



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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This week has seen two fantastic House events at NGHS. On Wednesday we enjoyed our annual House Drama competition and all the staff present were in agreement that the standard of all three performances was the highest it has been for many years. All three Houses could have won in previous years and it is to the credit, in particular, of our sixth form House leaders that this was the case. Our adjudicator had a tricky job but congratulations to **SEACOLE** who were victorious. Yesterday was Sports Day and in spite of two hefty rain showers, students' enthusiasm was not dampened in the slightest and you can see more photographs from both events in this week's edition of Newport News. After a winning streak of about 10 years, **AUSTEN remained victorious**, but Seacole came a close second (the closest in a while) whilst Roddam's Year 7s won in their year group, so maybe change is ahead in future years?!

Next Tuesday is our student-led Culture Day and Summer Fair. Please see page 3 for more information. Miss Webster will be issuing a reminder next week about uniform for September (no significant changes but it seems a reminder is required, particularly around piercings, skirt length, socks and make-up). We are also making a couple of changes to our behaviour policy which governors have approved. Our new timetable is now written and I must remind parents that we allocate pupils to classes/groups/forms and no teacher requests can be considered. Many form groups will remain with their tutors, but we will be creating six smaller forms in Year 9 next year (2 per House) to ensure the House system can continue as the vehicle for registration groups. Lastly, term ends at 12.30pm next Friday and school will close at 1.00pm. Please see page 2 for bus information and we expect full attendance all week next week in the lead up to the summer break.

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

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Uniform Announcement

We are delighted to have secured the services of an online retailer to supplement the services of Mary's Tots & Teens in Newport for uniform purchases. Further details will be released next week. We hope this choice will be of benefit to parents who find it hard to travel to Newport to make uniform purchases.

Beekeeping Update



From the Chair of Trustees, Tony Brown

Dear Parent/Carer/Staff/Student/Community

At last Monday's Board of Trustees meeting, we discussed, in detail, the bee-keeping at NGHS proposal as well as the consultation feedback.

Over 200 people responded to our consultation including current and former students, staff, parents, Moorfield parents and the local community. Whilst there was a majority of positive responses, the commentary from those who were against, for a variety of important reasons, was felt to outweigh the benefits outlined in the proposal to house bees on the school site and therefore a motion was carried to **not proceed** with beekeeping on the school site.

However, a counterproposal was suggested to explore another location in the vicinity of the school, perhaps on farmland where a small group of girls and staff could keep bees and benefit from the education that this provides. Should you own any land locally or be aware of a location where this could be possible, with minimal intrusion, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Mr J Wade via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk if this is the case.

Once again thank you to all those who responded to the consultation.

Mr T Brown, Chair of Trustees



Friday Bus Arrangements

Term finishes at 12.30pm on Friday.

NGHS Coach Services S and W will depart at 12.40pm and 12.50pm respectively.

Adams feeder coach will pick up at 12.35pm. Telford routes will stagger from HA between 12.45pm-1pm. *Reminder* no HA coaches on 19 July except Market Drayton (am only) owing to Sports Day at Oakengates.

Local authority-run bus services will not depart at lunchtime. Pupils are advised to make alternative arrangements.



Head Girl Team Highlights...



As the end of the summer term nears, we have celebrated an amazing week of house spirit, from some effortless theatrical performances to some nail-biting finishes on sports day.

It's safe to say, the competition between the Houses has been pulsating throughout the school, with Seacole claiming victory with their thrilling performance of 'No body, No crime' in house drama, and Austen clinching their ninth consecutive sports day victory, much to the bemusement of the other houses.

Kicking off with House Drama on Wednesday, the tireless efforts of the house teams, especially the drama captains, were exemplified by the phenomenal performances displayed by the performers.

This was followed by a second-to-none effort in sports day, and, despite the efforts of the ever-unpredictable British weather, everyone was able to show their house pride by giving their all in their respective events.

A personal highlight I'm sure for many was the highly-precedented staff vs. sixth form tug of war, which I am proud to announce was a victory for the students! (shock!)

The end of this week marks another incredible year of House spirit, with hopefully much more to come when we come back in September!

Izzy B

(Deputy Head Girl
Inclusion & Participation)

CULTURE DAY AT NGHS

TUESDAY 18TH JULY

The day will comprise of five main components;

1. **Cultural dress-up** for a donation of £1.
This is not a mufti-day.

Examples of things you can wear include:

- Traditional cultural clothing.
- Clothing that reflects an industry/community your country / local area is famous for (e.g. oatcakes, ceramics, football team).
- Colours of your country's flag.
- **REMEMBER - Students need to be in cultural clothing or in school uniform.**

2. There will be a **cultural bake sale** outside the hall at break time where students can pay for a taste of the cultures of their fellow students (e.g. samosas croissants). If you would like to contribute to the bake sale please ensure you **provide an ingredients list and do not use nuts.**

3. There will be a “**Music of the World**” **disco** at lunchtime in the hall. 50p to enter.

4. There will be a **form time activity / competition** to complete during form time in the morning.

5. A range of **items made by women and young girls from Rwanda** will be for sale during break, lunchtime and the summer fete which is taking place on the same day 4:30-6:30pm.

All money raised during the day will be split evenly between the three house charities.

Top Cleaning Team Award!

Visitors to the school and students who join NGHS in Year 12 often comment how clean NGHS is kept in comparison to other schools and this is down to the hard work of our team of cleaning staff whom we contract through Telford & Wrekin local authority. We were delighted to learn that our NGHS Cleaning Team have won a special award for their hard work and this was presented last week to our Cleaning Supervisor Tracy Sobczuk. Thank you and well done to the Team (pictured right) for not only ensuring our school is clean and hygienic, but also for scoring so highly in a recent audit.





There is no WIFI in the forest, but we found a *better connection!*

Our Year 9s enjoyed a trip to Go Ape in Curriculum Enrichment Week...

When we were welcomed into the Wyre forest, I remember seeing how high up we would be which initially worried me, however the staff members at the centre were really helpful with keeping us all safe while we climbed the trees. Training was given. Everyone was in groups with a teacher and Mrs. Martin stayed with me to support me on the way up. Even though the course had moving obstacles we were always secured onto the continuous Belay system above. It was reassuring knowing that I couldn't fall. It was really enjoyable, as each part was equally as different as the other, and my favourite was the zipline, which was really long! Miss Wells did her Tarzan call as she flew down and we learnt how to keep ourselves stood up by running at the end of the zipline. We then got to experience playing a dice team-building game where we would land the dice on a square that decided what we would do, such as mental, physical, and acting out games. Overall, Go Ape has left me with a memorable experience and I would really like to do again!

Diya M (Year 9)

Year 9 and Year 10 en France!



Year 9 on top of the world up the Eiffel Tower!

This June, a group of 152 Year 9 and 10s set sail on a whirlwind trip to Paris. From glorious sunshine to raging thunder storms, the weather was unpredictable as ever. However, even this couldn't stop us from having an incredible time.

Whilst in Paris we visited the Eiffel Tower, and despite the coach ride back to the PGL centre we were staying at being considerably more soggy than the coach ride out to Paris, everyone still had smiles on their faces. Especially as we enjoyed, unfortunately for our coach drivers and members of staff, performing very loud renditions of Disney songs in preparation for the following day.

Overall the Paris Trip 2023 was completely unforgettable, and even over the years I can imagine myself looking back fondly to the sunshine and smiles that were shared. Thank you to Mr Scott and all the staff for a great trip!

Megan R

Our trip to Paris was a new and enjoyable experience. First of all, we had to get to the Newport high street at 1am Friday morning to set off for 1:30am. We made it to Dover at around 7am and arrived at the Chateau at 5:30pm ready for food!!! We got up on Saturday at 6:30am ready to go into the centre of Paris. We got a coach tour all the way to the Eiffel tower with our amazing PGL leaders then getting off and making the treacherous journey up. After a while everyone's legs were in A LOT of pain and when we got down we all had our well-deserved sit down. Once our legs had recovered we made our way back to the coach ready to go on a boat ride with both years. After that we went to the Louvre and on our way back we got stuck in the most torrential thunderstorm and we got soaked to the bone. We called our bus driver whilst dripping and hoping he can come and pick us up ASAP. To our luck he was just around the corner and came straight away. We then were supposed to have pool time but because of the rain it sadly got cancelled so we were VERY upset. Mr Scott knew how upset we were and negotiated another time-slot for us to swim after hours. The following day was by far the best one. WE WENT TO DISNEY. We had an amazing time there and went on all the rides and a lot of people brought the really expensive teddys. After we then met up with everyone to watch the Disney parade with all the characters before we finished the day and went back to the Chateau. We got up on the last day at 8:00am ready to leave. We got to security in Calais only to realise we had to wait almost four hours!! We finally arrived back in Newport at 3:00 am!

Annie M

WORK EXPERIENCE—A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

Two weeks ago, year 10 had the opportunity to take part in work experience. People arranged their placements with a variety of businesses in a range of sectors. This was an excellent chance to understand the inner workings of different companies and to consider what career path we would like to follow.

It was our responsibility to secure the placement, arrange meetings, and ensure that we were dressed in the appropriate attire for the working environment. There was an assortment of tasks that people were required to do daily, each of which encouraged us to develop different skills. These included stacking books,

mucking out horses, and everything in between. This week gave us an insight into the world of work, and the challenges that we will have to overcome in the future. However, it also showed us how rewarding a job could be when it was completed to a high standard.

Though at times the placements may have been difficult and may have required new skills and perseverance, it pushed us out of our comfort zone. We are grateful to all the businesses that took part and provided us with this unforgettable experience.

Thank you Mrs Gill for your hard work coordinating this useful experience for our Year 10s!

Catherine F and Piper F, Year 10



UK Maths Trust

On 26th April, 96 Y7+8 students entered the UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge. Over 300,000 students, from both the UK and around the world take part in the challenge, which lasts 60 minutes and comprises 25 taxing multiple-choice questions. The Maths & Computing Faculty congratulate so many award winners...

Bronze Award Winners

A Awan; C Bellchambers; E Bhatt; M Brown; L Bunn; S Chowdhury; A Ciras; S Dhiraj; N Eshun; J Fallon; L Feng; O Gwilt; C Jenkins; P Jones; I Luksenaite; S McHugh; A Midda; A Mills; H Mirza; I Olaosun; M Onuoha; S Poluru; F Qadri; G Seo; D Shankar; N Thomas; H Umar; P Wells; C Fairhead; J Greenwood; R Rajendran Kalpana.

Silver Award Winners

A Dasanavake Mudiyansele; M Eminova; S Hothi; E Jakubek; M Mahmoud; P Manoylo; M Neame; S Raiyat; A Singla; A Talbot.

Gold Award Winners

A Butler; M Kandepalli; B Palmer; J Seifo; M Younis; S Munyaneza

Congratulations to A. Butler, M. Kandepalli, B. Palmer, M. Younis and S. Munyaneza were among the 10,000 globally who scored highly enough to be invited to the follow-on 'Kangaroo Round', placing them in the **top 3% of entrants**. We would like to further congratulate A. Butler, M. Kandepalli, B. Palmer and S. Munyaneza who received a **Merit Award** in the Kangaroo Challenge; an outstanding achievement. Well done!

Student Successes



Harriet Enefer, Y10, has been selected to train with Team GB squad at Handball. We are all immensely proud of Harriet's achievement. Her next aim is to be selected for the GB squad against Denmark in the European Championships!



Congratulations to Annabelle McCann in Year 7 who has successfully completed her Grade 4 Ballet Exam!

Space permitting, we always like to hear of and include student successes in Newport News. Drop us a line via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk if you have a story!

Sports Day & House Drama 2023



What a fantastic week at NGHS!

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