



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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**T**his week's cold snap is hopefully on its way out so I start by thanking all parents for their support on Wednesday. The decision to close the school is not one we take lightly. I understand a couple of families did not receive the text message but our website (and Facebook page) will also always display information on school closures. If you **didn't** receive an alert text message, please verify the information we hold about you on Edulink is correct and please amend it if necessary. In recent weeks we have had to call a few parents at work (for example if their child has been unwell) and we will use all the numbers on your profile after trying mobiles first. We have had a few conversations with some of your **ex-colleagues(!)** so please do ensure accurate information is held by the school if/when you move workplace (or even house!) Thank you.

Next week our Options programme gets underway:

- Firstly our **Year 8 students** and parents will receive a letter and options booklet via their child. Miss Davies, Associate Assistant Head is once again overseeing this process which includes every pupil having a 1:1 discussion about their subject preferences with a senior member of staff. No snap decisions are encouraged! If you have any questions please speak to Miss Davies or a senior member of staff at Parents Evening which is on Thursday 2 February.
- **Our Year 9s** will have a conversation before half term about how the options programme changes from Year 9 into Year 10. Again, plenty of chances to ask Miss Davies questions at their parents evening on 14 February.
- **Our Year 11s** will also hopefully enjoy a Sixth **Form Taster Day** next Thursday where they will experience a range of sixth form-style lessons to help them make their subject choices. More information about the way they transition as current NGHS students into Year 12 and our Liverpool induction Weekend will also be provided. Parents are welcome to contact Mrs Griffin, Head of Sixth Form or Miss Webster, Deputy Head i/c Y11-13 with any questions about options for sixth form. **Rest assured we are here to help every step of the way!**

The remainder of this half term includes some fantastic House events. Our House Quiz is next Friday and House Dance is on Thursday 16 February. The last week of this half term is House Charities week and I know our form groups are proposing a range of excellent organisations that they would like to help. Each House will ultimately select **ONE** charity to support with lunchtimes in the final week of term dedicated to activities to raise money.

Our U16 netballers are competing in the Regional Finals this Sunday. I look forward to cheering them on from the side of a chilly court! And best of luck to our Year 13s who commence their mocks on Wednesday.



If your child is one of the 150+ Year 9 or 10 students who are travelling on our **Paris extravaganza** weekend in June(!), please can you confirm ASAP if your child holds a passport other than a British passport. Planning and risk assessments are underway and I am grateful to have 16 staff supporting me as Trip Leader on the visit. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that any visas are secured and we must start to fill in documentation for PGL next month. For now, please email **paris@nghs.org.uk** if your child is participating and does **not** hold a British passport. We can provide confirmation letters to apply for visas. Also, the next instalment of £50 is due at the end of January to Scopay. I must ask for parental cooperation and support in meeting all the deadlines as we have a lot of students taking part in the visit and I would prefer to keep administration to a minimum when having to chase up payments. Merci!

Please see page 5 for some important information about our Speed Networking Event. Can you help us to make a real difference to our Careers Provision?

Lastly, do remember that Sister Act tickets are now on sale via ScoPay or in person at Reception for our show at the start of March.

**SISTER  
ACT  
JR**

With best wishes for the weekend

**Mr M J Scott**



## UCAS changes for 2025+ applications

**\*\*This information is particularly important for Year 11 students\*\***

Each year we pride ourselves on providing bespoke support to our sixth form students with their applications to university through UCAS. Next year we will continue to help our students plan and write their personal statements, providing support through enrichment lessons, CEW and guest speakers.

However we would like to make you aware that for **students who are planning on starting university in 2025** the national process will be changing. **Students will no longer be required to write a personal statement but will instead be answering 6 questions.** There will also be significant changes made to the references that schools are asked to provide.

Please be assured that we are already planning for these changes and will be working closely with UCAS in order to ensure that the level of guidance and support our students receive remains as extensive as it is today. We will be in touch with current Year 11 parents to provide further information.

**Mrs K Griffin** Head of Sixth Form



## Head Girl Team Highlights...

The arrival of the snow on Tuesday night hopefully meant that, despite school having to be closed for the first time since the 'Best From The East', there was an opportunity to have some fun with family or friends outdoors. When NGHS returned on Thursday, students of all year groups were able to enjoy the weather in their lunch break - there were some very impressive snowmen!

The house assemblies this week were delivered by Portia, Phoebe and Rebekkah in Year 13, and focussed on raising awareness about violence against women and girls. It was fantastic to see our older students present such an important and current topic to the rest of NGHS.

The past couple of days has also seen the launch of house football; one of numerous new house events for this academic year. The KS3 matches this week were hard fought, but it was Seacole that were victorious for Years 7 and 8. Bring on the KS4 matches...

We wish everyone a peaceful weekend (especially Year 13 before mocks) and remember to enjoy the snow before it melts!

**Emily & The HGT**



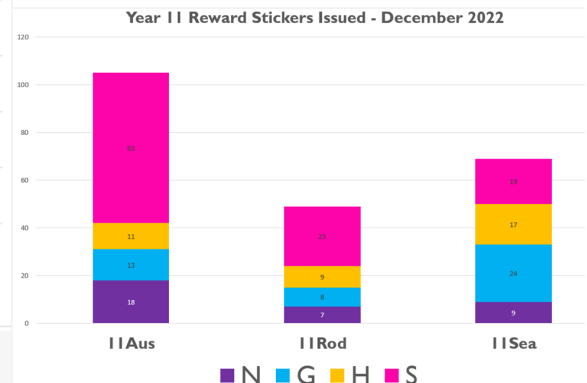
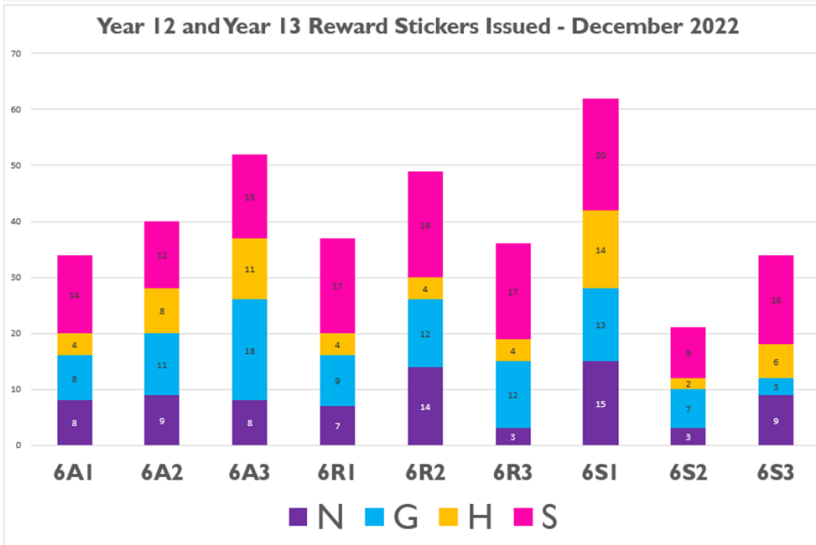
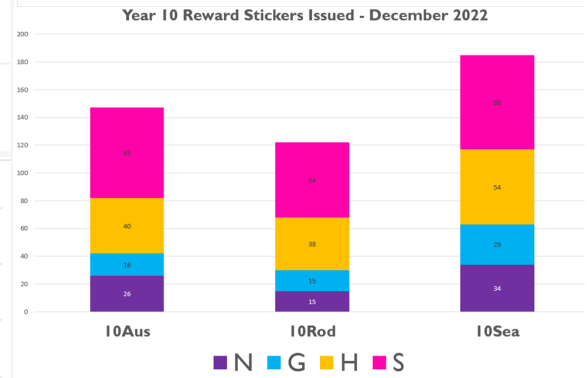
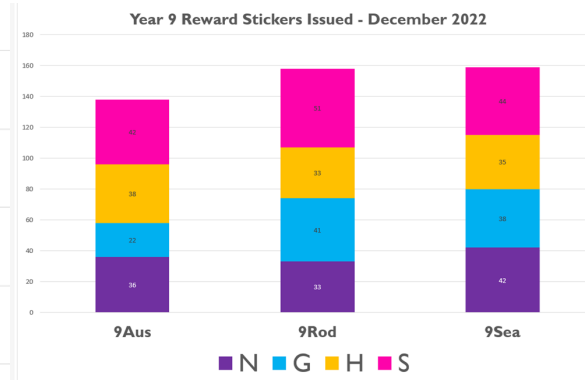
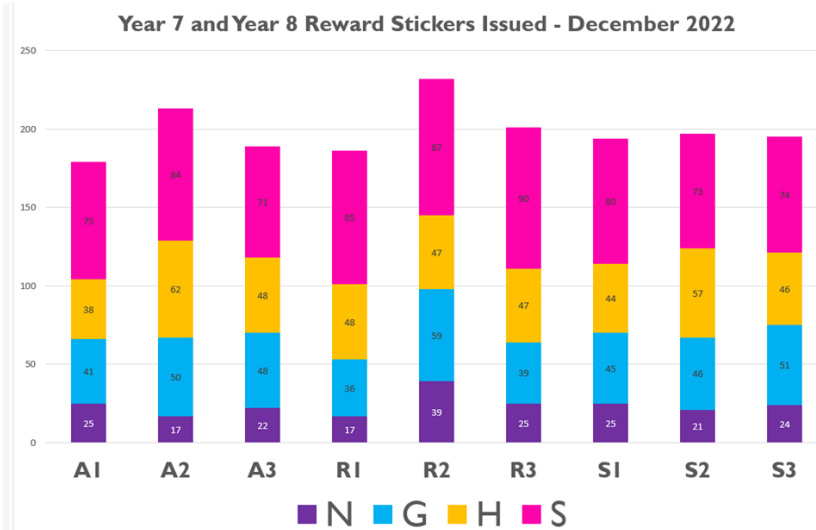
*CHANNEL 4 HAVE ASKED NGHS TO PROMOTE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO NGHS FAMILIES...*

**THE DOG HOUSE IS BACK!**

Could you offer a rescue dog a loving home?

**Applications now open**

[www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house](http://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house)



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

## Attendance Heroes - December

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 December, 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	RI / R3 / S2
Year 9	9 Roddam / 9 Seacole
Year 10	10 Austen
Year 11	11 Roddam
Sixth Form	6SI



# Weekly Maths Challenge

## Weekly Maths Problem #13

### Yang Hui's Triangle

As Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January is Chinese New Year,  
let's celebrate Chinese Mathematics

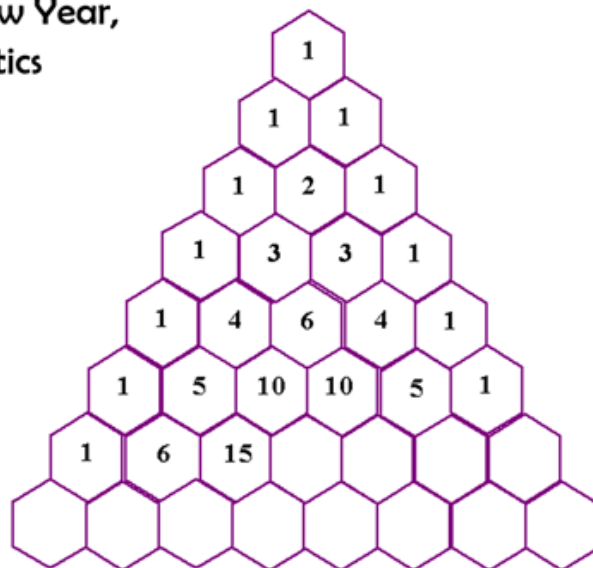
Yang Hui used the triangle shown  
to solve complex problems  
(500 years before Pascal).

On the triangle,  
fill in the missing numbers.

Challenge:

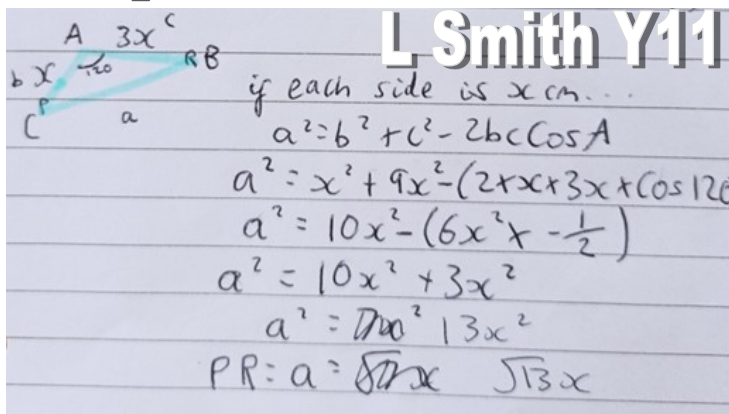
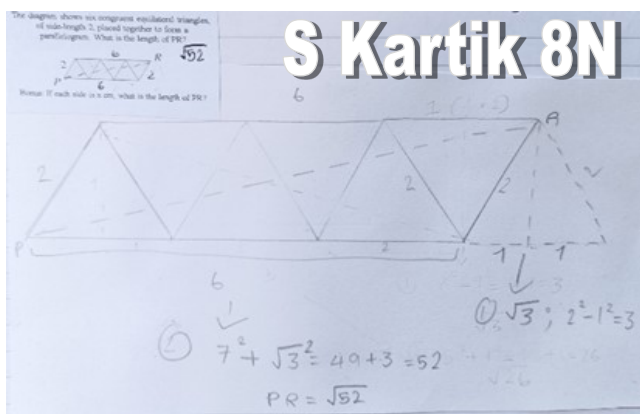
What would be the number in  
row 20 position 4

(you may use your calculator)



Due 9am Thursday to l.roberts@nghs.org.uk or in the box in Room 301! Good luck!

## Last week's top solutions



### Other excellent entries this week:

- A Hawkins
- M Evans
- S Mathew
- And one without a name (please come and claim your work)

$$2\left(\frac{7! - 2(6!)}{3}\right) - 3(5!) - 4! + 7 = 2023$$

Special Mention: J Mooney for a late great entry to last week's challenge!

# SPEED NETWORKING EVENT

March 2023



We are currently seeking volunteers to support our Speed Networking Event on 29 March 2023. If you are able to support us, please contact Head of Careers, Mrs K Gill via [k.gill@nghs.org.uk](mailto:k.gill@nghs.org.uk)

## *More details from Mrs Gill...*

As part of our careers programme at NGHS, we are eager to facilitate opportunities for our students to meet as many employers as possible in their time here. After running the first speed networking event for careers in the West Midlands in 2018, we are keen to repeat this successful event, and would like to ask our parent community for help.

The speed networking event is designed as a method of facilitating interaction between our students and a range of employers and people in work. As part of their careers research, we would like our students to find out about work from a range of people, who can share their careers journey, what is involved in their line of work and what advice they would give. In return we hope that employers will enjoy, and benefit from, interacting with young people aged 11 to 18, who could be employees or colleagues of the future. It is also a valuable opportunity for professional networking.

Below is an idea of the schedule for the day.

Time	Activity
8:15-8:45	Employer arrival and tea/coffee
8:45-9:00	Taking seats
9:15-11:15	Networking with students
11:15-11:35	Break and professional networking (refreshments provided)
11:35-12:35	Networking with students
12:35-13:35	Lunch and professional networking (lunch provided)
13:35-15:15	Networking with students
15:15-15:30	Event close

## **How to get involved**

If you are happy to get involved in our speed networking event, please could you complete [this form](#) by 31 January 2023.

We would be so grateful for your support.

If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Head of Careers, Mrs K Gill, via email; [k.gill@nghs.org.uk](mailto:k.gill@nghs.org.uk) or phone on 01952 797550. Thank you!

# NGHS Rewards Assemblies

We have had another opportunity to celebrate students' successes with our second rewards assembly of the year, this was to celebrate achievements from Autumn Term 2. The first award went to students who had successfully completed 5 NGHS rows since September, these students all received the first of the prizes in the rewards system which is an NGHS pencil. Congratulations to all of our winners of this award. There are so many:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13										
A. Awan S. Bagnall J. Benneh E. Bottrill S. Chowdhury E. Cornish A. Davey A. Evans S. Evett-Massey E. Farrell H. Fisher S. Gunasekara H. Haris T. Hayman E. Ibison C. Jenkins C. Jones E. Joseph S. Kaur S. Kaur H. Lloyd I. Luksenaite F. Mitchell N. Morsy M. Onuoha I. Perks A. Pessall E. Riley E. Rogers E. Russell A. Saini E. Scutt R. Shaju N. Skingsley C. Thompson E. Udoudo I. Vanegas-Speller L. Ward P. Watterson L. Yeboah M. Younis	K. Abraham S. Aitzaz D. Al-Sebahi E. Back A. Bhachi I. Bould E. Brannen L. Bruneau L. Bunn A. Chan G. Clarke J. Davies T. De Silva C. Fairhead L. Finan K. Gowda G. Graysmark C. Greenway M. Halls C. Harris L. Hikkaduwege S. Hothi H. Hussain E. Jakubek B. Jones H. Jones R. Kalpana M. Kandepalli C. K-Young E. Lall G. Lomas I. Lucas C. Lutzeier E. Mao V. Matthews M. McMullen H. Mirza M. M-Elamin M. Needham S. Okeke F. Parekh E. Phillips S. Raiyat Z. Rizwan E. Roman R. Sowdagar D. Shankar C. S-Piper L. T-Rhodes M. Tenkorang H. Tipton D. Westwood A. Williams E. Williams A. Wysome	A. Asim B. Bince C. Bowen L. Brown A. Delaney E. Cornish W. C-Cerrone Q. Dang E. Donaldson L. Evans S. Farag O. Farnell G. Fernandes E. Furnival Y. Gopinathsethu E. Grove R. Gupta H. Hayward T. Humphries A. Khan A. Jayan J. Johnson S. Machineni B. McCloy A. Morris M. Nour A. Pallapunoori J. Plant C. Plummer N. Qureshi A. Rijo D. Robinson D. Sharma E. Trippier K. Tunnicliffe H. Uppal J. White V. Whiles	M. Bandhan G. Beff K. Charcinska H. Enefer S. Golar C. Fewtrell M. Gemmill S. Jackson I. Lynas E. Makepeace H. Manu T. Mistry W. Nicklin E. Nixon Z. Nwaomu E. Rixom A. Roddy A. Sheikh K. Steele R. Tagg	E. Adeniyi I. Bates L. Chinthapati I. Royce L. Smith	R. Awan A. Bhatnagar A. Birchall T. Bridgman K. Hossack V. Jayasuriya A. Wu	E. Bower H. Meechan D. Munyaneza E. Spencer S. Uppal										
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# NGHS Rewards Assemblies

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The next award that was presented was the **inter-form house point cup**. This award is given to the form with the highest overall NGHS point total throughout half term 1.

Congratulations to our winning forms which were: **R2, 9 Seacole, 11 Austen, 6SI**

The next award was to celebrate individual achievements for those who had received the most overall NGHS points since September.

The next award was the kindness award which was awarded to one member of each form in Years 7 – 10. This was nominated by peers in those forms.

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
7	H. Haris	C. Jones	L. Ward
8	G. Graysmark	P. Manoyla	E. Middleton E. Sutcliffe
9	D. Gallacher	A. Stephen D. Zangina	C. Nwaomu
10	P. Finan	S. Beale K. Steele	C. Fewtrell
11	C. Toogood	L. Smith	S. Balaji
12	V. Paslar	A. Birchall	G. Evans
13	S. Uppal	E. Walkley	H. Meechan

- Year 7-8**  
 A. Ciras  
 L. Beardsmore  
 Z. Khan  
 N. Morsy  
 L. Hikkaduwege  
 S. Gunasekara  
 S. Aitzaz  
 M. M-Elamin  
 S. Chowdhury

- Year 9**  
 D. Robinson  
 B. Bince  
 E. Furnival  
 K. Oguntona

- Year 10**  
 S. Golar  
 Z. Ahmed  
 E. Makepeace

The final award that was presented was our lucky dip. For every 10 N,G,H or S points students have received one ticket gets added to a lucky dip box. Our winners were:

- Y7 & Y8**  
 A. Calleja  
 C. Fairhead  
 L. Finan  
 S. McHugh  
 A. Mudiyansele  
 J. Seifo

- Y10**  
 A. Corkhill  
 P. Finan  
 C. Thomas

- Y11**  
 L. Smith

- Y9**  
 I. Morris  
 K. Oguntona  
 J. Plant

- Sixth Form**  
 P. Kerr

Well done to all of our winners, we are so proud of how many NGHS points and stickers have been awarded since September. Please keep up the good work and we will be holding our next round of rewards assemblies at the end of February to celebrate successes from this year and Spring 1.



**Mrs H Birch**

# 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 Year 11