



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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I am pleased to announce that I am alive and well! For the first time in my career I had to miss a Carol Service, but those who attended were asked by the Vicar to pray for my swift recovery, which led to a few concerned questions about what was wrong! Like in so many schools, the winter flu bug has reached NGHS and taken many of us down with it; we hope that anyone who is under the weather makes a swift recovery. Miss Webster picked up the baton for me this week and she comments on the Carol Service in her introduction. We would both like to recognise the excellent work from Mrs Chapman in organising the music for the Carol Service and also Mr Merriman-Johnson who played the organ again for us.

Our Winter Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch yesterday were both enjoyed yesterday and we have raised over £600 for the Newport Foodbank. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks also to the wonderful Academy caterers for a delicious lunch. On Wednesday our Year 13 leavers of 2022 returned to have a natter and catch up. It was lovely to see them and hear about their first term at university.

Term restarts on Wednesday 4 January. May I wish all those who celebrate Christmas an enjoyable time with family and friends and, to all our NGHS families, every good wish for 2023.
Mr M J Scott



What a busy week at NGHS! There has certainly been no winding down for the holidays; if anything, the week has involved more events than usual!

We started our week's events with a celebration of the outstanding Ofsted we achieved at the start of this term. As a thank you to the staff for their hard work and ongoing commitment to providing the very best education for all our students, we all sat down together on Monday evening to enjoy a delicious meal. As a staff body we support each other everyday and to be able to sit down with our colleagues was a lovely start to the last week of term.

Our busy week continued with our Carol Service on Tuesday evening. It was so lovely to see the church full of our NGHS families who had come to support the event. We were treated to an array of outstanding musical performances. It was heart-warming to see so many students getting involved in the event and we admire and applaud their confidence to stand up and sing, read and play their instruments so beautifully. Our thanks also go to the PTA who provided the mulled wine (and apple juice for the children!) and the mince pies, which were greatly appreciated by all.

Enjoy the Christmas break. **Miss S Webster**

THE TIMES THE SUNDAY TIMES

As well as celebrating our **OUTSTANDING** Ofsted report this term, we are delighted to remain in the **top ten schools** in the West Midlands. The Parent Power 2023 ranking is out and NGHS is **SEVENTH** in the region for A-level and GCSE results combined and a clear first for about 30 miles. The top 20 schools in our region are listed here, too. We know our exam classes of 2022 worked so hard and we once again congratulate them on their achievements.

PARENT POWER 2023 RESULTS

Ranking of Schools in the West Midlands Region			
1	King Edward VI Stratford	11	Wolverhampton Girls' Gr
2	Stratford Girls' Grammar	12	Alcester Grammar
3	King Edward VI CH Boys	13	Queen Mary's High Walsall
4	Sutton Coldfield Girls	14	Rugby High School
5	King Edward VI CH Girls	15	Queen Mary's, Walsall
6	King Edward VI Five Ways	16	Hab. Adams, Newport
7	Newport Girls' High Sch	17	Hillcrest School, B'ham
8	Bishop Vesey's Sutton C	18	Arden Academy, Solihull
9	Lawrence Sheriff, Rugby	19	Kenilworth, B'ham
10	St Paul's Girls B'ham	20	Kings Norton Girls' School

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Y14 REUNION



Head Girl Team Highlights...

Much achieved!

As we come to the end of our first full term, we have so much to celebrate as a school. We have achieved amazing things over the past couple of months, most notably our OUTSTANDING OFSTED rating which is truly a testament to all of the hard work of the staff and students alike. We have also welcomed our new year sevens and twelves, our year elevens have successfully made it through their mocks and year 13 students are already receiving exciting offers from a range of universities for many different courses!

As a team we hope that you are able to relax over the Christmas break and are able to spend time with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all again in January, but until then have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Best wishes to all in the NGHS Family

Liv T (Head Girl)

Wednesday saw the class of 2022 return to NGHS. Our Year 13 students who left in the summer were full of smiles and stories of their adventures over the last few months.

Most of the students chatted about their first term at university; the courses they were loving and the amazing people they had met. A few of our students had also chosen to take a gap year and shared their experiences so far, including travelling and working around France for a couple of months and their experiences of full time employment.

It was wonderful to see their joy at being back in the sixth form and the affection they still show for each other. As they left one group asked if we could have another reunion at the end of next term and one was really sad to be leaving NGHS for the "very last time". It was a really joyous afternoon and we are sure that they will keep in touch!

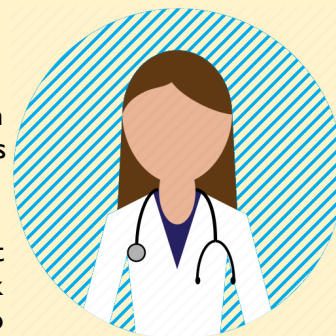
Mrs K Griffin, Head of Sixth Form



Former Student returns to NGHS

Last Thursday, the aspiring medics at NGHS had the privilege of getting advice from **Keira Hughes**, an ex-NGHS student and former NGHS House Captain who has been accepted to study medicine at the University of Liverpool.

Keira gave the students a lovely presentation which detailed the path of how to get into Medicine from beginning to end. From revising for our exams, getting work experience and giving our interviews, Keira was able to give us an insight on what to do (and what not to do) in order to be successful medical students. In the Q&A section of Keira's visit, Keira was able to answer all of our questions, which ranged from how to revise for Medicine Specific entry tests to the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Keira's visit was an incredibly helpful and informative insight into getting into Med School, and we were really lucky to have her come around!



Aditi (Year 12)



The CyberPigs: Emma J, Eva C, Ellen C & Lotty B with mascot!

CyberFirst Girls: NGHS IN THE FINAL!

CyberFirst Girls' Competition is an opportunity to learn something new about cyber security by solving online tasks as a team, and this year, the 'CyberPigs' from NGHS are on their way to the finals in February! We will be up against the best teams from schools in the West Midlands. Last year we came second last year by only 30 points, this year we hope to win!

Emma J. Year 8

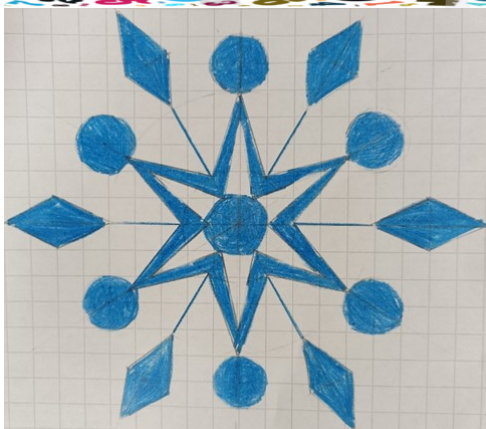
Chemis-tree Fun in 7G

7G and their chemistry teacher, Mr Tolley, have been busy creating a 'chemis-tree' this week using various indicators, acids and alkalies. The decorations have chemistry key facts about acids and their reactions, which links to their recent lessons on this topic.

Merry Chemistree to everyone from Mr Tolley and 7G!



Weekly Maths Challenge



Mrs Roberts is taking a well-earned break from setting Maths Challenges over Christmas (!) but well done to Leana S (Y11) for the Christmas Boxes challenge and both Mariam Y (A2) and Ridhima W (R1) for their Snowflakes! Come back next term for the next challenge!



History Bauble Design Competition Winners

First of all, we would like to thank everyone for their amazing entries in this year's bauble competition for the Histree. It was such a difficult decision for us to make the final choice for the winners and it was inspiring to see the school's enthusiasm for history which was evident throughout all year groups. We were particularly impressed by entries from Zawata (year 7), Mahi (year 8) and Ellyson (year 13) who are this year's highly commended entries. Their depictions of Martin Luther King Jr, The Mangrove Nine and Malala Yousafzai were fantastic and fitting to the theme of 'peace weavers / inspirational figures from history'. There were so many incredible entries, and we are delighted to announce our first place winner as Holly B in year 10 who made a Freddie Mercury inspired bauble. The top three was extremely close with Joda T (year 10) coming in second place with a wonderful drawing of musician and activist Donald Glover and Teyana H (year 7) achieving third place with her depiction of Martin Luther King Jr. We want to thank all of the entrants again and we hope to see you getting involved again next time with the history department!

Prizes to follow in the New Year for our winners! Well done!

Tilly and Ayesha, History Ambassadors

It is the season to be jolly...

In this spirit of Christmas, students of 9 Seacole have been busy crafting and writing Christmas cards for the Franz von Assi Altenzentrum, a care home in Herten, Germany. They have done this for the second year running, having brought much cheer and joy to the residents last Christmas. In fact so much that the local newspaper found it worthy reporting on!

Whilst this might not be repeated, one thing is for sure: The residents will be once more very pleased to know that young people from abroad are thinking of them at this time of the year! Thank you everybody who took part!

Frau A Rosbach, MFL Faculty



House



Music

Last Thursday saw the first main House Competition of the year – **House Music**. Since Covid, there had not been a proper House Music until now, so it was really nice to demonstrate to the younger students and sixth form students who joined from other schools just how fun, talented and competitive everyone at NGHS is.

House Music is formed of **FOUR** main parts: soloists, ensembles, bands/showstoppers and choirs. This gives everyone something that they can be involved in and an opportunity to perform and showcase to the school the results of their extremely hard work. All of the 21 acts had been solely organised by the House Teams and other members of the sixth form, most of who had not had a free lunchtime in the weeks leading up to the competition.

One of the main highlights of the day certainly came during Austen's House Band, which had various members of staff involved. It started off as a normal performance which was then stopped by both Mr Tolley and Mr Wade who were convinced that they could do a better job. Next ensued an interesting rendition of Burning Love by Elvis Presley, with backing vocals from Ms Capaldi, Ms Lord, and a couple of sixth formers. The icing on the cake for this performance

was the cameo appearance of Mr Heighway as the 'hunk' who danced for everyone centre stage!

The soloist performances were all incredible and everyone was so talented. Sophie in year 12 played Bohemian Rhapsody on the piano, and the whole audience was in awe. The strength of the voices of the junior vocalists was inspiring, and the power they were able to produce at such a young age was incredible.

Seacole were victorious in 5 out of the 7 categories! A huge congratulations should not only go to the Seacole performers and Tilly the Music Captain, but to all 3 House Teams and everyone in the school. The day would not have been possible without the involvement of the entire student body, many of whom had been working hard on their acts since before October half term!

Thursday was a phenomenal day, not just for the performers and the stressed house teams, but also for the audience. Everyone involved did so well and I doubt the event will be forgotten for a long while!

Emily W, Phobe E and Lucy D (Year 13)



U16 Badminton move on to County!

Over the past two months, the under 16s badminton team have been playing matches to see if we can qualify. Countless times there have been close matches but fortunately the team has been succeeding. The constant search to find a substitute and the pre-match stress all became worth it as we got selected into the semi-finals and finals.

On Wednesday 14th December, we all left for the semi-finals and finals sitting in the back of the minibus. Seeding 1 is Sanisa G. Seeding 2 is Aafiya S. Seeding 3 is Laasya C. Seeding 4 is Swara K. We sang Christmas songs to ease the nerves!

The realisation set in once we arrived at Telford Langley School. In the semi-finals, NGHS played William Brookes and Idsall played Holy Trinity. To win overall as the team, a minimum of 5 out of 8 matches needed to be won. The semi-finals went fabulously. We won 7 out of 8 matches and everyone was extremely happy. That soon died down as we tried to work out if Idsall or Holy Trinity was winning. In the end Holy Trinity won.

The finals were very hard and we won 5 out of 8 matches. I am proud to say that we won the finals. In January we should be moving onto county.

By Sanisa G (Year 10)

DINING ROOM TIMINGS – HALF TERM 3

To ease congestion at lunchtime, we ask that you observe the following times at the Dining Room for lunch. No bags can be taken into the Dining Room, please leave in form rooms or lockers

12.35	Year 11s and clubs
12.45	Year 8s
12.55	Year 9s
13.05	Year 10s
13.15	Year 7s and clubs



Students with packed lunches need to join the queue at the relevant time and will be able to use the Dining Room with friends provided there are enough spaces, otherwise you may be asked to leave.

Setting Up New Technology

We have received some advice from internetmatters.org in relation to setting up new devices over the holidays which I felt might be useful for parents / carers to be aware of:

Advice by age:

- [11 - 13 year olds](#)
- [14 plus](#)

Setting up devices:

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

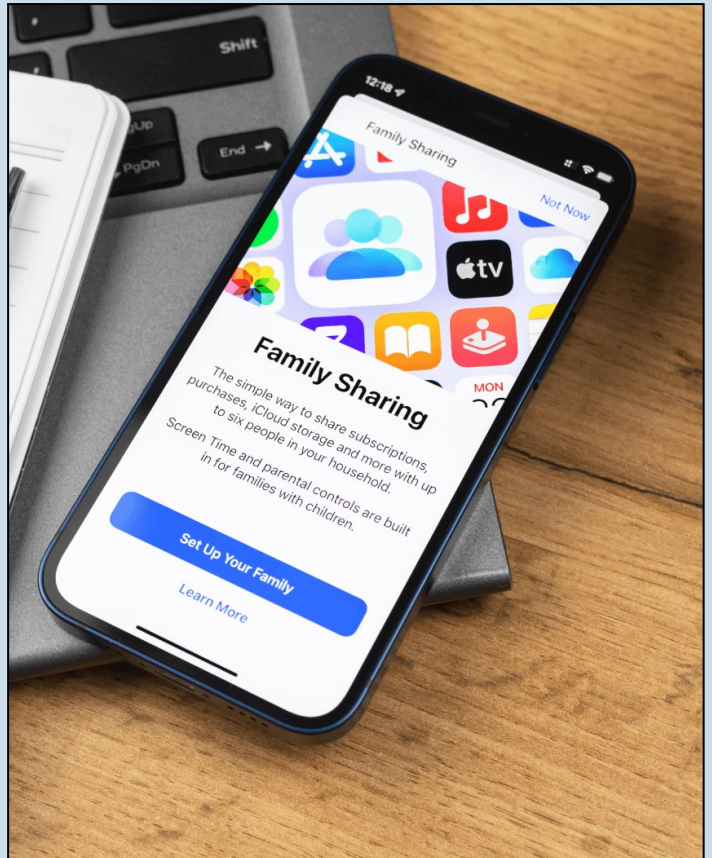
- [Gaming consoles and devices](#)
- [Smartphones](#)
- [Broadband and mobile networks](#)
- [Entertainment and search engines](#)

Safety/privacy settings on social media:

With many children and young people using social media it is important to understand what features are available to you to help protect your children. This is also important because for the most part, all privacy settings are default off when a new account is created, but also because some social media providers change their features quite frequently, e.g. TikTok.

Take a look at [this link](#) to see what is available to you and how to set up your child's social media. We would also advise doing this with your child so that you can discuss the features together.

Mrs H Birch (Assistant Head)

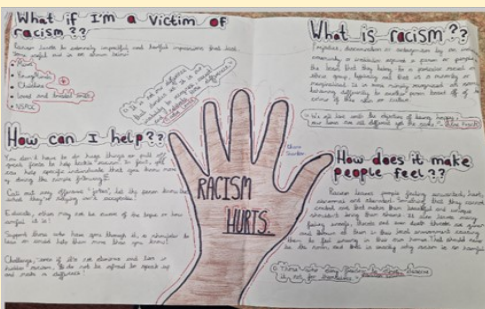


WHAT'S HAPPENED IN PSHE (IN HALF TERM 2)



We are delighted to present a round-up of what has been learnt in PSHE lessons this half term.

In the first term of Year 7 PSHE we've been exploring Health and Wellbeing- Transition and safety. This included the topic of basic first aid and CPR. Statistics show that countries where basic life support is taught in schools, survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest are significantly (two to three times) higher than those where they aren't taught. To ensure these sessions were delivered correctly and by a highly trained first aider, we welcomed Mrs Jones, our Operations Manager, into lessons to deliver the training. Students were able to ask questions and physically practice performing effective CPR using the inflatable Annie dolls. Overall, Mrs Jones was very impressed with student engagement across year 7, and when asked if they felt they could confidently perform CPR to a casualty, over half of the year group said that they would feel confident and that this was as a result of the training they had just received.



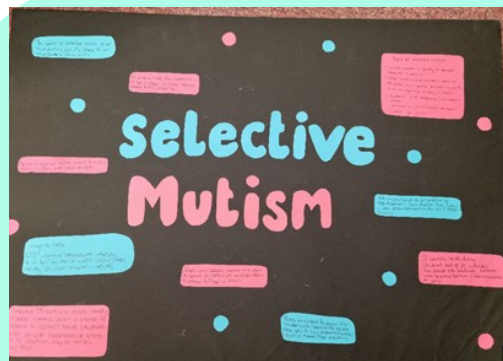
During this half term year 8 have been looking at the topic relationships and have been focusing on the topic discrimination and how to recognise and challenge it.

The groups have done this through a range of activities and discussions to help develop their knowledge on this topic.



Year 9

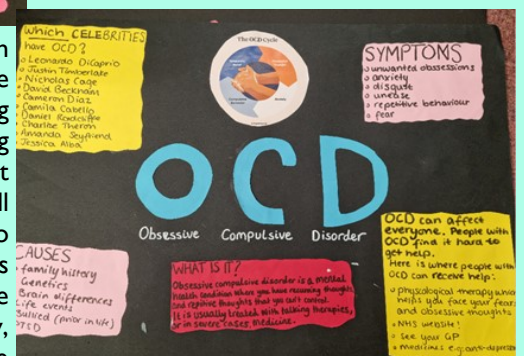
In the first carousel of the year 9 relationships unit students have been focusing on families and parenting, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and relationship changes. We have discussed these topics through many different activities, such as discussions, scenarios and videos. All students have been actively engaged in all areas of the unit and have shown good understanding.

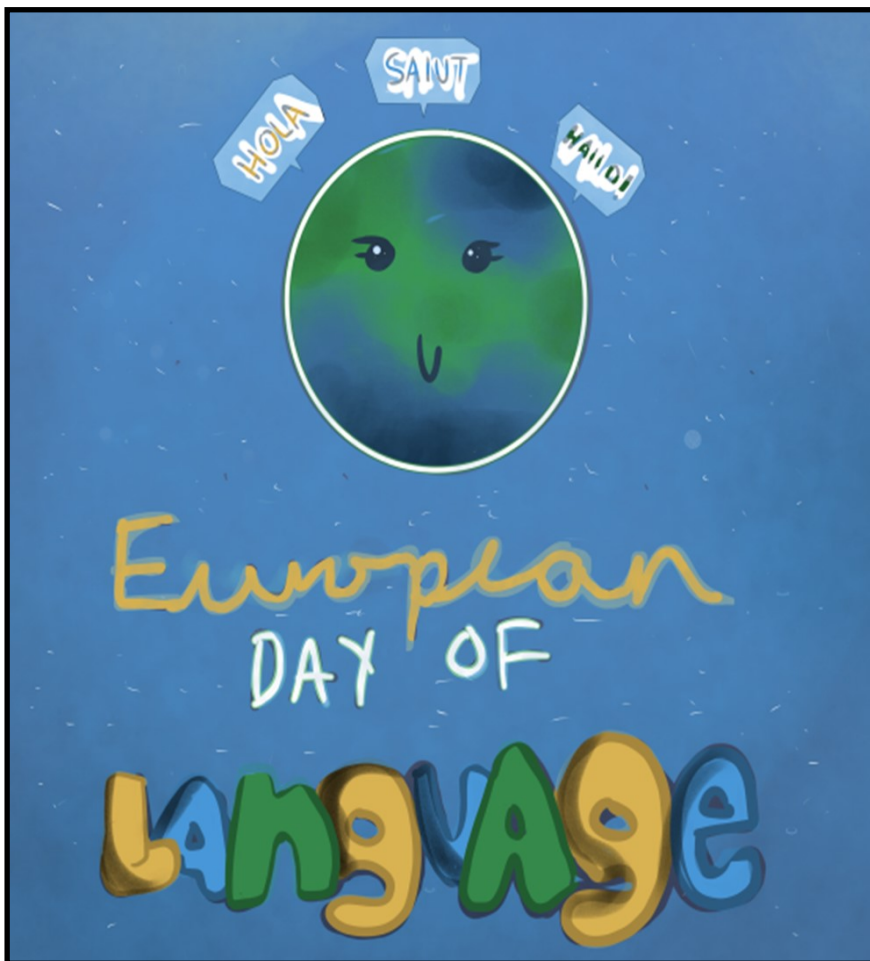


In Year 11 relationships unit, students learn about 4 main topics: break up's, positive relationships, relationship abuse including domestic abuse and coercive and controlling relationships. We do a number of different activities within these lessons to help all students understand each area, be able to identify red flags and know how to access support. In the year 11 building for the future unit, students learn about self-efficacy, stress management, and future opportunities. During these PSHE lessons lots of discussions and different activities have taken place to help them prepare for the future.

In the first carousel of the year 10 mental health unit students have been focusing on mental health and ill health, stigma, safeguarding health, including during periods of transition or change.

The students have spent time researching and designing mental health boards which can be seen here.





Congratulations to **Annviya J 9 Rodham**

For entering and winning the MFL Competition and earning 5 “G” points!



Double Winners!

Well done to Teyana and Amelia (7P) whose cheerleading teams came first at the British Cheer & Dance festival in Blackpool last weekend.



SKI TRIP 2023

NGHS SKI TRIP IN FEBRUARY HALF-TERM
Two spaces have become available on the 2023 ski trip to Austria.

Full details can be obtained by emailing Mrs Aldridge via g.aldridge@nghs.org.uk



Chess Champion

Tara de S (Year 8) participated in the Staffordshire Junior Chess Championship in Rugeley. She won the U14 Girls Championship Award which was presented by Mr J Blackburn, Competition Host. Well done, Tara!

SPORTREVIEW



U16 Rugby

On Tuesday we took our U16's rugby team for a friendly against Ercall Wood, both schools scoring 2 tries. The students put the training into play and the standard of play was immaculate, it is fair to say that I am beyond proud of how far rugby has come and how hard our students work to be able to make it happen. The U16's teamwork and sportsmanship really shined through in their match; I would like them to thank them for all their hard work.



Y10-11 Football

Last Monday the year 10 and 11 football team played their first round of the cup away to Hadley Learning Centre. The game kicked off at 3, almost immediately NGHS were put on the front foot by a goal from Isabel. This was followed by another three goals from Isabel and a goal from both Elizabeth and Katie. This led to Newport being 6-0 up at half time. The goals continued to come with 2 from Ella, 1 from Grace and a further 2 from Isabel. HLC had multiple chances all of which were prevented by some incredible defending. The girls left smiling at the amazing 11-0 result, as for many this was their first competitive game of football.

Cost of Living Support

For any families who are struggling, please find links below to local council support.

[Telford & Wrekin](#)

[Shropshire](#)

[Staffordshire](#)

[Wolverhampton](#)

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.



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Headteacher



Mrs H Goodall
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Mrs F Davenport
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Mrs A Seys
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Miss S Webster
Deputy Head



Ms J Capaldi
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Mrs K Danby
Wellbeing Officer



Mrs A Chapman
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Safeguarding

Years 7-10

Years 11-13



Mrs K Griffin
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Mrs D Martin
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