at home about the online world and things that might cause upset to your child.

We know that **Tik Tok** is a popular platform with young people but there are concerns about children being vulnerable on this platform, please follow the link to [THIS](#) page which contains a parents guide to TikTok safety. We have been sent a document from internet matters.org with a parental controls guide which is useful and can be found on [THIS](#) page.



Setting Up Devices

With Christmas fast approaching we are aware that some children will be getting new or upgraded devices, older devices may be handed to younger children. I felt that this was a good time to share information about the importance of setting up devices with parental controls in relation to the age of the child. Internet Matters covers all devices with very simple, easy-to-understand parental guides which you can find [HERE](#).



Please can we remind parents that NGHS is open to students **from 8.00am until 5.00pm**. Students should not be on site beyond 5.00pm unless attending a school club/activity. Please ensure your child is collected by 5.00pm as the winter nights draw in. Thank you for your cooperation.



End of Term arrangements

Term finishes on Friday 16 December at **12.30pm**. The building will close at 1.00pm. Please ensure arrangements are in place for your child to be collected or make their own way home.

There are no Adams coaches at all on this day and the T&W assisted services to Muxton, Lilleshall, Tibberton and Sambrook cannot run early. Students will unfortunately need to make alternative arrangements. NGHS coaches will depart at **12.45pm** (S bus) and **12.50pm** (W bus).



We have our second Crafternoon coming up on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December. This time we will be offering our students the chance to take part in a Christmas themed cross-stitch card. Crafternoons are an initiative that have been launched by the charity Mind as they recognise the benefits of craft activities on boosting our mental health. As a school we

run Crafternoon's at the end of each half term. Places for this Crafternoon will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, up to a maximum number of 19 students. If you are interested in attending there is a sign-up sheet outside Mrs Birch's office. It is important that you can attend all three sessions that week and do attend if you sign up. I do not want any kits to go to waste.

Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher



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Commissioned by Shropshire Council, Kooth.com is an online counselling, advice and support service for young people aged 10-18 years within the local area. It provides a safe and secure means of accessing help via the internet from a professional team of counsellors. Whilst your child may not need or use the service, as part of supporting our students, we are ensuring all children, young people and families are aware of provisions in the area that could assist them, now or in the future.

Our qualified counsellors are online 365 days a year. Monday to Friday, from 12noon - 10pm and between 6pm - 10pm on weekends. Kooth has no waiting list or referral process. Children and young people can access support for ANY issue they may be experiencing. To access, young people simply register at www.kooth.com

As well as chatting to our counsellors through a text-based service, young people can message the team 24 hours a day, access our fully-moderated support forums and discussion board, online magazine, self-care activities and other self-help tools.



Double Shooting Success!

Pippa W (R3) and Katie M (Y11) have competed in the West Midlands schools pistol championships qualifier. Pippa was in the junior section scoring 155/200 and came 9th overall out of the largest, very hotly contended section of 38 junior shooters. She very narrowly missed out of the final that the top 8 competitors go through to with 8th place also getting 155 however scored higher



on the last qualifying card which was the tie breaker.

Katie competed in the seniors and came second in the qualifying round on a score of 172/200 and came out of the final with the bronze medal. I also represented the school competing in the East Midlands schools qualifier a few weekends ago and was the silver medalist. She has qualified for the National Schools Pistol Championships on the 7th February 2023. Well done, Katie!

Weekly Maths Challenge

Four players from the men's England's football team are standing next each other. Their numbers are four consecutive positive integers, in ascending order prime, even, triangular and square. What is the product of these integers.

For a bonus point, what are their names?

Due next Thursday 9am to Mrs Roberts in Room 30!

Last Week's Winners

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

Phoebe A (10A), Saroop U (Y12)
Hannah B (11S), Leana S (11S), Abigail M (7B)

Two students also anonymous! See Mrs Roberts to get your House Points!!

Best solution from last week #1

$$x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2 = 4x$$

$$x + 2/x = 4$$

Well done to
Phoebe A (10A)

Best Entry Problem #2 (Saroop) →

Handwritten solution for the football team problem:

$$\begin{aligned} T + J &= 23 \rightarrow J = 23 - T \\ J + A &= 24 \\ T + A &= 25 \rightarrow A = 25 - T \\ J + A &= 24 \\ (23 - T) + (25 - T) &= 24 \\ 23 - T + 25 - T &= 24 \\ -2T + 48 &= 24 \\ -2T &= -24 \\ T &= 12 \\ T + A &= 25 \\ A &= 25 - T \\ A &= 25 - 12 \\ A &= 13 \\ J + A &= 23 \\ J &= 23 - A \\ J &= 23 - 13 \\ J &= 10 \\ T^2 + A^2 + J^2 &= 12^2 + 13^2 + 10^2 \\ &= 144 + 169 + 100 \\ &= 413 \end{aligned}$$

Digital Leaders 2023 in Action!



This year's group of digital leaders have now qualified and received their badges. The pupils above will be able to help with first level technical problems in the classroom, ensuring the teacher can get on with teaching. Over the last few weeks they have received training in dealing with the common computer related problems encountered in the classroom, which range from monitors not showing all the information required to smartboard sound not working. The digital leaders will offer their services and if they can't deal with the problem quickly, they will offer to escalate it to technical support. The students above had to pass a test to qualify or retain their digital leader status and it was very good to see students who do not take Computer Science qualifying. The group have also started reaching out to local primary schools, encouraging pupils to take an interest in Computer Science from an early age. Very importantly they also model young women leading in computing.



Mr M Ley, Teacher of Computing

Presentation Afternoon



Pictured L-R: Melissa (Deputy Head Girl), Tony Brown (Chair of Governors), Beth Foster, Freya (Year 8), Michael Scott (Headteacher), Chloe (Year 8), Olivia (Head Girl), Anvita (Deputy Head Girl).

Congratulations again to our Year 11 class of 2022 who received their GCSE certificates last Friday along with all our other prize winners. It was a lovely afternoon of coming together (the first such event since 2019). Our speaker, Beth Foster, has already committed to working with our GCSE and A-level Computing students to inform them more about routes into and diversity in computing and we are delighted about that.

Film Night

Monday 5th December
16:00 to 17:45
Room 6

Tickets on the door
£2.50 inc. drink & snack



All proceeds to the PTA

PTA
CONNECTING
FAMILIES, PUPILS, TEACHERS

SPORT REVIEW



Rugby Leadership Course

This week a group of year 10 and year 9 rugby players took part in a rugby leadership course, hosted here at Newport Girls' High School. The morning consisted of theory going through the 5 core values of rugby also known as TREDs: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. They looked at how each of the values could be implemented into a rugby game and how they could role model, reward and remind younger students of them. In the afternoon they took part in practical which consisted off playing tag rugby, coaching tag as well as refereeing.

Miss Regester (PE Apprentice i/c Rugby)

Burton Borough Gymnastics

On Tuesday Mrs Birch took 4 of our gymnasts to Burton Borough School to compete in the Telford and Wrekin Elite Gymnastics competition. Each student had to complete a floor routine and complete two vaults. The students were a real asset to the school and executed their routines well. The judges scores placed A. Dealtry in **THIRD** place individually and our team in the **silver medal position** on the day. I am so proud of the team and congratulate them on their success.

Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher



Last night our year 9 and 10 netball teams ventured to Ercall Wood for the first in the series of Winter League netball tournaments. These friendly tournaments run on alternate weeks and they are an opportunity to develop our teams, from A-C, through competitive play and coaching. Despite the freezing cold temperatures which caused the student fingers to be numb by the end of the evening, our teams played fantastically and showed good progression in each game. The results of the evening were as followed:

Year 9: NGHS 4 – 4 Priory
NGHS 4 – 2 HLC
NGHS 7 – 0 Burton Borough
NGHS 2 – 3 Ercall Wood

Year 10: NGHS 2 - 2 Priory
NGHS 5 - 2 HLC
NGHS 9 - 0 Burton Borough
NGHS 10 - 0 Ercall Wood



U16 Netball Correction: Our U16 netballers took part in the County Netball Competition in October and were reported as County Champions. Following a goal difference calculation, they are runners up to Wrekin College. This was reported incorrectly. However, our Team they are still through to Regionals. Good luck to all involved! **The PE Faculty**

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





NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
Academy Trust

**CHRISTMAS CAROL
SERVICE**

Tuesday

13th December 2022

7pm

St Nicholas Church

All are welcome—no tickets required



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 K Danby
Wellbeing Officer



Mrs A Chapman
Head of Year 10

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