

NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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his week's performances of Sister Act were an inspiration. Our casts rose to the occasion with a standing ovation on Wednesday evening! Having the opportunity to perform in a cast

from Year 7 to Year 13 is an amazing way to celebrate the togetherness of our NGHS Family and I am in awe of all our students' talents. It was an absolute pleasure to join the band for this uplifting production and those who missed the show, definitely missed something special. I am grateful to all our staff who volunteered to help out, but my most grateful thanks go to the wonderful partnership of Mrs Saysell and Mrs Chapman who led the production from start to finish and dedicated many hours of extra time to affording our students the wonderful opportunity to perform together. Mrs Saysell has now commenced maternity leave with her classes being taken by Mr R Bourne. We send our best wishes to her at this exciting time.

Please can I thank parents for their understanding today regarding the weather. As I type this, the sun is out and the courts are clear of snow. The forecast suggested this and Newport's roads were clear this morning, but I know other areas were not. Mr Hickey (HA's Headmaster) and I spoke at 6am and agreed to open as transport could be assured and the forecast projected better weather after 9-10am, which has arrived! Unfortunately it soon became clear that many students and staff needed to remain at home. I hope students have enjoyed the extended weekend break in what is a busy half term.

You may be aware that the NEU are proposing to continue their industrial action next Wednesday and Thursday. NGHS will be open as usual on both days but students are asked to have additional work or a reading book in case their lesson does not take place.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend, Mr M J Scott

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International Women's Day



This week in school we have been raising awareness of International Women's Day. Celebrated each year on 8th March, this day recognises achievements of women around the world and raises awareness of the need for equality. Our Head Girl Team decorated our atrium area for Wednesday morning to mark this day, and students from all year groups have been involved in a range of activities this week including form time activities. One of which was



to write a letter to a woman that inspires you. It has been lovely to read these this week with many students opting to write to close family members. We have also been embracing equity, which is the theme for this year's IWD. Students and staff were invited on Wednesday to show their support by taking a photograph to #EmbraceEquity.

Miss S Webster, Deputy Headteacher





Our U15 netball team played in a county tournament at Church Stretton School. We started off strong winning the first game against Moreton Hall by 16-2, we also worked hard in the next two games against Abraham Darby, and then Shrewsbury School, both of which we won comfortably. Then, we won the final game in our pool against Wrekin by only one goal, but due to teamwork and determination we managed to get through to the semi-final. This we played against Shrewsbury High School. The first half, we came out on top with a score of 3-5 and then played well in the second half, working together to turn the ball and get it down to goal reaching a final score of 13-5. From this win we were in the finals against Wrekin College. The first half it was incredibly close with a score of 3-3 but in the second half after a motivating pep talk from Miss Register and Mrs Goodall we really pulled through winning the game and therefore the tournament by a great score of 9-5.

We played in a second tournament on Thursday, however this one was only schools in Telford. Our first match was against William Brookes, who were 3rd place in the county tournament. This was our toughest match of the day however we worked hard and reached a final score of 7-4. The next game was against Abraham Darby and we managed to win again. Finally we played HLC and finished with an excellent score of 10-2 and therefore, once more, we won the tournament!

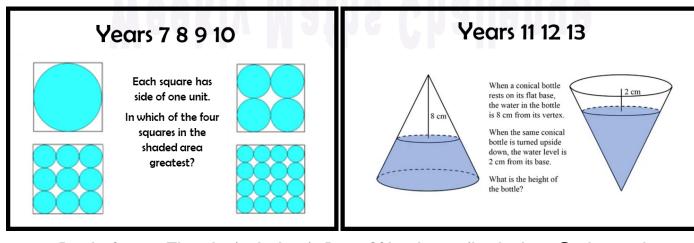
Edith N, Year 10

COACH TRAVEL 2023-24

We have now sent out information about coach travel to and from NGHS in September 2023. If you have not received the message, please visit <u>THIS WEBPAGE</u> for more information and to request a seat on a coach for your child/ren.



Weekly Maths Challenge



Due by 9am on Thursday in the box in Room 301 or by email to l.roberts@nghs.org.uk

Of the options given, 23×34 , 56×67 and 67×78 are all not divisible by 5, so may be discounted. Also 34 is not divisible by 4 and 45 is odd, so 34×45 may also be discounted as it is not divisible by 4. The only other option is 45×56 . As a product of prime factors, $45 \times 56 = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7$, so it is clear that it is divisible by all of the integers from 1 to 10 inclusive.

Last week's challenge: Well done for all your effort! It's worth having a look at a quicker way to solve the year 7 and 8 question.

Well done to the following:

Year 7 & 8 R. Wattal S. Karthik M. Younis R. Angum Z. Rizwan N. Morsy

Years 9/10/11 M.Younis H.Biju

Years 12/13 M.Younis A.Ciras K.Hossack N.Mashatisc L.Smith



Thank you to all students who participated in the celebrations we had here at NGHS for World Book Day last week. The English department were stunned by the entries we received for the photography competition where students were challenged to take an action shot of themselves reading in an unusual or

unexpected setting. We were impressed by, and would like to give special mentions, to: Genevieve L (Y8), Oona G (Y7), Annabelle W (Y7) and Sophie C

(Y7) for their photos featuring animals (we had no idea you could read whilst riding a horse or holding a chicken!). We'd also like to commend: Violet M (Y8), Maia R (Y7), Annie S (Y7) and Emma I (Y7) for their gravity defying photos. An extra well done to **Winner**: Eliza F (Y7) for her commitment to reading whilst at a Lionesses' football match. **Runner-up**: Lauren W (Y7) for her multi-tasking ability to read and swim at the same time. Finally, thank you to all students who brought books in for the book swap. It was lovely to enjoy the 'book buzz' whilst student searched for their next read or offered each other recommendations. It's a delight to teach, and be part of, such an enthusiastic reading community.

Ms B Lord, Head of English & Arts Faculty



On World Book Day, Y7 and Y8 all received a visit from Catherine Randall, a children's author. She gave an inspiring presentation to Y7 & 8 students on creative writing which included great tips on how to develop settings and characters. Students especially liked hearing about her research on the Great Fire of Newport (1665) for her book. She also delivered workshops to a number of Y7 and Y8 English classes. Students enjoyed being able to ask Catherine Randall questions and having her sign their copies of her book.



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 I 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 A Chapman Head of Year 10



Mrs K Danby Wellbeing Officer & CSE Lead

ears 11-13



Mrs K Griffin Head of Sixth Form



Mrs D Martin Head of Year 11