



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Under 16 Netball County Champions



A further highlight to report is thanks to our U16 Netball Team (above) who have won this week's County competition, beating Wrekin College in the final. This is an amazing feat and I am thrilled for them. We now go to the Regionals! See page 5 for more.

Unfortunately we have seen a rise in mobile phone issues among Year 7s this week. I feel it very important to clarify with all families that our consistent, high expectations must be understood by all. Students in Years 7-11 must not use their phones in school unless asked to do so by a member of staff. They should be switched off from arrival until departure. Sixth formers may use phones but only in areas away from younger students. We now have a group of students whose phones are staying at Reception during the school day until we can trust them to follow the school's rules. Please help us to underline this message at home.

This week's 11-page edition of NN reflects the busy world at NGHS. Please remember we close for 11 days break on Wednesday at 3.45pm. We hope that the extended break will help all our students and staff to pause and regroup during the long autumn term. Thank you for ensuring full attendance on Mon-Wed.

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



Hello Yellow! took off on Monday with lots of us getting involved to acknowledge the importance of mental health and the work of Young Minds. Thank you to Mrs Martin and Mrs Danby for decorating Reception! This week, our Year 7s have had a great

time at Edgmond Hall, we've had a film crew in school (more on that in November), the taste of last week's Bake Off treats has subsided(!), our Politics students have better informed themselves in inspiring lectures on the Ukraine Conflict and we welcomed our Year 13 parents to NGHS last night for the first parents evening of the year. We have also presented cheques in assemblies totalling over £4000 to last year's House Charities. Mr Whitehouse, our new Outreach & Partnerships Officer has been reigniting our Peer Reading Programme where Year 12s go into local primaries to listen to children read and to help them improve. It's a great project and so many Year 12s have signed up. Thank you to them for making a difference in our community. What a busy week!

NEW FACES



Mrs J Bishop - Teacher of Music

I feel very privileged to have been appointed as a part-time teacher of Music at NGHS. I have been a teacher all of my working life and after 13 years as Curriculum Leader for Music at WGHS I retired from my full-time post in 2021 with a view to taking on some part-time teaching and flipping furniture. DIY, baking with eggs laid by our rescue ducks and directing a church choir keep me out of trouble in my spare time.

Mrs V Glew - Administration Assistant

It is a privilege to join the family at NGHS as Administration Assistant to the Sixth Form office. I graduated from Sheffield Hallam University with a first class degree in History. Over the past 14 years I have worked in busy legal offices providing administrative and technical support to colleagues. I look forward to using my skills to assist the staff and students in NGHS6.



Black History MONTH

As many of you may be aware, the arrival of October marks Black History Month in the UK. Students were hopefully enlightened by an inspiring assembly, organised by Miss Davies, which helped to shine a light on just a small fraction of the vast number of contributions black people have made to all areas of society. More on this will be reported in next week's Newport News.

This week has also seen the annual year 7 trip to Edmond Hall return, with our newest students taking part in team building activities and challenges, spread over two days. It sounds like the trip was a complete success, and I'm sure that some of the teachers enjoyed a day or two of fun!

A visit from the Mayor of Newport, Ian Perry, this week allowed us to fully showcase the most recent developments at NGHS, and it's safe to say that he was very impressed by the enthusiasm of students in their lessons, as well as our newest facilities!

I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend as half term draws ever nearer!

Emily S, Deputy Head Girl (Community)

Weekly Maths Challenge

Megan's Number

Megan writes down a list of five numbers. The mean of her first three numbers is -3 . The mean of her first four numbers is 4 . The mean of her first five numbers is -5 . What is the difference between her fourth number and her fifth number?

Get your answer to Mrs Roberts by Tuesday 3 November

Weekly Maths Challenge

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Possibilities:

Triangular number: 36, 45 (78)
 Prime number: 37, 43, 47 (53), 67, 73, 79
 Square number: 36 (64)

Triangular number: 78
 Prime number: 53
 Square number: 64

8 students won last week's challenge. On the left is an example of one correct answer. Well done to:

- Charlotte T (11A)
- Leana S (11S)
- Miriam Y (A2)
- Quynh D (9R)
- Senuli H-D (11Rod)
- Alessandra T (6S3)
- Alanah M (9R)
- Harriet T (9R)

Create a poster about.....

Earn house points!!!

FAMOUS MATHEMATICIAN OF THE MONTH

Kathleen Adebola Okikiolu

Due Monday 31st October
 Electronic copy - email to l.roberts@nghs.org.uk
 Paper copy - put in the entry box in room 301

House competitions underway!

The first house competition of this year was the Form **Notice Board competition** and it was really nice to see everyone getting involved and having fun. This year's theme was 'boards that make you go wow' and 6S2's board certainly made the judges say wow! Well done to Mrs Gill and her form for winning the overall competition – the board features a hand-painted octopus and a ship coming out of the board! The individual year group winners were S3, 9Rod, 10Aus, 11Rod and 6S3, so each house had success. Popular themes this year were Minions, Cars, the Muppets and even Asda Donnington! This was an amazing start to the academic year, with every student able and willing help decorate the school!



Last week students of all year groups were tasked with the challenge of **House Bake off**. The competition was made up of 4 categories: famous faces, super savouries, 5 ingredient challenge, and typically British biscuits. A busy Thursday evening in the kitchen led to a flurry of activity in the Centenary Hall on Friday morning, with an abundance of cakes, pastries and other baked goods.



The judges definitely had a tough task to decide a winner. But after tasting each of the 27 entries, overall it was Sophia Neeld from year 13 who took home Star Baker awards with her five ingredient macaroons (below), helping lead Roddam to victory! Congratulations to all those that took part, hope to see some of you practising your bakes for next year!

E Walkley & P Evans (Year 13)



	<u>Super Savouries</u>	<u>Five Ingredient Challenge</u>	<u>British Biscuits</u>	<u>Famous Faces</u>
Year 7 & 8	A. Talbot	E. Middleton	M. Roberts	A. Leech
Year 9	P. White	K. Walden	E. Cornish	B. Mclroy
Year 10	Z. Morgan	A. Corkhill	S. Jackson	G. Lloyd
Year 11	I. Bates	A. Jarrett	A. Mangham	L. Howard
Sixth Form	N. Gallagher	S. Neeld	S. Uppal	L. Greenwood
Overall Category Winner	A. Talbot	S. Neeld	A. Mangham	G. Lloyd
Overall Bake Off Winner 2022	S. Neeld			

<u>Points Totals</u>		
1st Place	Roddam	21 Points
2nd Place	Austen	10 Points
3rd Place	Seacole	6 Points



The Guide Dogs story started in 1931 with two amazing British pioneers, Muriel Crooke and Rosamund Bond. These remarkable women organised the training of the first four British guide dogs from a humble lock up garage in Wallasey, Merseyside. Today Guide Dogs is the world's largest breeder and trainer of working dogs. And thanks to the dedicated staff and volunteers – and vital donations – 36,000 lives have been transformed through a guide dog partnership since 1931. To learn more, click this hyper link: [Guide Dogs Association](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)

The Guide Dogs Association is running a '**Tech for All**' scheme which gives children and young people the opportunity to apply for a free, adapted iPad to help support with learning. They also offer a wide array of other resources to help people who have a visual impairment.

Please be reminded that Mrs Benoit and Mrs Dugdale are here to support you and answer SEND related enquiries. Should you have any concerns or queries relating to SEND, please use the following email address and we will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as we can: SEND@nghs.org.uk

Mrs B Dugdale, SEND Assistant

On Monday 10 October, thousands of schools, offices and communities across the UK took part in #HelloYellow so we can show our young people that they are never alone with their mental health.

A sea of yellow came across the school as staff and students donned yellow clothing and accessories and the reception area was decorated brightly to welcome students to school.

Our Wellbeing committee lead by Olivia, of our Head girl team, planned several fun events throughout the day. They worked incredibly hard and all students who attended had a great time. Events included just dance glo stick disco, arts and crafts, selfie props to name just a few.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Olivia, for organising such a wonderful day and raising lots of awareness.

Mrs D Martin & Mrs K Danby



NEWPORT AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

THREE FISH ONE TEAM

ARE YOU A GOOD SWIMMER?
ARE YOU OLDER THAN 7 YEARS OLD?
ARE YOU LEVEL 6 OR ABOVE IN YOUR SWIMMING LESSONS?

THEN COME JOIN NEWPORT!

JOINING NEWPORT CREATES NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR SWIMMING CAREER, A CHANCE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND COMPETE.

Saturday October 15th
4:15 - 5:15pm
Free Open Session
Pop in for a swim
Try diving off the blocks
Meet the team

IF YOU THINK THAT ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER, GET IN TOUCH FOR A FREE ASSESSMENT.
EMAIL: enquires@nadaswimclub.org.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUB PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.NADASWIMCLUB.ORG.UK

#HelloYellow



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
O Adetoro (9Rod)	Mrs K Gill
N Adkins (6A3)	Miss S Webster
R Allen (9Rod)	Mrs K Wallace
E Anderson (6A3)	Miss Davies, Miss Webster
N Athwal (11Sea)	Mrs L Roberts
E Bower (6R2)	Mrs A Chapman
I Buckley (9Aus)	Mr M Ley
C Charlery (A2)	Mrs K Taylor
A Ciras (6A1)	Miss AM Davies
E Cornish (9Rod)	Mrs K Gill
D Davies (11Rod)	Mrs A Chapman
P Evans (6A1)	Miss AM Davies
G Girn (6R3)	Miss S Webster
M Hall (6A1)	Miss Davies, Miss Webster
E Hassall (10Aus)	Mrs K Gill
G Hicklin (A1)	Miss J Walker
V Hikkaduwege (11R)	Mrs K Gill
K Hossack (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin
C Hurst (6S3)	Mrs A Chapman
N Johal (6A3)	Miss AM Davies
L Keen (6R3)	Mrs A Chapman
P Kondapalli (6A1)	Mrs K Griffin
L Lo (6R1)	Miss S Webster
J Mistry Pain (S1)	Mrs K Gill

To: Student	From: Teacher
A Murphy (9Aus)	Miss J Walker
M Neame (R1)	Mrs K Gill
Z Nwaomu (10Sea)	Mrs A Chapman
F Onasanya (10Aus)	Mrs A Chapman
M Padkin (6A3)	Miss Davies, M. Audouin
N Parker (6A2)	Mrs A Chapman
A Pilling (10Aus)	Mrs A Chapman
F Price (6S2)	Mrs L Kearne
N Rees (6R1)	Miss S Webster
P Rigby-Colcough (11A)	Mrs A Chapman
D Robinson (9Aus)	Mr M Ley
A Roddy (10Rod)	Mrs A Chapman
J Seifo (S2)	Mrs K Gill
S Shindler (6S3)	Mr M Ley
G Smith (6A1)	Mrs T Fujii
E Spencer (6R3)	Miss AM Davies
C Strafford-Piper (R3)	Mrs K Gill
O Todd (6S1)	Miss AM Davies
L Upton (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin
E Walkley (6S3)	M. C Audouin
A Ward (11Rod)	Mrs A Chapman
R Warner (6S1)	Mrs L Kearne
J Whitehouse (10Rod)	Mrs K Gill
A Wysome (10Aus)	Mrs A Chapman

Amazing U16s!

What an incredible week it has been for our U16 Netball Team!



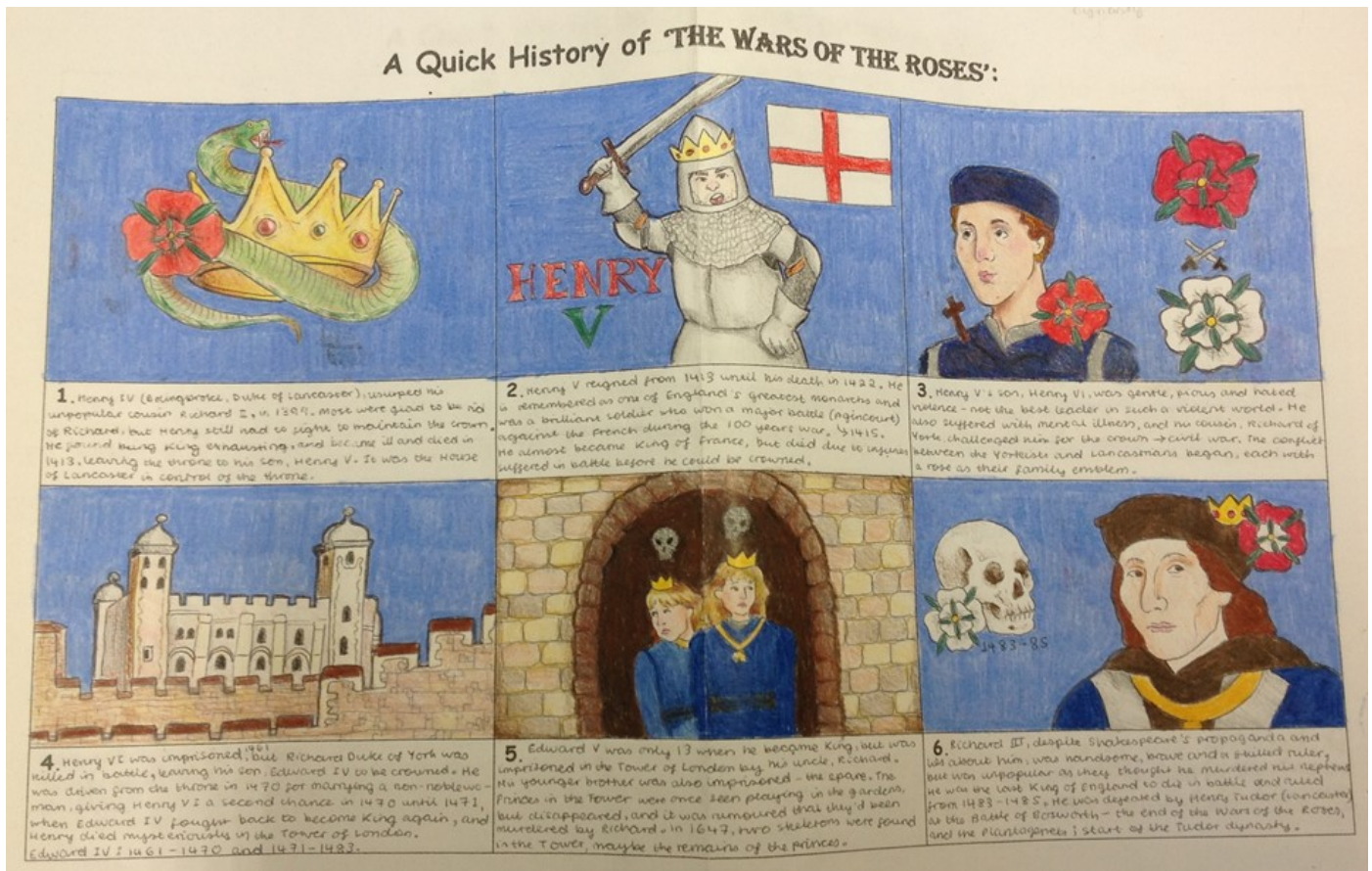
On Monday we travelled to Abraham Darby School to compete in the County Championships. Our Under 16 team played exceptionally well with convincing wins over Thomas Telford School, Bridgenorth, Shrewsbury High School, Oswestry school and Abraham Darby. But the match of the day came when we played Wrekin College. With an unshakable defensive triangle in the back third, fast, unwavering centre court players and great movement and accuracy from our shooters, we successfully defeated Wrekin College by 1 goal! To date, watching this fantastic U16 side defeat Wrekin has been the highlight of my time as a PE Teacher. This young team worked so incredibly hard, they did everything that was asked of them and more! They have incredible team cohesion and spirit, with a work ethic to rival the super league. These attributes which will serve them well as we now head, so deservedly, to Regionals in January. I am very proud of all of you.

Mrs D Martin

The Wars of the Roses

Battle. Bloodshed. Betrayal...

(And that's just in the classroom...)



It's safe to say that the duration of the Wars of the Roses was a tumultuous 30 years, featuring sporadic conflict which witnessed some of the most monumental battles, such as the Battle of Bosworth (1485), and resulted in the end of the Plantagenets and beginning of the infamous Tudor dynasty. It also gave way to the great unknown of the mystery-shrouded "Princes in the Tower", as well as their notorious and - according to Shakespeare - villainous hunchback uncle, Richard III. Remarkably, it seems that only three names existed in the 15th Century; Edward, Henry and Richard, which somewhat adds to the confusion of an already complex and convoluted tale.

Our story is one of violence and usurpation; cousins turning on cousins, uncles turning on nephews, and right at the very core of it all, a struggle for the ultimate power: control of the throne of England. Lancastrians versus Yorkists. Red rose versus white. The five monarchs between 1422 and 1485 were individually very different rulers (therefore contributing to their varying degrees of success), spanning from immense

warriors such as the fearsome King Henry V and Edward IV, to the meeker, pious Henry VI, or the cunning and shrewd Henry Tudor (King Henry VII). There were deaths, depositions, imprisonment, and yet even more deaths.

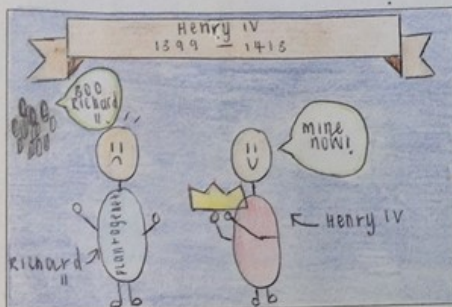
A truly exciting, incredibly interesting history to learn, which, despite its complexity, I am glad to say we have managed to compact into the six most pivotal moments in our cartoon strips. We utilised illustrations alongside the text to better comprehend the chronology of the story, thus obtaining a more thorough understanding of the events of the Wars of the Roses, however shocking (and perhaps reminiscent of a melodramatic soap-opera) they may be...

Braeagh, Year 12

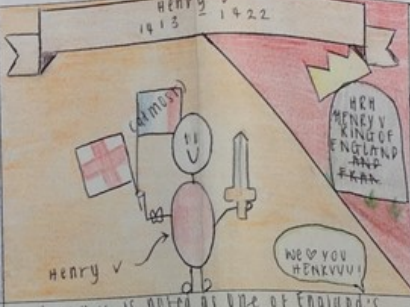
From hand-painted pictures to monochrome sketching, the standard has been set exceptionally high this year, with just a few examples here to share above and on the next page. More are on our [website](#), too.

Miss Davies, A Level History Teacher (Paper 2)

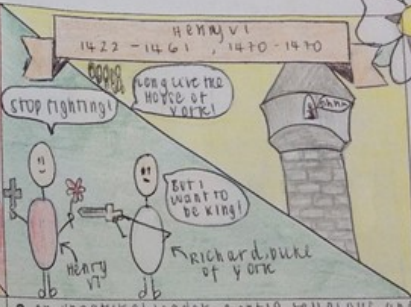
A Quick History of 'THE WARS OF THE ROSES':



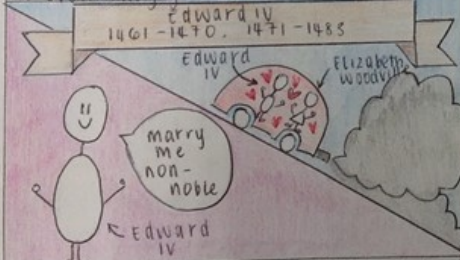
1. Henry Bolingbroke seized the crown from his (un)popular cousin Richard II, making himself Henry IV. Although people were glad that Richard was gone, Henry IV still had to fight for the throne (to keep it). However, he eventually got old and died.



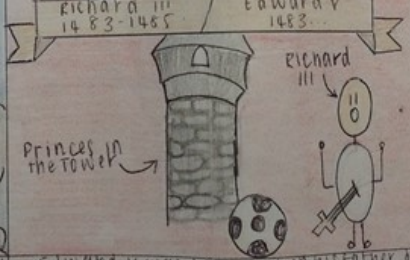
2. Henry V is noted as one of England's greatest kings. He was a good soldier and won a major victory against the French at the Battle of Agincourt. He was almost king in both France and England but died before he was crowned.



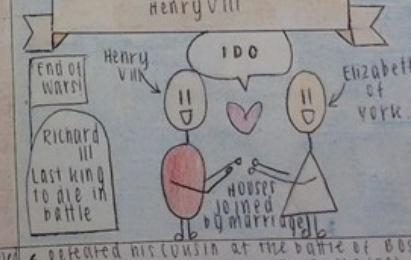
3. An unnatural leader, gentle, religious and hated violence. Challenged by his cousin, Richard, Duke of York - war. The Yorkists imprisoned Henry VI in the Tower of London and gained the throne.



4. The leader of the House of York, Richard Duke of York was killed in battle so his son, Edward IV, was crowned. Edward IV was king twice. Driven in 1470 by nobles for marrying a non-noble, Henry VI got a second chance but Edward fought back. Later he was king once more.



5. Edward V was only 13 when his father died and he became king, but he was never crowned. His uncle imprisoned him in the Tower of London with his younger brother and he became King - Richard III was a skilled but unpopular ruler. The last king of England to die in battle.



6. Defeated his cousin at the battle of Bosworth, Henry VIII became king. As the last king defeated in battle, Richard III's death signalled the end of the Wars of the Roses. When Richard died, King Henry VIII spread lots of propaganda 100 years later, Shakespeare wrote a play about him displayed him as an evil man.

A Quick History of 'THE WARS OF THE ROSES':



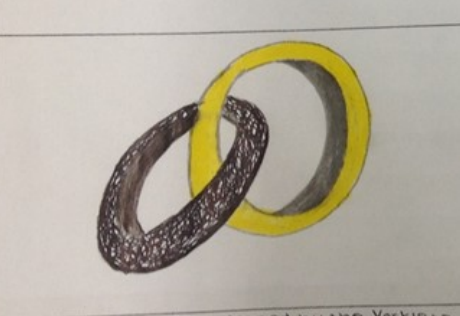
1. Henry Bolingbroke (Duke of Lancaster) usurped the throne from his unpopular cousin Richard III, making himself Henry IV.



2. Henry V was a brilliant soldier, who won a majority victory against the French at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. He wanted to be king of France as well as England. He almost managed it, too - but he died before he could be crowned.



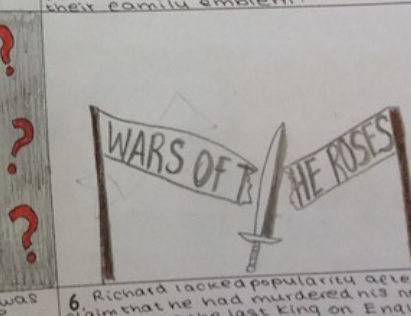
3. Eventually Henry VI's cousin, Edward, Duke of York challenged him for the crown - the outbreak of the civil war. The conflict between the Yorkists and the Lancastrians became known as the Wars of the Roses, because each side had a rose as their family emblem.



4. Henry VI was imprisoned by the Yorkists in the tower of London. Richard Duke of York (the leader) was killed in battle so his son, Edward, was crowned, becoming Edward IV. Edward married a non-noble woman, angering his nobles. Edward died, ruling the country but was given a chance to rule the country but Edward fought back and a year later became king again, while Henry died mysteriously.



5. Edward V became king at 13 but was never crowned as he and his little brother were imprisoned by their uncle Richard in the Tower of London. The two boys were thought to have been murdered by Richard III as their skeletons were found in the tower after they mysteriously disappeared.



6. Richard lacked popularity after the claim that he had murdered his nephews. Richard was the last king on England to die in battle - he was defeated by his cousin, Henry Tudor at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. This marked the end of the Plantagenet kings and the end of the Wars of the Roses.

Year 12s are proving they are not only amazing historians, but also fabulous artists. For more examples of excellent work, please see our school website news section (www.nghs.org.uk)

Our school attendance target is 97% attendance. At the end of every month we review attendance by all students as part of our rewards system. For any students who had attendance above 97% for the month of September, each individual has received a S point and sticker for this.

We also have a form competition, this works by counting the number of students in each form that have attendance above 97% with the winning form in each age band being recognised in their House assembly and receiving a box of Heroes chocolates to share between them.

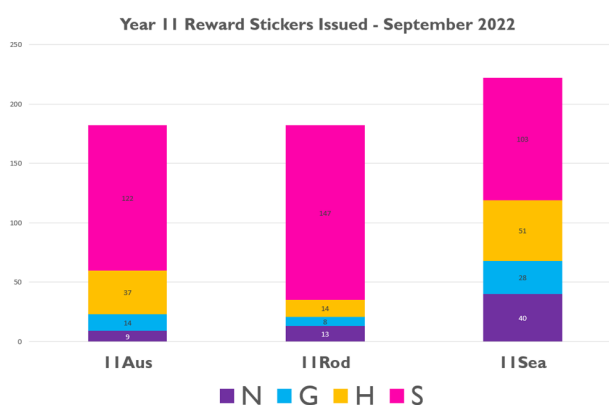
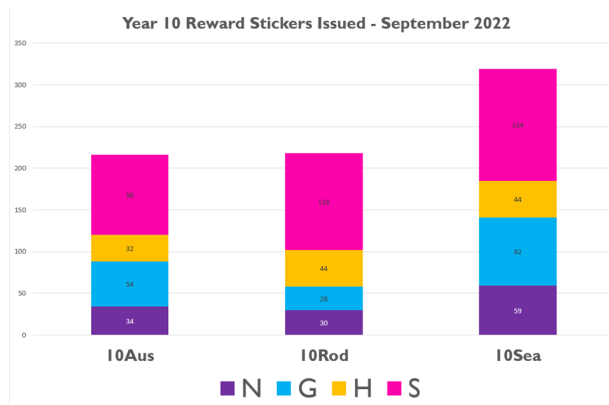
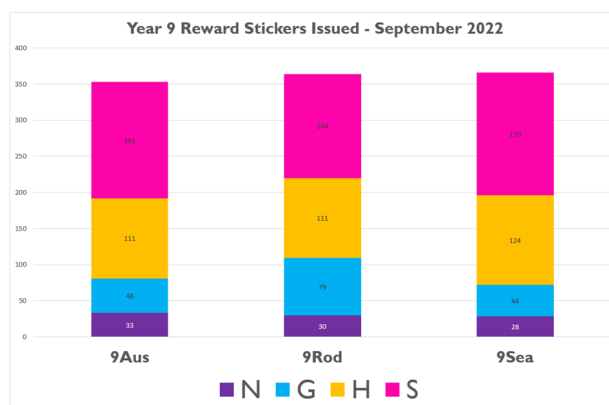
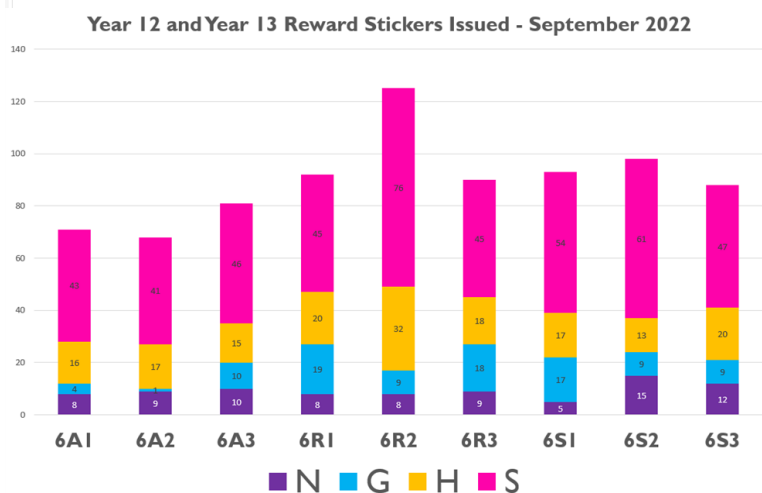
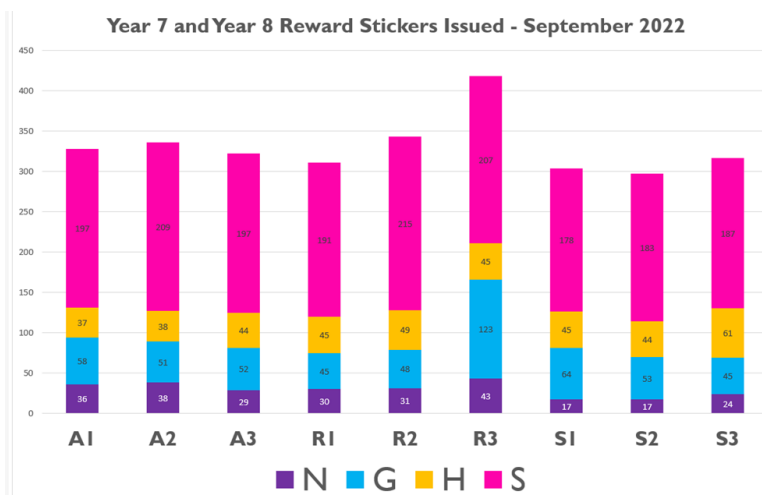
Our September winners are:

- Year 7 & 8 - Form A2**
- Year 9 - 9Roddam**
- Year 10 - 10 Roddam**
- Year 11 - 11 Seacole**
- Sixth Form - 6RI**



Rewards Stickers

We have also been delighted with the refreshed rewards system and NGHS points and have run reports to show the numbers of these that have been awarded in September. Remember the key....**N** = Niceness, **G** = Get Involved, **H** = Homework, **S** = Schoolwork. Please see the tables below to see how your form has been getting on.



Be kind whenever possible.

It is always possible.

the 14th Dalai Lama

Cascade of Kindness



One of the Time Out Tuesday activities this half term was a kindness cascade. This was an activity where form groups were asked to create their own kindness quote to bring together the kindness of the form group. Each student decorated a card and added different shapes and colours. These were then joined together with everyone's else's in the form and added to the form noticeboard. Mrs Birch has now had a look at this and would like to congratulate the following forms who produced wonderful kindness cascades.

All students in these forms will be awarded N points and stickers. We are so proud of these positive and kind messages that have been written and the nice-ness that we see around school!

Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher

Calling All Dancers!

Last year we took part in two successful dance shows, therefore I have entered us into another dance show in March. We will be performing one piece of dance and we are looking for students who are interested to join us for auditions after half term.

Dance auditions will take place on Friday 4 November at lunchtime in the hall. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the noticeboard by the hall to register interest in auditioning. You will be taught a short phrase of dance which you will perform. The audition will be the full hour of lunch, please bring a packed lunch with you to eat during lunch.

The auditions are open to everyone but this is a selection process and not everyone will be chosen to

represent the school in this performance. There is a limit on the number of dancers that we can take and the decision will be made based on performance in the audition next week.

If you audition, it is essential:

- That you are available to attend all Friday lunchtime practices. Failure to attend may result in your place in the performance group being lost.
- That you are available to perform on stage on Monday 20th March 2023

If you have any questions, please see me in school.

Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher



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) SustainNGHS (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) Geography Club (Y7-8)	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 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 K Danby
Wellbeing Officer



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