



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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During Mr Scott's secondment away from NGHS, I have had the privilege of leading the school in recent days and that includes writing this introduction for this week's Newport News! As always, life at NGHS is busy with daily extra-curricular activities, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and Sister Act auditions amongst other things. In last week's assembly, Mr Pointon spoke about our house system and encouraged students to start thinking about the events they are going to be involved in. Our house events are a real highlight of the academic year and there will undoubtedly be some healthy competition between Austen, Roddam and Seacole students. Form Boards have been the focus over the last two weeks with students striving to make these even more creative than ever before ready for the judging next week! House Bake Off is also taking place next week and includes new categories such as the 'The 5 Ingredient Challenge', which will require some creative thinking from entrants. There is already a huge amount of excitement building for House Music especially with the introduction of a 'House Band' performance and we can't wait to see what the house teams put together.

Over the summer, our Heads of Faculty have been updating curriculum information on our website so that parents are better aware of that their child/ren are learning in school. This work is now almost complete, Please see page 6 for more information. We hope that this is useful.

At the start of term we launched our new N, G, H and S reward stickers. We are incredibly proud of our students and we want to ensure that they are rewarded for all the kindness they display, their involvement in our school community, and the dedication they show to their studies. It has been so pleasing to see students from Year 7 to Year 13 doing all they can to achieve their completed rows! There have already been 4,000 NGHS points awarded across the school which is incredible, and we know this number will continue to rise!

This weekend, I have the pleasure of attending our Year 12 residential in Liverpool led by Mrs Griffin. Excitement for the trip has been brewing all week with students looking forward to the array of activities we have planned including watching a theatre performance of Swan Lake on Friday evening and the annual quiz on Saturday evening with the staff team testing their general knowledge against that of students. Many of our past Sixth-form students cite this trip as one of their favourite memories of their time at NGHS and we are confident this year will be no different.

Finally, Telford and Wrekin are encouraging students to participate in Cycle to School Week starting 3rd October. Ms Saunders, Director of Sport will be awarding students for getting involved in this so please do let her know if you are cycling to school next week!

With best wishes, **Miss S Webster, Deputy Head**

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 **THIS EVENING**. 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.



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SAFEGUARDING... ...THE PREVENT DUTY

PREVENT DUTY

In Newport News, we often feature aspects of our school safeguarding culture in order to raise greater awareness for everyone in our NGHS family. We hope that all parents recognise that we are committed to providing a secure environment where everyone both feels safe and is kept safe. This week in NN, we are focusing on 'Prevent'. 'Prevent' is part of the government's overall counter-terrorism strategy with the aim of reducing the threat from terrorism through three specific objectives:

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
3. Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation (all schools come under this umbrella).

There is a 'Prevent duty' which is statutory guidance for England and Wales under section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. It places a duty on specific bodies, including schools, to have 'due regard to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. As with almost all aspects of PSHE, our teaching around 'Prevent' is age-appropriate. There is a major unit of teaching on this topic in the Year 10 programme, but all year groups frequently re-visit the values of respect and how to recognise and tackle forms of discrimination including against those with protected characteristics. All NGHS staff have undergone training in the 'Prevent' training in recent months. If you'd like to know more, you can read more about the government's focus and 'Prevent' at NGHS on this webpage

<https://www.nghs.org.uk/c/prevent-anti-extremism/>



Head Girl Team Highlights...

Music Madness!

Hi everyone!

Last week, Mr Pointon revealed the House Music theme for this year: Kings and Queens!

House Music is a chance to get involved and raise house spirit. This event is a success every year, and even those who may not enjoy music as much as others still find it entertaining and take the opportunity to have fun with friends. We're expecting to see all of you in choir practice.

It's been a busy couple of weeks, with the Silver DofE expedition, the Year 12 Liverpool trip and many more. Not to mention the Year 13 assessment week that has kept us all hard at work.

Approaching the middle of the half term, the holidays don't seem too far away. It's been a jam packed half term so far with plenty to come, with the eagerly awaited House Bake Off around the corner. We hope you have a restful weekend and come back to school re-energised!

Nakita and Anvita, Head Girl Team

PARENTS / PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Tuesday 4 October

Year 11 Revision Evening—online

Thursday 13 October

Year 13 Parents Evening at NGHS

Thursday 3 November

Year 7 Meet Tutor Evening at NGHS

European Day of Languages 26 September



The European Day of Languages is observed every year on 26th September. The general objectives of the European Day of Languages are to

- Alert the public to the importance of language learning, diversity and the range of languages learned in order to increase plurilingual and intercultural understanding
- Promote the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe
- Encourage lifelong language learning in and out of school

Due to a busy calendar, NGHS will be celebrating the European Day of Languages next week on **Wednesday 5th October**.

There will be several opportunities to celebrate on this day.

European Day of Languages T-Shirt Contest

Send your design/image/graphic and have your layout on the official 2023 European Day of Languages T-Shirt!

<https://edl.ecml.at/Activities/EDLT-ShirtContest/tabid/3147/Default.aspx>

Send your design/image/graphic to Mr Audouin and get House Points.

Rules for the entries (these can be found on the website above):

- Please keep in mind that the design should be about languages, not countries. So please don't use flags or similar.
- You can use up to 3 colours.
- If you have versions using different colours, send all of them in one email, we will select the ones that we like the most.
- Keep in mind that we need a simple design that is not too complex or that has small details. This will increase printing quality.
- The design cannot go over the seams of the t-shirt, it must be placed on the front. Keep in mind that the maximum printing surface is 30 cm x 30 cm
- The design cannot contain third party copyright logos or material.
- By sending us the design you agree that we can use it free of charge on our websites, on the t-shirts and on promotional media (such as Facebook or flyers). Of course we will always add your name to it.
- Submission deadline: **31 December 2022**

Where am I?

In form time, you'll be shown 20 random images from all over Europe. Can you find out, where those images were taken? Use your language skills and the virtual magnifying glass to find hints in the picture. Bonne chance !

The MFL Ambassadors Activity

In form time, complete the activity created by our MFL Ambassadors.

A European flavour

On Wednesday 5th October, the canteen will provide a selection of European food.

Merci!

M. Audouin
Head of MFL Faculty

Danke!



Brilliant Ballet!

We love to hear about activities our students are involved in outside of school. Last weekend some of our students performed in Swan Lake at the Regent Theatre in Hanley. This is an amazing achievement and we would like to say a huge well done to everyone involved!

Over the past month, I have been training with the English Youth Ballet for a production of Swan Lake. I was cast as a swan on the casting day then up to a lead swan on the following day. The first week of training began on the last week of the summer holidays where we began learning the repertoire immediately. That first week was 24-hours of training which was followed by three weeks of 16-hours per week, on top of school! Being a lead swan meant I was given more responsibilities and repertoire to remember as I was now in the spotlight with every step magnified.

I was thrilled to find out that we were training along side professional ballet dancers who had the principal roles in the production. Every training day was one hour of warm-up class followed by rehearsals which was very tiring for me and my feet, especially as I was performing en pointe!

Annabelle M—Year 7

Emily G—Y9



Once the 4 weeks of rehearsals were up, it was time for the actual production. We had one dress rehearsal at the theatre then 3 performances over Friday and Saturday, but no amount of blisters could stop me! I thoroughly enjoyed every moment on stage, in the wings and even the eight minutes kneeling and not moving a muscle during the par de deux section.

I have been dancing since the age of 2 and after this performance it has confirmed the career option of professional ballet dancer as I know I would love every second of it and would recommend this experience to any ballet enthusiast out there!

Emily G—Year 9

Medical student returns to NGHS

Last Wednesday, Medsoc had a visit from a former student, Sairana Abraham, who is a 4th year Medicine student at the University of Cardiff. Sairana returned to advise our current year 12 and 13 students with their applications into medicine, which is an incredibly challenging process. She explained the process of applying, beginning with the university clinical application test, also known as the UKCAT, early entry and the work experience needed for personal statements and self-growth.



In addition, Sairana shared her experiences at university and her thoughts about the medicine course. With the large amount of content, some students were worried about the work-life balance, however, she assured us it was more than manageable. What concerned her was the upcoming OSCE, which is used to assess clinical competence in the later years of the medicine course. From this, we learnt although medical school had its challenges, it was an experience like no other and one we are really excited about. If you would like to come and speak to our sixth form students about a career choice they might make in the future, please get in touch with Mrs Griffin via the school office.

By Rehab A and Padma R

SISTER ACT JR.

Cast List

Congratulations to our principal cast!

The standard has been amazing and you have made our jobs very difficult.

Well done!



Deloris

Natasha P / Logan K

Curtis

Niamh A / Darcey G

Joey

Felix LS / Athena P

TJ

Martha N / Bella H

Pablo

Hermoine T / Eve D

Ernie

Lauren W / Pria RC

Eddie Souther

Emily G / Grace G

Mother Superior

Harriet E / Calen-Mei P

Mary Lazarus

Violet W / Eve W

Mary Roberts

Alice W / Alice R

Mary Patrick

Ruby A / Charley H

Mary Martin-Of-Tours

Darcie D / Clara J

Cop

Evie C

Monsignor O'Hara

Dora A / Catherine F

Mary Celeste

Tvisha B / Caitlyn H

Mary Irene

Brogan M / Grace C

Mary Stephen

Chloe G / Tara D S

Mary Theresa

Genevieve L / Srinidhi K

Tina

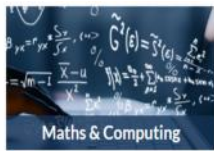
Darcie D

Nun 1, Nun 2, Nun 3, Nun 4

Freya P / Esther A / Samanvi M / Joda T

Nina, Elle, Michelle

TBC



Our Seven New Faculties

INFORMATION ABOUT LEARNING/TEACHING

To mark the start of the academic year, our Heads of Faculty have made adjustments to the programmes of study for all year groups for this academic year. Last year's parent surveys indicated that some parents felt that they were not fully informed about what their child will learn at NGHS, but unfortunately, in spite of several requests, we did not receive much feedback on what parents would like to see. We have therefore studied what other schools produce, spoken to a group of parents and governors and have overhauled our Academic section of the website. We are covering these changes in our Parent Information Evenings, but also welcome ALL parents to visit the **Curriculum Information** section of our website where you will hopefully find all you need to know about our faculties, learning plans, sequencing of topics and exam board specifications. We will continue to enhance this area of the website, but hope that you feel fully informed about the programmes of study for your child's year group. You can find all of this information here:

<https://www.nghs.org.uk/academic/curriculum/>

If you have any questions about the curriculum or learning in a particular subject, please address these to the relevant Head of Faculty in the first instance via

schooloffice@nghs.org.uk.

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

Weekly Maths Challenge

Can you solve this weeks challenge?? Due Friday 2nd October

Take a photo of your work and email it to l.roberts@nghs.org.uk or put a paper copy with your name on it, in the entry box in Room 301

Extreme Areas

Circle C passes through O(0,0) and P(5,12). Q is a point on circle C.

- (i) What is the least possible area of C?
- (ii) If C has the least possible area, what is the largest possible area of triangle OPQ?



D of E Silver

Last week, a number of year 11 students completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This is a 3-day and 2-night expedition. This took place around Llangollen in Wales, providing some stunning scenery and dauntingly large hills to walk up!



The expedition was off to a good start when we arrived in Llangollen and did our route planning before setting off with high spirits and determination. My group did around 20km that day and it's safe to say we arrived at camp with sore legs and hungry bellies. After setting up our tents, under the scrutiny of Mr Wade, we cooked some hot food on our Trangia and enjoyed a well-deserved dinner.

Waking up nice and early, we then set off for our day 2 route, which proved to be just as difficult as day 1 and involved around the same distance. Throughout the day, we kept our spirits high with singing and sugary snacks. The discovery of a warm bathroom at the second camp certainly raised spirits and we made unlikely friendships as we sat outside together with our hats and gloves on.

Day 3 brought the prospect of going home, inspiring us to pack up our tents promptly and start our route. The final day, involving a smaller 13km of walking, was a day of enjoyment and pride at what we had achieved, ending with a coach journey home full of exhausted students and a great playlist.

Ultimately, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was a worthwhile experience which brought new challenges and opportunities. I would definitely recommend getting involved as I had a lot of fun, made new friends, and learnt a multitude of new skills such as navigation, resourcefulness and teamwork.

Olivia C—Year 11



Here 4 Parents

Helping you support your child's Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Emotional Health and Wellbeing School Nurse here to provide confidential advice and support for parents with children aged 5-19


Every Monday 9am-2pm from the 3rd of October 2022,

At

Sutton Hill Medical Practice
(Child health clinic room at the rear)
Maythorne Close,
Telford TF7 4DH

Please call 0333 358 3328

To book your face-to-face or
Online appointment



Improving Lives in Our Communities





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
E Anderson (6A3)	Miss S Webster
M Azam (9Aus)	Miss J Walker
M Bandhan (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
A Barnshaw (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
S Chowdhury (S3)	Mrs K Gill
L Clayton (9Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
H Enefer (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
M Evans (11Sea)	Mrs K Gill
M Hall (9Aus)	Mrs K Gill
M Hall (6A1)	Miss S Webster
Z Nwaomu (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
M Padkin (6A3)	Miss S Webster
A Singla (R3)	Mrs K Gill
K Tunncliffe (9Rod)	Miss T Fujii
S Watkins (6A2)	Mrs K Gill
P White (9Aus)	Miss J Walker

To: Student	From: Teacher
E Jakubek (R2)	Mrs K Gill
N Johal (6A3)	Miss S Webster
M Kandepalli (R2)	Mrs K Gill
S Knowles (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
F Lenton-Smith (11Aus)	Mrs A Benoit
L Lo (6R1)	Mrs H Goodall
I Lynas (10Sea)	Mrs K Gill
N Mashatise (6S2)	Mrs K Gill
N Millington (6R1)	Miss S Gaughan
S Neeld (6R3)	Miss S Webster
M Padkin (6A3)	Miss S Webster
K Steele (10Sea)	Mrs C Petford
O Todd (6S1)	Miss S Webster
C Wilkinson (6R3)	Mrs A Benoit
A Williams (6R3)	Miss S Gaughan
A Wyke (11Sea)	Mrs A Benoit



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our extra-curricular activities list continues to grow! Please do encourage your child to take part in at least one club. They will also receive a 'G' sticker for getting involved each week they attend! Recently added clubs include:

- Art coursework club (Wednesday, Y11 and 13)
- Party games club (Wednesday, Y7 and 8)
- STEM club (Thursday, Y7 and 8)
- Philosophy club (Wednesday, Y7)

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

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