



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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**A**fter the hubbub of the first week of term, it is great to see the school settling down with the business of the autumn term. Our Year 7s have been handing in some impressive summer work (see pages 5/6) and also now seem to know where they are going around the site(!) and our new Year 12s have made a fantastic first impression on our staff. It's great to see the new classrooms filling up and lessons being enjoyed. Some Year 8s were talking animatedly about their Physics lesson at the bus stop on Wednesday, I've been greeted in French and German around the school, my own Year 13 classes seem enthused about their work and gleeful shouts from the netball courts outside my window during PE have provided a welcome distraction from my work!

This week has also seen the launch of our Clubs and Co-Curricular programme. On the field, it has been great to see Miss Regester and Mr Whitehouse coaching rugby to the younger years whilst, in the warmer surroundings of the drama studio, it's about time for auditions for *Sister Act* which will be performed in the spring term. I would strongly encourage students to participate in at least one lunchtime activity a week. Very soon, House Music (one of the highlights of the year) will be launched and, like most House events, this is a student-led enterprise. We look forward to our Year 12/13s stepping up as leaders, but they need support from the younger years to pack the stage later this term.

On Monday and Tuesday we hosted two of our Parent Information Evenings on Teams. We saw a good turnout at both events (Year 9 and Year 12). We do share important updates about the curriculum, progress and, very importantly, about pastoral care and how we can work together in partnership with home at these meetings. The dates for the remaining meetings are

shown below; please do try to make time to attend from the comfort of your home or office. Links will be sent in an introduction letter by each Head of Year.

Thank you to parents who enquired about Free School Meals as a result of last week's message in Newport News. I will again mention that there is information on our website for parents to view in the 'For Parents' section including links to the local authority webpages for each of our regional areas. There is no stigma around FSM here and with our cashless catering system, students on FSM can purchase lunch in the same way regardless of whether parents have uploaded money or this has been automatically loaded from our FSM account each day. Do look [here](#) to see if you are eligible.

This week's NN includes an introduction to our remaining new staff. Also, I am honoured to include a lovely poem and piece of artwork from one of our Year 9s about Her late Majesty the Queen. See page 2 for an outstanding piece of work. We also include our first Thank You Friday recognition and an introduction to our SEND Ambassadors, who work hard with our SENDCo and her team to raise awareness of SEND.

I would like to inform you that I have been seconded away from NGHS for almost two weeks starting next Wednesday. I will be back in school on Monday 3 October. During this period, Miss Webster, our Deputy Head, will be in charge at school, with the support of our experienced senior leadership team. There will not be a Newport News next week.

Finally, just a reminder that school is closed on Monday 19th for the State Funeral and again on Monday 26th for the Entrance Test. Work will be set for students to complete at home on Monday 26th. Thank you for your support at the start of this term.

With best wishes,

**Mr M J Scott**

## PARENTS / PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

**Wednesday 21 September** Year 10

**Monday 26 September** Year 8 (rescheduled date)

**Tuesday 4 October** Year 11 Revision Evening

**Thursday 13 October** Year 13 Parents Evening at NGHS

**Thursday 3 November** Year 7 Meet Tutor Evening at NGHS

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Outside of school hours: [urgent@nghs.org.uk](mailto:urgent@nghs.org.uk) for matters of significant urgency

# In memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

To my Queen, to her Royal Majesty,  
The caring face, who helped this country  
Get over tragedy  
To the one who has been there throughout my life,  
Nurturing this nation, even through strife.  
To my role model, to this person I aspire to like,  
Who said every word out of love and never out of spite,  
To this shining of angels whose halo is bright,  
To this saintly woman, now dressed all in white,  
To this inspiration,  
Who exceeded all expectations,  
I would just like to say,  
That even when your hair was grey,  
You never left your country's side,  
Sacrificing every part of your life,  
For me, for my friends, and for the whole generation,  
You were our rock, our base, our entire foundation.



This lovely poem and original artwork were created by Emily Grove (Y9). Thank you, Emily, for capturing the thoughts of so many of us this week.



## Head Girl Team Highlights...

### Getting Involved!

This week, the Student Voice meetings have returned for the whole school to bring forward any ideas, concerns and to discuss different viewpoints.

Student Council had an amazing turn out with everyone taking part, which was great to see.

Feedback from the Health and Wellbeing meeting included plans for the upcoming Hello Yellow Day where we wear yellow accessories in support for mental health, Smile Day and Fitness Day.

Also a wide range of clubs have started running again with so many choices for all the years to participate in. These include: Japanese club for all years on Monday, Philosophy club for year 7s on Tuesday, rugby club for year 12s and 13s on Wednesday and many, many more. It's great to see everyone getting involved and having fun!

**Melissa**, Deputy Head Girl

### Dining Room Times

Student Council reps. have asked us to reinstate a timetable for Lunch in the Dining Room. The following times will apply from next week with half-termly rotations of year groups:

- 12.35 Year 11s and those with Clubs
- 12.45 Year 10s
- 12.55 Year 7s
- 13.05 Year 8s
- 13.15 Year 9s and Clubs (from first half)

# NEW FACES

**Welcome to the  
second edition of  
New Faces and our  
four other new staff**



**Mrs H Steadman**  
*Teacher of English*

I am thrilled to be joining the wonderful community at NGHS and am looking forward to being able to contribute to the amazing, ongoing success the school is achieving.

I graduated from Loughborough University and I have been teaching English for 5 years. I am extremely passionate about my subject and keen to promote a love of English and share my enthusiasm for the exploration and analysis of both Language and Literature.

**Mr R Williams**  
*Head of Art & DT*

I am excited to be joining the team at NGHS as the new Head of Art and Design Technology, working within the school community to support students and develop their creative skills within these subject areas. I previously held the post of Head of Design Technology and Engineering for over seven years within my previous school and look forward to developing the new faculty at NGHS by providing exciting opportunities. I am passionate about Design and its importance within an ever changing society and the world we interact with. I want to develop student curiosity in how Design has changed and continues to do so and to also equip students with transferable skills.



**Mrs S Fletcher**  
*Teacher of Biology*

I'm incredibly excited to start this journey with the wonderful students in Newport and to nurture their development in such a wonderful subject. Having lived in Shropshire all my life, I've always been aware of NGHS excellent reputation for academic success.



I've taught for fifteen years in a range of settings from 11-16 schools, a sixth form college and most recently at a Boarding School in Shrewsbury. In each school, I've worked hard to pass my enthusiasm about Biology onto my students and to encourage them to see how vast their knowledge can stretch, from biological molecules to entire biomes.



**Ms B Lord**  
*Head of English & Perf. Arts*

Having grown up in the local area, I know of NGHS's longstanding and prestigious reputation; I am overjoyed to be joining the NGHS community and bringing my knowledge and experience to the role of Head of English and Performing Arts.

After achieving a first class degree in English Literature, I completed by PGCE in Secondary English at Homerton College, Cambridge. I have worked at several schools in a number of roles over the last ten years, most recently I held the post of Head of English at an independent school in Cambridge. I am most looking forward to working with colleagues to further develop the faculty's nurturing learning environment so students continue to enjoy our subjects, as well as continue promoting intellectual curiosity and academic rigour.

## Financial Support for Year 12 and 13

Further to last week's message, Please remember that bursary applications for Year 12 and 13 should be submitted to Mrs Davenport by **30th September**. Application forms are available on the website or direct from Mrs Davenport, who can also advise on how to complete the form if needed. Applications will still be considered after this date but please note that the funds available may be reduced.

**Bursary**



## SEND Ambassadors

Hi, we're Issy and Beth, the school SEND Ambassadors, and we hope you've had a lovely, restful summer and that the first couple of weeks back at school haven't been too stressful.

A lot has changed in school over the summer, including the new SEND noticeboard by room 16. We hope that you will have a look at it!

Over the next few months we are looking to promote SEND matters and neurodiversity within school by organising a "party games" club on a Wednesday lunchtime which is open to all students in year 7 to 8 with the focus on learning to make friends and work together as a team whilst having lots of fun! We will also be speaking in assemblies throughout the year.

Please be reminded that Mrs Benoit (SENDCO) and Mrs Dugdale (SEND Assistant) are in school to support your SEND needs. Should you have any concerns or queries relating to SEND, please use the following email address and we will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as we can: [SEND@nghs.org.uk](mailto:SEND@nghs.org.uk)

Hope you have a good weekend!  
**Issy, Beth and the SEND team.**



If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email [Parenting\\_team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting_team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on 01743 250950



### PARENTING HELPLINE

available on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm  
Call us on 01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained

Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Helpline will not operate between Christmas & New Year)



## Medication In School

If your child requires us to oversee medication in school (e.g. antibiotics) please ensure you complete the **MEDI** form on our website ([For Parents](#)).

If your child has an Epipen/Jext pen or asthma inhaler, please ensure this is in date and that a spare is provided to NGHS. Mrs Davenport is your point of contact.

## TERM DATES 2022-2023 (THIS YEAR)

Please note our term dates below. I must remind parents that any holidays should be taken in holiday time only. Exceptional absences will be considered in line with our attendance policy and will depend upon the circumstances of the request, the year group the student is in and their current attendance.

Additional holidays adjacent to the start or end of a term is never usually granted unless truly exceptional. These holiday dates have been on our website for some time. Thank you for your cooperation and support in promoting good attendance.

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

Half Term 1: Monday 5th Sept – Weds 19th Oct\*  
Half Term 2: Monday 31st Oct – Friday 16th Dec

### SPRING TERM 2023

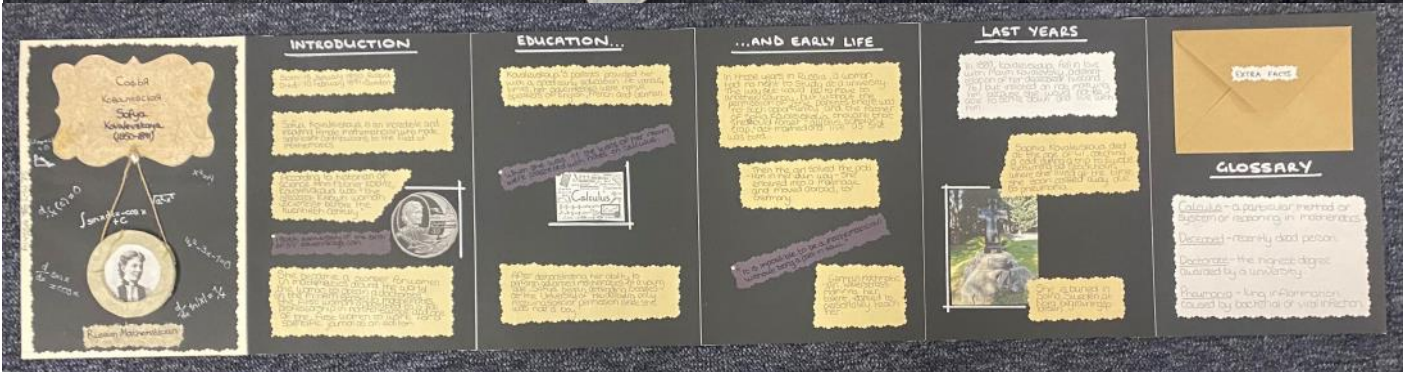
INSET Day 3: Tuesday 3rd January  
Half Term 3: Wednesday 4th Jan – Thurs 16th Feb  
INSET Day 4: Friday 17th Feb  
Half Term 4: Monday 27th Feb – Friday 31st Mar

### SUMMER TERM 2023

Half Term 5: Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May  
May Day Holiday: Monday 1st May (Bank Holiday)  
Half Term 6: Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

\* We took the decision to start promptly on 5th September to then have a slightly longer half term holiday in the autumn. This will hopefully provide a decent break for students (and staff!) in the longer autumn term.

**Mr M J Scott**



## Marvellous Mathematics!

As part of their summer tasks, year 7 were asked to create a piece of display work on a famous female mathematician. With over 70 pieces of work handed in, we have been amazed by the creativity and hard work that has been put in, as well as the number of mathematicians that have been researched. We have had mathematicians going back to the Ancient Greeks all the way up to the present day. House points will be awarded to all that have handed in their work but there are also some prizes too! After a lot of deliberation, the following will be given prizes for the best piece of work from each class: Isabelle V-S (7N), Esmae S(7P), Molly B (7G), Nourai M (7H) and Mariam Y (7S). A prize will also be given for the best overall piece of work, going to Alyssa L-W for her amazing work on Sofya Kovalevskaya (7S). Well done year 7!

**Mrs C Petford, Second in Mathematics & Computing Faculty**

# Congratulations!

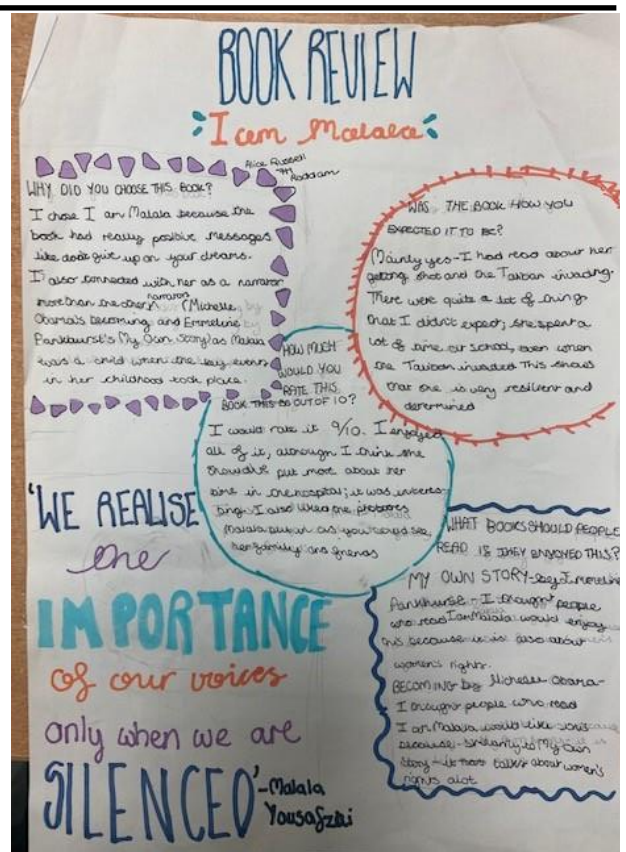
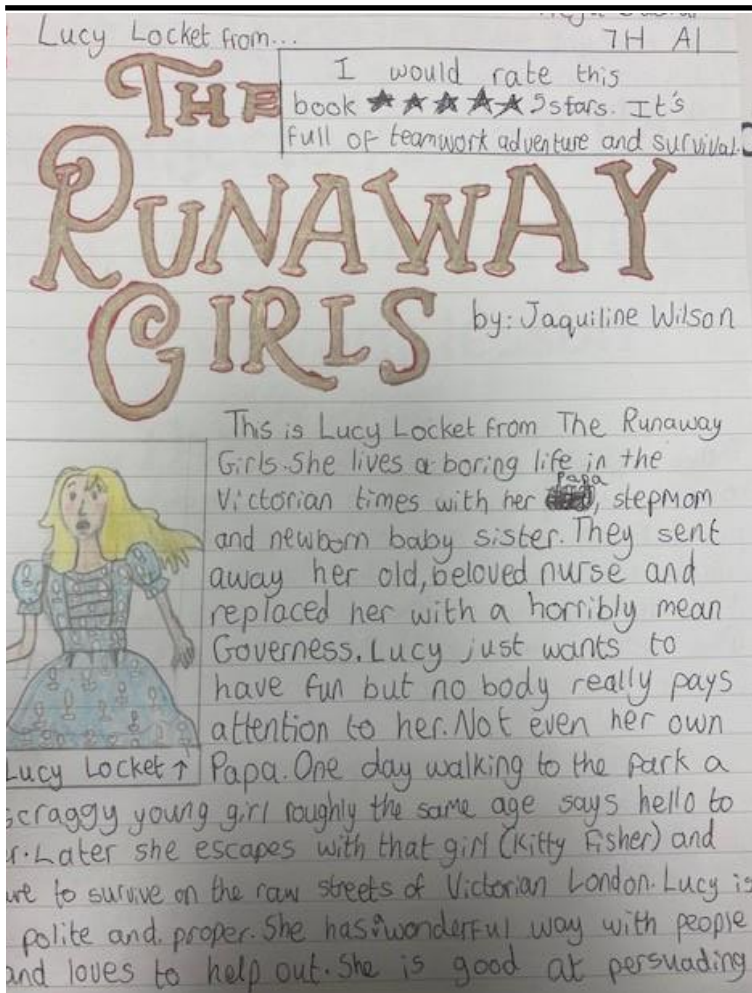
# THANK YOU FRIDAY

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
O Delves (10Rod)	Mr M Ley
P Finan (10Sea)	Mr M Ley
G Hicklin (A1)	Mrs B Dugdale
V Hikkaduwege (11Rod)	Miss Webster
I Knight (6A2)	Mrs B Dugdale
W Nicklin (10Sea)	Mr M Ley

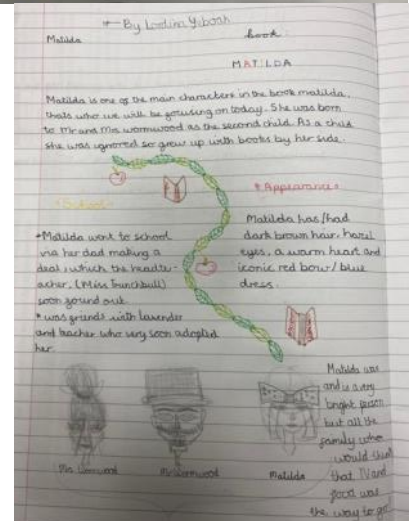
To: Student	From: Teacher
A Roddy (10Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
E Sangha (6S3)	M. C Audouin
J Tagboto (10Sea)	Mrs T Fujii
B Williams (6S2)	Mrs B Dugdale
G Worrall (10Sea)	Mr M Ley



Over the summer holiday, year 7 were tasked to write a book review and the English faculty were extremely impressed by what we received! Not only had a lot of effort gone into the reviews, but what was most impressive was the evaluative and perceptive comments which were made; it showed insight into the books which had been read. We're glad the year 7 enjoyed their summer reading, and hope they will enjoy the books they will study with us this year too. Here are some examples which received a 'H' house point.

Ms B Lord, Head of English

# Y7 BOOK REVIEWS





## 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	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) SustaiNGHS (all years) Introduction to Spanish (all years) Senior voices (Y9-13) Literary society (all years) Maths enrichment club (KS3 week A, KS4 week B) Biology GCSE mentoring (Y11) Horrible Histories club (Y7-8 week A)	Indoor athletics (Y7-8) Philosophy club (Y7) 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) RS GCSE support (Y10) English examination skills (Y11 invited students)	Chemistry mentoring (Y11) GCSE German support (Y11) School choir (all years) MedSoc (Y11-12)	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)	Physics drop-in (Y12-13) Football club (Y7-8) Drama club (Y9-11) Iris club (Y9-10)	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) Debating club (all years) Biology intervention (Y12) Cultural Celebration Club	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 K Danby**  
Wellbeing Officer



**Mrs A Chapman**  
Head of Year 10

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