



NEWPORT NEWS

A fortnightly update from NGHS

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Happy International Women's Day!



Miss Webster (Head of School) & Mr Scott (Executive Head)

Happy International Women's Day. It has been great to celebrate this with our students and staff. More information on page 2 of NN!

There has been a real buzz around NGHS this week because it has been show week! Our fantastic cast of *Little Shop of Horrors* have finally seen their hard work come together and performed an amazing show for us all to enjoy. They have been truly incredible and it has been a joy to see them enjoy the stage this week. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Bird and Mrs Chapman in particular who have spent hours of their own time running rehearsals and organising all the other logistics involved such as staging and props.

Alongside this, Year 10 were enthused following their visit to Science Live and some of our Sixth Form team have been raising awareness of today's International Women's Day. Their assembly on why this day is

recognised nationally and their discussion of inspirational women was enjoyed in form time by all year groups.

This week we have appointed our new Head Girl Team. We were extremely impressed with the quality of the applications and thank all those that applied. Congratulations to the successful students; we look forward to working closely with you in your new roles. You can see the new team on page 4.

You will have also seen a letter from our Chair of Governors, Mr Tony Brown, informing you of the successful appointment of Mr Adam Jones as the new Headteacher of NGHS from September with Miss Webster being Acting Head in May-August. We thank you for your future support of both Miss Webster and Mr Jones and have every confidence that they will continue to ensure NGHS's ongoing success.

With only two weeks remaining of this half term, can we take this opportunity to remind you of both Year 10 and Y7 parents evenings that are taking place next week and the week after. Please do ensure your child has spoken to their teachers and booked appointments. Finally, we break up for the holidays on Friday 22nd March at 12.30pm; our school coaches will depart NGHS from this time on the Friday. Students that travel home any other way must ensure they have made alternative arrangements as school will close at 1:00pm.

With every good wish, **Mr Scott & Miss Webster**

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IWD 2024

This year, Newport Girls' High School is celebrating International Women's Day with a campaign "inspiring inclusion", focused on promoting women's equality by collectively recognising women's empowerment. The HGT, FemSoc and History Ambassadors have been working hard to promote these ideas, from creating an assembly to share with forms, to adorning the school with themed decorations and inspiring posters like these:



The history of the day is nothing short of inspirational. Clara Zetkin first proposed the idea in 1910, where participants would press for equality within the patriarchal society in which there were many restrictions to women's rights. The idea was taken to the Finnish Parliament, and with unanimous approval, the day was founded and honoured for the first time on 19th March 1911, with one million men and women

supporting it. Since World War One, the day has been marked annually on the 8th March.

It is evident that this day has already brought about so much positive change for women, with its impact continuing to grow year by year.

For more information on what you can do to support International Women's Day, please [click here](#).

Inspiring local women...

This is an extract written by Evelyn when she participated in the Historical Association's Great Debate. It highlights the role of one local woman in the 19th century and the impact she made through her foresight and determination:

'Imagine, it's the 1800s, a small market town in the West Midlands: Newport, my home. Schooling was perceived as completely unnecessary for women at this time, leading to not only a staggering lack of permanence for schools but many reflecting not a vocation for teaching, but simply a need to find status and income.

However, one woman challenged these expectations when purchasing and becoming principal of a school in Newport in 1898. Her name was Sarah Jane Mills. Student numbers rose from 28 to 62 by 1901, while it had become a centre for the Oxford Local Examinations, providing innumerable new opportunities.

Even further, she set aside a room for reading, allowing young women to further their own education, along with providing archery facilities at a time when female archers were far from common. Teaching them invaluable and limitless life lessons, she provided the means and belief to ensure the strong grounds for our school today: Newport Girls High School."

Evelyn D Year 10

Spotlight on... former student, Ailsa M who left the school in 2013 after studying A Levels in History, English Lit and Art & Design. She joined the South Wales Police and we are proud to say is the first female forensic video technician in the force. She was recently featured in an article to highlight International Women's Day and Girls in Science to celebrate the women working in roles related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Here is an extract from the article:

"As a female in STEM in policing, I love my job. My work involves a fascinating technical science which is continuously evolving as new technologies and software is developed. Our industry can at times be quite male-dominated which I think comes from more boys in school taking up ICT and pursuing that as a career rather than girls. I don't actually have a scientific background; I have a degree in History which I feel has really set me up well to be able research thoroughly, defend my findings and be able to write reports articulately. "I would encourage anyone considering a career in forensics to remember that it's not necessarily out of your reach just because you didn't study sciences!"

Well done, Ailsa! We hope this inspires our current students to develop careers in STEM subjects too!

Miss Davies (Assoc. Asst Head/History teacher)
#oneproudhistoryteacher



Little Shop of ... Marvels!

Congratulations to the amazing cast of Little Shop of Horrors and massive thanks to Mr Bird and Mrs Chapman for their hard work with this production. More photographs on the website next week!



Photos: D Gallacher (Y10) and Mr Whitehouse



New Head Girl Team for 24-25

Congratulations to our new Head Girl Team who take up post at Easter. There was competition, as always for the posts and students were interviewed by a panel of staff. The new team comprises:

Head Girl	Ellisha G (joined in Year 12 from Wrekin College)
Deputy Head Girls	
Wellbeing	Rosie B (attended NGHS since Year 7)
Participation	Aimee J (attended NGHS since Year 7)
Transition	Breanna H (joined in Year 12 from Telford Priory School)
	Louisa P (joined in Year 12 from Walton High School)
Academic Chair	Lauren M (attended NGHS since Year 7)
Community	Jasmine H (attended NGHS since Year 7)

Being appointed as the new Head Girl of NGHS for the 2024-2025 academic year is both a privilege and an honour. As an external student, joining in year 12, I am proud to be an ambassador of a school which so openly welcomed me. I hope to do my best to not only represent the student voice but also ensure all girls joining NGHS have the same amazing experience joining as I did.

Ellisha, Head Girl Designate





Hello, my name is Esther Sey Essel and I was formally elected as Deputy MYP for Telford and Wrekin. Being elected as the Deputy Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) is an incredible honour and privilege. The journey to securing this position was both challenging and rewarding, especially considering the tight race with the current MYP, where just a 100-vote difference determined the outcome. I am deeply grateful to everyone who supported me throughout this process and believed in my vision for young people. As I prepare to assume my responsibilities, I am filled with excitement and determination to make a meaningful impact during my two-year term as Deputy MYP. Thank you for entrusting me with this important role, and I look forward to serving our community to the best of my ability.

NGHS Staff Running Club

Over the last few months, you may have seen a number of NGHS staff dressed in their running attire making their way around Newport after school! This is all in support of Ms Saunders who was successful in the ballot for the London Marathon and will be running 26.2 miles in just over 6 weeks! Ms Saunders is running the London Marathon to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity following the recent diagnosis of a close family friend. To help her on her journey and keep her company on the training runs, we set up a staff running club in September. We started out with Mrs Dainty as our Newport running route guide and have recruited more staff to take part along the way (including the very speedy Mr Green). Recently Miss Webster and Ms Saunders completed the Warwick half marathon; the course description was 'undulating', yet both felt 'lots and lots of uphill' would have been more appropriate. Despite this, both managed to finish the 13.1 miles – although there was no PB for Miss Webster, and despite the number 1 sign, they definitely did not come first! Mrs Goodall also took part in a 10km trail run last weekend finishing 4th in her age group; a tremendous achievement given how cold it was! Well done also to Miss Crevis who recently completed a 10km race as part of the Birmingham running festival. We wish Ms Saunders the best of luck with the rest of her training (just over 8 weeks to go!) – please do say hello if you see us on a future training run!



Fencing Under 16 Girls Sabre WM BYC Qualifier Gold medal—Grace Clarke (Y11)

The event was held at King Edward's school Stratford upon Avon. This attracted fencers from schools and colleges throughout the West Midlands.

Grace now goes forward to represent the West Midlands at the national finals to be held at the E.I.S., Sheffield on 6th May 2024. Grace represented Great Britain at a European Cadet event in Bucharest on 28th January.



Cross Country

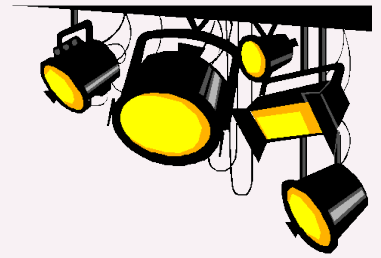
Ivy Brannen and Philippa Godfrey (both Yr7) competed in the Shropshire Schools Cross County Championships on 3rd February at Oswestry School. They both finished in the top 10 runners, with Philippa finishing on the podium in **second place!**

Congratulations to both girls who are pictured on the right.

Miss R Saunders

YEAR SPOTLIGHT

Year 10



It's hard to believe that we're already over half way through the school year. Nonetheless, during the last six months Year 10 have continued to impress with their level-headed diligence and enthusiastic participation in all aspects of school life. In Rewards

Assemblies their support for each other in celebrating successes is joyous; even, in PSHE, when discussing the challenges young people can face some were uniquely positive, commenting that 'Life is beautiful'!

Most recently, the whole of Y10 enjoyed a trip to Symphony Hall for Science Live. Some have also been involved in the fantastic school show, 'Little Shop of Horrors', either as part of the cast or backstage. And

there's much more to come - House events, Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, Sports Day. Plus, the forthcoming Parents' Evening on Wednesday 13th March, and end of year exams, taking place in the Hall to help to prepare students for the 'feel' of GCSE examinations.

I am so proud of Year 10. They embody everything that NGHS is about, throwing themselves into extra-curricular and leadership opportunities both in and out of school. I hope you enjoy hearing a little about some of things they have been doing, as well as learning more about the fabulous Form Tutors who support them.

Ms J Capaldi
Head of Year 10



Freya Edwards, Lower School Head Girl
Life in the Lower School Head Girl Team

Having been interviewed and selected for our roles in the summer term of Year 9, we immediately kicked off this school year and got stuck straight into our roles as the Lower School Head Girl Team (LSHGT).

Wasting no time, we were given the opportunity to work together at creating and presenting an assembly to the school focusing on resilience. It was really rewarding to see all our work come together whilst also getting an insight into the work that goes on for every week's assemblies.

Next, (and with a deadline of around one week!), we were tasked with creating the notice boards for the Year 7 Edgmond Hall trip, the Appreciation Station and the LSHGT. After a lot of lunchtimes, a lot of restarting, some mild mocking and a lot of hunting for the staple gun, we finished them.

Early in 2024, with the Year 8s Option decisions right around the corner we organised an Options fair. With the help of other Year 10s we were able to answer any questions the year 8s had about their subjects whilst also displaying some of the work we have done over the last two years in these subjects.

Most recently this year we were also delighted to help Mrs Danby with a Time to Talk Day, where an open lunchtime session was helped for everyone to talk about whatever was on their minds, with a side of cake as well.

It's fair to say it's been a busy year so far, alongside our academic and extra-curricular commitments, but we have all enjoyed the opportunity to develop our leadership, organisation and display board skills.

Young People's Academy Experience

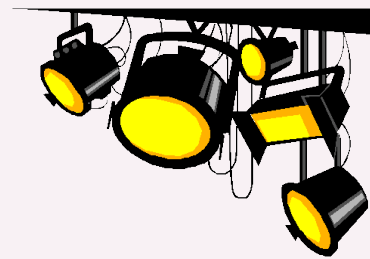
Along with a few others, I experienced a day at Princess Royal Hospital through the Young People's Academy. I really enjoyed this day as it helped me learn new skills such as communication and it helped me develop a clearer understanding on what I want to do in the future. I would recommend this to other people who are conflicted on their choice of career and would like to learn new skills. **Anna Ri** (Year 10)

I recently attended the Young People's Academy course at Princess Royal Hospital in half term. I, along with my peers, spent a day at the hospital, learning a wide range of information about the hospital and how it works. We also were fortunate enough to do a behind the scenes tour, where I got to learn about Clinical Research. The day was a wonderful experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone who wants to attend. **Payton M** (Year 10)

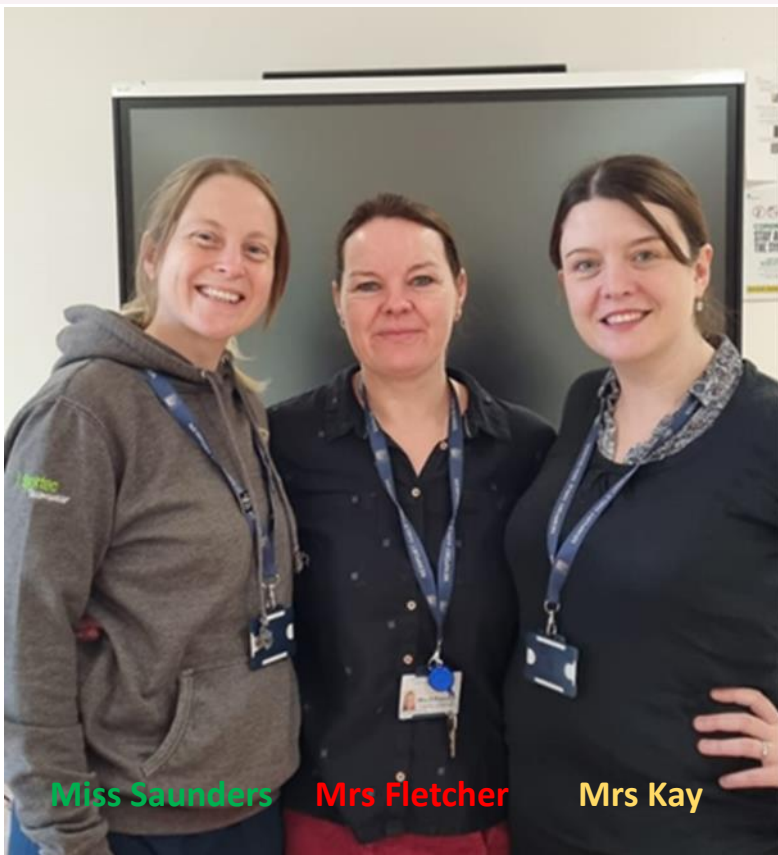


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Meet the Tutors



Miss Saunders

Mrs Fletcher

Mrs Kay

Since starting my teaching career I have worked in two different schools before moving to NGHS in September 2022, where I have had the privilege of working with 10 Seacole (The best form). Every single member of our form made me feel welcome from the start and there is a real family feel, where everyone supports one another. I really enjoy our mornings together, having daily conversations where the students will inform me of what they have been up to and it amazes me how talented they all are. I am so proud of every single member of 10 Seacole and how they present themselves around school and how they all get involved with house events. I am looking forward to the rest of the academic year and seeing and hearing more successes from 10 Seacole.

Miss Saunders, 10Sea

I've worked at NGHS for 18 months and have had the joy of working with 10 Austen since the beginning. Our form is very energetic and lots of discussions about a wide range of topics take place daily. Our committee representatives enjoy sharing the ideas from our form in their half termly meetings, and feeding back to the group.

Outside of school our family has a very busy rugby life and I can always be found at the side of a rugby pitch somewhere in Shropshire at any point on a Sunday! **Mrs Fletcher, 10Aus**

After ten years teaching English at a local independent school, I have been lucky enough to have started working at NGHS in September. I have a fantastic Year 10 form who have been so welcoming. It has been a wonderful experience to get to know them all, with daily conversations about what they are all up to in and outside of the classroom; both their academic and sporting achievements are so impressive to hear about.

Outside of school, I enjoy reading, spending time with my family and taking long walks at weekends. I am always trying to discover new local areas I have never been to before – despite having lived in Newport for the last eight years!

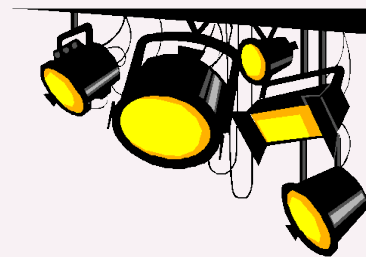
Mrs Kay, 10Rod

LIFE IN 10AUSTEN: We are a very hard-working form not only during the school day but outside of school as well. Our form is involved in a number of different extra curriculums demonstrated by many students. There are many different achievements we could talk about but we are only going to select a few. First let's start with netball. Sarah F is a part of the Shropshire netball team for U15s. The majority of our form also partake in netball clubs outside of school. Marin H has recently achieved her black belt pre-grading in weapons (taekwondo). Not only this but she also participated in house music playing her saxophone and also plays the piano. Our form also consists of a number of horse riders. For example, Connie A who is on the Wales and West Midlands U18s eventing team. Last year she also attended the national show jumping championships for her pony club. We also have many footballers including: Daisy R, Erin B and Isabelle M who all represent football teams outside of school. Moving on to the arts, Alesha S is a part of the KAS (Kerala Association Stafford), where she dances to traditional South Indian songs. Samanvi M is currently working at a grade 5 for singing and piano. Holly K figure skates at Telford ice rink and Nell T boxes at Stafford fighting factory.

(Masa, Form Captain 10Austen)

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Year 10



LIFE IN 10RODDAM: For Year 10 Roddam this academic year has seen us go from strength to strength. With the summer holidays behind us we first faced both the proverbial mountain of the Duke of Edinburgh Award as well as the very literal and numerous hills we climbed along the way.

Many of our form rose to the challenge and alongside the expedition have learnt a host of skills and assumed a variety of volunteering position toward this award. the experience was a memorable one and for some of us one we would tackle again as we embark on our upcoming silver DofE. The first form victory of the year was the form notice board competition; thanks to the efforts of our teams and the unique contributions of each individual we were deemed the best in year. An enduring success for the year gone by is our hold over the form cup for consecutive terms.

The latest of our forms activities have seen our members achieve their iDEA award certification alongside many who have also obtained applaud-worthy results in the UK intermediate maths challenge, continuing with the theme of maths some of our form have been selected to attend the upcoming maths feast competition. To commemorate more personal achievements within our form we have our very own Lara T who has been selected for Team England Cheer and will compete at the world championships representing England in April in Orlando Florida.

A throwback to Charities week sees a team consisting of Amelia K, Mischa T, Kate T, Annviya J and Mahnoor A all of whom are thanked for their thoughtful contribution of £150 towards the Birmingham Children's Hospital . This year has also seen our form become involved in House events such as House dance which resulted in a victory for Roddam and in other ways around school by hosting clubs such as chess clubs. Finally, in an extracurricular sense many of our form participated in the recent Young People's Academy workshop - it is a great way to network and find volunteering opportunities as well as broaden your insight into the NHS and healthcare careers, whilst also gaining yourself a certificate!

Austina V (Form Captain, 10Roddam)

LIFE IN 10SEACOLE: I am pleased to say that I am the Form Captain of 10 Seacole; it is amazing to see how much they all take part in activities outside of school as well as inside of school. Form Captain is a great experience and I do encourage everyone to take part in more activities, especially our House events, which play a massive role in our school.

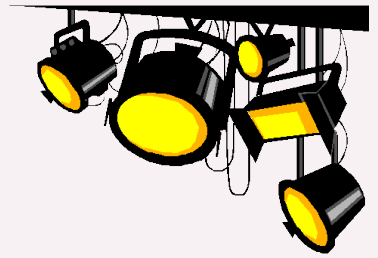
Last year was a great success for Seacole House as we won many events, and this year not winning the form board competition was quite a shock considering the amount of time and effort that was spent on it! Many members helped with the form board, and they were rewarded with house points. Sports day is something that almost everyone looks forward to, and it is the most competitive event, it is possibly the best day of the school year and I know that not all schools have sports day and even fewer have it on the same level that we do. So, it is amazing that we host it the way that we do, and make sure that everyone is involved and rooting for their house, the atmosphere created is fantastic. Sports day isn't fully athletics - there is a fun side to it, with many events that make everyone laugh.

Our school does encourage sports amongst the students, and it is proven by all the teams that are offered and taken to competitions. I am in the netball team for our year, and I have been playing netball since year 4. Sports teams are always so much fun and hold great memories to look back on. I am glad that our school offers opportunities like this, where we can go to competitions and play against other schools, and constantly improve our playing at training. The next page also shows what else 10 Seacole get involved in outside of school.

Allana D (Form Captain, 10 Seacole)

YEAR SPOTLIGHT

Year 10 Achievements



Anna Ro - I've been doing piano for over 6 years and achieved my grade 6. It took a lot of hard work and resilience, and I've really enjoyed it. Personally, I would recommend to anyone to start an instrument as a hobby, as it enhances your creativity and widens your skillset. Furthermore, I have completed my Grade 3 Bharatnatyam dance exam, which has given me a chance to embrace my culture and to have fun with my dance mates.

Emily G - I have had weekly singing lessons in school since year 7 and have managed to progress to grade 5. I am very happy with the outcome of my exam as I have dedicated a lot of time and effort to this aspect of my life.

Grace W - This January and February I competed in the Shropshire County Swimming Championships over 3 weekends. I swam most events, my best being the backstroke which I won in all 50m, 100m and 200m distances. At the end of the competition I came home with 3 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal and a total of 6 PBs. I finished in the top 3 female swimmers overall in Shropshire for the 16 years age group. I had a great time and I am very pleased with the outcome!



Holly H - I have done karate for 8 years and I graded and received my black belt in October 2023. Karate is something I really enjoy and have enjoyed for as long as I can remember.

Phoebe F-G - At NGHS, staff promote the belief that each and every person should live life to the absolute fullest. Alongside Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) examinations, I also take part in an annual showcase with my dance academy. From the age of three, I have attended Tip Toes Dance Academy in Wolverhampton. In order to build confidence and develop performance skills, every year, the school comes together to present a showcase of dances and techniques learned over the last 12 months. As Grade 5 dancers, my three friends and I make up the smallest ballet group and, having danced together for the past eight years, are given free reign to choose our music, outfits and choreography. With the help of our Principal, we performed two incredible original pieces; one based on Tchaikovsky's 'Tea' from The Nutcracker, and the other 'Ringmaster' based on the wonder and magic of Disney. The day was long and tiring but the atmosphere ahead of the performances was fantastic – make up, hairspray and glitter were everywhere and, once again, amazing memories were made!



Darcey G - My favourite thing to do is to go gliding with my dad. It is a sport that holds many opportunities for young people to be independent and learn something new. The biggest achievement I have achieved in this sport is gaining the title of the youngest solo glider pilot in the history of RAFGSA. It is a sport where you get to meet a diverse range of people and learn a large range of skills.



What an excellent response there has been to the launch of iDEA! Currently there are 103 pupils enrolled in the award, all building up their digital skills with various activities linked with the badges in the award. So far, 51 have gained their bronze certificate and 18 their silver as well. Many congratulations to them, some of which are pictured above and a big thanks to Ellie H for her help in promoting the award.

Mr M Ley, Computer Science



Ironbridge Rowing Club Junior Squad invite you to join our Junior Rowing FREE Taster Day

Want to try a new sport?
Aged between 12 and 18?
What are you waiting for!



When?
Saturday 20th
April 2024

Time?
1200 - 1400hrs

Where?
Ironbridge Rowing Club,
Buildwas Rd, Telford TF8 7BJ



Rowing is a great sport for all body exercise, all participants must be able to swim at least 50m in clothing and turn 13 or still be 18 before 1st September 2024. The event is run FREE OF CHARGE.

Please visit www.ironbridgerowingclub.co.uk for more information

NGHS PASTORAL TEAM WHO'S WHO?

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.

Heads of Year



Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 7
Associate Senior
Leader



Mrs A Chapman
Head of Year 8



Miss J Walker
Head of Year 9



Ms J Capaldi
Head of Year 10



Mrs D Martin
Head of Year 11

Sixth Form Team



Mrs K Griffin
Head of
Sixth Form



Miss E Heyes
Well-Being Officer



Mrs V Glew
Administrator
(Sixth Form)

Safeguarding Team



Mrs H Birch
Assistant Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mrs K Danby
Well-being Manager
Lead Deputy DSL & CSE Lead



Miss S Webster
Head of School



Mr M J Scott
Executive Head, Deputy DSL



Mrs F Davenport
Pastoral Support, Deputy DSL