



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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I hope that all of our NGHS families enjoyed a two-week break from school although I know our students will have balanced some downtime with revision for the upcoming assessment / exam season. I wish them luck as they begin these exams in the coming weeks. They should all have their timetables and know when they have to be in school.

I hope that those who celebrated Easter and Passover enjoyed time with friends and family. May I also wish all of our Muslim families 'Eid Mubarak' and hope that they enjoy their festivities.

The recent break was overshadowed by the terrible news about Tarandeep. Her funeral was yesterday and myself, Mr Brown (Chair of Governors), Ms Capaldi and Mrs Danby and a few members of her form attended the Gurdwara and Crematorium to pay our respects to Taran and her family. I have been incredibly impressed by the way in which our Year 9s have returned to school and supported each other through their sadness this week. As a parent myself, I cannot comprehend the pain and suffering that Taran's family are experiencing and we send our thoughts and best wishes to them at this most difficult of times. Thank you to parents who have contacted the school in response to my letter over the Easter break. Your words have provided comfort to us.

Over the Easter break we have unfortunately learnt of some unpleasantness regarding the sharing of messages and images online between younger pupils. I must be clear with students and parents that whilst this often happens outside of a school's jurisdiction (online and out of school time), it often finds its way into school and no-

one in our school community has the right to make anyone feel less worthy. I do also remind parents of the minimum ages for use of certain apps such as Snapchat and WhatsApp, which are, again on our website. We are one school community, the NGHS family, and our students must also speak to an adult if they see or hear of something distressing about another pupil. It is not ok to not stand up for what is right. We accept that young people make mistakes and hope that they will apologise for their actions and make amends, but we will serve sanctions if there is hard evidence that a student has behaved in a way which contravenes our ethos and values. Information on our values and our student/parent/school agreement can be seen in pupil planners.

This week we have welcomed Mrs R Webb to teach History and English and Mrs H Arsalan as our new SEND Assistant. Miss J Walker is now Head of Year 8 and I wish all these colleagues success in their new roles.

On Monday evening we welcomed a small group of parents to our Exam Performers Concert. We heard a lovely mixture of pieces performed by students in Year 9 to Year 13. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for organising this and to those who attended and donated around £100 to Macmillan in memory of Tarandeep.

Lastly I would like to congratulate Mr T Lewis, our IT Technician on winning the award of 'Apprentice of the Year'. Mr Lewis joined us in 2018 and completed his Apprenticeship before being offered a permanent post at NGHS. More below.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, **Mr M J Scott**

Apprentice of the Year!

We are delighted to announce that Newport Girls' High School IT apprentice, Mr. Tom Lewis, has been awarded '**Apprentice of the Year 2023**' from Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College. Since joining the school in his role as IT Technician, Mr. Lewis has proven himself to be an invaluable asset to the staff and students. Showing outstanding dedication to his studies along with his calm, assured presence, he helps keep the IT systems at the school running smoothly and this award is just recognition for his contribution to school life. His supervisor, Mr. Richard Farrell, commented, "Mr. Lewis has been an invaluable addition to the team here at NGHS. I am so proud that his hard work and professionalism have been recognised and rewarded." Well done, Mr Lewis!





Year 12 Art Group 'Fire' On All Cylinders!

Whilst Miss Walker was in hospital, the Y12 art group were taught by Mr Mason who led a unit of work on ceramics. The coil pots are their own design, inspired by Grayson Perry. They have been biscuit-fired and now await the application of oxides and glazes before being fired again in our kiln. Well done to the students and thank you Mr Mason!

Year 8 Apps—Best of the Best competition!

Most original and overall winner for
Popy, Amy 8H

Most Aesthetic for Pigeons, Hermione
8G

Most Informative for Black Holes, Lexus
8N



The students created the content for their app and then programmed an interactive element into it, e.g. a quiz, last term, but to enter the competition they had to get their app up to a professional standard and then publish and install it on their phones. This was no mean feat, as the development platform Appshd, was not easily accessible from the school network. Pictured right are the winners Hermione, Amy and Lexus.



Weekly Maths Challenge

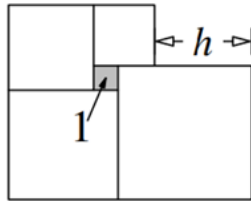
The weekly challenge returns after Easter. Here's last week's solution!

Weekly Maths Problems #21

All Year Groups

Problem 1

Five squares are positioned as shown. The small square indicated has area 1. What is the value of h ?



Problem 2

There are 20 questions in a quiz. Seven points are awarded for each correct answer, four points are deducted for each incorrect answer and no points are awarded or deducted for each question left blank. Erica took the quiz and scored 100 points. How many questions did she leave blank?

Due 9am next Thursday

Email a photo of your work to l.roberts@nghs.org.uk

Or put your work in the entry box in room 301

Also...good luck to the Y7 and Y8 students sitting the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge on Wednesday 26 April!



Earth Day: This Weekend!

Saturday 22 April is Earth day, which is celebrated all over the world.

To help you take part and do your bit, SustaiNGHS has made a list of small actions you could consider practising this weekend ...

- Avoid products that contain palm oil as this has a big impact globally
- Donate old clothes to charity shops. Even better, try to buy second hand clothes
- Educate yourself on ways in which your actions affect the environment. The WWF have a calculator to determine your carbon footprint and this is good in helping you become more aware
- Make use of a reusable water bottle rather than disposable plastic
- Consider any outdoor spaces you have available to you and how they benefit animals and plants. Perhaps do a bit of planting or create a nice habitat for wildlife
- Take part in a litter clean-up or organise one
- Try to eat less meat, perhaps committing to have one meat free day a week? Try to buy locally produced foods where you can
- Try to spend more time in nature. This could be a short walk or time in the garden
- Try to take time away from your electronics. This is beneficial to your mental health as well as the environment
- Write to your local MP to encourage them to support more environmentally friendly policies

Written by SustaiNGHS

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.



Miss S Webster
Deputy Head
&
Acting Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr M J Scott
Headteacher



Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 7



Miss J Walker
Head of Year 8



Mrs K Danby
Wellbeing Officer
& CSE Lead



Mrs F Davenport
Pastoral Support



Ms J Capaldi
Head of Year 9



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



Miss E Heyes
Acting Well-Being
Officer Year 12-13