



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Firstly well done to Year 11 for the excellent way they have conducted themselves in the first part-week of mocks. I'm sure it'll be a busy revision weekend, but the weekend break half-way-through makes things more manageable and we have been impressed with how well they have done so far.

This week our U14 and U16 Badminton players have competed at Ercall Wood and our Year 9 and Year 10 netball teams are playing in the local league. Just before half term, our sixth form netballers also competed in a tournament against Haberdashers' Adams and were triumphant. Thank you to our PE Faculty for giving up so much of their time and also Mr Whitehouse our new Outreach & Partnerships Officer who likes nothing more than to coach sport at lunchtime. It is much appreciated.

Today I am visiting Stratford Girls' Grammar to meet with the Heads of our Successful Girls' Grammar Network (SGGS). This partnership of 19 Heads is very powerful in debating issues affecting our sector from government initiatives through to operational policies. It is a fantastic forum and I leave every meeting with lots of new ideas but also happy to have shared the great work that NGHS is doing, too. I have now also had sight of our **Ofsted report** and hope to be allowed to release this next week.

I am delighted to mention that we will have **two German assistants** from the University of Wuppertal visiting us between February and May. They will support students in improving their German language skills in lessons. Our two assistants are actually twin sisters and are seeking accommodation in the Newport area. Please see the information below and if you can help, please email schooloffice@nghs.org.uk for the attention of Miss A Rosbach. Danke schön!

Thank you to all the students and staff who wore their odd socks on Monday to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Our next non-uniform event will be our **Winter Jumper Day** on Thursday 15 December (the day before we finish). This coincides with our **Festive Lunch** in the Dining Room for those who wish to partake. A minimum £1 donation for Winter Jumper Day will support Newport Foodbank on 15th December. We also mark the return of our **Annual Carol Service** on Tuesday 13 December at 7pm at St Nicholas' Church, Newport. I have also promoted the **Christmas Smile Telford appeal** for the last couple of weeks; just a reminder we are accepting donations in w/c 28 November. If you are out shopping and can pick up a gift or even a selection box, it would be appreciated. More on page 2.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Mr M J Scott

"Hello, our names are Jette and Merle, we are twin sisters and 21 years old and are currently looking for a kind host family. We are studying English and German at the University of Wuppertal in Germany because we are aiming to become teachers in our future.

From 13 February to 14 May 2023, we will work as German Teaching Assistants at NGHS. We would have to talk about our arrival and departure date individually. If it is possible we would like to stay with **one** host family. However, it would also be fine if we find two families that live close to each other.

We are looking for a family which can offer us a room of our own. A bathroom of our own is not obligatory. Moreover, a family who lives close to Newport Girls' High School would be of great advantage, because we will be depending on public transport. To cover our accommodation, 250 to 300 pounds per person would be affordable for us. We are looking forward to hearing from you."



Home Stay Wanted!



ALSO: Don't forget Mr Audouin's MFL Slogan Competition - closes 9th December. Click for the [national competition!](#)

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Christmas smile



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!



Head Girl Team Highlights...

Odd Socks & Y11 Mocks!

This week had a brilliant start! It was great to see students in their odd socks to raise awareness for anti-bullying week. It's always lovely to see the network of support amongst our NGHS family. However, this friendly competition is starting to become tense with all three houses perfecting their house music performances. Thanks to everybody getting involved, this week has had the highest house choir turnout since the past couple weeks, the enthusiasm can be seen across the school as a whole!

Well done to all of year 11 who have sat their first part-week of mock exams and continue to sit them throughout next week. Stay calm and be positive, you are all doing great! Have a lovely weekend and ensure you are back ready and recharged for the last week of mocks. And finally I'd like to wish you all a wonderful weekend!

Nakita & The HGT



Belle visits NGHS next week

On Wednesday 23 November Year 7, 8 and 9 will have a live performance and Q & A

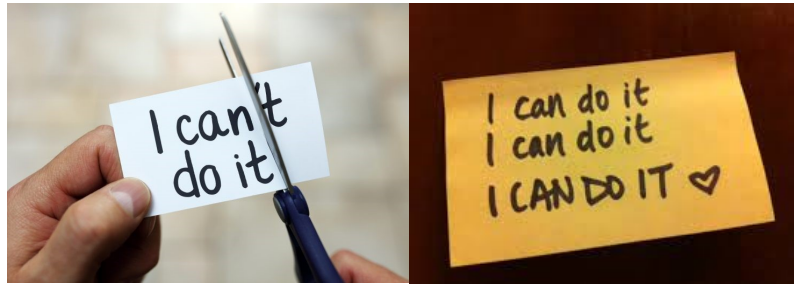
session from Prime Agency during one of their lessons. Belle is a 16-year-old singer/songwriter from the Midlands, busily marking out her own very individual creative vision. Having grown up in a family with

many years of music experience and success, Belle is already a confident performer, writer and singer. Belle will discuss mental health, the causes of mental health problems (stress at school, relationships etc), a time she had her own mental health issues, who to turn to for help and the importance of speaking up. She will also speak about the stresses of the pandemic, the loss we might all have felt and how we can all better handle the unpredictability and hardship of it all. She will give advice on how to stay safe online (Never giving out personal information, never meeting strangers online, safety on social network sites, following rules of your parents on the internet etc) as well as discussing cyber bullying and where to go for help. She will also discuss personal stories i.e. a time she was affected by cyber bullying, how she felt at the time, how she reacted, and the outcome of the situation. This will be a real opportunity for all our students taking part in the session and we look forward to informing you of how the event went in our next newsletter.

Miss R Saunders, PSHE Lead

Year 11 Mocks

Year 11 mocks got underway this week and we'd like to say a huge well done to the year group for their hard work in these so far. It is really important that they balance their revision this weekend with their own well-being.



Our top tips for this weekend are:

- 1) Do something you enjoy to take a break from revision.
You might choose to read a book, watch your favourite movie, or learn crochet!
- 2) Spend some time outside or being active.
- 3) Make sure you get enough sleep so that you feel refreshed ready for Monday.
- 4) Speak to someone at home if you are feeling worried or overwhelmed; remember many people will feel like this during exam periods but talking to someone can help.

NGHS Art Trip

On Monday 7 November our Year 10 and Sixth Form art students ventured to Birmingham Art Gallery and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

There were several exhibitions at the gallery that focused on the story behind Birmingham; its people, cultural and history. While wandering around the gallery, students were set a range of drawing tasks and art challenges from gesture drawings to finding the 'perfect frame' to display a self-portrait in.

In the afternoon students explored the grounds of the Botanical Gardens and the Tropical Glasshouses, putting their photography skills into action to capture a brilliant range of natural forms and wildlife.

Some of the photographs from the trip will soon be available to view on our NGHS Facebook page! Well done to all the students on their excellent work during the day.

Miss J M Walker, Teacher of Art



PLEASE PARK SAFELY NEAR OUR SCHOOLS!

When parking in the local area, please park legally and with consideration for our pupils and residents.

Thank you from Newport Girls' High School & Moorfield Primary School



Weekly Maths Challenge

Choose ONE problem...

Problem A

What is the value of...

$$\frac{2468 \times 2468}{2468 + 2468} ?$$

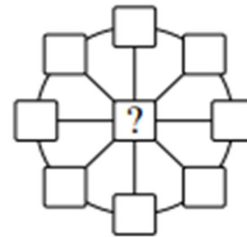
Problem B

For any fixed value of x , which of the following has the largest value?

- a) $(x + 1)(x - 1)$
- b) $(x + \frac{1}{2})(x - \frac{1}{2})$
- c) $(x + \frac{1}{3})(x - \frac{1}{3})$
- d) $(x + \frac{1}{4})(x - \frac{1}{4})$

Problem C

The sum of the three numbers on each diameter is 13 and the sum of the eight numbers on the circumference is 40. What number must be written in the central cell?



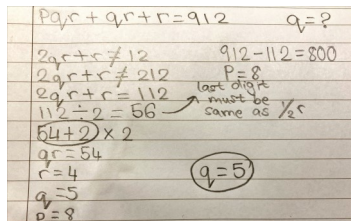
No Calculator

Well done to everyone who gets involved with this weekly contest!

Last Time's Winners

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

I Luksenaitė 7H L Smith 11S
M Younis A2 A Morris 9R



Due 9am next Thursday by email to Mrs Roberts or in box in 301.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

This week we have been made aware of a safeguarding course for parents which has been created by the **Football Association**. The course is designed to help parents make informed choices about the football settings where they enrol their children. The course helps parents recognise best practice and see where there may be concerns, so that they can report them quickly and effectively. This free course can be found [here](#).

ONLINE BULLYING

Online bullying is a concern for many parents / carers, this can often be a hidden aspect of many children's lives and children will not always talk if they are being bullied. Internet Matters have put some tips together for parents which are split by ages, please follow [this link](#) to find out more.



From the 16 November to the 17 December, it is **UK Disability History month** so we would like to take the opportunity to highlight the importance of this. A disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to complete normal daily activities under the Equality Act 2010. This means that not all disabilities can be seen and can affect people's day-to-day lives in a multitude of ways. At NGHS, we try hard to be as inclusive as possible, and students can approach members of the SEND team to better access the curriculum and school life overall. The SEND team offer a Friday AM registration drop in session in the Art Studio to provide additional support for SEND students/non-SEND student initial queries. There are also several clubs and activities which you can get involved with which cater to all needs and interests, the aim is that SEND students are able to fully participate in school life and have opportunities available to them the same as every other student.

Bethan & Isabel - SEND Ambassadors at NGHS

**UK
DISABILITY
HISTORY
MONTH**



Karate Success!

Avni C (R3, Y7) took part in a Karate tournament last weekend and received first prize in single kata and first prize in team kata. Well done Avni!

If other students win awards, we love to hear about them. Please email us via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk with a photograph and short write-up. Let's celebrate together!

Effects of Dementia Survey

Almost all of our Year 13 students complete an Extended Project Qualification, which is a dissertation-style essay of up to 5000 words or an artefact of their own creation. They supplement this with a diary-style production log and a presentation. Primary research is often required and one of our students is asking for help with this:

As part of my Extended Project Qualification on the effect of dementia on family and carers, I have to do my own research. For that reason, I have created a survey and I would really appreciate it if as many NGHS parents/carers could complete it to boost my research.

The survey is very simple and will take less than 5 minutes to complete. It is aimed at people who are either carers or are family members to a person who has suffered with dementia. The survey will remain anonymous, and all responses are forwarded directly to me, but some of the final data might be used by the health watch at the end of my project.

The survey can be found at the [clicking this link](#), however, for some computers there may be a verification error; all this requires is for the person to press 'skip verification'. Thank you for your help and support.

Maria B (Year 13)

NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL'S
Christmas Lights SWITCH ON 6PM FRIDAY NOVEMBER
25th

- * Nova FM *
- * Christmas Parade *
- * Newport Male Voice Choir *
- * Santa & his reindeer *
- * Rotary Lite Sleigh *
- * Carol Service - St Nicholas Church *
- * Nova Panto & Beauty & the Beast *
- * Beaumaris Singers *
- * Christmas Market *
- * Fun Fair *

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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