

# NEWPORT NEWS



*The fortnightly newsletter from Newport Girls' High School*

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**BUMPER END OF YEAR EDITION!**

**INCLUDING...SPORTS DAY, HOUSE DRAMA, CULTURE DAY, SUMMER FAYRE, AND SO MUCH MORE!**





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*Mr Adam Jones, Headteacher*

**A**s we approach the end of another academic year at NGHS, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many highlights of recent weeks and to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who makes our school such a special place.

Since the last edition of Newport News, we've enjoyed a series of memorable events that have brought our community together in the best possible way. Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of athleticism and house spirit — congratulations to Austen for lifting the coveted Sports Day shield! The legendary staff vs Sixth Form relay was a particular highlight. The Sixth Form were clearly taking no chances, assembling an all-star team to take on the staff and sealing a win for the students. The staff team, led by Mrs Gill, did manage to get some revenge by ensuring the tug-of-war trophy will be staying in the Staff Room for the next 12 months.

Culture Day, along with the various linked events that have taken place this week, has been another major highlight of the year. A huge thank you to our new Culture Committee, who organised such a vibrant and inclusive celebration of our diverse school community. The day then concluded with our Summer Fayre, which had been delayed by a rare rainy day! The event

was a great success once the sun returned, and it was lovely to see so many students, families and staff enjoying the festivities. Thank you to all the students who organised and ran stalls to raise money for our house charities.

As we say goodbye for the summer, we also bid farewell to several valued colleagues. Miss Teggin and Mrs Webb, who have supported us brilliantly as maternity cover in PE and History respectively, leave with our sincere thanks. We also mark the retirements of two long-serving members of staff: Mrs Dainty, our Biology Lead, who has given nine years of dedicated service, and Mrs Davenport, our Pastoral Admin Officer, who retires after an incredible 27 years at NGHS. We wish them all the very best for the future and a happy retirement.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, as many families will be purchasing new uniform, school shoes and stationery over the summer, I encourage you to read the helpful guidance from Miss Webster in this week's edition of Newport News. This includes reminders about what is and isn't permitted, to help avoid any unnecessary purchases.

Wishing you all a restful, safe and sunny summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 3 September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year at NGHS!

Best wishes,

**Mr. A Jones**  
Headteacher

## Special End of Year Edition Including...



**Culture Day**



**Summer Fayre**



**Sports Day**



**House Drama**

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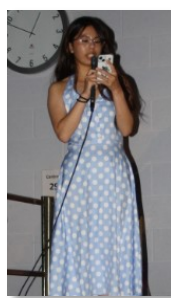
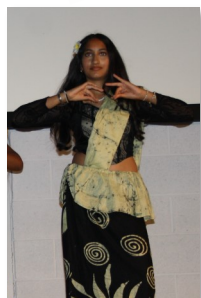
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I ♥  
CULTURE!

# CULTURE DAY 2025



## CULTURE WEEK A FANTASTIC SUCCESS AT NGHS!



Wednesday 16th July saw the culmination of our events celebrating the diversity of cultures we have here at NGHS. Here is Riya G from the Culture Week organising committee to tell you all about it!

"For this year's NGHS Cultural festivities, the cultural committee aimed to focus on bringing together our diverse and unique schools community through both our similarities and the individual identities that set us all apart. Among us all, we believe that owning our own unique identities is the key to supporting

and celebrating each other and learning that although apart we are special, together we can be spectacular. It was an honour to be able to organise this incredible week and we have been so pleased to see the whole school taking part in this amazing celebration, from performing to bringing in food or simply attending the disco - we can't wait to see it even bigger and better next year!"

**Riya G, Y12 (and the rest of the team!)**

The day and other events from the week raised over £650 which will be split equally between the three house charities of Women's Aid, Ronald McDonald House and Alzheimer's Society! Amazing job everybody!













# SportsDay 2025



## ANOTHER FABULOUS SPORTS DAY IN GLORIOUS SUNSHINE!

### *Austen take the win again!*

On a swelteringly hot day, the whole school came together for one of the absolute highlights of the year – Sports Day! Bathed in glorious July sunshine, they spent the day running, jumping, hula-hooping, speed bouncing and all manner of other sinew stretching, lung busting events! After the scores were calibrated, checked and double checked, it came down to Mrs Cowell-Saunders to announce the winners:

**1st Place: Austen 838 points**

**2nd Place: Seacole 756.5 points**

**3rd Place: Roddam 754.5 points**

In the other awards, these were the places achieved by each house:

**Fun Events – 1st Austen, 2nd Roddam, 3rd Seacole**

**Athletic Events – 1st Austen, 2nd Seacole, 3rd Roddam**

**Staff v Students Relay – Students Win**

**Staff v Students Tug of War – Staff Win**

This year's win makes it 11 consecutive victories for Austen! More than a decade of domination for the team in red! You know what you need to do next year Seacole and Roddam! In the staff v students relay, the staff couldn't repeat their shock win from last year so a massive well done to the Y12's for winning it back. Next year is the decider for best out of three!

Also, a massive thank you to Mrs Cowell-Saunders and all of the PE staff and other helpers (the Sports Day Elves) without whom the whole day wouldn't have been the huge success it was! Lastly, it was great to see former teacher, Mr Carey, back on the microphone all day keeping everything running smoothly!







# House Drama 2025



**Always an absolute highlight of the year for students and staff, this years House Drama certainly didn't disappoint . With the theme of 'envy' there were three outstanding performances to thrill the audience. After much deliberation from the judges, the final positions were announced:**

**1st Place - Seacole**

**2nd Place - Austen**

**3rd Place - Roddam**

**Well done to all involved and here are the three house drama captains to give their views on the whole event!**

These past couple of months have been some of the most fulfilling I think I've ever had (and also some of the most stressful!) with lunchtimes filled with countless amounts of rehearsals, scrolls and notebooks going missing seemingly every time we looked away from them and the House Drama Day growing closer every second. However, if asked, I would do it all over again in a heartbeat, as this experience has been a privilege to have, and one that I will never forget. None of this could have happened without my fellow House Team members putting in so much work and time into this whole production, and of course the amazing cast! I don't think I could have asked for a better cast to work alongside, with every single one of them being eager to rehearse and quickly adapting to changes that appeared along the way. It has been an absolute honour to be the Drama Captain for Roddam this year, and I could not be prouder of everyone involved for all that we have achieved together! **Zoe M, Roddam Drama Captain**



From the Seacole perspective, House Drama has always been a very important event, so this year we decided to go all out - from the thorough audition process and carefully crafted script to the final production and all the rehearsals in between, I could not be more proud of the cast, lighting crew, backstage team and everyone else who helped to make Seacole House Drama 2025 a success! Personally, my favourite House Drama moment was when Henry, played by the spectacular Tulsi Mistry, led George and Arthur on a police chase through the audience, resulting in the recovery of the stolen emerald. Obviously, special shout out to Pia, whose performance as Harold the Butler really stole the show! After many months of hard work, I am so pleased to announce Seacole's victory in NGHS House Drama 2025, with an incredible FULL MARKS being scored on the judging sheet overall - couldn't be prouder and so excited to win some more trophies next year! See you after summer for House Music, where I'm sure Seacole will dominate yet again! - **Harriet E, Seacole Drama Captain**



It's been an honour to be Drama Captain for Austen. All the house team worked on our play together - the biggest win for us was winning the audiences hearts with comedy and entertainment. It was wonderful to see the cast and crew flourish! We had many setbacks, but with our commitment and determination we came second place! **Eleanor W, Austen Drama Captain**





# House Drama 2025





# Summer Fayre Raises Over £1,100



The summer fayre this year was a HUGE success. We raised £1105.55 for the school. A massive thank you to everyone who ran a stall and to those who attended. There were so many incredible stalls, including plants, slime and throwing water balloons at teachers, in particular Mr Green and Mr Twiss (Miss Teggin was the clear favourite out of the 3). The head girl team ran a raffle and sold some second hand uniform and the winner of the raffle will be told as soon as possible! Mr Pointon, who even though sometimes was not where he was needed, really pulled through in the end with his incredible support running the event. The musical performances, organised by Mrs Chapman, and performed by various students in school, was a massive hit with the attendees, so a huge well done to everyone who performed on Wednesday. The chaos, however, was 100% worth it in the end as such an amazing afternoon was had. I hope everyone who attended had as amazing a time as all the students and thank you for attending!

All of the money raised will go towards improving the school and extra curricular activities!

**Madeline M (Y12)** Summer Fayre Organising Committee





# A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD GIRL

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of term already - it honestly feels like it flew by! From House Drama to Culture Day, Sports Day to the Summer Fayre, the term has been packed with everything physically possible - performances, competitions, face paint, sunshine, and an atmosphere of barely contained chaos from start to finish.

This term also saw us welcome our future Year 7s and new Year 12s through induction days and information evenings - and if their excitement (and their immediate loyalty to houses they've known for just five minutes) is anything to go by, then we're in for two brilliant new cohorts in September.

Behind the scenes, I've been working on a multitude of ideas and projects centred on community, connection, and student voice that I can't wait to bring to life in September - so be sure to keep an eye out for what's coming!

A huge well done to everyone for making it through such a full-on term, and thanks to all who have helped make this year so memorable.

Have the most restful summer (you've definitely earned it), and I'll see you in September, ready for another unforgettable year!

**Shaan K** (Head Girl)



## END OF YEAR TRIPS ROUND UP!

As we approach the end of the year there are always a number of trips for the students to enjoy! **The Year 12 geographers** visited the Solway Coast to study a variety of aspects including sand dune transects!



Meanwhile, in **Year 10 Geography**, a group of 82 students visited Stratford in London and the Olympic Park and surrounding area. This was to study the impact of urban regeneration based around the 2012 Olympics. Following a 6.00am start the students and staff had a fantastic day before finally arriving back at school at 9.00pm that evening!

Two groups of **Year 12** students had the chance to visit Oxford and Cambridge Universities to help inform their future university applications! A chance to see the environment, find out a bit more and also have a very pleasant visit to two historic cities!



Here is Y12 student, Athena P, giving her thoughts on the trip to Oxford



*"The trip to Oxford was a key factor in solidifying my university options going forward into the summer. I was able to attend both a talk and a taster session on my prospective course, which made me confident in my*

*course choice, and I visited four colleges (one of which provided a free lunch!). As there are 36 to choose from, seeing the colleges in person and meeting their current students was very useful for the decision making process. Outside of the university, it was lovely to get a feel for the city - and its selection of bookshops - which was walkable and very beautiful."* **Athena P, Y12**

### Y12 Biology Residential Report

**The** weekend of 11th and 12th of July, we embarked on an A-Level Biology field trip to aid us in the learning of our ecology topic.

Over the course of 3 days, we completed various methods of data collection allowing us to put

into practice the content we have learnt in lessons. After multiple wasp and nettle stings, we successfully completed our required practical 12 on the final day. We also had the



opportunity to take part in climbing and low ropes, where we watched Mrs Nicholls clamber down the climbing wall very ungracefully. A particular highlight from us was observing the moths from the light trap. It was intriguing to see them up close with their differing sizes and patterned wings! - **Elloise J and Erin G, Year 12**



## UNDER 13 CRICKETERS REPEAT AS MIDLANDS CHAMPIONS!



Thursday 10th July saw the U13 Cricket team retain their Midlands Cricket championship and win an unprecedented fifth trophy of the season!

Following an 8.00am get away from school and significant delays on the way to Solihull, the team arrived at the venue with literally minutes to spare before their opening game!

After a topsy-turvy day of cricket, the overall title came down to the last match for all of the teams. NGHS had won 4 and lost 1 of their 5 matches which was an identical record to Painsley Catholic High School who were the champions of Staffordshire.

In a case such as this, the winner is determined by net run rate which involves adding up all of the runs a team scored and taking away all of those conceded to get a net total. Think of it as deciding a football league on goal difference!

After an agonising wait, the organisers called all the teams together to announce the winners. The girls waited nervously and genuinely believed they hadn't done quite enough and would lose out in the cruellest of ways. However, they were not to be denied and they were

thrilled beyond belief to learn they had won by a net run rate of just 4 RUNS!

After a whole day of cricket, 15 excellent matches and over 1,200 balls being bowled, the title of Midlands Champion came down to just 4 runs - it could not have been any closer and was decided by the final ball of the final game!



The result tops off an unprecedented season for the U13 cricket team who won an astounding five trophies! These were: Telford and Wrekin Indoor District Champions, Shropshire County Indoor Champions, Shropshire Outdoor County Champions, Shropshire School Games Champions and Midlands Overall Champions!

2025 was a momentous season for the cricketers or any sports team at Newport Girls' High School and one that will take some matching let alone beating in the future!

We could not be more proud of every single one of them - along with the U15 team who also had 2 county runner up trophies this year which is a fantastic achievement in its own right!

The 5 titles that were won consisted of a squad of eleven players and these were:

Year 8's (Seline M Captain), Millie P, Elodie S, Saranya M, Abbie N, Shana A, Megan

Year 7's Jasreet D, Kiret B, Kate F and Julia I (Year 7)

Well played girls, well played indeed!

[Read an in-depth report on our school website here](#)





# WE'RE SORRY TO SAY GOODBYE...

At this time of year we are always very sad to say goodbye to some outstanding members of staff. This year, we bid a fond farewell to these 4 wonderful individuals:



**Miss Martha Teggin**  
*Teacher of PE*

Miss Teggin joined us in September 2024 as maternity cover and she has made a huge impact in the time she has been here! From PE lessons to sports clubs, form tutor, trips and residentials, she has thrown herself into life at NGHS and

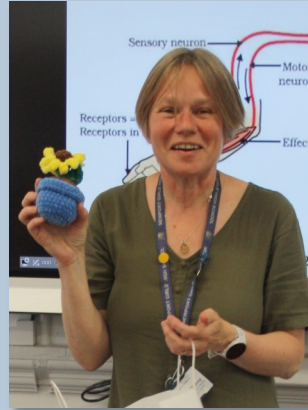
become an extremely popular member of staff with all of the students. She leaves us to join a secondary school in Telford and our loss is definitely their gain!



**Mrs Rebecca Webb**  
*Teacher of Humanities*

Since joining us in April 2023, Mrs Webb has taught a number of subjects including History, Geography, RE and PSHE. She leaves us to join a large High School in South Staffordshire and her work here has been invaluable across several subjects.

Her vast experience has been an incredible asset to us here at NGHS and we wish her all the best in her new role!



**Mrs Sandra Dainty**  
*Teacher of Biology*

After starting her career at Bridgnorth Endowed, Kings School Wolverhampton and nine wonderful years at Newport Girls', Mrs Dainty has finally decided it is time to retire! Having been a mainstay of the biology team for all of

that time, she has guided countless students to outstanding success at both GCSE and A level biology! An enthusiastic supporter of Duke of Edinburgh and extra curricular trips, Mrs Dainty is quite simply a legend at NGHS and will be greatly missed by students and staff alike!



**Mrs Fiona Davenport**  
*Pastoral and Safeguarding Administrator*

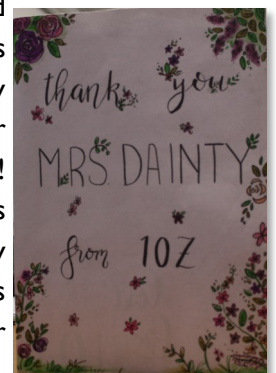
Just like Mrs Dainty, the end of the school year will see the retirement of Mrs Davenport. In her 27 years(!) at NGHS she has seen 5 different headteachers, witnessed the

school grow beyond all recognition and taken on just about every support role there is in the school! NGHS will be all the poorer for not having her around! The incalculable number of students she has given first aid to are testament to just how much she has dedicated to the school. Truly irreplaceable!

## YEAR 10 HAVE THEIR OWN SPECIAL GOODBYE FOR MRS DAINTY!



Class 10Z were so moved to hear of Mrs Dainty's retirement that they decided to give her their own special send off! Flowers, gifts and cards were the order of the day and Mrs Dainty was suitably stunned at their kindness and generosity!

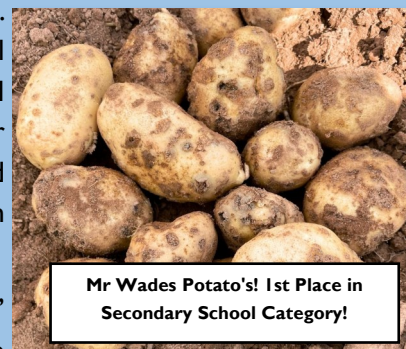




# NEWPORT SHOW 2025!

This year NGHS wowed with their display of incredible art work from year's 7-9. Art Teachers at NGHS decided that we would display some of our lower school art work. Students could choose from a range of briefs including 'Underwater' and 'People' and they enjoyed creating their own preparation work and final pieces for this. The work on display looked extremely impressive, full of imagination and showed extremely high skill levels. All of the art teachers were blown away with how well all students responded to the brief.

Additionally, Mr Wade was in attendance with our entry for the 'Potatoes' competition! Whilst we didn't win overall, we finished first overall in the 'secondary school' category! A great day was had by all!



Mr Wades Potato's! 1st Place in Secondary School Category!



## SCIENCE WORKSHOPS FOR KS2

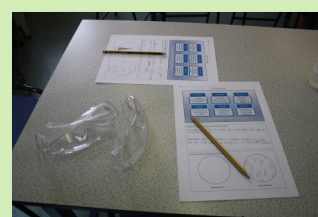
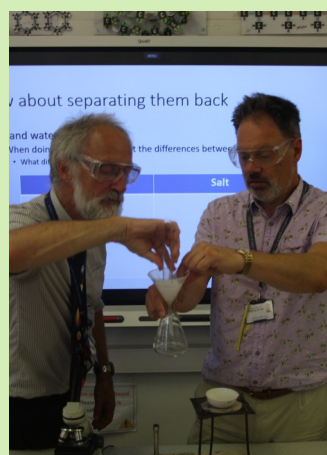


Led by chemistry teachers, Mr Wade and Mr Tolley, the visiting students also got the chance to ask questions about the science labs themselves and anything else that came to mind!

A fantastic opportunity for Moorfield and one that we hope to expand and offer to more schools in the future!

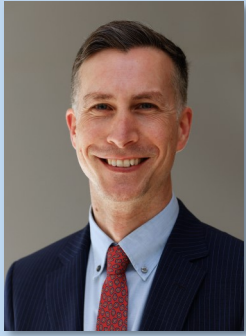
As part of our outreach work with local primary schools, we were delighted to welcome Moorfield Primary to NGHS this term to utilise our chemistry labs for their KS2 science lessons.

Looking at separating and filtering of various substances, the children had a great time using the specialist equipment to help enhance their learning.





# HEADTEACHER AWARDS 2025!



Following a review of our rewards policy in the last few years we have recently introduced the prestigious 'Headteachers Award'. This is presented to students who achieve a total of 144 positive behaviour points during the course of an academic year.

We are very proud to announce that the following students are the first to receive this new award. As a massive well done, they were rewarded with a treat of a movie afternoon on Wednesday 16th July!

## Year 7

**Dhanvi M, Eleanor B, Imogen M, Jiya T, Julia I, Katie H, Lousie B, Makena D, Melody O, Mimi A, Naomi G, Parisa A, Sophie H, Tabitha H, Yumeng W**

## Year 8

**Elsha J, Kiera L, Lily J, Miheli J**

## Year 12

**Rhiannon G, Oak D, Alice H**



**OTHER AWARDS:** Due to a space and time constraints the remainder of awards that students received on the last day will be published in the first Newport News when we come back in September!

Suffice to say there are many other students set to receive them and we congratulate every single one of them!

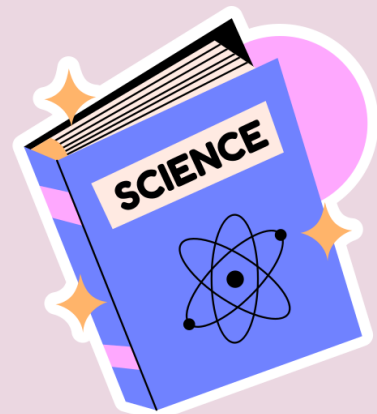
## **DOFE BRONZE—A STUDENT'S VIEW!**



The DofE experience proved that me and my group could overcome challenges and gain new skills. It certainly gave me memories that I will remember for life, like playing rugby and rounders back at camp and going 7 miles the wrong way off track with 15 minutes left until the coach left! Even though walking 20,000 steps a day uphill in the heat was hard it was all worth it and I look forward to doing the silver award in the near future

**Hope L, (Y9)**

## **WE NEED YOUR TEXT BOOKS BACK!**



The Science Department would like to remind students that all text books for Chemistry, Biology and Physics need to be returned to the Lab Technician's offices as soon as possible. We especially need those text books from Y11 and Y13 students who have finished their courses!

**Thank you (Science Department)**



## YEAR 9 800m RUNNER REACHES NATIONAL FINALS!

Having represented NGHS in the 800m at The Shropshire Schools County Track and Field Championships on 14th June, Annie W (Y9) qualified to represent Shropshire at The Masons Trophy in Stoke on the weekend of 28th June. She ran a really strong race and was just beaten by second in the final 50m to come third in her race and take over a second off her PB! She was thrilled with her time and she secured selection to represent Shropshire at the English Schools Athletics Association (ESSA) Championships.



At the finals on July 11th, the standard was incredibly high. In sweltering temperatures for her race, she couldn't quite match her PB run from the previous weeks but still finished in an amazing time of 2 minutes 20.2 seconds and finishing sixth! A truly outstanding achievement for Annie who has battled so hard all season and been justly rewarded for her fantastic effort!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE SIXTH FORM TEAM!

**Balance** is the key word that Year 12 students have been asked to consider as they start their well-earned Summer break. With assessments commencing on September 4, many students will be focused on improving their grades with university applications in mind. However, resting, relaxing and re-charging is essential, and students have been reminded to take some time at the start of the holidays to work out what things they would like to do to help them achieve a healthy balance – places to go, people to meet up with, things to try. Mrs Griffin has prioritised seeing a friend she hasn't seen in a year, and travelling to a place she has never visited before. Miss Heyes has promised to go for a walk at sunrise and sunset on the same day with her children, and to swim in the sea. Students were invited to take a 6-week holiday planner, divide it in half, and focus on striking a balance between being well-prepared for the year ahead, and making the most of their free time to fully relax and recover from what has undoubtedly been a busy year in Sixth Form. Have a great holiday everyone! **Miss Heyes**, Wellbeing and Progress Officer.

### BALANCE FOR SUCCESS



**STUDIES**      **WELLBEING**



## NGHS PUPIL AT NATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT!

Following on from the last edition of Newport News which was focused on PE and Sport, we are always keen to inform you of our students sporting endeavours outside of school.

Ivy B (Y8) represented the Midlands in the Mercian Marauders team in the UK Lions U13 Hockey National Tournament in Nottingham at the weekend. The team played 5 matches to win their group in the pool stages, with Ivy scoring 5 goals! Her team ended up finishing 4th out of 12 teams after playing 2 further matches. A fantastic effort by Ivy and her whole team, especially in the extremely hot

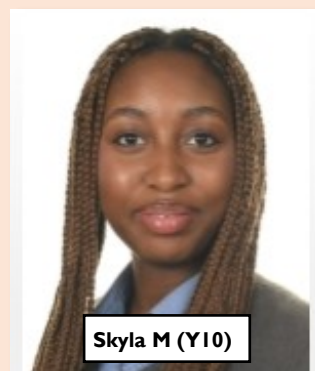
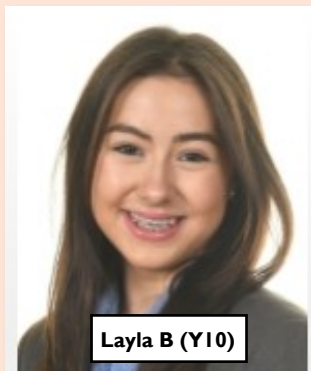


## YEAR 10 STUDENT PODCASTERS!

We would like to say well done and thank you to Layla B and Skyla M in Year 10. A few weeks ago, they approached the Senior Leadership Team with the idea to record a regular Podcast to be played in tutor time. Their aim was to further our school's family ethos and keep everyone up to date with the latest events at NGHS, celebrate student successes, and interview staff to learn a bit more about them.

They have independently written the content for the Podcast, set up interviews with staff during their lunch breaks, and liaised with our ICT team to record their finished versions. So far, three Podcasts have been played during tutor times and we would like to thank Ms Saunders, Mr Pointon, and Mr Green for featuring so far! Students are encouraged to speak to Skyla and Layla if they have any items that could be shared in future podcasts and we look forward to listening to the next episodes out in September!

**Miss Webster and Ms Davies**



**Year 10 students, Layla B and Skyla M have started their very own podcast to be played in tutor time!**



# SEPTEMBER REMINDERS FROM MISS WEBSTER

With the end of term fast approaching, we would like to take the opportunity to not only wish you all a lovely Summer, but also share with you some general reminders for students for September.

## Equipment

Students are expected to bring all the equipment they require to school each day. We ask that all students have the following:

- Pen
- Pencil
- 30cm ruler with both mm and cm markings
- Green pen
- Rubber
- Highlighters



Students are **not** required to bring scissors to school, however, if they do wish to bring them with their other stationery, these must be safety scissors as shown above.

Furthermore, some subjects require additional equipment to be brought to lessons. This includes:

## Mathematics

- A Scientific calculator
- A pair of compasses
- A circular or semi-circular protractor



## Humanities

- Colouring pencils.

## Organisation

As you are aware, we operate a two-week timetable; Week A and Week B. Students can check which week we are on through information in their planner or on the school website. Next year, many students will have a different timetable for Week A and B, and therefore it is imperative that they check carefully what they need to bring each day. We recommend that they keep a printed copy of their timetable in their bedroom and pack their bags the night before. Please can we ask for your support in helping your child with this organisation to avoid any behavior points being issued for lack of equipment, books, or homework.

During this academic year, the biggest reason for issuing behavior warnings (Level 0s) and behavior points was lack of/incomplete homework. Homework tasks are set in order to further understanding and embed key concepts and themes. It is therefore vital that students complete these and submit work on time. Students will all be issued with a planner in September and we ask for your support in checking that homework has been completed in a timely manner.

## Attendance and Punctuality

As a school, we continue to have exceptionally high attendance rates. We know that attendance is key in ensuring students achieve the outcomes they deserve in external examinations, and are able to partake in all aspects of school life. We would like to give a special mention to our Year 7 students who as a cohort have achieved attendance of over 98%! Other year groups are not too far behind and we hope to build on these successes next year and further celebrate both high levels of attendance as well as improved attendance for individuals. Please can we remind you that attendance to school is an expectation and a requirement, and wherever possible students should be in school each day. Should you require any support with ensuring your child attends, please do contact our pastoral team.

Any leave of absence requests must be submitted well in advance of the requested absence. In line with government guidance, authorised absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please see our attendance policy on our website for further information regarding authorised/unauthorised absences and the actions school will take when attendance concerns arise.

Whilst we appreciate that many of our students may have to travel long distances in the morning, our expectation is that they arrive on time. Whilst we understand that there may be exceptional occasions where lateness is unavoidable (such as the school coach being delayed), for the most part students should be here ready for the start of the school day. In line with our behaviour policy, behaviour points will be issued for lateness to school from September where there are no exceptional circumstances present. If you are driving your child to school, we ask that you leave sufficient time to allow for traffic to prevent any behaviour points being issued.



## Uniform

The school uniform policy is available on our website. Whilst on the whole, standards of uniform are to be commended, we would like to draw your attention to the following ready for September.

### KS3/4

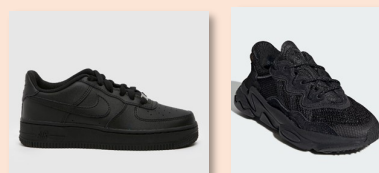
Only plain black or white socks should be worn. Please do not purchase or allow your child to wear any alternative including those with sports logos

The only jewellery allowed is one small stud in each lower ear lobe, and a lightweight chain with a religious symbol. Please ensure that your child does not attend with other items including rings and bracelets. Furthermore, nose piercings are not allowed and students will be asked to remove these; covering them up is not allowed and instead they must be removed

False eyelashes and false nails are not allowed and again students will be asked to remove these

Skirts must be worn close to the knee and not rolled up

Black, flat/low-heeled shoes should be worn; trainers such as the styles shown here are not acceptable



Examples of the style of shoes that are NOT acceptable

### KS5

All students should wear a black blazer to school each day

Clothing must be smart and suitable for a work environment

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted on the school site. If a mobile phone is seen, this will be confiscated by a member of staff and a behaviour point issued. Furthermore, if there are repeat occurrences, the student will be asked to hand in their phone each day for the remainder of the half term. Please can we ask for your support with this and that should you need

# A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO THE LSHGT!

(Lower School Head Girl Team)

What a joy it has been to work along side the Year 10 Lower School Head Girl Team this year. We have been involved in so many projects and activities in support of the school community. They have shown skills of organisation, commitment and team work amongst much more – turning up on time, every time, with a smile and ready to give their all!

A huge 'thank you' from me as their proud Head of Year – you have been a joy to work alongside!

We wish the new team and Mrs Chapman lots of luck for next year!

**Miss Davies**

### Some sound bites from the team:

*"Hi, my name is Sienna, and it has been an honour to have been your Lower School Head Girl this academic year. One of the highlights of my year has been completing our various tasks and responsibilities as part of the Lower School Head Girl Team, in particular, organising the Christmas Smile Project (which was a huge success). I've especially loved working alongside such a supportive and inspiring team – I truly could not have asked for a better group. As my time in this role comes to a close, I'd like to wish next year's team the very best of luck as they continue to support and represent the NGHS family."*

**"Over the last year I have greatly enjoyed being the lower school Academic Chair. I have appreciated the opportunity to work within the Lower School Head Girl Team to help support the school in a variety of ways. I have especially enjoyed helping with year seven integration through the year seven lunch time activities, information evening and the induction days with the Year 6 students."** Eleanor L, Academic Chair

*"Being Kindness Lead this year has been such a privilege, and I'm so grateful that I was given this opportunity. It's been great fun organising events such as World Kindness Day, helping out with the induction days and helping out at Open Evening! I have absolutely loved working with both the Lower and Upper School Head Girl Team. Good luck to the new team, you're going to smash it!"* Jess D,

**Kindness Lead**





# HOW TO GET IN TOUCH!

## COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

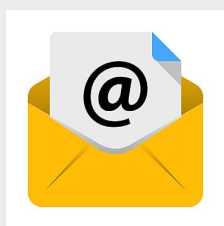
Over the course of the year, we will communicate with you in a variety of ways:

- Every two weeks, we publish **Newport News** on the school website. This document includes news from school, highlights upcoming events, and recent achievements. A link to each edition is sent home by email.
- An annual **Parents' Evening** to update you on your daughter's progress.
- **Grade sheets** and/or **written reports** to update you on your daughter's progress.
- An annual **parent information evening** to outline the key information relevant to each year group. This is in person for Year 7 and remote for other year groups.
- Relevant **letters** to your daughter are sent home via email.
- If teaching or pastoral staff have any concerns relating to your daughter, they will contact you **by phone** or **email**.

Occasions may arise when you need to contact the school to share information or raise concerns. There are several ways in which you can do this, including:

- By telephone – **01952 797550** – If possible, your call will be put through to an appropriate member of staff. Where this is not possible (member of staff is teaching/not in school/unavailable), a message will be taken and passed to an appropriate member of staff. You should expect a response to your call within 24 hours.
- By email – **schooloffice@nghs.org.uk** – You will receive an acknowledgement email once this has been received and be notified that the email has been passed to the appropriate member of staff (this may not always be to whom the email was addressed). You should then expect a response within 24-48 hours of this acknowledgement.
- By **letter** to the school.
- By **recording a note** in the communication section of your daughter's **planner** to be shared with a member of staff.

During school holidays, reception is closed and phone calls/emails cannot be responded to until we return to school. During the school holidays, **urgent@nghs.org.uk** is available to communicate key urgent information; it should not be used to send routine enquiries that can be responded to when school is open again. This account will be checked once every 24 hours by a senior member of staff. They will then make an appropriate response to any email that has been received.



**schooloffice@nghs.org.uk**



**01952 797550**



**NEWPORT NEWS**

**Out fortnightly during  
term time**



**Letter to school**



**Note in Student Planner**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**14.08.25** A level Results Day

**21.08.25** GCSE Results Day

**01.09.25** Staff CPD Day—School Closed to Pupils

**02.09.25** Staff CPD Day—School Closed to Pupils

**03.09.25** First day back for pupils. Students allowed on site from 8.00am onwards

**08.09.25** Y13 Assessment Week in Lessons (finishes 10.9)

**13.09.25** DofE Silver Expedition Weekend

**15.09.25** Entrance Test for those sitting at NGHS



**DATES FOR  
YOUR DIARY**

## NEWS FROM ACADEMY CATERERS

Please see the menu below outlining the first 3 weeks back in school in September.

### MAIN MENU

WEEK ONE					WEEK TWO					WEEK THREE				
MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG
Butchers Sausages	Quorn Sausage	Daily Special	Mashed Potatoes	Choice of Vegetables	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Quorn Chilli	Daily Special	Rice	Choice of Vegetables	Chilli	Vegetable Chilli	Daily Special	Rice	Choice of Vegetables
Authentic Beef Bolognaise	Vegetable Bolognaise	Daily Special	Pasta	Garlic Bread	Southern Fried Chicken Wraps	Vegetarian Wrap	Daily Special	Potato Wedges	Beans	Creamy Chicken Carbonara	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Daily Special	Garlic Bread	Choice of Vegetables
Classic Roast Chicken	Macaroni Cheese	Daily Special	Roast Potatoes	Vegetable & Gravy	Roast Pork & Stuffing with Apple Sauce	Vegetable Pasty	Daily Special	Herby New Potatoes	Vegetables & Gravy	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding	Vegetable Crumble	Daily Special	Roast Potatoes	Vegetables & Gravy
Traditional Cottage Pie	Vegetable Pie	Daily Special	Choice of Vegetables	Gravy	Pasta Bake Day	Vegetarian Pasta Bake	Daily Special	Garlic Bread	Choice of Vegetables	Chicken Curry Day	Vegetarian Curry	Daily Special	Flatbread	Poppadom
Take Away Day	Vegetarian Burger	Battered Fish	Chips	Beans	Take Away Day	Pizza	Battered Fish	Chips	Beans	Take Away Day	Vegetarian	Battered Fish	Chips	Beans

ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY: Selection of tempting traybakes & delicious desserts / Please take all drinks to the till to be paid for

**FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES**  
If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance, please speak to a team member before you order food or drinks

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Are you ready?

# COSTA COFFEE IS COMING TO NGHS IN SEPTEMBER !

## LATTE OR CAPPUCCINO & PASTRY

# £2.65

Terms & Conditions apply

Early bird offer  
available  
8am-8.50am



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LATTE

CAPPUCCINO

AMERICANO

FLAT WHITE

ESPRESSO



Small

£1.80

£1.80

£1.70

£1.70

£1.40



Medium

£2.20

£2.20

£2.00

£1.60

ADD AN **EXTRA SHOT OF COFFEE** FOR 50p OR **FLAVOUR SYRUP** FOR 50p

MOCHA

£1.90

£2.30

HOT CHOCOLATE

£1.90

£2.30

TEA ENGLISH BREAKFAST

£1.00

£1.00

Adults need around 2000 kcal a day. Ask a team member for more information on allergen and calorie information.



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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# 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 D Martin**  
Head of Year 7



**Mrs K Danby**  
Head of Year 8



**Mrs A Chapman**  
Head of Year 9



**Miss A M Davies**  
Head of Year 10



**Ms J Capaldi**  
Head of Year 11



**Mrs K Griffin**  
Head of Sixth Form

## Wellbeing Team



**Mrs Aver-Howdle**  
Years 7—10  
Wellbeing Officer



**Miss E Heyes**  
Wellbeing Officer  
(Y11/Sixth Form)



**Mrs V Glew**  
Administrator  
(Sixth Form)

## Safeguarding Team



**Miss S Webster:** Deputy  
Headteacher & DDSL



**Mrs K Danby :** Well-being  
Manager, CSE Lead & DDSL



**Mr A Jones:** Headteacher & DDSL



**Mrs F Davenport:** Pastoral Support &  
DDSL



**Mrs H Birch:** Assistant Head, DSL  
(currently on maternity leave)

**DSL—Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
**DDSL—Deputy Designated**  
**Safeguarding Lead**