

NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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ast night saw us welcome a large number of families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Thank you to our Year IIs and their families for joining us. It was also great to welcome Year IIs

from other schools who were very keen to see all that NGHS6 can offer. We look forward to receiving their applications in due course. Our Year IIs do not need to "apply" to the Sixth Form, but will have a discussion with a senior teacher in the new year to firm up their option choices and check on progress post-mocks. We've had some lovely emails of praise this morning too which is great to see.

Today is Remembrance Day and, at I I am, we remembered those whose lives were tragically lost in World War I but also other conflicts, some of which affect members of our NGHS family personally. Thank you to all students and staff who bought and/or wore a poppy to mark this sombre but collegiate occasion.

Our PE Faculty has dramatically increased the number of clubs and fixtures since the arrival of another team member; Miss Saunders, our Director of Sport. This week's newsletter includes information about matches and events. There really is something for everyone from the traditional to the more obscure - I must confess not knowing what Kin-Ball was until this autumn, but it is great fun.



REMEMBRANCE DAY Left We Forget

As part of our sixth form recruitment programme, we are delighted to have had a new NGHS video commissioned, which was shown for the first time last night. You can view the video on our school website. We hope that you enjoy this snapshot of life in our sixth form at NGHS. Finally, don't forget to dig out your odd-socks for Monday! See below...

Best wishes for the weekend,

Mr M J Scott



JOIN IN BY WEARING
ODD SOCKS ON MONDAY
TO SUPPORT
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK AT
NGHS. FLUFFY, STRIPEY,
SPORTS OR PLAIN,
GET INVOLVED!

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Once again, we strive to make a difference

I am thrilled to announce we will be supporting **Telford Christmas Smile** again this year. Now for the fourth year running, we want to make a real difference to families in our area who are struggling to purchase Christmas gifts for their relatives.

I fully appreciate the difficulties many families are facing at this time and understand that not everyone will be in a position to make a difference. If you can help, that would be fantastic.

We welcome donations of gifts for babies, toddlers, children, teens and adults (boys and girls). Even a simple selection box alone is most welcome. The deadline is **Friday 2 December** and we will be collating gifts at Reception during week commencing **28 November**. Please kindly consider donating something to help others in our community. More info can be found on their website.

Please also kindly don't donate items prior to 28 November as we always run out of space!

Social Media Kindness Day

Our Time Out Tuesday this week focused on social media kindness day and all students made pledges to be kind online. Forms were also asked to write top tips for being kind online, please see some of the ideas that were suggested:

- If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything
- Don't get angry if others disagree with you
- Think before you post
- Report / block unpleasant behaviour that you see online
- Don't say things that you wouldn't want to hear yourself
- Don't say hurtful things to others
- Check privacy settings
- Only talk to people you know online
- Send compliments to others
- Think about the impact your message may have on others

Despite Social Media Kindness Day being a one-day awareness day, we want you to remember these top tips whenever you are using devices and online. **Be Kind Always.**





Head Girl Team Highlights...

House Music & Odd Socks!

It's been a busy week at NGHS! Rehearsals for house music are in full swing, and the number of students getting involved throughout the school is fantastic! The slightly altered structure of house music means there are even more groups than ever- with the addition of a house band. All students are encouraged to get involved- the more the merrier!

A big thank you goes to all of the year 12 and 13 students for volunteering to help out with the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, it was great to see everyone so enthusiastic about promoting the school.

Finally, next Monday marks the beginning of the national anti-bullying week, and everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday, with their school uniform, in order to raise awareness- we all look forward to seeing everyone's best (or worst!) sock combinations! No donation is required - just join in!

I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend.

Emily (Deputy Head Girl)





Last month, we marked Black History Month at NGHS in a number of ways, including launching a competition asking pupils to create a poster celebrating the life, work, achievements of someone of colour whose actions have made or are making a difference.

This year's theme was 'Time for Change: action not words'.

Our students did an amazing job of choosing, illustrating and researching their chosen individual.

All entries are proudly displayed in the corridor outside the history classrooms but the winners stood out. Congratulations to:

 3^{rd} place = Ellyson H

2nd place = Tara d'S

 I^{st} place = Braeagh M

A huge 'well done' to all!

Please collect your prizes from Miss Davies next week!



Poetry Competition Results

In October, as part of wider celebrations hosted by the English department for National Poetry Day, students had the opportunity to enter a house poetry writing competition. Students were tasked with writing a poem related to this year's theme which was, in partnership with GreenPeace, 'The Environment'.



The English department were impressed by the number of entries we had; I must commend all students who entered for the literary merit and thoughtful presentation of their poems. It was especially heart-warming to see the varied interpretations of this year's theme, ranging from poems about our own personal interior environments, the school environment, nature and, of course, climate change. I was very moved by what our students had written, especially the inspiring poems which were a call to action to address global warming. A special mention to Eve J whose inspired entry was a message in a plastic bottle (as pictured).

Thank you to all 180 students who took part; you all made choosing a winner a very difficult task indeed! However, after several rounds of judging, we are pleased to announce the winners below.

Year 7 Winners: L Ward & I Vanegas-Speller

Year 8 Winner: S Hothi, Runners up: K Abraham & A Williams

Year 9 Winner: M Arfat, Runner up: A-R Stephen

Year 10 Winner: A Agarwal
Year 11 Winner: O Cass
Year 12/13 Winner: G Evans
Staff Winner: Mr C Tolley



912

The non-zero digits p, q and r are used to make up the three-digit number 'pqr', the two-digit number 'qr'' and the one-digit number r'.

The **sum** of these numbers is 912.

What is the value of q?

Last Time's Winners

Correct answers from last time's problem are shown below. Well done to:

> I Rushton R Wottal R Nicholls

L Smith M Younis G Seo

S Korabandi J Hill A Morris

K Charcinska V Jayasuriya

Due Thursday breaktime 17th November

Email a photo of your work to I.roberts@nghs.org.uk



UKMT WINNERS!

The Senior Mathematical Challenge is a 90-minute, multiple-choice Challenge. It encourges mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Senior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think.

It was held on 4th October 2022 and the results are shown below:



Newport Parking & Use of Bus Bays

In recent days we have seen a number of parents using the bus bays on Wellington Road or stopping outside the school (in heavy traffic) to pick up near the pedestrian crossing. Complaints also continue from residents about their driveways being blocked by parents. Please help us to keep our students safe and our community on side with respectful parking. Enforcement Officers do regularly visit schools, too! Thank you.

Gold Award - Top NGHS Student K Wykes

Silver Awards

R Awan

A Bhatnagar

A Birchall

E Bower

A Ciras

J Guan

C Hegarty

K Hossack

Z Reynolds

E Spencer

C Tunnicliffe

E Walkley

M Watkin

A Wu

Bronze Awards

D Al-Sebahi

C Cui

N Dhariwal

A Ghosh

V Jayasuriya

H Makwana

C Mander

H Meechan

E Orrell

N Parker

K Patridge

M Patel

O Perera

L Toor

I Vickers

S Vijayakumar C Wang

Attendance Heroes - October

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 October, 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 October winners are: A3, 9 Roddam, 10 Seacole, 11 Austen and 6R1. Well done!





Last week we held our first rewards assemblies using the new system and our first assemblies of the year, this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all of the successes of the first half term. The first award went to students who had successfully completed 5 NGHS rows since September, these students all received the first of the prizes in the rewards system which is an NGHS pencil. Congratulations to all of our winners of this award:

Year 8	B. Armstrong, A. Ashraf, A. Austen, C. Charlery, G. Hicklin, A. Masey, E. Middleton, M. Neame, M. Patel,		
	E. Roberts, E. Sutcliffe		
Year 9	R. Allen, S. Baah, E. Bates, I. Buckley, L. Clayton, F. Edwards, D. Gallacher, M. Hall, I. Morris, A. Naylor,		
	C. Nwaomu, M. Royce, A. Stephen, H. Turner, A. Vasikaran, D. Zangina		
Year 10	O. Delves, P. Finan, R. Nicholls, A. Thompson, G. Worrall		
Year II	N. Athwal		
Year 12	L. Lo		
Year 13	E. Walkley		

We also had one student who has completed 10 NGHS rows since September and has been awarded our first voucher for a sweet treat from the canteen. Congratulations to **C. Nwaomu** for achieving this reward. The next award that was presented was the inter form house point cup. This award is given to the form with the highest overall NGHS point total throughout half term I.

Congratulations to our winning forms which were: R3, 9 Roddam, 10 Seacole, 11 Seacole, 6R2.

The next award was to celebrate individual achievements for those students who had received the most overall NGHS points since September. These are Gold, Silver & Bronze Awards:

T Hayman L Yeboah E Roberts M Royce O Delves L Smith A Birchall E Walkley

A Saini
C Charlery
E Jakubek
M Patel
C Nwaomu
A Stephen
C Fewtrell
H Biju
K Hossack

H Meechan

S Chowdury

S Bagnall E Rogers S Karthik A Masey F Edwards G Worrall A Wyke C Hegarty K Wykes The final award that was presented was our lucky dip. For every 10 N,G,H or S points that students have received one ticket gets added to the lucky dip box. Our winners were:

Y7 & Y8
E Cambidge
N Eshun
L Finan
E Fletcher
R Nicklin
F Parekh

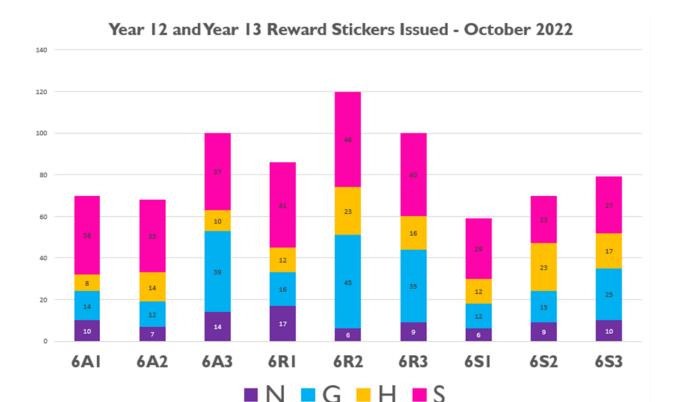
Y9 L Clayton S Lawrence A Stephen

YIO P Finan M Gemmill K Steele YII S Mathew

Y12 N Parker



Well done to all of our winners, we are so proud of how many NGHS points and stickers have been awarded since September. Please keep up the good work and we will be holding our next round of rewards assemblies in January to celebrate successes from this year and the second half term.



As already mentioned we are so impressed with the amount of NGHS points that have been awarded so far. Throughout October we have seen high numbers of these awarded, please see the tables on the board outside the RRR room to see how many NGHS points your form has received during October. Sixth Form is shown above as an example!

Mrs H Birch, Assistant Headteacher

Specialist Tennis Coaching

This Thursday we were invited to attend an introduction to leading tennis and how to help at a competition at Telford Tennis Centre. It was led by the LTA and we spent the morning being taught how to coach younger children at tennis and particular exercises that coaches can use in sessions.

We learnt specific skills which we applied to the activities such as communication, self-management and problem solving. We began by learning how to deliver an effective warm up and how to address beginners whilst still earning their respect. We then moved onto basic ball activities such as roll and recover and ball tracking, which enables players to enhance their hand-eye coordination and collaborative skills. This was followed by the addition of a racket which further encourages their skills by game-based activities such as popcorn tennis.

The afternoon brought friendly competition which we succeeding in winning all of our matches and securing team water bottles! This training day was extremely beneficial to all of us as we all developed our leadership and collaborative skills thoroughly.

Izzy, Ava, Mia, Katie and Tulsi (Year 10)



SPORTREVIEW

U14 County Netball

In October, all top Shropshire schools took part in county netball. As a school we took one squad of 9 players and played a total of five 16-minute games. We won 2, lost 2 and had a tight draw with Thomas Telford with the shooter, Hannah, getting obstructed just before the final whistle. We all watched with anticipation as she scored and ended the game 11-11. The games we won, we absolutely smashed by turning over the other teams centres and scoring goal after goal. Some Games were tough but we played with our heads held high and put up a good fight. Overall, we came third in Shropshire but unfortunately only the top two schools qualified. Well done to Hannah, Alanna, Izzy, Lily, Jess, Masa, Sarah, Erin and Debbie for doing so well, we really made Newport proud.

Rugby Development Day

We took a group of students from year 8 to year 11 to a Rugby Development Day at Shrewsbury Rugby Club. We started the day with a variety of training drills, which allowed our students to learn some new skills, practice other skills as well as extending their knowledge. In the afternoon, our U14's got involved with the touch session whist U16's played a match against a local school. Overall, their performance was outstanding throughout, and we are very proud of every student for the work they put in. We would also like to say thank you to **Stan Robinsons LTD** for sponsoring NGHS rugby, ensuring we could get our lovely new kit!

Miss P Regester, PE Apprentice (Rugby Coach)



Year 7 First Netball Match!

It was a cold, dark and wet Thursday when we took 15 year 7's on their first ever netball tournament to represent NGHS. All the players were very excited and ready to play. They all played 4 games each and performed superbly, you would not have known that they hadn't played a competitive game before for NGHS. Each player on the court put in 100% effort throughout each game. They all worked together as a team using excellent communication skills, team work and encouraged one another. As the rain got heavier, the players continued to shine in their games and worked even harder. We are very proud of their performance and we look forward too many more netball fixtures with year 7 to see how their skills develop. Well done!



Cross Country Triumph

As a PE teacher, when I think of the autumn term I think of 3 things: rain, cold and cross country. After last years success in the TWSSA cross country league, the bar was set high for this year's runners, and they certainly did not disappoint! After 3 previous races at schools across Telford and Wrekin, the 4th and final race was held at Idsall School, and this race would determine their overall success. As always, the runners dug deep and finished strong across all the year groups; they'd done all that they could and we just had to sit tight and wait for the results. The results were as followed:

- ♦ A Woods came 2nd in all of her races and took away a silver medal for the Year 7 girls
- Year 7 team = overall 2^{nd} . Year 8 team = overall 3^{rd} . Year 9 team = overall 4^{th}
- © C Askin just missed out on a medal by coming 4th overall for the Year 9 girls.

We are incredibly proud of all the runners and they all showed great commitment and determination. In addition, we entered both a Junior (year 7 and 8 runners) and a Intermediate (year 9 runners) team to the ESAA cross country cup. This was a county competition where the first 3 teams would qualify for the regional round. The competition was tough, with a number of local independent schools entering and the distance almost doubling from the TWSSA races. However, once again both teams excelled themselves, with A Woods winning the Junior race and the Junior team coming 3^{rd,} qualifying for the regional round which takes place this Saturday at Bromsgrove School. We wish all the runners the best of luck, and you never know, next week I may be announcing that we are going to nationals!

Miss R Saunders, Director of Sport



Half-Term Horsing Around at Keysoe!

The National Schools Equestrian championships is the highlight of the year in the NSEA competition calendar, which this year was held at Keysoe Equestrian in Bedfordshire. The NGHS team have worked hard all year to gain qualifications for this prestigious event and represented the school in several classes over the long weekend.

Thursday started with the NSEA Championships classes and Oona G went solo for the 70/75 competition. In a massive class of 138 Oona gave it her all and completed a beautiful round. On Friday it was the turn of Izzy W in the 80/85 riding a lovey fast clear round in another massive class of 197. Sadly, both girls were not in the prizes, but they give it their all and should be very proud of their achievements.

On Sunday the team of Eva T, Hannah J, Izzy W & Jazz R headed back down to Keysoe ready for the NSEA Championship Plate competition on Monday morning. Some members of the team entered the warm-up competition on Sunday night and after their fabulous efforts everyone was excited for the competition the next morning. A very early start on Monday saw the girls enter the 70/75 competition. All the girls rode so well in the first round, qualifying them for the jump off. Nerves ran high but the girls stayed cool, calm and collected achieving an amazing team <u>THIRD</u>.

Last but certainly not least Sophie C took to the arena representing NGHS as an individual in the 90/95. Sophie rode brilliantly achieving an absolutely amazing 7th place. We are so proud of all the girls and their achievements, they worked so hard and supported each other. Now the girls are already back out and about trying to get qualified for next year!



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	
D Al-Sebahi (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin	
A Amjad (6R3)	Mrs K Griffin	
R Awan (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin	
S Baah (9Sea)	M. C Auduoin, Mr R Bourne	
A Barnes (6S3)	Mrs K Griffin	
F Batters (6RI)	Mrs K Griffin	
G Beardsome (6A1)	Mrs K Gill, Mrs K Griffin	
C Biggs (6R3)	Mrs K Griffin	
E Bowness (6RI)	Mrs K Griffin	
A Calleja (A1)	Mrs K Gill	
S Chatterjee (6S3)	Mrs K Griffin	
G Clarke (A2)	Mrs N Saysell	
L Cook (S2)	Mrs K Gill	
L Rose Corcoran (6A3)	Mrs K Griffin	
M Croughan (6R2)	Miss AM Davies	
C Cui (6SI)	Mrs L Roberts	
L DeWeerd (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin	
A Din (6RI)	Miss AM Davies	
R ElGizawy (6A3)	Mrs A Benoit	
H Enefer (10Sea)	Mrs A Chapman	
G Evans (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin	
P Finan (10Sea)	Mr M Ley	
A Gaddam (6S3)	Miss AM Davies	
R Gill (9Aus)	Mrs T Fujii	
Y Gopinathsethu (9Rod)	Mr R Bourne	
O Gowan (S2)	Miss P Regester	
T Hardiman (6A2)	Miss AM Davies	
E Haynes (6S1)	Mrs A Benoit	
K Hossack (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin	
C Hurst (6S3)	Mrs K Griffin	
L Jbara (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin	
C Jones (R2)	Mrs A Beniot	
G Keay (6A1)	Mrs K Griffin	
L Keen (6R3)	Mrs N Saysell, Mrs K Griffin	
P Kerr (6A3)	Mrs K Griffin	
P Larsen (10Sea)	Mrs A Chapman	
I Link (I I Rod)	Mrs A Beniot	
L Lo (6RI)	Mrs K Griffin	

To: Student	From: Teacher	
N Millington (6R1)	Mrs A Benoit	
A Mills (A2)	Mrs K Gill	
T Mistry (10Sea)	Mrs K Gill	
J Mooney (6A3)	Mrs K Griffin	
I Nicklin (6S2)	Mrs K Griffin	
Z Nwaomu (10Sea)	Mrs A Chapman	
N Parker (6A2)	Mrs N Saysell	
K Partridge (6R1)	Mrs K Griffin	
L Patrick (6A2)	Mrs K Griffin	
I Perks (RI)	Miss P Regester	
J Pham (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin	
C Phillips (6A3)	Miss AM Davies	
R Rajendran Kalpana (SI)	Mrs A Benoit	
B Rees (6RI)	Mrs K Griffin	
Z Reynolds (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin	
A Roddy (I0Rod)	Mrs A Chapman	
P Saiprasad (6S2)	Mrs K Griffin	
D Sharma (9Rod)	Mrs A Benoit	
S Shindler (6S3)	Mrs K Griffin	
A Simcox (6R3)	Mrs K Griffin	
H Sobichan (6A3)	Mrs K Griffin	
E Spencer (6R3)	Mrs L Roberts	
A Srivastava (6R2)	Mrs K Griffin	
A Stephens (9Aus)	Mrs S Fletcher	
S Sulake (6A I)	Mrs K Griffin	
L Thompson (6SI)	Mrs K Griffin	
B Tyler (A3)	Mrs K Gill	
A Vasikaran (9Rod)	Mrs K Gill	
S Vijayakumar (6R1)	Mrs K Griffin	
E Walkley (6S3)	Miss AM Davies	
l Waters (6S2)	Mrs K Griffin	
A White (IIAus)	Mrs K Gill	
G Worrall (10Sea)	Mrs A Chapman	
A Wu (6A3)	Mrs K Griffin	
A Wyke (11Sea)	Mrs A Benoit	
A Wysome (10Aus)	Mrs T Fujji	
D Zangina (9Rod)	Mr R Bourne	



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!

	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL	
MONDAY	Japanese club (all years) School production (all years) Rugby club (Y7-11) Chemistry work clinic (Y13) Genocide Awareness Group—The H 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) SustaiNGHS (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,		
WEDNESDAY	Netball team trials Rugby club (Y12-13) Maths drop in (Y11) Biology intervention (Y13) Digital Leaders (Y10) English examination skills (Y11 invited Philosophy club (Y7)	Chemistry mentoring (YII) GCSE German support (YII) School choir (all years) MedSoc (YII-I2) Party Games Club (Y7-8) students)	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 I Scott Headteacher



Mrs H Goodall Head of Year 7



Mrs F Davenport Pastoral Support



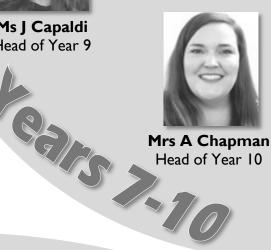
Miss S Webster Deputy Head



Ms J Capaldi Head of Year 9



Mrs A Seys Head of Year 8



Mrs A Chapman Head of Year 10



Mrs K Danby Wellbeing Officer

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 YII