



NEWPORT NEWS

A fortnightly update from NGHS

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Mr Adam Jones, Headteacher

It's been a busy but enjoyable couple of weeks at NGHS since the last Newport News. Extra-curricular clubs are well underway, and I've been visiting as many different lunchtime activities as I can. It is great to see so many students engaging in the opportunities that our extended lunchtime provides. There really is something for everyone, from football, gardening, debating, all the way to Japanese High School Club!

Our students have been working really hard to prepare their auditions for this year's school show, 'Six The Musical'. I was astounded by the sheer number of students putting themselves forwards for consideration this week. I was lucky enough to sit in on a few auditions and the standard of performance was incredibly high. Mrs Saysell, Mrs Chapman and Ms Capaldi will have some tough decisions to make moving forwards as they arrange call backs for the next stages. It does promise to be a spectacular performance, so keep the week beginning 24 March 2025 free in your diaries!

In our assemblies, Mrs Danby has introduced all the students to the new members of our pastoral team and explained the support available to them. Supporting our students lies at the heart of everything we do, you will see on our 'NGHS Pastoral Team Who's Who? Page' our key pastoral and

safeguarding staff in school. Do not hesitate to contact us and make us aware of anything that will help us to support your child better, or to seek any help or advice that we may be able to provide to support you as a parent.

This week, Mr Pointon has spoken to our students about the strength of our House System and encouraged students to think innovatively about the events they will take part in. He is also inviting students to put forward their own innovative ideas for changes to our system or new events. Our house events are a real highlight of the academic year and I know they will be the days that our students look back on with such fondness when they do eventually leave us. House Bake Off is taking place next week and will be a hotly contested affair, not only amongst the Austen, Roddam and Seacole students taking part but also with the staff battling for a place on the judging panels! However, I do apologise in advance if we've generated some extra washing up this weekend from students practising their bakes!

With best wishes,

Mr A Jones, **Headteacher**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

26th Sep—House Bake Off

26th Sep—European Day of Languages

27th Sep—Senior Netball Weekend

30th Sep—Y7 Edmond Trip



Newport Girls' High School

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Headteacher: Mr A Jones

To contact the School about a general enquiry, please use schooloffice@nghs.org.uk

Welcome to...



Mrs L Nicholls

Teacher of Science

Having recently taught in another girls' grammar school, I was absolutely thrilled to get the opportunity to join the team at NGHS. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the friendly staff and students, and look forward to getting to know everyone a little better over the coming weeks.

Originally from London, I moved (many years ago now!) to study Sport and Exercise Science at the University of Birmingham. During this time my passion for human physiology and immunology was really ignited. I am hoping I can share some of my enthusiasm for these topics with the students at NGHS!

Outside of teaching, I am usually providing a taxi service for my two children, who are fast approaching secondary school, but I do enjoy the odd jog when I get the chance! Sports day is one of my favourite days on the school calendar because of the great team spirit, but I'm also excited about the other house competitions that are coming up soon too.



Miss L Baker

SENDCO and Teacher of English

Hello everyone, I'm NGHS' new SENDCO. A passion for creating inclusivity and delivering outstanding support for SEND students has brought me to Newport and I'm thrilled to become the newest member of the NGHS family. Having been a teacher of English, literacy and A Level Literature for the past 18 years – longer than I care to admit – and a Deputy SENDCO in a large SEND team for 12 years, I felt ready to take on the new challenge of leading SEND at Newport.

My passions amongst others are theatre, travel and anything French, plus anything related to English Literature, of course. I'm excited to be working with such a talented staff and would like to thank everyone who has asked after me, helped me or just listened to me during my first days here. Looking forward to getting to know you better – let the adventure begin!



Mrs Aver-Howdle

Wellbeing Officer (years 7-10)

Hello Everyone

I am really excited to have started the new post as Wellbeing Officer for student Years 7 - 10 at NGHS. I have been in the Education sector most of my working life, initially at Harper Adams University, in Edgmond and then at Burton Borough school, as a Year 9 Assistant Manager (pastoral, wellbeing and behaviour). I am really looking forward to supporting students at NGHS with their pastoral & wellbeing needs with their journeys from Year 7 to 10. In my spare time I love taking our rescue dog Poppy for a walk, along with the rest of my family and enjoying visiting Devon, Cornwall and Europe.

Hobbies include gardening, music, reading and Air shows. Wild life & nature are also close to my heart, especially the hedgehogs and birds that visit our garden. I love history and I am currently researching my family tree on Ancestry DNA. I am an avid Football fan, and have supported Tottenham Hotspur (Spurs) since I was a youngster and enjoy supporting England in the Rugby .

NGHS Social Media

Why not keep in touch with the goings on at school via our social media pages. We're on Facebook, X (Twitter) and Instagram. Make sure you follow, like and comment to keep up to date with everything that is going on.

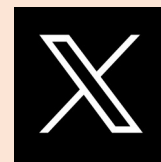


facebook.com/NewportGirls

facebook.com/nghs6 (sixth form)



instagram.com/nghs6form/



[@NGHS_Info](https://twitter.com/NGHS_Info)

NGHS 16–19 Bursary support

Things are difficult for many of us at the moment due to the Economic Climate, However at NGHS we strive to do all we can to support our Sixth Form students to remain in education in years 12 and 13 and to overcome any financial barriers to remaining in school. If eligible, students can be financially supported to cover costs towards, for example;

- School Transport costs (not private car or taxi)
- School trips (curriculum - related only)
- Course equipment (such as books or materials)
- Uniform

Students can find the Application Form on our school website, which has further detail regarding eligibility and criteria. Forms can also be picked up from the 6th Form office or Mrs Davenport.

Students are able to apply at any point during the year as we recognise financial circumstances can change, however, the total funds available may be reduced. If a student was entitled to Bursary support in year 12, they must reapply by completing another application form at the start of year 13.

Completed Application forms should (where possible), be handed in to Mrs Davenport by 29th September. Should you have any queries over your child's eligibility, please contact us via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk

Bursary

Headlice – some advice!

Whilst we have not been informed of any cases of headlice in school, at this time of year it's always useful to follow NHS guidance on the issue.

'Head louse infection is a problem of the whole community, not just of schools. It is common in holiday time as well as during the term.

Parents start to worry more when their children go back to school, however most infections are caught from close family members and friends. It is not just children who have them, adults get them too! Head lice are a problem in many communities and do not reflect poor hygiene or social status.

*Please could we ask you to do your part to prevent the spread of this condition, by checking your children on a regular basis. **Tying hair back is recommended.** If you discover a case of Head Lice, it is helpful if you let school know. The information you give will be treated in confidence. **There is no requirement for a student to be kept off school.***

If you need further information (such as how best to treat this condition), please contact the Community School Nurse Team 0333 358 3328'

Visit Head Lice and Nits www.nhs.uk

or NHS Choices



BRONZE MEDAL AT WORLD KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR YEAR 10 NGHS STUDENT!

On the weekend of 7th October, I competed in the WKC karate world championships, which were hosted in Sheffield, the first time they've been hosted in the UK since 2001. The competition lasted 3 days, and as a part of the National England karate squad, I competed in both aspects, kata and kumite (fighting). On Sunday, I fought 3 matches, and finished joint 3rd with a Ukrainian girl, securing a bronze medal. It was an amazing experience and I hope to have the opportunity again to be able to represent my country in competition. **Easha K (Year 10)**

Spotlight on...

ACADEMY CATERING



Your Academy Catering Team

Welcome from Leesa and 'Team Academy' Catering at Newport Girls' High School, your onsite catering partner. We are delighted to provide your catering services and requests at this prestigious school.

The main school catering services 'In Omnibus Foodelis' consist of the following: morning break breakfast style menu offering with an extensive selection of both classic and speciality hot & chilled items, ambient snacks and chilled mineral water, school compliant drinks plus fruit juices from 11.15-11.35.



Giant Yorkie Roast Dinner

The lunch service from 12.35-13.35 includes traditional, specialty main meals, freshly prepared pasta & noodle pots, various hot and chilled grab and go products,

dessert and fresh fruit pots with chilled mineral waters, fruit juices and school compliant drinks. A 'made to order' 'Wrap Bar' is also available at lunch time offering tortilla wraps with an extensive range of savoury fillings,



Salad Bar

salad offerings and dressings to create your own lunch offering.

The bespoke 6th form catering facility from 10.45-11.35 and 12.35-13.35



Selection of cakes in the 6th Form Atrium

offering includes a speciality coffee, hot beverages & chilled mineral waters, fruit juices and sodas with classic breakfast snacks, sweet treats, traybakes, cakes, ambient savoury & sweet menu products. Lunch includes made to order toasties along with the 3-week menu cycle.



Ready for service

Please click the link below for the 3 weekly menu cycle, tariff documents and promotional events for further details

[Academy \(School Caterers\) - Newport Girls' High School \(nghs.org.uk\)](https://www.nghs.org.uk)

Direct contact Leesa Owen, Chef Manager at catering@nghs.org.uk for any further details regarding the catering services at the school.

Thank you

Leesa and the team

What the students think about Academy Catering at NGHS:



"Have you tried the Cajun Potatoes? Oh my gosh, they are the best!" Year 11 Student

"The noodles are really cool!" Year 8 *"The best puddings are the brownies, cupcakes and donuts!"* Year 11

"The staff are all really friendly and kind, if it's just a small brownie they give you a second one!" Year 7

"Roast dinners are the my favourite" Year 7 *"The Cajun Chicken and cheese toasties are delicious!"* Year 12

ACADEMY CATERING—PRICES AND UPCOMING SPECIALS!

Sept - Dec 2024



WHAT'S COMING UP?



CAKES

MENU	PRICE
Cookie	£1.00 Each Or 2 for £1.80
Cupcake	£1.00
Brownie	£1.00
Flapjack	£1.00
Shortbread	£1.00
Muffin	£1.00
Doughnut	£1.00
Toffee Bar	£1.00
Pain Au Chocolate	£1.10
'Blondie'	£1.00

DELI BAR MENU

MENU	PRICE
<p>Pick your own fillings for a selection of wraps, and salad pots.</p> <p>Filling Options Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronation Chicken BBQ Chicken Cajun Chicken Chicken Mayonnaise Tuna Mayonnaise Ham Cheese <p>Add your choice of salad from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lettuce Cucumber Onion 	£2.20
Spicy Noodle Pot	£2.20
Tangy Tomato Pasta Pot	£2.20

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 drink.



DRINKS & COLD OPTIONS

MENU	PRICE
Simply Fruity 330ml	£1.10
Radnor Splash Flavoured Water 550ml	£1.10
Radnor Splash Flavoured Water 330ml	90p
Plain Water	£1.00
Juice Carton	90p
Lemonade 330ml	£1.10
Cherryade 330ml	£1.10
Cream Soda 330ml	£1.10
Jelly Pots	60p (small) £1.10 (large)
Fruit Pots	60p (small) £1.10 (large)
Piece of Fruit	70p

“Beginning our expedition in Llangollen, a deceptively hilly, but undeniably beautiful area in North Wales. Trekking to our first checkpoint felt



strangely adventurous, while admittedly slightly scary (possibly due to the very large and rocky hill with which the walk began.) Despite this, Friday absolutely soared by, taking each step "one at a time " with the rolling hills and streams to keep us and the gorgeous weather company on our first 13 kilometre stretch.

However, DofE is not only challenging physically: on our second and longest day, we were faced with a problem. A cow-sized problem. Putting our education to its obviously intended use, we constructed a kind of 'battle plan' to



escape the admittedly harmless and adorable herd.

I'm pleased to report that despite a few slobbery fleeces, they only wanted to say hello.

We can't thank the brave teachers who came with us and helped to organise silver DofE enough, especially for giving up their weekends, starting Mrs Heyes, Ms Taylor, and Mr Wade's basket weaving.

We can't forget the awesome leaders from Gateway Outdoors, who did in fact very kindly pick an actual campsite for our second night.



Overall, a weekend I'm sure we'll never forget for many reasons, but always for the bonds it forged!"



Sibling Success at Shropshire Tennis Tournament



Lily Evans (Y11)

Maisie Evans (Y13)

NGHS sisters, Lily and Maisie Evans, who have enjoyed a very busy week playing in the annual Shropshire County Closed Tournament at the Shrewsbury Club. Lily, aged 15, played her way to become the overall Champion in the 2024 Ladies' Singles Tournament. She and her partner also went on to become the overall Champions in the Ladies' Doubles event, beating the more seasoned Number 1 seeds. Lily also played her way into the Under 18 Ladies' Doubles final with her sister, Maisie, aged 17, winning the Runners-Up trophy. Lily said she really enjoyed the event and is already looking forward to her next tournament. Maisie loved the high standard of competitive play and is keen to ensure that her University choices all have excellent tennis programmes.



At the finish line

Mrs Danby, Miss Saunders and I all completed the Worcester Half Marathon on Sunday 15th September. The weather conditions were perfect and the route was very scenic which made for a really enjoyable run. There were supporters the whole way around the course cheering everyone on, and we crossed the finish line together in just over two hours. Before the race started we also had the amazing opportunity to meet Paula Radcliff who spent time talking to us about PE at NGHS. Mrs Martin **Head of Year 7**



Meeting Paula Radcliffe!

A 'GREAT' EFFORT UP NORTH!



Miss Webster with her medal

On Sunday 8th September, NGHS Deputy Headteacher, Miss Webster, was delighted to complete the world's biggest half marathon! With 60,000 participants, the Great North Run is a world famous event that first took place in 1981.

In pretty atrocious weather, she ran fantastically to finish in a time of 2 hours and 43 seconds—just outside a personal best! She was delighted with her performance as running through rain, puddles, wind and with 60,000 other runners it wasn't really a day to set records!

A long 4.5 hour drive home from Newcastle was the end to an exhausting but exhilarating weekend!

House Events Update



Here at NGHS we have a thriving program of House events throughout the year. From sports, to drama, music to board games, and everything in between there are a host of events for students to get involved in. The 'friendly' competitions are always keenly contested with the students desperate to win kudos for their particular House.



On Thursday 26th September we have the return of our wonderful 'House Bake Off' where students create amazing creations in 4 categories. Full details can be found on our website here:

<https://www.nghs.org.uk/about-us/news/2024-2025-house-bake-off-thursday-26th-september>



Later this term we also have 'House Music' and the students are eagerly signing up on the House notice boards to show off their vast range of musical talents.

Reports from all house events will be found in Newport News as well as on social media and the school website

STAINED GLASS 'DOOM' DESIGNS

As part of their transition day in the summer term, the new year 7s were given the opportunity to complete their own version of a Doom painting as a stained glass window design. Some of these were completed over the summer and entered into the Doom painting competition at the beginning of term. The History ambassadors had a hard time judging the competition as the quality was so high but the results are now in.

All entrants pick up a house point but the runner's up were: Fae S, Sophie H, Alene O and Violet-Lilly W.

Joint second were: Kimi E and Ava N

And the overall winner was Yumeng W

A great effort from all Y7's who entered and a lovely start to their history work at NGHS

Mrs Clarke **History Teacher**



A BRILLIANT START TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

We would like to say a huge well done for the positive start our students have made to this academic year. As you are aware, our school attendance target is 97% and we want to say a particular well done to Year 7 who are in top position with over 99% followed closely by Year 8 and 12. Many students are also already gaining an excellent number of NGHS achievement points with over 3,500 already issued across the school. Please can we take this opportunity to also ask for the support of parents and carers with regards the completion of homework on time. We know from last year that this is an area of improvement for some students and so it is important that they get into good habits from the start. Please encourage them to use their planner and make a note of the deadline for any homework set, as well as allocating times for when they will complete each piece of work.

Miss Webster and Mrs Birch

GRADE 5 UKULELE AWARD



Over the summer, Year 9 Student Annabelle M, passed her Ukulele Grade 5 exam with merit. Annabelle has been learning the Ukulele since Year 2 and says it is great to have an interesting hobby and learn new skills



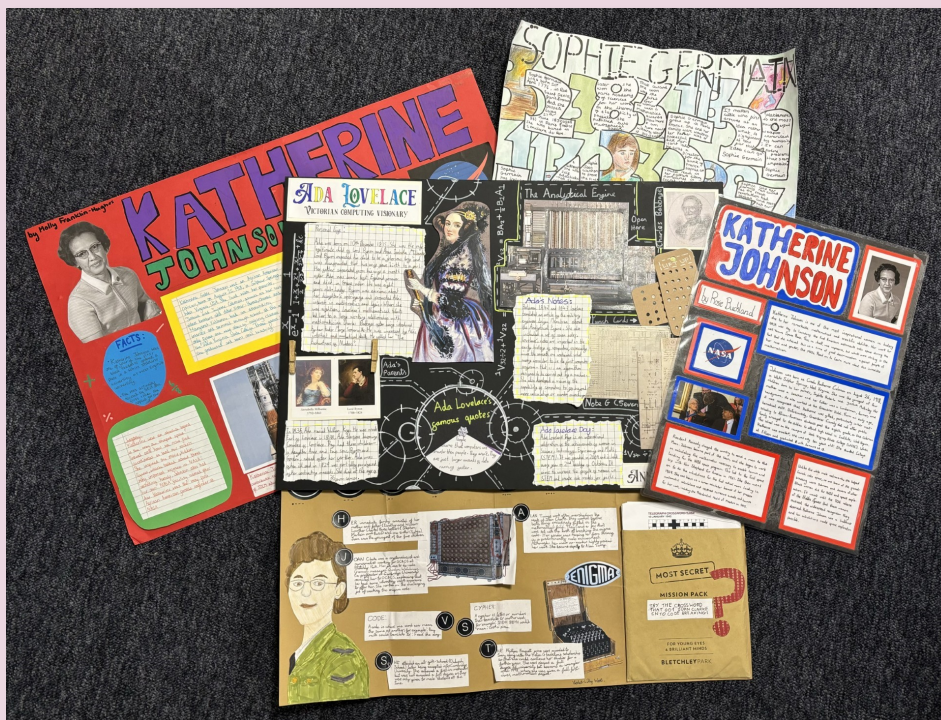
DON'T FORGET



You can stay up to date with all of the latest news, events, term dates and other events at our website:

www.nghs.org.uk

YEAR 7 MATHS NEWS



As part of their summer tasks, Year 7 were asked to create a piece of display work on a famous female mathematician. With over 50 pieces of work handed in, we have been amazed by the creativity and hard work that has been put in, as well as the number of mathematicians that have been researched. We have had mathematicians going back to the Greek period all the way up to the present day. House points will be awarded to all that have handed in their work but there are also prizes too! After a lot of deliberation, with the help of the Maths Ambassadors, the following will be given prizes for the best piece of work from each class: Molly FH (7N), Julia I (7G), Rosie B(7H) and Violet-Lily W(7S). A prize will also be given for the best overall piece of work, going to Annabelle J (7N) for her amazing work on Ada Lovelace. Well done Year 7!

Thank You! FRIDAY:)



Congratulations to this fortnight's winners...

Each fortnight we recognise students who have gone the extra mile to help a member of staff. Parents will receive recognition of the child's success through a postcard home and publication in Newport News.

Awarded to:	Awarded by:
I Bould (R5)	Mrs A Benoit
L Bruneau (R6)	Ms K Gill
E Christiansen (S5)	Mrs A Benoit
E Cureton (S1)	Mrs A Benoit
T De Silva (S4)	Mrs A Chapman
L Fox (R6)	Mrs A Benoit
P Godfrey (A2)	Ms K Gill
R-J Jones (R4)	Mrs A Benoit
F Jungmayr (6R2)	Ms K Gill
S Kaur (R1)	Ms K Gill
K-Mae Kelly (S5)	Mrs A Benoit
K Krastev (A2)	Mrs A Benoit
B Lawal (R5)	Mrs A Benoit
I Lucas (S4)	Mrs A Chapman
V Matthews (A6)	Ms K Gill
R Middleton (6R1)	Ms K Gill
C Morrey (R1)	Mrs T Fujii
D Muraleedharan (11Sea)	Mrs A Benoit
H Sedman-Smith (6A2)	Mrs A Chapman
E Sinclair (R2)	Ms K Gill
C Strafford-Piper (R6)	Mrs A Benoit
J Wang (S3)	Mrs A Benoit
D Westwood (A5)	Mrs A Benoit
M Younis (A4)	Ms K Gill
D Zangina (11Rod)	Ms K Gill

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



Mrs H Birch: Assistant Head, DSL



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



Miss S Webster: Deputy Headteacher & DDSL



Mr A Jones: Headteacher & DDSL



Mrs F Davenport: Pastoral Support & DDSL

DSL—Designated Safeguarding Lead
DDSL—Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead