



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS



**I**t was lovely to return to NGHS on Monday after a period of secondment and I start this week by thanking Miss Webster and all my senior leaders for 'holding the fort' in my absence. This week has been busy with our first full trustee (governor) board meeting for the year as well as the final round of online Parent Information Evenings with a revision tips/tricks session for Year 11s. I'd like to thank all our parents who attended these sessions. Please do remember that we have provided extensive information in our Academic website section about the curriculum and what students are learning in each subject and each year group. We have a Year 7 Tutor Evening after half term and our Year 13 Parents Evening next Thursday, both in person. I must particularly mention our Year 7s who are great in number and in spirit! They have really settled in quickly and are making a really positive impression on everything and everyone. I hope they enjoy their trip to Edgmond Hall next week.

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Monday is Hello Yellow Day which recognises the importance of Mental Health. This is a day we mark every year and our Well-Being Officers (Mrs Danby and Mrs Martin) have called for a yellow accessory to be worn with school uniform on Monday. All students and staff are invited to do this and are asked to bring £1 on Monday, which will be donated to Young Minds. Any students who are at Edgmond Hall on Monday are welcome to wear the accessory on Tuesday in return for a donation. There are also other activities taking place including yellow glowstick "Just Dance" and yellow hand-printing!

This week we also celebrate House Bake Off and there was an impressive selection of cakes, cake tins and boxes arriving at school this morning! Good luck to all three houses - results next week. In today's edition, you can read all about our Y12 Liverpool residential last week. Thank you to the staff who give up their free time to make these trips a possibility.

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



Today is **Happy World Smile day**. Our MFL staff are also celebrating European Day of Languages this week with Miss Crevis and Mrs Fujii wearing their Dirndl dresses! Don't forget to enter the MFL competitions in last week's Newport News! Danke / Merci / Thanks!



## PARENTS / PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

**Thu 13 October** Year 13 Parents Evening at NGHS

**Thu 3 November** Year 7 Meet Tutor Evening at NGHS

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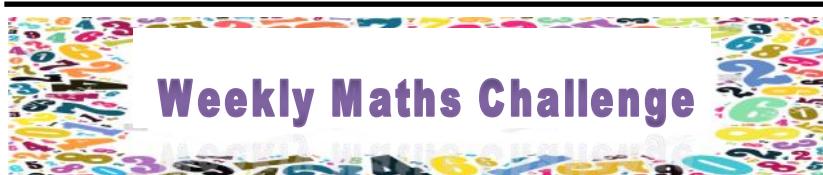
# NGHS Equestrian Success

Below is a photograph of Sophie C (Year 7) who came seventh in the 90-95cm show jumping NSEA competition on "Gloster Glitter". Oona G (Year 7) also did fantastically and came third in the 70-75cm class! Overall, there was a lovely team spirit shown from the three students that competed and we look forward to the season ahead.



*Head Girl Team Highlights...*

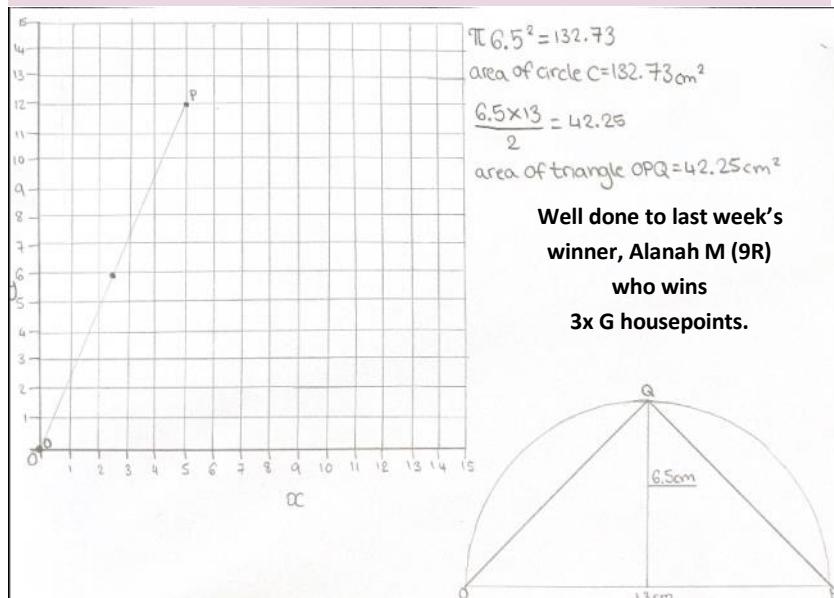
Mrs H Goodall, PE Faculty



## Dr Reasoner

Dr Reasoner writes down three two-digit integers. One is triangular, one is prime and one is square. She uses the digits 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 exactly once each. Which prime does she write?

Get your answer to Mrs Roberts by Friday 14 October



You may be aware that this coming Monday is 'Hello Yellow Day' for World Mental Health Awareness which aims to create a brighter future for young people's mental health.

The Health and Wellbeing committee have been busy organising a range of fun activities for students to get involved with on Monday lunchtime. This will include a Just Dance session with yellow glowsticks, creating a sun with yellow handprints and an exciting photo board to put your head through. We hope that everyone will support this by participating and by wearing a yellow accessory to school on Monday. All money raised will be donated to the local Telford Mind charity. Our lovely canteen staff are also contributing to this theme by selling cookies and cakes with yellow icing, so don't miss out!

On the topic of baking, I hope everyone has enjoyed the first House competition this year of House Bake-off – which is always a highlight for the taste-testing teachers!

I would encourage everyone to get involved as much as possible with the House competitions and make sure you earn those valuable NGHS stickers.

Liv A, Deputy Head Girl (Health & Well-Being)

# Year 12 Liverpool Weekend 2022

*"Put simply, a jam-packed weekend I will never forget."*



(Note the Beatles-related puns dotted throughout this article – please do not screw up your faces in contempt when you find one).

The weekend started auspiciously with a relatively relaxing bus journey to the friendly YHA youth hostel located just next to the Royal Albert Docks. As they say, this was the calm before the storm. Upon arrival, we ate our food provided by the hostel and got all dressed up for the fanciest excursion we'd ever been on – a trip to English National Ballet's Swan Lake at the ornate Liverpool Empire theatre, a scene that I, in my top, jeans and trainers, was definitely not equipped for. Two and a half hours of mesmerizing dancing and a few confused students later, we all left the building in awe of the dancers' skills and talent. We arrived back at the hostel a quick 20 minute walk later, and definitely went straight to bed as requested by the teachers (rather than dance around the dormitory at about I am the next day).

Many tired faces, pyjamas and cups of coffee lined the cafeteria the next morning, but we were promptly hurried along to catch the Beatles Magical Mystery Tour bus, travelling "here, there and everywhere" with our lovely bus driver, Anne, and Chloe, our tour guide, who held a

wealth of knowledge not only about the Beatles (especially George Harrison), but also about the rich history of Liverpool, including the only grade I-listed toilets in Britain located in the Philharmonic Pub. Personally, driving past all 4 of the Beatles' childhood homes has got to be one of the most surreal experiences in my life, closely followed by singing "Strawberry Fields" and "Penny Lane" on the way to visit these world-renowned sights. After singing a slightly out-of-tune version of "Hey Jude" as a finale, the bus pulled up to the Royal Albert Docks, from which we were set free to do whatever we wanted to for the rest of the day.

My friends and I indulged in a bit of shopping and a nutritious pit-stop at McDonalds before a couple of us hit the World Museum for around 4 hours in the afternoon – thoroughly enjoyable in our opinion, so much so we finished a few of the last exhibitions in the last few hours of free time we had the following day. Arriving back to the youth hostel bang on the deadline of 8pm, a teacher vs student quiz lay ahead of us, and as true Newport Girls' students, things got competitive. Mrs Martin's 1 hour quiz at the end of a slightly chaotic but fun day elicited

more than "a little help from my friends" when it came to answering pages upon pages of logic puzzles and general knowledge questions. Mr Pointon's slightly rash deduction of points to every team that was "annoying" a.k.a talking, along with Mr Tolley's slightly abstract rendition of the swans from Swan Lake the night prior, certainly made the night. Our team came a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Safe to say it was a "hard day's night", and we were all sure to be "sleeping like a log" until the next day. When it came to Sunday, we used our last few hours to say our goodbyes to the Liverpool One shopping centre, a place which we knew like the back of our hands by the end of the weekend. Then, we hopped on the coach to travel the "long and winding road" back to school.

I'd like to thank all the teachers who gave up their weekend to run this trip, particularly Mrs Griffin, who meticulously planned it - I highly urge everyone to sign up when its their chance to go. "I have a feeling" you'll enjoy it just as we all have.

And to all my fellow Year 12 pupils heading on a high into a challenging 2 years of A-Level studies working "eight days a week", "let it be"!

Katy H, Year 12



## Pumpkin Painting Crafternoon

I am delighted to be able to share that during the final week of half term we will be offering all students the chance to take part in some pumpkin painting.

Crafternoons are an initiative that have been launched by the charity Mind as they recognise the benefits of craft activities on boosting our mental health. As a school we run Crafternoons at the end of each half term.

The Pumpkin painting Crafternoon will take place at lunchtimes from the WB 17<sup>th</sup> October and places for these sessions will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the Art Room door on Monday morning – you need to sign up in groups of 2-3 people per pumpkin.

The sessions will take place at 1pm on each of the 3 days of the final week of the half term.

I will be using some school grown pumpkins and purchasing any additional ones we might need based on the numbers that sign-up so it is important that if you sign up you come along to the sessions as we wouldn't want any pumpkins going to waste.

On Wednesday myself and the Head Girl Team will judge all of the pumpkins that are created over the week and prizes will be awarded after half term.

Please sign up if you are interested in this end of half-term Crafternoon.

**Mrs H Birch  
(Assistant Head)**



## U13 Junior Shropshire Squash Winner!

A massive well done to Cordelia Jones in Year 7 who has won the U13 Junior Shropshire County Closed Squash Competition from all at NGHS.

If you have exciting news to share, do get in touch with us via [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto: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**



# SAFER SCHOOLS

As mentioned in my letter earlier in the week, all members of the school community have access to the safer schools app. Staff in school have been using this app since January and they have completed some online safety training using this app.

Please read the letters ([student](#)) and ([parents](#)) to learn more about how to download the app to your phones. We would encourage all students and parents to utilise this resource to raise awareness of online safety tips and advice.

- For students in Years 7 and 8 the code required is: 3447
- For students in Years 9 and 10 the code required is: 4898
- For students in Years 11, 12 and 13 the code required is: 1544
- For parents / carers the code required is: 7675

**Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher**

## Fabulous Fundraising!



It was great to hear about Anabia (Year 7) and her sister Romaisa (Year 12)'s efforts to raise money for the Pakistan Flood Appeal in their family and community. The girls baked cupcakes to sell at a special fair and cricket match. The match was played between local GPs and hospital doctors! Together they raised £8030, which is fabulous. The money will be spent to help get food and clean water to those who are suffering as a result of the flooding in Pakistan and can also buy tents, blankets and clothes. Well done!





## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Tutors have been asked to share (today or on Monday) a copy of the Extra-Curricular Clubs list with their students. Please find below a summary (the student version has rooms/staff details on, too). House activities will also get underway shortly. We expect all students to take part in at least one main House Activity plus Sports Day and encourage all students to join at least one club. Please encourage your child to do this, too!

More clubs will be added as the year continues. **There are some new clubs listed here now, too!**

	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	
MONDAY	Japanese club (all years) School production (all years) Rugby club (Y7-11) Chemistry work clinic (Y13) Genocide Awareness Group—The Holocaust, My Family & Me String Ensemble (all years)	Crochet club (all years) Netball (Y11-13) Gardening club (all years) Maths support (Y7-8)	School Production Rehearsals (all years) Body Barn (Y9-11 sign up)
TUESDAY	Netball Club (Y7) Football club (Y9-11) Introduction to film studies (Y10-13) SustaiNHS (all years) Introduction to Spanish (all years) Senior voices (Y9-13) Literary society (all years) Biology GCSE mentoring (Y11) Horrible Histories club (Y7-8 week A) Maths enrichment club (KS3 week A, KS4 week B)	Indoor athletics (Y7-8) RS GCSE support (Y10) Physics drop-in (Y7-11) DentSoc (Y11-12) Chemistry drop-in (Y12) Alibi production (all years) Maths support (Y12)	
WEDNESDAY	Netball team trials Rugby club (Y12-13) Maths drop in (Y11) Biology intervention (Y13) Digital Leaders (Y10) English examination skills (Y11 invited students) Philosophy club (Y7)	Chemistry mentoring (Y11) GCSE German support (Y11) School choir (all years) MedSoc (Y11-12) Party Games Club (Y7-8)	Karate Club (all years) - external coach
THURSDAY	Saxophone ensemble (all years) Team netball practice Volleyball (Y9-11) English drop-in (Y7-11) Maths support (Y13) STEM club (Y7-8)	Physics drop-in (Y12-13) Football club (Y7-8) Drama club (Y9-11) Iris club (Y9-10) Coding Club (Y8)	Fencing Club (all years) - external coach
FRIDAY	AS PE intervention Film club Friday (all years) Orchestra (all years) Doodle club (Y7-9) Maths support (Y9-10) English Literature book club (Y12-13)	Football club (Y7-11) GCSE German support (Y11) Psychology support (Y13) Cultural Celebration Club Biology intervention (Y12) Debating Club (Y12-13 wkA) Debating Club (Y7-11 wkB)	Body Barn (Y12-13) Netball Satellite Club

# 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 F Davenport**  
Pastoral Support



**Miss S Webster**  
Deputy Head



**Mrs K Danby**  
Wellbeing Officer



**Mrs H Goodall**  
Head of Year 7



**Mrs A Seys**  
Head of Year 8



**Ms J Capaldi**  
Head of Year 9



**Mrs A Chapman**  
Head of Year 10

*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