



NEWPORT NEWS

A fortnightly update from NGHS

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Miss Webster (Head of School)

The last fortnight at NGHS has been full of activity. Our Year 13 students once again demonstrated creativity with their fancy-dress outfits, and returned to wearing their old school uniforms as we looked back and celebrated the memories they have made throughout their time here. Mrs Griffin led their final assembly full of stories, photographs, and awards and we know that they will do us proud in their final examinations.

Our Year 11s continue to work hard and it has been pleasing to see their dedication to revision. Ms Heyes continues to be available to support students should they need anything during this time. We continue to wish them the very best of luck with the remaining exams.

Life in school continues to be so much more than just exams, and it has been lovely to see so many students competing for their House over the last few lunchtimes. The House teams have been out in force, cheering on the younger years as they play each other at rounders. We have also seen success with our Young Enterprise

teams (see later in this edition) and we are very proud of the commitment that both teams have shown throughout this competition. This week has also seen a range of activities run for Mental Health Awareness Week. Led by Rosie (our Deputy Head Girl with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing) along with support from Ms Heyes and Mrs Danby, students have had the opportunity to take part in a daily mile walk around the field, attend a yoga and stretch class with Mrs Gill, and participate in team building events with their peers.

Finally, please can we ask for your support in ensuring your child's uniform follows our expectations. Recently, the sun has made an appearance and the weather has started to warm up but our policy remains unchanged, however, we will review this if over the next few weeks it becomes too hot to wear blazers in school. Regardless of this, shirts should be tucked in at all times. Form tutors and Heads of Year have also noted that some students are wearing hoop earrings; as a reminder, only one small stud is permitted in each ear lobe. Furthermore, with the warm weather some students have been wearing sports socks with logos; our policy is clear in that socks should be plain black of white so please can we ask for your assistance with this. The full policy can be found on our website should you need to check anything else.

Best Wishes,

Miss Webster

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD GIRL TEAM

It has been an exciting couple of weeks at NGHS filled with many activities throughout the school. Last week we said farewell to our Year 13s who have been thoroughly preparing for their A-Levels and they enjoyed their last full day as NGHS pupils by dressing up impressively, followed by the classic leavers' day shirt signing and many photos. We also must not forget the Year 11 pupils who have fully immersed themselves into their GCSE examinations. We wish good luck to both the Year 11s and 13s who will no doubt do brilliantly during this time. Kicking off the summer term, the weekly house rounders event has begun, with fierce house rivalry being on display.

Students from all year groups have been fighting for the win. With mental health week being celebrated and supported within the school this week, Rosie, along with the help of the rest of the Head Girl team, organised a multitude of events to raise awareness for mental health. This included yoga and stretch led by Mrs Gill, followed by the staff vs student lineball match on Friday, igniting the competitive spirits between both staff and students. There has also been a daily mile in which students collect stamps to gain a prize at the end of the week.

Ellisha G and Aimee J



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Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 13!

Last Thursday was a bitter sweet day for Year 13 as they started their study leave before embarking on A-level examinations. Great fun was had during the last week as they embraced the fancy-dress day with enthusiasm, ranging from Teletubbies to Spice Girls to inflatable dinosaurs. Their final day began with lots of laughter at the pranks they had done and ended up with lots of happy tears as we said goodbye in a final assembly. Students were greeted with photographs of themselves in Year 7 and Year 13 to show the incredible journey they had been on. After lovely refreshments, students were



“ROOAR!”



Good luck in you're A Levels Year 13!

awarded with funny certificates, personalised cards and gifts, followed by lots of special friendship photos, reminding them of all the fun they have had over the last two years as part of NGHS6.

Year 13 are an incredible year group and we are proud of each and every one of them. They have worked hard for the last two years and we know that they are ready to sit



“Goodbye my friend—It’s not the end”

their exams, fulfil their potential and start the next chapter of their life. We wish them all luck over the next few weeks and look forward to seeing them again on Thursday 15 August for results day and on Wednesday 18 December for their reunion.



Mrs K Griffin (Head of Sixth Form)

Lilleshall Primary School's Sports Fayre Friday 21st June 2024 at 2.00pm

Lilleshall Primary School are hosting a Sports Fayre on Friday 21st June 2024 to promote health and wellbeing.

We have invited lots of local sporting clubs, groups and businesses to come in and promote themselves to our children, families and the wider community.

Please come along before 4.00pm and check out all the fabulous facilities, clubs and groups we have locally.

Open to students, parents, grandparents, neighbours and everybody else!



EXTRA-CURRICULAR NEWS FROM NGHS

In this week's Newport News, we wanted to highlight some of the amazing extra-curricular clubs that are happening in school. There really is something for everyone to get involved in.

Friendship Bracelet Making Club

Bracelet making club is an opportunity to socialise and learn new skills. Each week you can progress from easy patterns to more challenging ones, with a range of different threads to choose from. We both enjoy doing bracelet making club, and it keeps you busy during lunch and you get a G sticker. The club is led by Mrs Birch every Wednesday at 12.35pm until 1pm and we think you should come along to join!



Alyssa LW & Ayra W, Year 8

Solution Society

Solution Society allows students from the lower school to challenge and strengthen their maths knowledge whilst interacting with students that also share similar passion for maths. It allows students to develop both their mental maths and problem-solving skills. Solution Society is great fun and we are very glad that we started attending and we hope that more students will join after reading this. Solution Society runs every Wednesday from 1pm in the Maths Block.



Year 8 Student

Sports Clubs / Activities

Over the next half term, students are able to participate in a variety of rounders or cricket clubs for every age group. Every week, students are able to play in house rounders competitions that are led by PE staff and upper school students. These competitions have



Y12 Cheer on the Rounders Players

sparked a fierce sense of competition and rivalry between students in Roddam, Austen and Seacole and there has been a high level of skill on show during these lunch time clubs, with many rounders being scored!

This club has been a highlight of my half term so far due to the vast amount of involvement and participation along with all house spirit being brought to the rounders pitch - luckily it has been accompanied by good weather (so far!). Additionally, students in years 7 – 10 are also able to participate in cricket club run by Mr Whitehouse where they

have been practicing and perfecting batting along with bowling technique. This club has experienced a surge of popularity following on from the u13 team travelling to Edgbaston for the Midland Regional Finals after being crowned Shropshire County Champions earlier this year! As a result of this club, students are able to further develop their cricket skills as well as participate in a wide range of games set up by Mr Whitehouse which they all find thoroughly enjoyable!

Millie H, Year 12, Roddam House Captain



Under 13 Indoor Cricket Shropshire Champions 2024



Y9 Rounders in Action!

Young Enterprise News

News from Team MYLIE Our experience within the Mylie team and throughout Young Enterprise has undoubtedly been a brilliant one! We started off our journey with various ideas, but all failed to compete with our final iconic idea - the MYLIE. We managed to build our brand through our social media platforms and were successful trading both at multiple fairs and within school.

Pitching our product was never a difficult task as we are collectively so passionate about our product and team. This led to our success with winning multiple accolades such as: best trade fair, winning a mystery shopper challenge and ultimately receiving the 2024 runner up for our county and the sales and marketing award. Despite not winning the overall competition and going through to the next round, we are all keen to continue with our business and expand



our sale avenues by using the skills we have collated throughout. We have gained so many entrepreneurial attributes as well as building ourselves as thriving team players and couldn't recommend the



Young Enterprise programme enough.

Look out for future Mylie on all your feeds, new platforms for selling will be coming soon! The final thing to say is make your life instantly easier today... the Mylie way!

Lily K, Issie H and the Mylie team!



News from Team CAREBLING After the Stone Trade Fair and in preparation for the County Finals, our team have been adapting and developing our enterprise, by not only expanding our product range, but by creating an advert to promote our business. We have launched our EcoBlings, which are made from recycled fabric to provide a more sustainable option, and we have also launched a project called 'bringing back nature's bling', where we have worked with Mr Wade to plant a tree in the school field for every 10 CaraBlings sold. After submitting our company report and in the lead up to the county competition,



we had an interview where the team answered questions about our business, all of which resulted in great feedback from all the judges. Last Tuesday, CaraBling attended the County Finals at Alleyne's Academy, where four of our members presented our enterprise in front of other schools and judges. We were against other Young Enterprise teams from the Shropshire and Staffordshire area, and with tough competition, we are delighted to announce that we were awarded not only first place, but the award for the best presentation, securing our place at the Regional Final at Warwick University next Wednesday. Since this, we have worked together as a team to further develop our brand by introducing a new range of

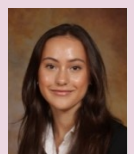


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CaraBlings; 'BarkyBlings'. These are designed for dog-lovers who need a place to store their dog treats, waste bags and so on. We also feel privileged to have support from Alice Kinsella, a gymnast on the GB Olympic team, who has a CaraBling and is promoting our business. We look forward to competing at the Regional Final next week as an opportunity to present our journey with Young Enterprise, as we have loved every step of the process with our business, having learnt teamwork, entrepreneurial skills and marketing.



Aimee J and the CaraBling Team Year 12



SUCCESS IN MATHEMATICS!

A huge well done to two of our excellent mathematicians; Alanah (Y10) and Abigail (Y8). Abigail achieved 2nd place in the Mathematical Education on Merseyside



competition for the second year in a row, and Alanah achieved a merit award in the Senior Challenge. Mrs Roberts was especially pleased to hear of their success! Alanah tells us more about the event:

"Back in February, I was given the opportunity to complete the MEM maths challenge over half term. The 7 questions were based around astronomy, and I sent them in to be marked by Liverpool University. A few weeks ago, I got news back to say that out of 676 entries, I was one of the 66 people being recognised at a prize-giving evening at the university on Tuesday 7th. When I was there, I was given a voucher to spend on logical books and puzzles, participated in a computer logic quiz and a completed a fun maths challenge. We then went to a lecture theatre and went through all of the answers to the questions and common mistakes, and then had a presentation when we received our certificates as well as briefly learning about the 1089 maths problem.

WORLD CHAMPION CHEERLEADER!

We would like to congratulate Lara T in Year 10 as well as her cheerleading team. She was recently at the World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando with Team England Cheer (Youth Advanced All Girls) and we were delighted to hear that the team took the gold medal!



CELLO EXAM SUCCESS FOR YEAR 8 AND YEAR 11



Congratulations to two of our excellent cello players in school! Anna (Year 8) passed her grade 1 cello with Merit and Harriet (Year 11) passed her grade 6. Well done to both of them!

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week marked Mental Health Awareness Week, focusing on the theme of 'Movement'. Our Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors worked hard this week to organise various activities for the school to promote physical and mental wellbeing.

We kicked off the week with the Daily Mile, a 20-minute walk around the field during lunch. It was a perfect chance for students to move between lessons and catch up with friends in the lovely summer weather.

Tuesday featured a collaboration between Mrs Walker's Doodle Club and mindful creativity. The art room was bursting with activity as students decorated their own journals, making it an enjoyable hour for everyone involved.

On Wednesday, a group of year 12 students participated in

a 30-minute yoga session led by Mrs. Gill. From sun salutations to warrior poses, the session left everyone feeling well-stretched and calm. A big thank you to Mrs Gill for guiding us through the session!

Mental Health Awareness Week finished with a bang on Friday. The first half of lunch featured a stuck-in-the-mud competition, followed by a thrilling Staff vs. Student Lineball game.

Thank you so much to everyone who got involved in celebrating this important week. I hope that it has inspired you to consider moving more for your mental health, whether it's a casual walk, a yoga session, or a team sport!

Rosie B, Year 12

You can keep up to date with the goings on at Newport Girls' High School on our social media pages. Find out about the latest sports results, trips and activities, school productions, employment opportunities and so much more!



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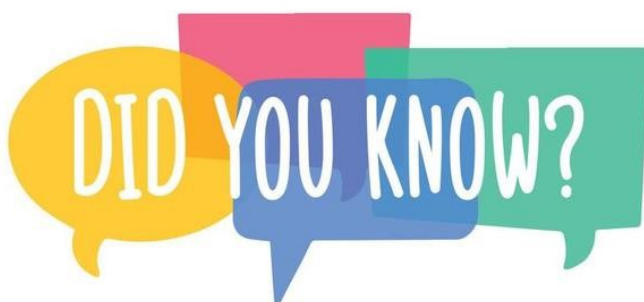


Instagram



Twitter/X

Why not follow, like, subscribe, tag and share for all the NGHS news and events!





NGHS

Doodle Club

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME FROM 1PM
IN THE ART ROOM

Every Tuesday at lunch, we join Doodle Club, a fun and interactive club where we can join in with several activities like designing our own Christmas ornaments, painting pumpkins for Halloween, creating stickers for Mental Health Awareness Week, and much more. The club provides loads of supplies, allowing us to doodle on items such as mugs, tote bags, and pencil cases. Miss Walker (who runs the club) makes sure that our lunch is enjoyed, giving us options on what we want to do. It's our favourite club to go to, and one of the highlights of our week!
Saanvi R + Griselle F



10 BENEFITS OF DOODLING

1. Improves concentration
2. Improves memory
3. Makes you more creative
4. Helps process emotions
5. Reduces stress
6. Helps you learn more effectively
7. Helps with problem solving
8. Showcases interests
9. Makes you a better listener
10. Boosts your mood



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



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, CSE Lead
Senior Deputy
Safeguarding Lead



Miss S Webster
Interim Headteacher, Deputy
DSL



Mrs F Davenport
Pastoral Support, Deputy DSL