



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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This week has seen a large number of our Year 13s complete their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presentations. This fantastic qualification is worth half an A-level and is taken by almost all of our cohort alongside their three main A-level courses. In the style of a university dissertation, students can choose to research any topic and present their findings in a 5000 word essay or an artefact and report. In addition, they must submit a project diary and give a ten minute presentation to staff and students. As ever we have enjoyed an eclectic mix of topics from the Thalidomide tragedy to the national reduction of modern foreign language learners to the role of social media marketing in business growth. More presentations will take place next week and I congratulate our Year 13s on their hard work and an array of exciting and diverse projects.

I'm delighted to share with you some lovely news that Mrs Saysell, our Drama teacher and Second in English & Arts Faculty has given birth to a boy this week. **Harri** is doing very well and we send our congratulations to Mrs Saysell and her family. Today also marks the day that Mrs Birch, our Assistant Head, commences her maternity leave. We send our very best wishes to her and her husband. Whilst Mrs Birch is away, Mr Pointon has been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher and will lead on data, assessment and reports as well as the senior roles he already has concerning Teaching & Learning and House Ethos. A



senior leadership role change sees Miss Webster (Deputy Head) becoming our Designated Safeguarding Lead; a role she held in her previous school. Miss Davies (Associate Assistant Head) will have strategic oversight of Years 7-8 and Miss Webster will add Years 9 and 10 to her portfolio. Mrs Danby has also been promoted to the role of Safeguarding Case Coordinator and will work closely with Miss Webster to strengthen, still further, our safeguarding provision at NGHS. As ever, please email schooloffice@nghs.org.uk with any queries and our tutors, Heads of Year and/or senior staff will respond.

Our U13 Cricket team have excelled this week in the regional finals coming third out of 18 schools and they were the top state school with places one and two being taken by independent schools. What a great achievement for the team; well done to them and our PE staff.

On Wednesday, Mrs Birch had the pleasure of attending the High Sheriff of Shropshire's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Ceremony. Three of our sixth form students had been nominated for their contributions to voluntary work, saving the local environment and family support. Congratulations to Isabel Knight, Lexie McCartney and Comfort Wilkinson. We are very proud of the work you are doing to help your local community.

Lastly it was lovely to see Year 7GH&S parents at Parents Evening last night. The snow-postponed 7N&P Parents Evening now takes place on **Thursday 20 April** (first Thursday after Easter). Appointment times will be as they were made for the original evening.

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

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AWARENESS DAY

During next week there is a Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day and to mark this we are being visited on Wednesday by staff from the CATE team. The CATE team support children who have been abused through exploitation. They will be running a stall at lunch time offering information to students and answering any questions. As part of the report into CSE in Telford, all Telford schools are now required to have a CSE lead. The aim of this is to engage with partners to exchange information to react, monitor and protect children better from CSE. This is in partnership with the local authority, CATE team, police and social care. If you have any concerns or questions please speak with Mrs Danby our CSE lead. You can contact her via school office.





Head Girl Team Highlights...

I hope you had a nice extended snow weekend and felt re-energised for this past school week. We have had a busy week with Y7s attending the county netball tournament on Tuesday and Y12 and 13 history students attending a conference on 'the War of the Roses' on Wednesday, to name a few. The A-Level historians were able to listen to various speakers provide their insights on the topic.

The Head Girl team applications for the Y12s have gotten well underway, with interviews taking place on Friday and House Team applications to come soon. Best of luck to everyone!

Last week, the Student Voice meetings took place. These meetings are an important way of actively getting involved with school life, and it is still amazing to see the constant participation across all years.

The PTA Easter raffle tickets have been given out to students; I hope everyone sells their tickets and of course plenty more if possible.

We hope you have a restful weekend and come back ready and recharged for next week!

Anvita & the HGT

Fundraising for Cancer Research UK

One of our Year 11 students, Keilly, is completing Race for Life for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to sponsor her, please do so via this link. Good luck with your training, Keilly!



PTA Hampers

Following the huge success of last year, the PTA are once again bringing you the Spring Hamper Raffle. Earlier this week, all students were given a book of raffle tickets (at a cost of £1 per ticket, £5 per book) to sell to support raise funds for the PTA. There are also spare books of tickets available in Reception for anyone that is able to sell more. All ticket stubs and money must be returned to Reception by **Monday 27 March**. Please remember that each ticket stub must clearly state the name of the purchaser and their contact telephone number, and on the back there should be the full name of the student that sold the ticket with their form group. On 27th March, students are asked to bring in **one item** for the hampers. In return for their donation, students will be able to come into school in their own (sensible) clothes on that day. This year we are asking each year group to bring in items listed below. All donations, ether small or large, are appreciated.

Donated items are as follows:

- 👉 Year 7 – chocolate (e.g. an Easter Egg or sharing bar of chocolate)
- 👉 Year 8 – Snack items (e.g. a packet of biscuits, cheese crackers, breadsticks or a sharing bag of crisps)
- 👉 Year 9 – Tea or coffee (including fruit tea bags or filter coffee)
- 👉 Year 10 – Tins/Jars – a jar of nice jam, chutney or a nice table sauce etc.
- 👉 Year 11 – Toiletries – bottle of shower gel or shampoo or bubble bath
- 👉 Sixth Form – a bottle of **non-alcoholic** drink (e.g. J2Os, Shloer)

The draw will take place in school on Thursday 30 March. Hampers can be taken home by students on this day or collected by an adult by 12.30pm on Friday 31 March. The PTA would like to thank all of the school community for their continued and valuable support. All money raised by the PTA goes **directly towards funding items that students will be able to take advantage of during their time at NGHS.**

Mrs E Fairhead, PTA Chair



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
A Agarwal (10Rod)	Miss S Webster
O Augustus (6R2)	Miss S Webster
F Batters (6R1)	Miss S Webster
A Bhatnagar (6R2)	Mrs L Roberts
B Bince (9Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
P Bolton (6A1)	Mrs K Jones
E Bower (6R2)	Mrs A Chapman
M Brown (6A1)	Mrs L Roberts
A Chan (A2)	Mrs T Fujii
A Ciras (6A1)	Miss S Webster
L-R Corcoran (6A3)	Mrs N Saysell
C Cui (6S1)	Mrs L Roberts
C Fewtrell (10Sea)	Miss S Webster
P Finan (10Sea)	Miss S Webster
S Golar (10Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
M Hall (6A1)	Miss S Webster
A Hawkins (6A3)	Miss AM Davies

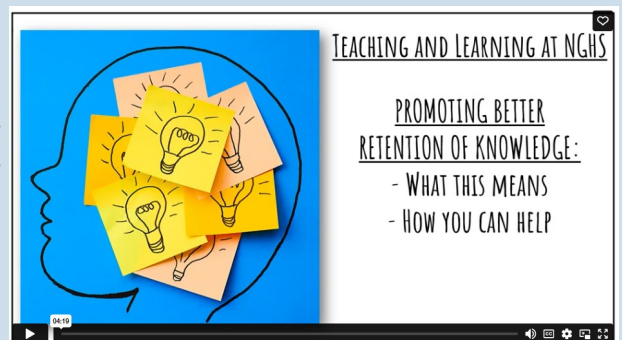
To: Student	From: Teacher
N Johal (6A3)	Miss S Webster
P Larsen (10Sea)	Miss S Webster
Y Lui (10Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
Z Nwaomu (9Rod)	Miss S Webster
V Paslar (6A3)	Miss E Heyes
L Patrick (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin, Mrs T Fujii
E Rixom (10Sea)	Miss S Webster
A Pattar (6S3)	Mrs L Roberts
E Spencer (6R3)	Miss S Webster
K Steele (10Sea)	Miss S Webster
A Thompson (10Sea)	Miss S Webster
L Thompson (6S1)	Mrs N Saysell
O Todd (6S1)	Miss S Webster
H Uppal (9Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
L Upton (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin
E Walkley (6S3)	Mrs L Roberts

Teaching & Learning Update

Outstanding teaching and learning is key for student success. Building on our work from last year, teachers at NGHS continue to embrace evidence-based research and develop our understanding of how our brain and memory work. Most importantly, we regularly reflect on our practice and use the knowledge we have gained within our lesson planning to ensure our students are able to not only understand new information, but also recall it in the long term.

As parents and carers, we wanted to share with you some of the key concepts we are using to inform our teaching and learning and will be producing a series of short video clips available on our website. These will cover a range of topics including how you at home can support with retrieval practice. Our first two videos are available now on the [teaching and learning section of our website](#). The first of these is a basic introduction to the human memory and how this works. The second builds on this to discuss how we can promote better retention of knowledge.

Mr O Pointon / Miss S Webster



Attendance Heroes

Our school attendance target is 97%. 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 February, 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. Our January winners were:



Year 7/8: A2

Year 9: 9R and 9S

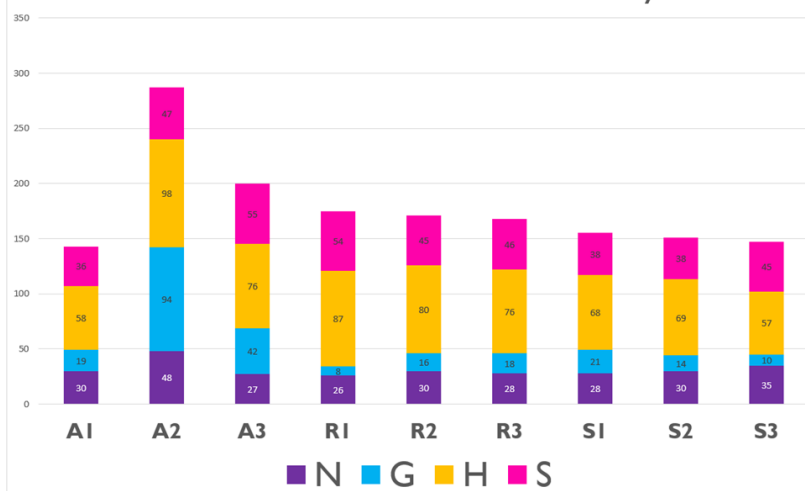
Year 10: 10S

Year 11: 11S

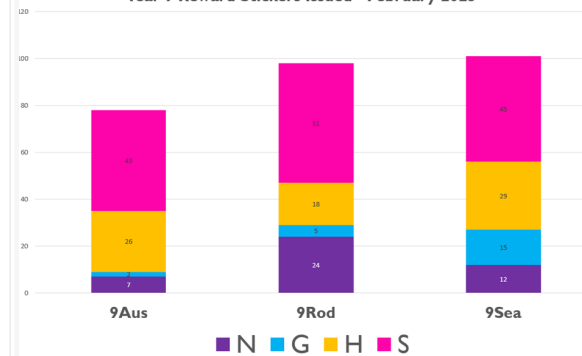
Sixth Form: 6S1



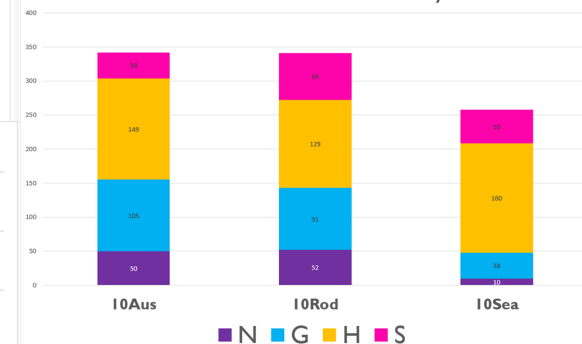
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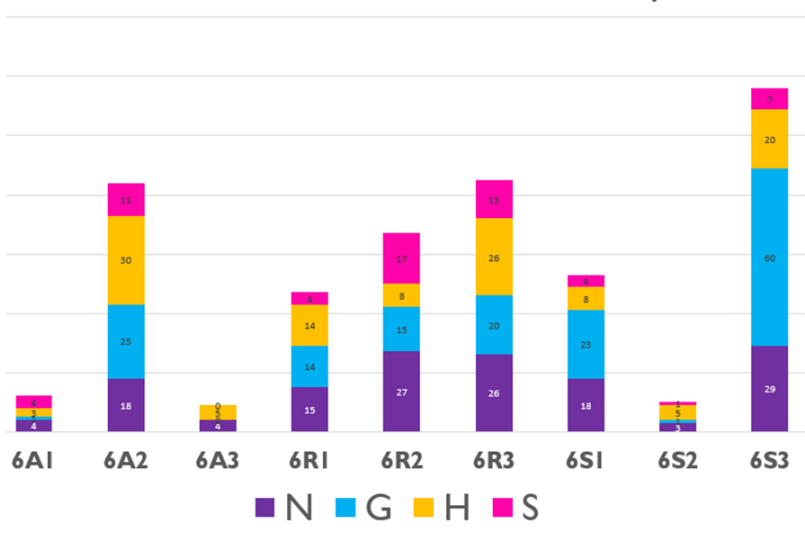
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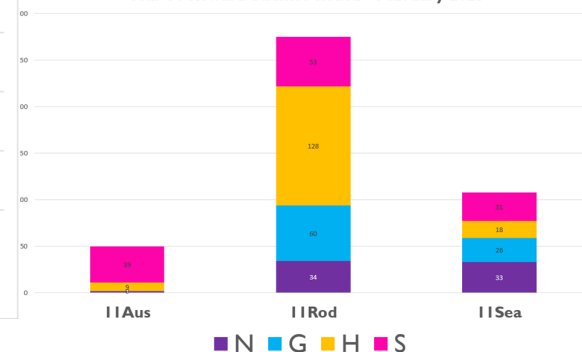
Year 10 Reward Stickers Issued - February 2023



Year 12 and Year 13 Reward Stickers Issued - February 2023



Year 11 Reward Stickers Issued - February 2023



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

NGHS Rewards Assemblies

We have had another opportunity to celebrate students' successes with our third rewards assembly of the year, this was to celebrate achievements from Spring Term 1. So far we have held these for Year 7 & 8 and Years 10 and 11. Next week we will celebrate with Years 9 and Sixth Form and this will be shared in next week's newsletter. 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.

Year 7	Year 7-8	Year 10	Year 11	
J Ade-Phillips A Ahmed E Alderson E Attwood A Balasundaram L Beech C Bellchambers A Bhamra T Bhat E Bhatt M Boateng-Dampite M Brown I Butler E Challinor E Christiansen A Chodha A Ciras S Coupe A D Mudiyansele A D Mudiyansele S Dhiraj M Eminova N Eshun J Fallon E Farmer L Feng I Fletcher I Garvey R Goh O Gowan J Greenwood A Hurford F Jackson Z Khan A Kolhapure R Kolhapure M Mahmoud A Mangot A McCann S McHugh A Midda J Millis A Mills J Mistry Pain S Poluru I Olaosun F Qadri I Rushton	D Sarkhedi A Saunders J Seifo G Seo A Sheikh M Shinton E Shuker A Singla E Sohker M Soldyga A Somal S Sridharan L Stinton A Sutcliffe A Tahora A Talbot N Thomas R Wattal A Wood Year 8 A Ahmed I Allinson H Binte Umar A Butler E Cambridge L Cameron E Dunn J Green B Harris B Hayes C Holyoake R Jones S Karthik E Kaur P Manoylo S Munyaneza O Negus R Nicklin B Palmer F Pearce S Rothner M Sheriden O Thiranagama H Turner R Turner B Tyler C Ude K Vikranth P Wells	S Beale A Beamson H Bone G Clarke A Faisal L Hicklin S Hussain A Jenkins A Jiji M Joseph S Katole P Larsen A Madhura Chakkravarthy M Rai J Tagboto	R Briggs D Davies M Evans P Fowler E Gregory M Hartwright A Jarrett L Livingstone Ab Mangham H Thorpe C Toogood A Ward	A small number of students have completed 15 NGHS rows since September; this is an amazing achievement. These students have been awarded a school pen. Congratulations to all winners of this award: Year 7: S Chowdhury, E Joseph, M Onuoha, C Thompson. Year 8: L Bruneau, C Charlery, B Jones, E Middleton, M Patel, S Karthik, E Roberts, E Sutcliffe, M Tenkorang. Year 10: C Fewtrell, E Rixom, K Steele, G Worrall. C Jones, P Finan & G Worrall have now achieved 20 NGHS rows and have received a Dining Room voucher.
				We also had a number of students who have completed 10 NGHS rows since September and these students have been awarded a voucher for a sweet treat from the dining room. Congratulations to all of our winners of this award:
		Year 7	A Ahmed, S Bagnall, T Bhat, E Bottrill, S Chowdhury, E Cornish, A Davey, A Evans, I Fletcher, S Gunasekara, T Hayman, F Jackson, A Mills, N Morsy, M Onuoha, I Perks, S Poluru, E Rogers, A Saini, R Shaju, N Skingsley, A Tahora, C Thompson, E Udouo, I Vanegas-Speller, A Wood	
		Year 8	K Abraham, R Anjum Shaik Sowdagar, B Armstrong, A Austen, A Bhachu, E Brannen, I Bould, L Bunn, A Butler, E Cambridge, A Chan, L Finan, K Gowda, E Jakubek, B Jones, M Kandepalli, S Karthik, E Kaur, E Lall, G Lomas, I Lucas, A Masey, V Matthews, M McMullen, P Manoylo, M Needham, S Raiyat, R Rajendran Kalpana, Z Rizwan, E Roman, D Shankar, E Sutcliffe, H Tipton, C Ude, D Westwood, A Wysome	
		Year 10	O Delves, H Enefer, C Fewtrell, S Golar, S Hussain, A Jenkins, I Lynas, R Nicholls, E Nixon, E Rixom, K Steele	
		Year 11	M Hartwright, L Smith	
				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 Spring Term 1. Congratulations to our winning forms which were: A2, 10 Seacole, 11 Roddam. The next award was to celebrate individual achievements for those students who had received the most overall NGHS points since January.
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Gold:	Y7-A. Saunders	Y8-A.Chan	Y10-C.Fewtrell	Y11-A.Ward
Silver:	Y7-E. Joseph	Y8-C.Charlery & S. Karthik	Y10-P.Finan	Y11-M. Hartwright
Bronze:	Y7-C. Jenkins	Y8-E.Cambidge	Y10-E. Rixom	Y11-D. Davies

The **FINAL AWARD** was a lucky dip. For every 10N,G,H,S points that students receive, one ticket is added to the lucky dip box. Our winners were:
Year 7/8 - E. Kaur, L. Bruneau, M. Mahmoud, A. Chan, S. Spinkernell, C. Charlery

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 after Easter to celebrate successes from this year and Spring 2.

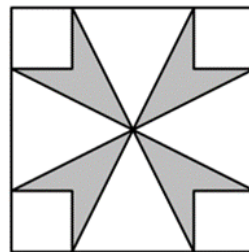
Weekly Maths Challenge

Weekly Maths Problems #19

Problem 1

When a jar is one-fifth filled with water, it weighs 560 g. When the same jar is four-fifths filled with water, it weighs 740 g. What is the weight of the empty jar?

All Year Groups



Problem 2

In the diagram, the area of the large square is 16 cm^2 and the area of each small corner square is 1 cm^2 . What is the shaded area?

They all have the same shaded area of 0.7853981634

1 circle in square 1	4 circles in square 2
9 circles in square 3	16 circles in square 4

area of circle = $\pi \times (\text{radius})^2$

using side of square = 2m

- square 1 shaded area = 0.785 metres²
- square 2 shaded area = 0.785 metres²
- square 3 shaded area = 0.785 metres²
- square 4 shaded area = 0.785 metres²

ANSWER - all shaded areas are the same.

1. $\pi \times 0.5^2 = 0.7853981634$ $1 - \pi = 0.2146018366$
 $1 - (\pi \times 0.5^2) \times 4 = 1 - \pi \times 1 = 0.2146018366$
 $1 - (\pi \times 0.166^2) \times 9 = 1 - (\pi \times 0.027) \times 9 = 1 - 0.2146018366 = 0.7853981634$
 $1 - (\pi \times 0.25^2) \times 16 = 1 - (\pi \times 0.15625) \times 16 = 1 - 0.2146018366 = 0.7853981634$

Well done to A. Morris, M. Royce, D. Robinson and M. Pyda for sitting the Grey Kangaroo Maths Challenge on Thursday. This is the second level of the UKMT Maths Challenge Series. Entry is for students who achieved an outstanding result in the first level.

For the weekly maths problems, I have chosen 3 questions from last year's Grey Kangaroo Paper. They are open to all students. Good luck! On the left you can see three great solutions to last week's problem. Well done to the following students:

E. Dunn, M.Younis, A. Corkhill
N. Morsy, S.Karthik, L. Smith

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 A Chapman
Head of Year 10



Mrs K Danby
Wellbeing Officer
& CSE Lead

Safeguarding

Years 7-10

Years 11-13



Mrs K Griffin
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs D Martin
Head of Year 11