



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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It's been a busy week with trips and visits. On Monday our Year 10 German students went to the Christmas Market in Birmingham. On Tuesday our Young Enterprise groups had a seminar day in Stoke and, this evening, our ever-popular Christmas Shopping at Cheshire Oaks is taking place.

I'm sorry to Year 10 parents that I was unable to attend Wednesday's parents evening owing to illness. I am hardly ever off work! I hope that you found the evening helpful.

I have a few staffing changes to share with you today. In January, we look forward to **Mrs Tomkinson** returning to us from her maternity leave. This will mean some changes to the English timetable for some students, which will have a knock-on effect on other subject lessons moving. All students will receive a new timetable next week. We also have changes in PE. As Mrs Tomkinson is not returning as Head of Year 11, I

have appointed **Mrs Dani Martin** as a permanent Head of Year; she will remain with Year 11 until their examinations. More of Mrs Birch's PE and PSHE timetable will pass to Mrs Martin ahead of Mrs Birch's maternity leave and we will also be saying a short farewell to Mrs Saysell for the birth of her second child in March so **Mr Richard Bourne** will remain with us at NGHS as a teacher of English & Drama to cover her maternity leave. The governors and I are also pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Oliver Pointon** as a new Assistant Headteacher at NGHS. He will cover for Mrs Birch's maternity leave in the first instance. Mr Pointon has been an Associate Senior Leader for 15 months and was a stand-out candidate at our interviews this week. Well done to him! These appointments have all been made well in advance to effect a smooth transfer of responsibility and may seem rather confusing(!) but we are delighted with the outcomes for our colleagues and know they will be successful in their new roles.

With best wishes for a chilly weekend **Mr M J Scott**

As part of our on-going enterprise competition, myself and six other students got the opportunity to represent our teams/businesses at the Michelin Warehouse in Stoke-on-Trent and pitch our product ideas in front of five influential businessmen/businesswomen (either from the Michelin company itself or from other well-known brands). This was to give us a taster of what we would face during the final stage of this contest, and it ultimately reflected a 'Dragon's Den' experience.

Upon our arrival, we had some time to prepare for our presentation and after that, we took 'a risk' and faced the 'dragons'. Whilst the experience was somewhat nerve-racking, it was also a great opportunity for us to gain constructive feedback as well as for us to develop entrepreneurship skills such as demonstrating we are aware about gaps in the markets and illustrating our passion about our innovations.

Both of our teams got positive feedback and the Dragons were highly impressed with our presentations. We also got some pointers based on what we can improve on and so overall, it was a highly beneficial trip for us all and we highly recommend taking part in Young Enterprise if you ever get the chance as the abilities you develop are highly valuable; not only to you as a student but also as a person! Thank you to Mrs Kearne for organising this opportunity.

Valeria Year 12

Young Enterprise visit Michelin!





Der Weihnachtsmarkt in Birmingham



Head Girl Team Highlights...

Nearly the end of term!

This week we had the PTA film night on Monday where students enjoyed a Christmas film together with snacks and drinks, in order to raise money for the PTA. This was very successful and much enjoyed by all students. Also, this Friday was the very popular year 11-13 Cheshire Oaks trip, where everyone enjoyed doing some Christmas shopping and looking at the beautiful decorations. This was well needed after an extremely busy and stressful half-term for everyone allowing students and teachers to relax and de-stress.

Next Tuesday, is our carol service at St Nicholas' church where there will be a number of excellent performances including choirs and orchestra for everyone to enjoy as we approach close and closer to the Christmas break.

With next week being the last week of term, I hope everyone has a restful break and an amazing Christmas.

Best wishes to all in the NGHS Family

Melissa



Miss Crevis and Mr Scott took a group of Year 10s to the Christmas Market in Birmingham this week....

On Monday, the year 10 GCSE German students took a trip to Birmingham to visit the German Christmas market. We left the teachers and were able to walk around on our own. This gave us a chance to practise our German speaking skills. We tried some traditional German food and drinks such as Kinderpunsch! There were many tasks for us to complete on the way round, such as finding out information about German Christmastime traditions through talking to stall owners and making our own German song. It was an overall amazing opportunity and I would recommend visiting the market soon.



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).

Start of Term arrangements

Students return to school on Wednesday 4 January 2023 at 8.50am.

Any emails to schooloffice@nghs.org.uk will be answered on 4th January.



Bebras Challenge 2022

Pictured above, some of the 46 students who entered the Bebras Challenge this year. They had to do as many logical challenges within forty minutes as they could. Bebras had said to inform the participants that they will not be able to finish all the challenges, but NGHS being NGHS, many of our students finished them all!

Those with a particularly high score will be invited onto the Oxford University Computing Challenge in the new year. Best in each year were: Year 12: Eleanor O, Year 11: Hannah B and Leana S, Year 10: R Middleton, Year 9: Arisha A, Year 8: Beatrice P, Year 7: Flores M. Very well done to all who participated, it was an excellent turnout, with many who do not take computer science also doing really well.

Mr M Ley, Computer Science Teacher

Weekly Maths Challenge



Puzzle #1 Find all the ways to cut out a 'net' of six squares that can be folded into a cube. Here's two to get you started.

Puzzle #2: Snowflakes

Make a snowflake

Be as creative as you like so long as it has 6 lines of symmetry

Last Week's Winners

Isabel L 7H, Ashana C 10R, Abigail M, 7P
Anvita C 6A1, Melissa H 6A1, Gia S 7S
Phoebe A 10 Krystiana C 10Z, Jessica D 8N
Leana S 11S, Olivia W 10R, Alanah M 9R

The product of the integers is 43680.

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline 52 \\ 130 \\ \hline 182 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 182 \\ \times 15 \\ \hline 910 \\ 1820 \\ \hline 2730 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2730 \\ \times 16 \\ \hline 16380 \\ 27300 \\ \hline 43680 \end{array}$$

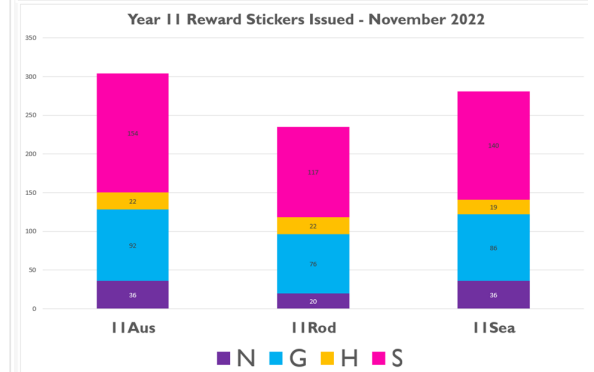
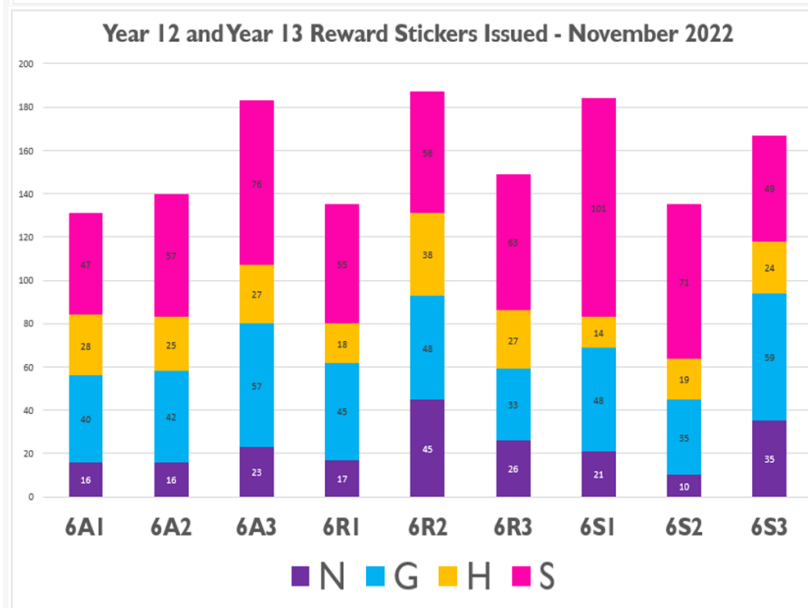
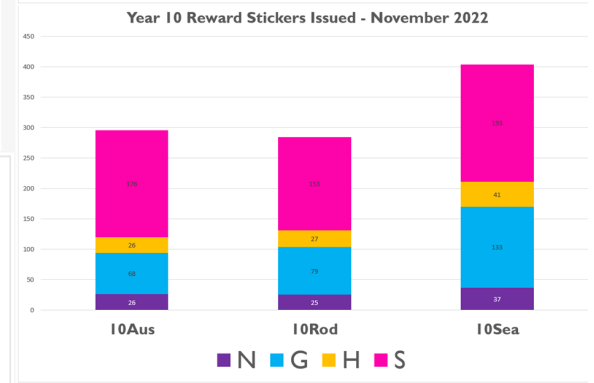
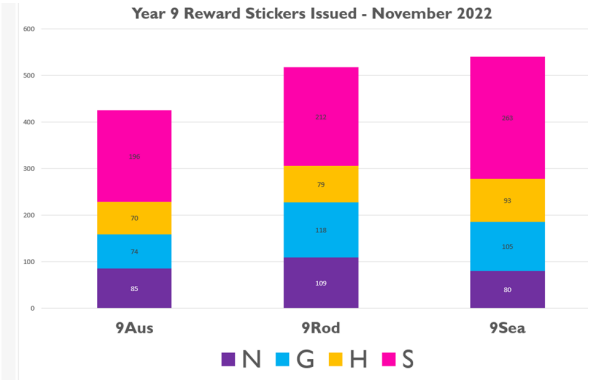
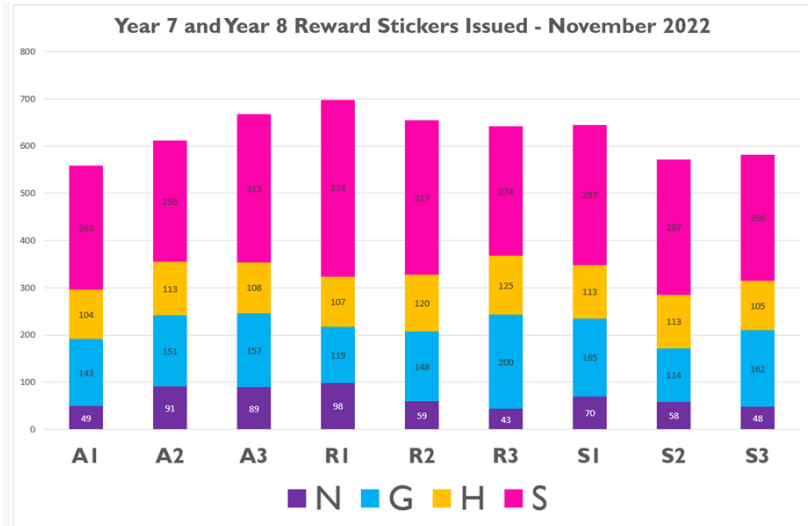
The integers are:

Prime:	Even:	Triangular:	Square:
13	14	15	16
(Only divisible by 1 & 13)	(Divisible by 2)		(4x4)

These are consecutive

Well done Mariam Y in 7S for the best entry last week!

The players are:



Here you can see the number of N, G, H, S stickers awarded during November by form.

Attendance Heroes - November

Our school attendance target is 97% attendance. At the end of every month we review attendance by all students as part of our rewards system. For any students who had attendance above 97% for the month of November, each individual has received a S point and sticker for this.

We also have a form competition, this works by counting the number of students in each form that have attendance above 97% with the winning form in each age band being recognised in their House assembly and receiving a box of Heroes chocolates to share between them.

Year 7 and 8	R2
Year 9	9 Roddam
Year 10	10 Seacole
Year 11	11 Austen
Sixth Form	6S1



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
A Ashraf (R2)	Mrs K Gill
A Austen (R3)	Mrs T Fujii
L Beardsmore (A2)	Mrs A Benoit
H Biju (11Sea)	Mr M Ley
P Bolton (6A1)	Mrs K Gill
A Ciras (6A1)	Mrs K Taylor
E Cornish (9Rod)	Mrs A Benoit
L Evans (9Sea)	Mrs K Taylor
P Evans (6A1)	Miss S Webster
E Fearn (6S2)	Mrs K Gill
A Gantasala (S3)	Mrs T Fujii
A Girn (6R3)	Miss S Webster
G Graysmark (R2)	Mrs T Fujii
M Hall (6A1)	Mrs K Taylor
G Hicklin (A1)	Mrs B Dugdale
E Jackson (6S1)	Mrs K Gill
E James (A1)	Mrs A Benoit
I Knight (6A2)	Mrs B Dugdale
R Kolhapure (R2)	Mrs K Gill

To: Student	From: Teacher
S Mejer (6R2)	Mr M Ley
H Mirza (R2)	Mrs T Fujii
J Neale (A62)	Mrs K Gill
Z Nwaomu (10Sea)	Ms J Capaldi
M Padkin (6A3)	Miss S Webster
A Pattar (6S3)	Mrs K Taylor
R Rashid (9Rod)	Mrs K Gill
A Richards (6S3)	Mrs A Benoit
P Rigby-Colcough (11A)	Mrs A Benoit
D Sharma (9Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
G Steele (6S2)	Mrs A Benoit
H Tay (9Sea)	Mrs K Gill
C Toogood (11Aus)	Mrs K Gill
H Umar (R2)	Mrs T Fujii
M Watkin (6S2)	Mrs K Gill
D Westwood (A2)	Mrs K Gill
C Wilkinson (6R3)	Mrs A Benoit
A Williams (R3)	Mrs T Fujii
B Williams (6S2)	Mrs B Dugdale



A massive thank you to **EVERYONE** who donated an item or items to the Christmas Smile campaign.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Taylor took the minibus which was pretty much full of gifts to the collection centre. Your generosity was much appreciated by all at Christmas Smile and it was lovely to see how much joy this will bring at Christmas. **THANK YOU.**



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 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