



# NEWPORT NEWS

*A weekly update from NGHS*

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**F**ive months in the planning, **Four** coaches, **Three** nights, **Two** ferries and **One** amazing weekend in France!

The Year 9 and Year 10 France extravaganza was an undertaking and a half but I am delighted to report that it was very successful. Following the cancellations of our typical Year 8 foreign trips during the pandemic, I was delighted to offer the opportunity for our Year 9 and Year 10 students to visit France and we enjoyed a day in Paris, a day at Disneyland Paris and a morning in beautiful Amiens. The 4½ hour delay at Passport Control in Calais was less enjoyable....! The students' conduct was exemplary and we had a great time. My thanks must also go to **17(!)** colleagues who joined me on the trip and the wonderful team at the PGL Chateau for ensuring we got the most out of the trip.



The past few weeks have been very busy at NGHS. All the external examinations are now complete and our Year 11s and Year 13s have both been tremendous in their approach. Our Exam Invigilators did an excellent job in ensuring everything ran smoothly. We had a JCQ inspection during the exam period with no areas for improvement, which is very unusual and pleasing in equal measure - well done to Mrs L Jones our Examinations Manager and team for ensuring it all ran like clockwork.

Last week was Curriculum Enrichment Week and you can read about the activities in this week's newsletter. From trips to Leicester Space Centre in Year 7 to France/Germany in Year 8, to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in Year 9, a vast array of Work Experience roles in Year 10 and University Open Days in Year 12, the whole week was a success. Thank you to all our colleagues in particular Mr Pointon for his coordination and Mrs Gill for her stalwart efforts in ensuring Work Experience ran well. The school subsidises CEW to make these experiences more affordable and it was reassuring to hear excited chatter this week about what students had got up to during CEW.

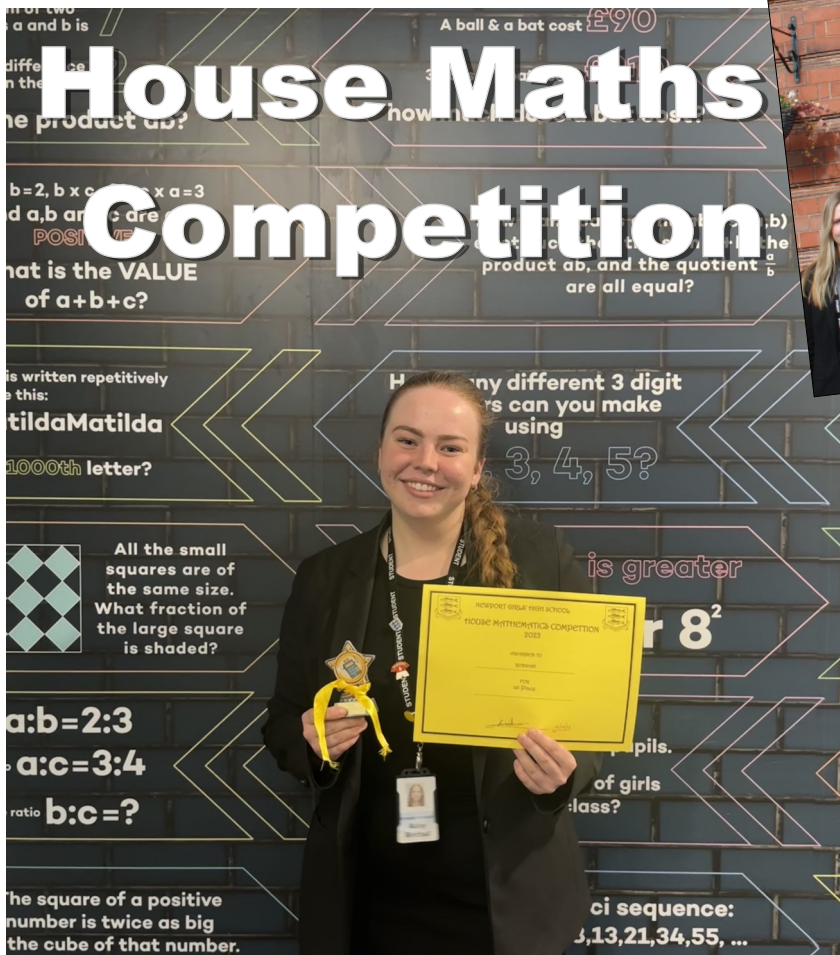
Lastly we wish Ms B Lord, Head of English/Arts all the best as she starts her maternity leave albeit a little earlier than planned. Colleagues in English are kindly covering as many classes as possible until the end of term.

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

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### Head Girl Team Highlights...



This week we had Curriculum Enrichment Week where we were taken off timetable to take part in a wide variety of activities. Year 7 had an amazing visit to Chester zoo, while Year 8 jetted off to France and Germany. Year 9 were busy with trips to places such as Go Ape and practicing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, meanwhile Year 10 had work experience.

We were busy in Year 12 with our university preparations as we visited the University of Nottingham and the Birmingham UCAS event where we were able to learn more about different universities (and gather as many tote bags as we could!). For the rest of the week, we were busy writing our personal statements and starting our EPQs.

We also had the Year 12 induction afternoon, which was full of sport, colouring, music and cakes. It was lots of fun to see some familiar as well as some new faces, who we hope to see coming next year.

**Lydia (Deputy Head Girl)**

### CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Sydney (Year 7) is taking part in a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support. She is hula hooping for 15 minutes a day, every day, in July. If you'd like to donate please do so [here](#).



The last couple of weeks have seen a new House Competition at NGHS. A series of maths challenges and games have resulted in Roddam being victorious! The final scores were:

- Roddam** 1382 points
  - Seacole** 1238 points
  - Austen** 1060 points
- Mrs Wallace will be providing more information on the competitions in a future edition!*

### Common Room Rounders Cup

Last week, Year 12 competed in the Rounders Common Room Cup. Each House had 3 teams playing a total of 6 games against each other. House spirit was at an all-time high and competitive energy peaked as the Houses battled to have their coloured ribbon tied on the trophy. In the end, Roddam came out victorious and secured first place. Seacole placed second and Austen came in at third. The sun was out and it was an afternoon full on fun!!

**Mrs Goodall**



## Year 7s tour the universe!

Last week, we had an insight into the many aspects of space, at the Leicester Space Centre. Despite one or two grumbles about the early get-up, we were all really excited to experience everything. So excited in fact, that no-one complained about the hour and a half coach journey!

On arrival, we were shown to the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, for a 'Journey through the solar system'. Next, we had some free time so we could look around the exhibitions. They were really extensive; covering everything from comets to planets to astronauts.

After lunch, we watched the 'It IS rocket science' show, which explored how chemical reactions create enough energy to fire a rocket into space. We all thoroughly enjoyed it, because it contained fire, loud noises, and sudden movements.

My favourite part of the day was going to the top of the 42m high rocket tower, because you could see for miles around. None of us will ever forget this amazing experience - thank you so much to the incredible teachers who made it all happen.



Lauren W (Year 7)

## Local Ecology ... in action!

During CEW Year 8 students collected water from the culverts in front of the housing estate on Wellington Road. Back in the lab they tested the water for its chemical properties and using microscopes looked for any life present in the water. The pictures shows the larval stage of a mosquito! **Mrs Dainty & Lauris (Y8)**



## 'Bridging the Gap'

Year 9s were challenged by the Maths Faculty to design a bridge structure. The above most impressive structure was an excellent entry. Our Year 7s were also busy making Columbus cubes and codebreaking. **Mrs Petford**





# More Curriculum Enrichment Week fun!



Year 9s enjoyed finding their way across the local countryside (and avoiding bulls in fields!)



NGHS students get their hands on new executive cars from Jaguar Landover during an exciting STEM day.



Above right: Year 8s enjoyed Team-building activities with the Army:

*"I enjoyed the archery, as it was not something we would normally do. I liked the variation from the normal. I also liked learning about potential jobs in the army. Overall I had an amazing day and it was a wonderful way to end Curriculum Enrichment Week"*



On Tuesday, a group of Y12 mathematicians had the fantastic opportunity to attend a maths conference at the University of Warwick. Surrounded by an enthusiastic crowd of teachers and students, we began the day with a helpful talk about problem solving. After this, eager to try out our newly learned techniques, we launched into a group activity tackling some problems ourselves. We even saw an NGHS group present their solution to everyone, in exchange for some well-deserved Oreos! Then it was time to get into the competitive spirit for a 'Fun Maths Roadshow', where we got to encounter new and interesting questions, trying to answer as many as we could in the hour. Lunchtime came, and having refuelled after a group dash to Costa, we were ready to take on the afternoon, looking at admissions test questions and developing our mathematical fluency. By the end of the day, we had learned a lot and were armed with a whole host of new ways to think about problems. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable day, and I would definitely encourage anyone who gets the chance to go in the future. Thank you to Mr Heighway and Mrs Taylor for taking us there - we had a great time!

**Charlotte H (Year 12)**



Back in May, a team of Year 8s went over to Idsall School for their first rounders tournament of the year. Eve, Jessica, Chloe, Easha, Laura, Malak, Layla, Pip and Bethan played three other schools – HLC, Burton Borough and Idsall. During each game they grew in confidence and their fielding got quicker and more accurate, along with their batting becoming more successful. During the tournament we saw some amazing catches and rounders scored from our players. The year 8's played really well and missed out on second place by 0.5 points. Well done!

NGHS recently travelled over to Moreton Hall for a tennis competition. As we pulled up onto the drive, the sun was shining and all eight girls were excited and ready to play. Everybody played a singles game and a doubles game, it was hard work in the sun and they came up against some very good opposition. Pip, Charlotte and Linzi gave their competitors a very good game and made them work hard and Sophia won her singles game 6 to 4. Erin, Ariaan, Laila and Evie did very well and got some experience of competitive tennis. All eight did themselves and NGHS proud and gave it everything. Well done!





## New Japanese School Link

Today six Japanese club students from years 8 to 10 recorded messages in Japanese and English talking about our school and local area, which will be sent to students at the Kyotango High School near Kyoto in Japan. This is our very first inter-school project with a school in Japan and a fantastic opportunity for NGHS students to practise their language club skills. We look forward to video replies and seeing what life is like in high school in the land of the rising sun. All students are welcome to attend the club and see the video replies when they arrive. **Mrs Fujii**

## Lower School Head Girl Team & House Positions

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded leadership positions in our Head Girl / House Teams:

Freya Edwards	Lower School Head Girl
Chiemela Nwaomu	Deputy Head Girl
Darcey Gallacher	Deputy Head Girl
Debbie Zangina	Deputy Head Girl
Evelyn Donaldson	Deputy Head Girl
Megan Royce	Deputy Head Girl
Yuthika Gopinathsethu	Deputy Head Girl

### Austen House

Izzy Williams (Sports), Marin Hall (Perf Arts), Maidah Azam (Charities) and Daisy Robinson (Communications/Participation)

### Roddam House

Harnoor Uppal (Sports), Ruby Allen (Perf Arts), Rameen Rashid (Charities), Kate Tunnicliffe (Communications/Participation)

### Seacole House

Grace Willetts (Sports), Violet Whiles (Perf Arts), Arisha Asim (Charities), Helena Tay (Communications/Participation)



**British Fencing Senior Open Championships**  
3rd and 4th June 2023  
(Held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield)

This event attracted fencers from throughout Great Britain and Northern Ireland with twenty three fencers competing in the Women's sabre event.

Grace Clarke went through to the B event where she finished **third** picking up a bronze medal. Grace has been selected to represent the West Midlands at the Senior Winton Cup (regional team competition) being held at Nottingham Trent University 8th and 9th July 2023. Good luck this weekend! She is also a member of the British Fencing athlete development programme.



### Sixth Place in UK!

Aimee Corkhill (Y10) has competed in the National Schools Regatta at Dorney Lake, Windsor where over 5000 competitors raced across three days. She was selected to compete in a J16 4+ boat taking the bow seat. She qualified for the final which was a huge achievement for a relatively small club. Overall the team achieved sixth place nationally, which was excellent. Well done!

# 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
A Abraham (10Sea)	M. C Audouin
R Adebajo (10Rod)	M. C Audouin
A Ahmed (10Rod)	M. C Audouin
A Amjad (6R3)	Mrs K Griffin
A Barnes (10Sea)	Mrs K Griffin
E Bates (6S3)	M. C Audouin
G Beff (10Aus)	M. C Audouin
A Birchall (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin
I Byram (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin
I Chadwick (10Sea)	M. C Audouin
A Chakkravarthy(10R)	M. C Audouin
L Chilcott (6R1)	Mrs K Griffin
G Clarke (10Aus)	Mrs T Fujii
L Clayton (9Aus)	Mrs K Taylor
A Dhaliwal (10Sea)	M. C Audouin
I Dobson (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin
D Doner (10Rod)	M. C Audouin
P Finan (10Sea)	M. C Audouin
K Hossack (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin

To: Student	From: Teacher
L Lane-Craddock (6S1)	Mrs Griffin, Miss Webster
L Lo (6R1)	Mrs K Griffin
H Makwana (6A1)	Mrs K Griffin
B McCloy (6S1)	Mrs K Griffin
J Mooney (6A3)	Mrs K Griffin
C Nwaomu (9Rod)	Mrs T Fujii
I Olaosun (A2)	Mrs T Fujii
V Paslar (6A3)	Mrs K Griffin
L Patrick (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin
O Perera (6S3)	Mrs Griffin, Miss Webster
J Pham (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin
E Raymond-Martin (6S1)	Mrs K Griffin
B Rees (6S1)	Mrs K Griffin
P Saiprasad (6S2)	Mrs K Griffin
A Simcox (6R3)	Mrs K Griffin
S Sulake (6A1)	Mrs K Griffin
L Upton (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin
G Worrall (10Sea)	Mrs T Fujii

## Cambridge Talk

Ex-NGHS student **Gabrielle Farge** recently returned to NGHS to give a talk to Year 12 students about her first year at Cambridge. It was great to hear how Gabrielle was enjoying life at university and her top tips for applications.

**Mrs K Griffin**





# 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