



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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May I start by wishing all our students, parents, staff, governors and indeed all members of our NGHS Family a very happy new year. I hope that you had a restful break and that our students are all refreshed and ready for the term ahead. This term it's crucial for our students to work at their best so it's really important that everyone gives their all to their academic studies. Our Y13s have their mock exams in a couple of weeks. Year 11s need to focus on their own next steps after their mocks before Christmas and our Year 8 and Year 9 students will state their option preferences for GCSE this term. Balancing this, we have a few trips and visits including the much-anticipated return of our ski trip, a London theatre trip, our Year 11 netballers competing in the County Final, two House competitions and Charities Week to look forward to!

The governing body have asked myself and SLT to review attendance and punctuality following a dip in our figures last half term. Most absences are illness related, but I am afraid there were too many holiday absences in the week before Christmas. I do appreciate the flight prices are cheaper but staff are not permitted to take leave in term time and we ask that families do not either. We have to report unauthorised absence to the local authority and they may issue fines. Punctuality is also important and we will be addressing this during this half term. School is open from 8am-5pm and it's very important students are on time, arriving by 8.45am for

an 8.50am start. I appreciate there are occasionally traffic delays and late buses and that's no issue at all, but quite often it is students who live locally who are last to arrive. We must prepare students for life in the post-school world and punctuality and good attendance are requirements in any workplace. We will follow our attendance protocols and policy and thank you for your support with reducing any instances and co-operating with any sanctions necessary to get back on track.

We are accepting a large number of applications to our Sixth Form for September 2023 from girls in other schools. Clearly our reputation and the recent Ofsted outcome are having a welcome, positive effect on our recruitment. If you know any Year 11s in other schools who wish to apply, please remind them of the deadline of 14th February. Our own Year 11s don't apply in the same way (although the same entry criteria do apply) and they will be given more guidance after their Sixth Form Taster Day later this month. We look forward to discussing their plans and subject intentions in individual advice and guidance sessions this half term.

Finally, I look forward to seeing parents/carers are our upcoming parent/teacher events which are:

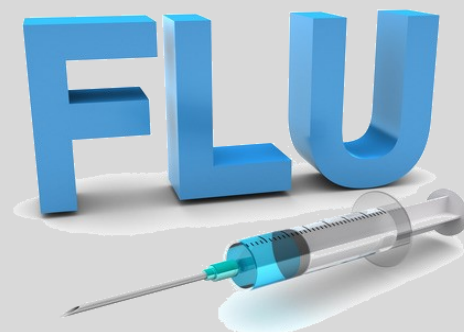
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 12 January
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 2 February
Year 9 Parents Evening	Tuesday 14 February

With very best wishes for the term ahead and do get in touch via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk if you need to discuss anything with us.
Mr M J Scott

Flu Vaccinations

These will take place for Years 7, 8, 9 in school on Tuesday 17 January. Students have been given consent forms and an explanatory letter which must be returned, even if the vaccination is to be declined.

If you have queries, please contact
Mrs Davenport at school.



Weekly Maths Challenge



2023

The answer is 2023.

What could the question be?

Be mathematical and creative

Bonus: Can you find out what ! means in maths and use it in your question

Due 9am next Thursday. Email a photo of your work to l.roberts@nghs.org.uk

Or put your work in the entry box in room 301

Cost of Living SUPPORT



Year 12 and 13 Bursary

We have previously made you aware that, depending on circumstances, some students may be eligible for a bursary to support them with education-related costs. Whilst funds are limited, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of this in case circumstances have changed and you may now be in a position where some financial support is needed. Bursary funds are paid directly to the student and are awarded to help students with the cost of travel, buying essential books or equipment, or partaking in curriculum-related trips. Full details including the criteria for the bursary are available [on the website](#) along with the application form. Students are encouraged to speak to Mrs Davenport to discuss the support they may need and the evidence we would require before completing an application form.

Miss S Webster, Deputy Headteacher

Just a reminder that the Local Authorities in our area have published information for help and guidance on their webpages

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.



Mrs H Birch
Assistant Head
Designated Lead



Mr M J Scott
Headteacher



Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 7



Mrs F Davenport
Pastoral Support



Miss S Webster
Deputy Head



Ms J Capaldi
Head of Year 9



Mrs A Seys
Head of Year 8



Mrs K Danby
Wellbeing Officer

Safeguarding



Mrs A Chapman
Head of Year 10

Years 7-10

Years 11-13



Mrs K Griffin
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs D Martin
Head of Y11