



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Our Year 8 students have begun their Options discussions this week and it has been a highlight of my week to speak to some of them about their preferences for GCSE. Our Parents Evening last night was also incredibly well attended and I thank parents for their lovely comments about our staff and how hard they work for our students.

It's full steam ahead with Charities Week which is the week after next (the last week before half term - this half term is going very fast!) Mr Pointon oversees this and has included information on page 3. Last year's Charities Week was the best ever; both in terms of the amount raised but also the fun had by students and staff. We look forward to this year's CW being just as good, if not better and hope that everyone will get involved. Each House has now chosen their charity for 2023 and there are some excellent causes that students wish to support.

Our Year 13s have taken their mocks in their stride and enjoyed their donuts yesterday as a reward! Our teachers are now busy marking their scripts and I hope that the exams will help students to pinpoint what they know well and what they need to work more on. Talking of Year 13, we are delighted that **FOUR** of our students hold Oxbridge offers this year. Please see page 2. Competition has never been tougher for a place at all of the top universities and most of the offers have now been made; just our medics are still waiting. Any Year 13s who want advice about which courses/institutions to accept must see Mrs Griffin, Miss Webster or myself for a discussion. We are here to help and advise.

On Sunday the postponed regional netball finals will take place and we wish our U16s every success. I look forward to watching and hope we will do well!

With best wishes for the weekend **Mr M J Scott**

Year 12 wins interior design competition

Newport Girls' High School is proud to announce an exciting opportunity our Year 12 Product Design students have had so far this year. In partnership with Bloor Homes and Artspace Interior Design, our students were given the chance to design one of the bedrooms in a new three-bedroom show home coming to Newport. **The winning design, created by student lonee W (Y12) (pictured), was not only chosen by the clients, but will also be used in the final construction of the show home. Well done, lonee!**

This opportunity provided our students with real-world experience, working with clients and companies in the design industry. Not only did they gain valuable skills in project management and communication, but they also had the chance to showcase their talents and create portfolio work that will benefit them in applying for further education or entering the creative field of design.

The clients were impressed with the students' work, praising their ability to maximise the use of space and think practically. They also loved the mix of patterns, colours and textures, with the aesthetics all working well together. The winning design, created by lonee, was thoughtfully considered in every detail.

We are proud of our students for their hard work and dedication in this project and grateful for the opportunity provided by Bloor Homes and Artspace Interiors. We believe that this experience will greatly benefit our students in their future studies and careers in the design industry.

We look forward to seeing the design come to life!

Mr R Williams, Head of Art & DT Faculty

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Head Girl Team Highlights...

This week has seen the relief of many year 13's as the mock exams are finally over. It has been a challenging few weeks for everyone but we have all made it through. Congratulations for all your hard work.

This Thursday was the 'Go Green' mufti day to raise money for the Young Enterprise team 'Nature's Angels'. With a donation, everyone wore green or a green accessory in order to support the team. It was great to see everyone getting involved and wearing green.

Only two weeks left until half term so not long to wait now. Hope everyone has a restful weekend.

Melissa & the HGT

Oxbridge Success

At Newport Girls' High School, we pride ourselves on the support provided each academic year to our Year 13s with their UCAS applications. We know how tough the process can be for students and would like to congratulate all of them for their commitment, which is now paying off. I was particularly impressed that everyone met the deadline set to have their application submitted before Christmas.

Great excitement is being generated as offers are now coming in and we would like to particularly recognise those students who have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge. We are delighted to announce that we have four students who have been offered places to study at these prestigious universities. These are:

- Megan P** French and German at Jesus College, Oxford
- Becky R** History and Politics at Newnham College, Cambridge
- Emily S** Engineering at Magdalene College, Cambridge
- Olivia T** Modern & Medieval Languages at St John's, Cambridge

Mrs K Griffin, Head of Sixth Form

Mocks Done = Donut Day!

Year 13 enjoyed their well earned donuts on Thursday which signalled the end of their mock examinations. The students have been a real credit to us, constantly working with diligence. The students feel relieved to have had another practice of completing examinations under timed conditions and in the examination hall, in order to help fine tune their skills before sitting their A levels in the summer term. We look forward to them receiving their grades over the next couple of weeks, seeing their hard work pay off and focusing on the individual feedback they receive in order to ensure they maximise their potential.

Mrs K Griffin, Head of Sixth Form



CHARITY WEEK IS COMING!

From 13-16 February, Newport Girls' High School will celebrate its annual Charities Week. This is an invaluable opportunity for all of our students to work extremely hard to raise funds for the charities that have been selected by each house. This year Austen will be raising funds and awareness for **The Kinamba Community Project**, Roddam for **Papyrus Prevention of Young Suicide**, and Seacole for **Cancer Research UK**. Each of these charities has significance to our school community and local area, and it is therefore central that all students have the opportunity to contribute in as many ways as they are comfortably able to.

The week will be comprised of three main components:

Each day there will be a different **whole-school theme** for students and staff to partake in.

- 👉 **Monday** - Students and staff will be coming dressed as their favourite subject. This could see you come dressed as a famous historian, an element from the periodic table, or a piece of famous art. The options are endless!
- 👉 **Tuesday** - Students can accessorise in their house colours (including painting their nails which they can keep for the week)
- 👉 **Wednesday** - Students and staff are encouraged to wear alternative footwear of their choice (the funnier the better and there will be various prizes for most alternative). Do be aware of Health & Safety with your choice!
- 👉 **Thursday** – Finally, Thursday is Crazy Hair Day (the bigger the better, and again there will be prizes for the most weird and wonderful).

Students who wish to take part in this will be asked to pay a **minimum of £3 upfront** to their form tutor on the **Monday** and then can partake in all or any aspects of this that they choose. Please however be reminded that choices must be **safe and appropriate for a school environment** - this means that for all students no revealing short or low-cut items should be worn and additionally no midriffs should be seen.

There will also be different **lunch time activities** each day for students to partake in or spectate. Students will need to **make a small donation** to be a part of these, and some will have **limited availability**.

- 👉 **Monday** - Valentines Crafternoon with Miss Walker (£1 to take part) & Market Stalls in the hall selling homemade items, alongside various competitions and raffles.
- 👉 **Tuesday** - Staff vs. Sixth Form University Challenge in the hall (50p to spectate).
- 👉 **Wednesday** – Staff vs. Student Netball on the courts (50p to spectate).
- 👉 **Thursday** - The House Dance competition in the hall (£1 to spectate, max. 200 audience).

It is important that any homemade edible items do however **not contain any form of nuts**, as do have students who have severe nut allergies.

Finally, individual **students and forms groups are welcome to arrange the following events** or those similar to take place prior to or during the week;

- 👉 Hamper Raffle (e.g. Chocolate / Cosmetics)
- 👉 Guess the Number of Sweets
- 👉 Making Homemade Wares (e.g. scrunchies / cake) to be sold on Monday
- 👉 Tombola / Raffle
- 👉 Sponsored Events (which must not take place during the school day)

The senior house team will also be organising a “Pal-entines” charity event that week, to allow you to show some appreciation to your friends and loved ones.

We really hope that this week will be a spectacular opportunity for our school community to pull together to have some fun during the last week of term, whilst also raising much needed funds and awareness of three very important charities.

Mr O Pointon (Associate Senior Leader, i/c Charities Week)

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Next week NGHS is getting involved with **Schools' Football Week** and we want all students to get involved. Whether you play for a football team or have never tried football before – we want you there, taking part and enjoying the benefits of the sport.

The schedule for the week is as follows:

- Monday – Year 7
- Tuesday – Year 8
- Wednesday – Year 9
- Thursday – Year 10/11/12/13

To get involved we need you to bring your PE kit. Please get changed as quickly as possible at the start of lunch – we want to see what year can get the most students

participating? Which year will be triumphant? Then on Friday come along to the school field for some friendly competitions.

We have:

- Cross bar challenge
- Penalty shoot out
- Kick up competition
- Who can get the ball closest to the flag?

You do not need to get changed into PE kit for Friday! Just come along and give it a go. Please come along to support each other and enjoy playing football!

Miss R Saunders, Director of Sport

Recent Football Match Reports

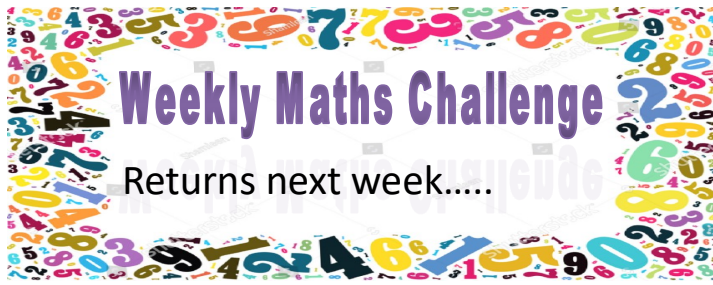
On Wednesday 25 January year 8 had their first District Cup game against Charlton Academy. They were all excited to play and everyone was hoping for the win to get through to the next round. It was a very close game, with both teams having opportunities at either end. Charlton Academy broke the deadlock first to make it 0-1. NGHS kept calm and continued to play their game and pass the ball around well. The half time whistle blew with Charlton Academy winning 1-0. The girls were all motivated and up for the second half, as they knew they had to score a goal to stand a chance of going through in the cup. As the second half started, NGHS played some lovely football and the communication and team spirit on the pitch was brilliant. NGHS had a couple of great chances but unfortunately their keeper made some excellent saves to keep Charlton Academy in the game. With 5 minutes to go NGHS pushed for the goal to try and make it 1-1, they had all the possession and played some very good football, using the wings and getting the ball into the box and getting shots away, it just wasn't to be. The final whistle blew with Charlton Academy winning the game 1-0. I would like to say a massive well done to all of the team, everyone played their part and supported one another throughout and I am very proud of all their efforts. Well done year 8!



On Monday 30 January years 10/11 had their semi final match against Madeley. We knew it was going to be a tough game and the team were feeling positive and ready for the challenge. Madeley started the game well taking control and passing the ball around. Unfortunately, Madeley took the lead with a spectacular goal. This goal made NGHS focus and show resilience bringing out their best side and making some brilliant passes down the line. We were unlucky not to make it 1-1 with some brilliant play from Ella, Izzy H, Liz, Tulsy, Evie, Katie and shots from Izzy C. NGHS were on top and against the play Madeley scored another goal to make it 2-0. Again, NGHS showed teamwork and commitment as they continued to play their game. The ball got played through the defence by Liz to Izzy who took her chance to make it 2-1. The half time whistle blew with both teams having lots of chances but Madeley going in with a 2-1 lead. As the team started the second half, both Madeley and NGHS had chances and Shruti made some excellent saves throughout. Catherine, Maisie, Freya and Keilly worked hard in defence and made some excellent tackles, keeping the score at 2-1. Unfortunately, half way through the second half Madeley were awarded a penalty, which they put past Shruti, making the score 3-1. Again, NGHS did themselves proud and continued to push for more goals. Izzy R and Grace made a great impact when they came onto the pitch and showed great team spirit. The final whistle blew with the score ending 3-1 to Madeley. I was so proud of every single player on the pitch as they all put in 100% effort and continued to battle to the final whistle. Well done year 10 and 11.



Miss R Saunders,
Director of Sport



PCSO Wills was out earlier this week conducting Safer Outside School patrols outside Newport Girls' High School. Unfortunately there will be many drivers being dealt with for allowing children to exit vehicles while they are on the zig zag lines. If the lights are on red and you are waiting in traffic it does not make it acceptable.

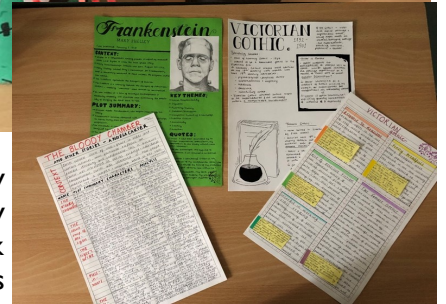
Further to this a number of vehicles were noted using the bus stops to allow children out of vehicles. Again this should not be happening and drivers will be dealt with.

Finally I was extremely concerned about the number of drivers going through last minute on amber to red lights. Please have some thought when approaching the lights. Do not speed up because you might get caught at the red lights. STOP.

The team along with neighbourhood enforcement officers will continue to monitor this location and deal with offences.
Neighbourhood Policing Team



Creative Approaches to English learning!



The English faculty has been thrilled by the homework submitted by Y7 as part of their study of *Frankenstein* this term. Students were tasked with choosing assignments they'd like to complete from a menu of homework activities; we especially enjoyed seeing the monsters they'd created.

Year 12 Literature students have also been examining the Gothic genre this term; as part of the prose study, they have been comparing two supernatural novels (Oscar Wilder's *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and Bram Stoker's *Dracula*). This term, for homework, they were challenged to complete a reading project; in groups they were required to choose and read a Gothic novel/novella from a supplied list. The selection included, amongst others, *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights* and *Frankenstein*. In addition to reading their chosen text, they had to submit a review of the novel as well as a fact file on Victorian Gothic Literature. It was really exciting to be able to share our reading experiences, swap recommendations, and give our verdicts on the books; it also influenced the students' baking...



Ms B Lord, Head of English & Arts Faculty



Students support Chinese New Year Celebrations



Did you celebrate Chinese New Year recently? We would love to hear your stories for Newport News. Two of our students even contributed to the celebrations in Trafalgar Square, London as backing dancers for the celebrated singer Sue Shen (www.sueshen.com) in front of a live and global audience of around 700,000 people. Well done to Charlotte P (Year 11) and Izzie H (Year 8). What a great experience!



Students' Achievements



It's great to learn of some student achievements this week. Firstly, well done to Grace C (Year 8) for her starring role as Tinkerbell in Peter Pan at Oakengates Theatre last weekend for The Arts Centre Telford.

Also well done to Tara D (Year 8) for taking the prize of Junior Vocal Winner in the Stoke-on-Trent Young Musician competition. The contest has held at The Bridge Centre, Stoke-on-Trent.

Lastly Harriet E (Year 10) recently gained a place in the National Talent Pool Academy for Water Polo and now regularly trains in Nottingham under the guidance of national water polo coaches. This is a pathway towards national teams. Keep up the great work, Harriet!

Keep us updated with any successes via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk. We like to celebrate our students' efforts!



CELL EXPLORATION IN BIOLOGY

Over the last half term, Y7 have been extremely busy learning about cells in biology. We have had lots of fun exploring specialised cells and how they work. As part of our learning for this unit we went home and over the course of a couple of weeks we incorporated all our wonderful knowledge to create a 3d model of a cell. We could choose which cell our model was and there were many different types of cells ranging from a plant cell all the way to an egg cell. We all had a different intake on our cells, and it was simply astounding to see all the different perspectives on this project. A big thank you to the entire Y7 biology team for making sure this process goes smoothly. And of course, a massive well done to all the Y7 children for taking their time and energy to build such creative and brilliant cell models.

Written by Tvisha B, Y7 RI

This #TimeToTalkDay, spend 20 minutes having a conversation about mental health with your child. Here are some questions you can ask to get started:

- ⇒ Is there anything you want to talk about?
- ⇒ What difficulties are you facing now?
- ⇒ When was the last time you were very happy?
- ⇒ What have you enjoyed today?
- ⇒ What makes you feel calm?
- ⇒ What can I do to help?
- ⇒ What things are you looking forward to?
- ⇒ What are three things you're grateful for?



Mrs K Danby, Wellbeing Officer

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
& CSE Lead



Mrs A Chapman
Head of Year 10

Safeguarding

Years 7-10

Years 11-13



Mrs K Griffin
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs D Martin
Head of Year 11