



# NEWPORT NEWS

*A fortnightly update from NGHS*

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*Miss Webster (Interim Headteacher)*

Over the last two weeks, we have been celebrating a number of achievements at NGHS. You may have seen last week's news that we have been ranked as the top-performing school in the county. This is an exceptional achievement and one we are very proud of; I would like say a huge well done to our students for their incredible GCSE results last year and for achieving this accolade. I would also like to thank all the staff at NGHS for the work they do in securing such excellent outcomes for our students; they really do go above and beyond. Finally, thank you to all our parents for their ongoing support of the school as achievements such as these are a team effort that require us all to work closely together.

We also had a wonderful evening on Friday celebrating the sporting successes of our students at NGHS' first sports awards dinner and presentation event! Students from Year 7 through to Year 13 were invited to attend to receive their awards, and it was lovely to see the smiles on their faces as they collected these. I must thank Ms Saunders and her team for their hard work in organising the event and we are already looking forward to next year's celebrations! You can read a full write up further on in this week's edition.

Next week is one of the highlights of our school calendar; Curriculum Enrichment Week. All the information and plan for your child's events next week have been sent out by Mr Williams. Please can I ask parents to reread this information so you are fully aware of the plans for your child, especially if they are going out on trips that week and need to take account of any special requirements regarding timings for the day etc. We hope students enjoy the range of activities planned and look forward to hearing all about it!

Best Wishes,

**Miss Webster**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD GIRL TEAM

Firstly, with GCSE and A-level exams coming to an end within the next week, we want to send huge congratulations to all our Year 11s and Year 13s. We wish you a lovely rest and all the best to those leaving us in September. The Year 12 induction day is also next week, where we are offering a range of activities to get stuck into, and hope you enjoy meeting other prospective students.

We have also been busy organising Thank a Teacher Day on Wednesday, with the opportunity for students to send letters of thanks to our fabulous staff. This was a

lovely way to acknowledge the hard work and support that our staff provide us with every day.

We have recently appointed our new Lower School Head Girl team, who are eager to contribute and make a difference within our community. It was a very tough decision to make with such strong applications, and we are really looking forward to working with the team on various projects in the future.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoys Curriculum Enrichment Week next week. From trips abroad to university fairs, I look forward to hearing about all that you have got up to!

**Rosie B (Deputy Head Girl)**



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# Sports Award Presentation and Dinner

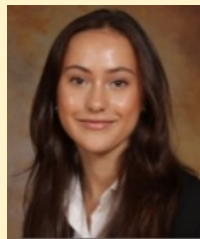


**Year 12 Sports Ambassadors on stage at the first ever Sports Awards Presentation**

## Report by Aimee J, Year 12

Our very first Sports Award Dinner took place at Lilleshall Hall on the evening of Friday 14th June. It was such a fun experience for students of all years and the teachers too! It was clear that the level of organisation put into the event was immense but also the effort from the students as everyone looked amazing! We were treated to a lovely 3 course meal during which myself and Mille H successfully sold all of the Bingo tickets!

After this, our PE staff presented the awards and gave extremely heart-warming speeches, highlighting just how much effort the staff and students put into our PE department every single day. Students received their sports colours which were given to all players who represented the school at each sport. They received a special pin for each sports team they played in and they were very well received by all of the students!



Next came the special awards and these included player of the year and most improved for each team as well as Most Valued Volunteer and Most Valued Sportsperson. A special mention goes to Millie H who deservedly won the volunteer award and Amy W for Most Valued Sportsperson. The Team of the Year Award went to the U19 Netball team for their achievements at Regional level.

After the presentation, everyone took to the dance floor as the DJ began the disco. The night finished with Miss Saunders singing and dancing with the younger years!

I think I can speak for everyone when I say it was a truly amazing night and a massive thankyou goes to all the hardworking students, parents who accompanied us and the teachers who attended. Most importantly, a special thank you to Miss Saunders, Mrs Martin, Mrs Goodall and Mrs Birch as this night would not have happened without you!

# Sports Presentation Special Awards

## Winners 2024



**Team of The Year**  
**U19 Netball**



**Volunteer of the Year**  
**Millie H**



**Outstanding Sport**  
**Performance Amy Wu**

### Special Awards Winners 2024

Outstanding Sports Performance - Amy W

Volunteer of the Year - Millie H

Junior Most Improved Player - Annie M

Senior Most Improved Player - Ava M

Junior Sports Person of the Year - Jessica W

Senior Sports Person of the Year - Lucy L

Team of the Year - Under 19 Netball



**Senior Most Improved**  
**Player**  
**Ava M**



**Junior Most Improved**  
**Player**  
**Annie M**



**Senior Sports Person**  
**of the Year**  
**Lucy L**



**Junior Sports Person of**  
**the Year**  
**Jessica W**

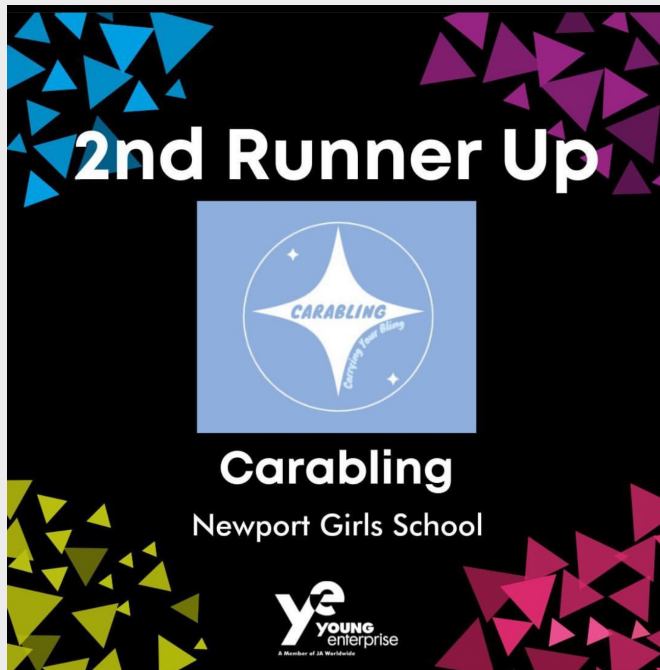






# Young Enterprise Team Achieve

## 3rd Place in National Finals!



After nine months, 'Carabling's' journey in Young Enterprise has come to an end. The National finals were held online on the 6th June with companies from all over the UK competing. After submitting our company report and presentation, all we had left was our interview with the panel which consisted of

industry professionals from Amazon, Delta Airlines, and the Westminster committee. We were thrilled to achieve 3rd at nationals which is the best the school has ever done in the Young Enterprise competition! We were so proud to manage to beat over 940 teams from all over the UK!

Some key highlights from our journey in the Young Enterprise competition include winning the regional competition at Warwick University, being complimented by industry professionals over our ideas and business model which was definitely a confidence booster going into Nationals, and finally our initial fundraiser, 'I'm a teacher get me out of here', where we raised our initial funds and made teachers eat all sorts of food. If anyone is thinking of applying to be on future Young Enterprise teams we would all recommend doing so as it has helped us develop valuable life skills as well as being a once in a lifetime experience.

While we would have loved to have progress to the international Young Enterprise competition in Sicily, we are so proud to have come third nationally.

### Iris B and the 'Carabling' team



### 1,500m and Fell Running Success for Y8 Student!

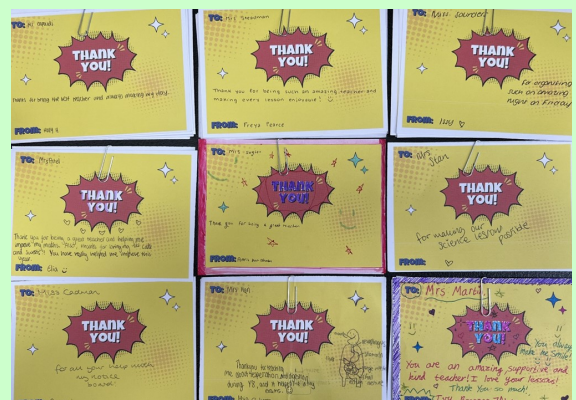


On Saturday 15th June, Year 8 Student, Annie W, took second place in her regional 1,500m race, only finished second to a Year 9 student from Wrekin College! This qualified her for the Masons Trophy in Stoke on Trent on Saturday 22nd June representing Shropshire.

Furthermore, on Wednesday 19th June she competed in a gruelling inter-counties fell running competition, again representing Shropshire. In brutal conditions she put in another fantastic performances and finished 23rd overall. Well done Annie!

### Thank a Teacher Day!

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June was 'National Thank A Teacher Day'. Rosie B from our Head Girl Team coordinated thank you cards from students to be given to staff on this day to recognise their hard work and thank them for everything they do. They were very much appreciated not just by the teachers but also the support staff.





# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

### 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play; demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

### 2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to “win at all costs”, which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

### 3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

### 4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

### 5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

### 6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

### 7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

### 8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

### 9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

### 10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

## Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/friendly-competition>

# 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