

LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM!



Image - School Production - Frozen 2026

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPECIAL!

HEAD'S LINES

As we settle fully into the term, I have been delighted to see the enthusiasm with which students have embraced the many opportunities available beyond the classroom. This edition includes lots of information about our extracurricular programme, which has now launched for the year. There is a huge range of clubs, activities and



enrichment opportunities on offer, and with a lunchtime that allows students time to eat, socialise and get involved, I would encourage everyone to look through what is available and challenge themselves to try something new this year.

A final reminder also about contributions to the NGHS Development Fund. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their form. While the deadline has now passed, forms can still be handed to form tutors. The fund makes a genuine difference to the opportunities and facilities we can provide for our students, and every contribution is greatly appreciated.

This week also sees our first House event of the academic year with the ever popular House Bake Off. I know students are looking forward to showcasing their baking talents, although I suspect some staff are looking forward just as much to the judging. Whether their expertise extends beyond eating cake remains to be seen! On Friday, we will also be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning, which is always a wonderful occasion and an important opportunity to raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

Finally, many students will remember the images of our science laboratory refurbishment project that I shared at the start of term. Work on Labs 17 and 21 is now nearing completion and the transformation has been significant. We hope to be able to share photographs of the finished facilities in the next edition of Newport News, giving everyone a first look at these modernised teaching spaces.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition and learning more about the many opportunities available across the school. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr A Jones

Headteacher

FROM THE HEAD GIRL TEAM



Life at Newport Girls' High School is about so much more than just lessons. From friendly but thoroughly competitive House rivalries to sport, music, drama and clubs and societies, there are countless opportunities for pupils to get involved, try something new and make the most of school life.

The House system is a huge part of life at NGHS, bringing pupils from across the year groups together and creating a real sense of community, teamwork and friendly competition. Throughout the year, Austen, Seacole and Roddam go head-to-head in a multitude of events, with every point counting towards the coveted House Cup.

Whether pupils are taking centre stage, representing their House in any one of the House competitions such as drama, music, sports day or the ever popular bake-off, there are numerous opportunities for everyone to contribute. House events are not simply about winning. They are a chance to have fun, build confidence, work with different people and discover talents you might never have known you had.

That same spirit of participation extends into the school's fantastic extra-curricular programme. In sport there is netball, football, cricket, athletics, cross country and so much more! The school production and numerous music groups give students a chance to show their musical and dramatic talents. A myriad of clubs and societies gives pupils the chance to pursue existing passions or discover completely new interests. Even better, many of these activities are run by the students themselves, giving pupils valuable opportunities to lead, organise and share their enthusiasm with others.

This year also sees another exciting addition to school life: NGHS's first-ever Freshers' Fair took place on 24 September. Pupils were able to visit stalls, meet those involved and discover just how much is on offer beyond their day-to-day lessons. With clubs, societies and activities all represented, it was a brilliant showcase of the energy and enthusiasm that make the NGHS community so special.

The message is simple: the more you put into school life, the more you get out of it. Getting involved is a chance to make friends, develop new skills, challenge yourself and create memories along the way.

Whatever your interests, passions or talents, there is sure to be something at NGHS that fits you perfectly. So get involved, have a go and make the most of every opportunity!

Evie Donaldson (Year 13, Deputy Head Girl, Inclusion)

HEAD GIRL TEAM AT CINEWORLD SHREWSBURY!

NGHS Sixth Form was brilliantly represented at the recent Shrewsbury College Sixth Form Fair held at Cineworld Shrewsbury. There was fantastic interest from prospective students keen to discover more about life at Newport Girls' High School.

Darcey G and Payton M, representing the Head Girl Team, did an outstanding job promoting everything that makes NGHS Sixth Form such a special place to study. They spoke enthusiastically with students, answering questions and sharing their experiences of sixth-form life.

The event was a great opportunity to showcase our welcoming community, academic opportunities and vibrant sixth-form experience.

A huge thank you to Darcey and Payton for representing NGHS Sixth so fantastically!



THANK YOU FOR OUR LIFEVAC!



We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Foster (Y7) for her very kind donation of a LifeVac here at NGHS. The device is a non-invasive airway clearance device to help remove an obstruction during a choking emergency. We hope we will never have to use but we are very grateful to have it here in school.

THE HOUSE SYSTEM AT NGHS!

The House system is a thriving part of our community and helps to bond students across all year groups. Competitions take place in drama, music, board games, quizzes, bake off, photography and so much more. We guarantee there is something for everyone and you too can become a proud member of either Austen, Roddam or Seacole.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS!

Throughout the year there are numerous house competitions and for many students they are a real highlight of the year. Each competition goes towards the overall winner of the house cup which is awarded at the end of the school year. Below you can see the overall calendar for house competitions.

Thursday 1 October 2026 - House Bake Off

Thursday 3 December 2026 - House Music

Thursday 11 February 2027 - House Dance

Thursday 25 March 2027 - House Art and Photography deadline

Wednesday 26 May 2027 - House Board Games

Wednesday 7 July 2027 - Sports Day

Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15th July 2027 - House Drama



MEET THE HOUSE TEAMS 2026-27

Roddam House Captains



- Back Row** Harriet (Communications),
Lara (Sports)
- Middle Row** Katherine (Music)
Kate (House Captain)
Elisha (Charities)
- Front Row** Yuthika (Drama)
Harnoor (Deputy House Captain)



Austen House Captains



- Back Row** Amber M (Communications),
Iretomiwa A (Drama)
- Middle Row** Eve T (Deputy House Captain)
Isabelle W (House Captain)
Nell T (Charities)
- Front Row** Lara C (Music)
Jess W (Deputy House Captain)



Seacole House Captains



- Back Row** Alanna D (Deputy House Captain)
Isabelle T (Communications)
- Middle Row** Emily G (Drama)
Calen-Mei (Music)
- Front Row** Lucy H (Sports)
Anna R (House Captain)
Helena T (Charities)



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS - AUTUMN TERM

There’s never a dull lunchtime at school, with a fantastic variety of clubs and activities taking place across all five days of the week!

Whether you’re passionate about sport, music or drama, or fancy trying something completely different, there’s sure to be a club for you. Whilst each club has a member of staff 'in charge', the majority are run by students themselves, giving everyone the chance to share their interests, develop leadership skills and bring new ideas to school life.

Clubs are also a brilliant way to meet new people, learn new skills and make the most of opportunities beyond the classroom. And with new clubs starting every half term, there’s always something fresh to discover.

So, why not get involved? Try something new, pursue a passion or even think about starting a club of your own. With so much on offer, there really is something for everyone!

Staff Member	Is it....	Name of Club / Support Session	Day of the Week	Time	Which year groups is it open to?	Location / Room
R Whitehouse	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Cricket Club for Students not in the Team	Monday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;	Hall
N Saysell	Extracurricular Club / Activity	School Production	Monday	12:35-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	Drama Studio / 23
J Clarke	Extracurricular Club / Activity	The Great Debate club	Monday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	3
L Roberts & R Patel	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Monday	12:35-1:05pm	Y13;	304
S Matlak	Academic Support Session	German Support	Monday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;	203
R Wright & A Carey	Academic Support Session	Chemistry Support	Monday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;	22
H Goodall	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Netball Club	Tuesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;	Courts
R Whitehouse	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Basketball Club	Tuesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y8;Y9;	Hall
A Chapman	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Senior Choir	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	23
C Rainbow	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Soul Band	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y13;Y12;Y11;Y10;	23
C Morris	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Keele University Lecture Series	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;Y11;	2
D Postle	Extracurricular Club / Activity	The Curiosity Society	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	27
K Griffin	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Lawsoc	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;	101
O Green	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Tuesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y12;	305
C Reeves	Academic Support Session	Physics Support	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;	21
J Rose	Academic Support Session	GSCE & A Level Extra Art Session	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	7
O Hayman	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;	302
M Stevens	Academic Support Session	Biology Support - Timetabled Topics	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y13;	20
H Furnival	Academic Support Session	French Conversation	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;	202
J Clarke & N Cavender	Academic Support Session	History Support	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;	3
E Heyes	Academic Support Session	GCSE Revision Club	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;	201
P Lowe-Werrell	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;	304
D Martin	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Netball Club	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;	Courts
H Birch	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Badminton Club (Week B Only)	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;	Hall
H Birch	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Badminton Club (Week A Only)	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;	Hall
R Saunders	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Football Club (Week B Only)	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;	Field
R Saunders	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Football Club (Week A Only)	Wednesday	12:35-1:05pm	Y9;Y10;Y11;	Field
R Kay	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Chess Club	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	6
A Chapman	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Lower School Choir	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;	23
P Bentley	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Model UN	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	14
M Holmes	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Linguistics Society	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	201
J Barker	Academic Support Session	RS GCSE Support	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;Y10;	5
C Tolley	Academic Support Session	Chemistry Support	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	19
K Pickin	Academic Support Session	Chemistry Support	Wednesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;	22
R Narasimhan	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Medical Society	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;Y11;Y10;	17
A Chapman	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Vocal Group	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y9;	23
T Fujii	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Japanese Club	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	Hall
J Clarke	Extracurricular Club / Activity	FemSoc	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	3
P Bentley	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Alt Vault - Alternative Music Club	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	14
N Saysell	Extracurricular Club / Activity	School Production - Lead Dancers Rehearsal	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	Drama Studio
E Pritchard	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Psychology Society	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	11
A Chapman	Academic Support Session	Composition Clinic	Thursday	12:35-1:05pm	Y10;Y11;	23
S Catalan	Academic Support Session	Physics Support	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y12;Y13;	15
M Stevens	Academic Support Session	Biology Support	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	20
O Hayman	Academic Support Session	Maths Support	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	302
R Kay & H Steadman	Academic Support Session	English Support	Thursday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	24
J Wade	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Gardening Club	Friday	12:35-1:05pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	19
R Chapman	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Orchestra	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	23
P Bentley	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Mini Model UN	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;	14
N Cavender	Extracurricular Club / Activity	History Society	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	4
J Wade	Extracurricular Club / Activity	Beekeeping club	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;Y12;Y13;	19
N Saysell	Extracurricular Club / Activity	KS3 Drama Club	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;	Drama Studio
M Stevens	Academic Support Session	Biology Support - Timetabled Topics	Tuesday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	20
C Audouin	Academic Support Session	Let us eat cake Club - French Support	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y11;	202
H Arsalan	Academic Support Session	Homework Club	Friday	1:05-1:35pm	Y7;Y8;Y9;Y10;Y11;	SEND Hub / Centenary Hall

TRIPS, RESIDENTIAL AND VISITS

During the course of the year, there are numerous trips, visits and residentials for students to take part in across all years. Below, you can see a chronological list of the trips and visits during the year.

Note: This list is not exhaustive and additional trips may become available as the opportunities arise.

September

D of E Silver Practice Weekend
Year 12 Liverpool Residential Weekend
Y7 Edgmond Hall

October

Y11 Carding Mill Valley
D of E Silver Qualifier Weekend
Y12 and 13 Politics Trip

November

Y12/13 Economics and Business Trip to London
A level Biology Live

December

Y7 Pantomime Trip
Cheshire Oaks y11-13 Shopping Trip

February

London Performing Arts Trip

March

GCSE Biology Live
Chemistry Trip
Ski Trip

May

Year 12 Work Experience Week
Y12 Geography Fieldwork Trip

June

Curriculum Enrichment Week - Y8 Overseas, Y9 D of E, Y10 Work Experience
Y10 Geography Trip

July

Y12 Biology Trip

FRESHERS FAIR

Lunchtime on 24th September saw a fantastic first for NGHS, as students came together for our first ever Freshers' Fair.

The event proved a huge success, with a fantastic turnout and a real buzz around school as students explored more than 20 stalls, each showcasing the clubs, societies, teams and activities on offer at NGHS. It was the perfect chance to find out more, meet other students and perhaps discover a new passion!

The Fair was organised by our Head Girl Team, with particular thanks to Evie Donaldson, Deputy Head Girl for Inclusion, who took the lead in bringing the event together. Her hard work, alongside the enthusiasm of everyone running a stall, helped make the inaugural event such a memorable success.

The Freshers' Fair also demonstrated just how much extracurricular life is thriving at NGHS. From sports teams and musical ensembles to drama, creative activities and an incredible variety of special-interest clubs, students have so many opportunities to get involved in school life beyond the classroom.

Whether you want to perform on stage, make music, represent NGHS in sport, develop an existing talent or simply try something completely new, there is an activity waiting for you.

Getting involved is a great way to make new friends, build confidence and become an even bigger part of our school community.

If our first Freshers' Fair proved anything, it is that at NGHS, there really is something for everyone!



SPOTLIGHT ON CLUBS - CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country – A Fantastic Start to the Season

Our cross-country runners have made a fantastic start to the season, with two races completed so far at Chetwynd Deer Park and Abraham Darby. An incredible 36 runners have already represented NGHS, with even more pupils set to join the team after next week's break.

Mrs Birch said: "The numbers are incredible, and we want to continue seeing so many pupils getting involved. Running is such an inclusive sport, and it is amazing to see so many of our students taking part, supporting one another and representing the school."

While every runner deserves congratulations for completing the courses and contributing to such a fantastic team turnout, we would like to give a special mention to those who have achieved a top 20 finish across our first two races:

Year 7: Cerys C – 8th and 9th; Charlotte F – 10th in both races; Iris H – 19th and 20th.

Year 8: Annabel W-Y – an outstanding 3rd in both races; Lucy G – 4th and 5th; Isla F – 15th and 16th; Isabella A – 16th this week; Lila R – 19th and 17th; Scarlett B-D – 17th and 19th.

Year 9: Naomi G – 9th; Tabitha H – 14th; Ayla H – 17th and 15th; Kate F – 16th.

Year 10 and 11: A phenomenal start for Ivy B, who won both races! Shaan K – 5th and 6th. Freya R – 8th and 7th; Katie K – 9th in both races; Sahana A – 10th and 11th; Emily W – 13th; Lydia C – 14th and 15th;

Congratulations to all 36 runners who have taken part so far. We are delighted to see the team growing and look forward to welcoming even more runners for the next race!

Mrs H Birch



YEAR 12 TAKE ON LIVERPOOL!

Year 12 enjoyed a fantastic residential weekend in Liverpool, packed with sightseeing, culture, entertainment, shopping and, most importantly, plenty of opportunities to spend time together away from the classroom.

After leaving NGHS on Friday morning, the group arrived in Liverpool at lunchtime and headed to the iconic docks. Students then had the freedom to explore the city in small groups, with visits to the Quirky Quarter, Liverpool's Anglican and Catholic cathedrals, the Walker Art Gallery and, unsurprisingly, Liverpool ONE proving popular!

On Friday evening, students put their independence and organisational skills into action by researching, booking and enjoying meals at restaurants of their choice. Everyone then returned to the Youth Hostel for the eagerly anticipated Mr Wright Quiz. As ever, competition was fierce, laughter was plentiful and the students once again demonstrated that the staff still have some work to do before next year!

Saturday began with a guided open-top bus tour, taking in some of Liverpool's most famous sights and Beatles landmarks. Stops included Penny Lane and Strawberry Field, alongside the childhood homes associated with John Lennon and Paul McCartney, with plenty of photo opportunities along the way.

After further free time in the city, everyone returned to the hostel for dinner before heading out for one of the highlights of the weekend: a trip to the Liverpool Empire Theatre to see Annie.

Sunday morning brought breakfast, packing and perhaps the weekend's greatest logistical challenge: finding enough room on the coaches for all those shopping bags!

The Liverpool residential was a brilliant opportunity for Year 12 to relax, explore a new city and enjoy spending time together. Full of laughter, friendship and shared experiences, it was a hugely successful weekend and a wonderful way to create some memorable moments at the start of Sixth Form.



YEAR 13 IN TRIATHLON CHALLENGE

Report by Emily G (Year 13)

"On Sunday 6th September I competed in the Alderford Olympic distance Triathlon consisting of a 1.5km open-water swim, 40km cycle and 10km run. This is the longest distance I have ever done so there were definitely times when it was hard to keep going but there were never times when I wanted to give up.

As the youngest athlete competing I was a bit nervous at first but it was a very supportive environment not just from athletes but also everyone on the sidelines, which to my surprise included Mrs Taylor whose son and daughter were also competing, though I admit I was mortified at first, it was very nice to have part of the NGHS family cheering me on too."



CALLING FORMER STUDENTS!

This year will see the launch of our dedicated Alumnae project aiming to build lasting connections with former NGHS attendees. We would be thrilled to hear from any former students, be they recent leavers, new graduates or those in established careers.

Our new assistant headteacher, Miss L Smith, will be spearheading the campaign so keep a close look out on our social media, website and other promotional materials with details of how to get involved!



NGHS ALUMNAE

PARKING NEWS

We kindly ask all parents, carers and visitors to park responsibly when dropping students off, collecting students and when visiting the school. Please be mindful of local parking restrictions and avoid stopping on zigzag lines, blocking driveways, parking on pavements, or obstructing junctions and crossings. These actions can reduce visibility for children and other road users, creating unnecessary safety risks.

Additionally, please note that the lay-by on Wellington Road cannot be used for parking at school times and can only be used for drop off/collection. Parking in this lay-by for any length of time risks a parking ticket.

Where possible, consider parking in designated parking areas and asking your child to walk the final part of their journey. This helps reduce traffic congestion around the school gates and promotes a safer, calmer environment for everyone.

We appreciate your cooperation and consideration for our neighbours, residents, and school community. By parking responsibly, we can all play a part in keeping our students safe and ensuring a positive relationship with the local community.

Thank you for your support.



NGHS SOCIAL MEDIA

Why not keep in touch with the goings on at school via our social media pages? We're on Facebook and Instagram.

Make sure you follow, like and comment to keep up to date with everything that is going on.



facebook.com/NewportGirls (whole school)



instagram.com/nghsinsta (whole school)

instagram.com/nghs6form (sixth form)



linkedin.com/company/newport-girls'-high-school-academy-trust

DUKE OF EDINBURGH UPDATE!

Silver Practice Expedition

Over 40 Y11 students spent the second weekend in September in the Shropshire Hills, brushing up on their navigation skills and preparing for their DofE Qualifying Expedition by completing gruelling hikes, cooking their own meals, and carrying all their equipment for a very tiring and hugely positive weekend.

They are now ready to be assessed at the beginning of October, when they will be striking out from Llangollen and hiking through the Berwyn Mountains in what will be a really tough challenge.

Mrs Taylor and Miss Heyes were SO proud of all participants – everyone gave it their all, and were so positive throughout their training. Well done to everyone! ***Report by Miss E Heyes Year 11 DofE Staff Volunteer***



YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS

NEWS FROM THE CANTEEN

For several years now we have proudly partnered with Academy Catering to provide our in-house dining and refreshment services. They provide delicious and nutritious main meal options at lunchtime for all year groups and cater for all dietary requirements.

Additionally, they are open before school, at break and after school for hot and cold snacks and drinks. Furthermore, they also operate our in-house Costa Coffee situated in the Atrium serving all of the usual favourites!

A main meal at lunchtime costs £3 and all items on the menu can also be purchased individually. All prices can be found displayed at the main canteen or in the Atrium.

Lastly, the menus for each week can be found in the main dining area and are also included here. These are the dates up until half term that each menu is being served:

w/b 28.9 – Week 2

w/b 05.10 – Week 3

w/b 12.10 – Week 1

w/b 19.10 – Week 2



LUNCH MENU WEEK ONE

	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG
MONDAY	Butchers Sausages	Quorn Sausage	Daily Special	Mashed Potatoes	Choice of Vegetables
TUESDAY	Authentic Beef Bolognese	Vegetable Bolognese	Daily Special	Pasta	Garlic Bread
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day	Macaroni Cheese	Daily Special	Roast Potatoes	Vegetable & Gravy
THURSDAY	Traditional Cottage Pie	Vegetable Pie	Daily Special	Choice of Vegetables	Gravy
FRIDAY	Chicken Wraps	Pizza	Spice Chicken Goujons	Wedges	

LUNCH MENU WEEK TWO

	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG
MONDAY	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Quorn Chilli	Daily Special	Rice	Choice of Vegetables
TUESDAY	Southern Fried Chicken Wraps	Vegetarian Wrap	Daily Special	Potato Wedges	Beans
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day	Vegetable Pasty	Daily Special	Herby New Potatoes	Vegetables & Gravy
THURSDAY	Pasta Bake Day	Vegetarian Pasta Bake	Daily Special	Garlic Bread	Choice of Vegetables
FRIDAY	Chicken Wraps	Pizza	Spicy Chicken Goujons	Wedges	

LUNCH MENU WEEK THREE

	MEAT MAIN	VEGGIE MAIN	SPECIALS	STARCHY	VEG
MONDAY	Chilli	Vegetable Chilli	Daily Special	Rice	Choice of Vegetables
TUESDAY	Creamy Chicken Carbonara	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Daily Special	Garlic Bread	Choice of Vegetables
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day	Vegetable Crumble	Daily Special	Roast Potatoes	Vegetables & Gravy
THURSDAY	Chicken Curry Day	Vegetarian Curry	Daily Special	Flatbread	Spiced Vegetables
FRIDAY	Chicken Wrap	Pizza	Spicy Chicken Goujons	Wedges	

HELLO YELLOW - FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

Wear Yellow and Say Hello!

Join us on 9 October and celebrate 10 years of Hello Yellow with a yellow themed MUFTI day. There is no charge and all students are asked to wear yellow.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling and things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, they don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same.

The Head Girl and Lower Head Girl Teams will be organising a range of activities on the day so look out around school for everything that is going on!

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES - 26 SEPTEMBER

The European Day of Languages is celebrated each year on 26 September. It was established in 2001 at the joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Commission.

Through this action, some 700 million citizens across the Council of Europe's 46 member states are encouraged to discover and learn languages at any age, whether within formal education or alongside it. This reflects the shared conviction of the Council of Europe and the European Commission that linguistic diversity is a powerful means of fostering intercultural understanding and a fundamental component of Europe's rich cultural heritage.



To celebrate, all students received a special assembly from the MFL Ambassadors detailing the aims of the day. They also presented an inspiring video interview from former student, Emmy Raymond-Martin, who is currently studying French and Spanish at Cambridge University.

The six MFL Ambassadors are Brogan M, Angela E, Genevieve L, Phoebe F-G, Magdalena A and Jess D. Magdalena also talked about her fabulous achievement of being the national winner in the Anthea Ball translation competition for Italian! A competition we will be running again here in school!



YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 9 OCT

Wear yellow, say hello.

Join us for our 10th Hello Yellow! Wear yellow, start a conversation about mental health and raise money where you are – so we can be there when young people need us most.

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YOUNG ENTERPRISE LAUNCH

This year's Young Enterprise programme was officially launched during a special assembly on Tuesday 22 September, with Mr Bentley inviting students to take on the exciting challenge of creating and running their own business.

NGHS has a proud and impressive history in Young Enterprise, having enjoyed considerable success over the years. School teams have won numerous county and West Midlands titles, while our 2025 team achieved an outstanding third place at the National Finals.

We're excited to see what this year's budding NGHS entrepreneurs create. Could another national success be on the horizon?



**2025 West Midlands
Winners and 3rd Place
National Team:**

TAG ALONG

PREVIOUS YOUNG ENTERPRISE CAPTAIN SPEAKS OUT!

*'Young Enterprise is a great opportunity to gain business experience!
Having been through the programme myself, the programme has been a great asset for my applications and personal development.*

From creating and marketing a product to presenting as a team, you'll get the chance to build your commercial awareness and entrepreneurial skills while getting the chance to put them into practice.

And when it comes to university, apprenticeships and job applications, Young Enterprise can be a great addition to your CV, giving you real examples of leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative to talk about.

It's also a great way to meet new people, outside of school and build your confidence by trying new things!

Plus, there's the opportunity to enter competitions, attend events, meet business professionals, and, of course, hopefully make some money at the end of it!

So, whether you're interested in business, hardworking, creative or simply want to try something new, then Young Enterprise is for you!'

Debbie Z, Year 13 - 'Neorla' Team Captain 2025-26

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT MONTH?

Thursday 1 October - House Bake Off Competition

Friday 2 October - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 2 October - Duke of Edinburgh Silver Full expedition

Monday 5 October - Year 11 Carding Mill Valley Trip

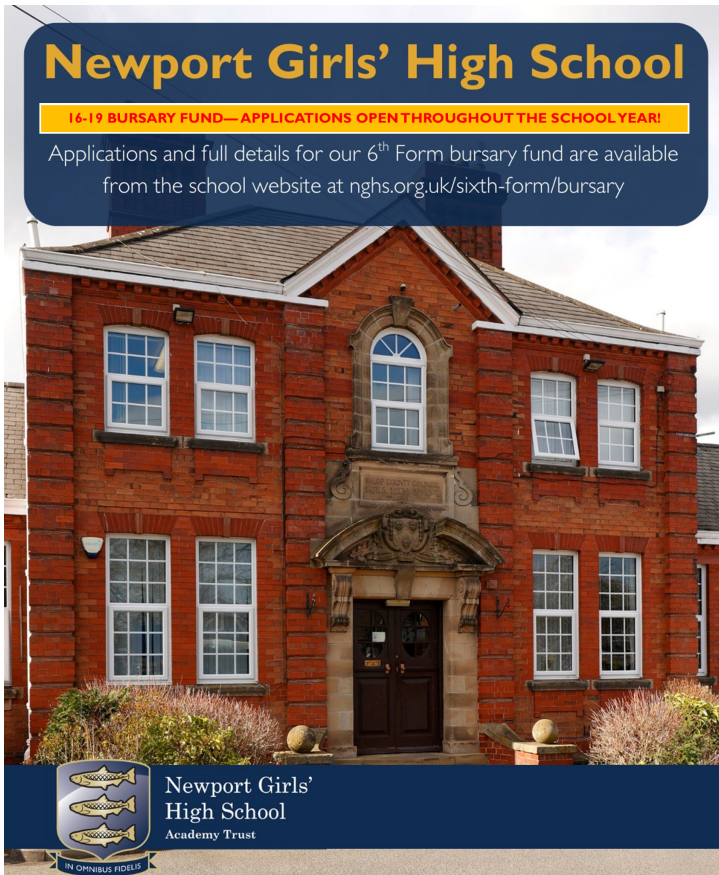
Wednesday 7 October - UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

Friday 9 October - Hello Yellow Mental Health Awareness Day

Monday 12 October – Form Notice Board Competition Deadline

Thursday 15 October – Autumn Concert

Monday 19 October – School Open Morning - by invitation only



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16-19 BURSARY FUND—APPLICATIONS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Applications and full details for our 6th Form bursary fund are available from the school website at nghs.org.uk/sixth-form/bursary

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COULD YOUR CHILD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2026!

Free School Meals 

Are you entitled?

SINCE SEPTEMBER 1 2026, THE GOVERNMENT HAS EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS TO INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING UNIVERSAL CREDIT.

VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

FIND OUT MORE 

TELFORD.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS-AND-LEARNING/SCHOOL-MEALS

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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH!

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

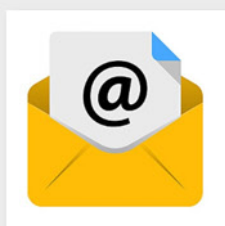
Over the course of the year, we will communicate with you in a variety of ways:

- 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

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



Miss N Cavendar
Head of Year 8



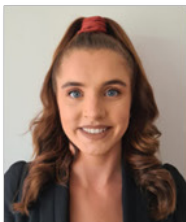
Mr O Green
Head of Year 9



Ms K Houston
Head of Year 10



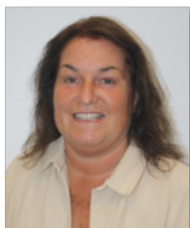
Mrs A Chapman
& Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 11 (Joint)



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



Mrs H Birch: Assistant Headteacher
and DSL



Mr A Jones: Headteacher and DDSL



Mr D Postle: Deputy Headteacher
and DDSL



Mrs K Griffin Head of Sixth Form
and DDSL



Miss A M Davies: Assistant
Headteacher and DDSL



Ms K Houston: Head of Year
10, DDSL and CSE Lead

Abbreviations DSL: Designated Safeguarding
Lead, DDSL: Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Lead, CSE: Child Sexual Exploitation