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NEWPORT NEWS

A fortnightly update from NGHS

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Mr Adam Jones, Headteacher

WELCOME BACK!

May I start by offering everyone a warm welcome back at the start of the new academic year. Especially to our new Year 7 and 12 students and their families that have joined our community this week. September is always a wonderful time in school. Excitement and enthusiasm have been on display in abundance this week, with our new students getting to know the school and so many others happy to be back. The new school year offers the opportunity to look forward and start afresh. This week we have encouraged all members of our community to focus on the experiences that lie ahead that will shape their development during their time at school and to reflect on what it means to be part of the NGHS Family.

I have to say that it has been a week of great personal pride for myself to return to the NGHS Family as Headteacher. I am acutely aware from my own experiences early in my career how special NGHS is and that I am in a privileged position to be the next custodian of such a fine institution. The messages of support and best wishes I have received have been overwhelming and I'd especially like to thank Miss Webster, the senior team, staff and students for helping my transition into the school. It has been a busy few days so far but also really enjoyable ones!

This week we have also welcomed some other new colleagues to the School and they will introduce themselves to you on page 3 of our newsletter. We

are delighted that they have joined us and am sure that they will contribute greatly to our school community.

Our Public Examination Results in August were astounding and I congratulate each, and every, Year 11 and 13 student for their fantastic personal achievements. These results are also testament to the dedication, perseverance and support of the wider NGHS Family (staff and parents!). At A-level, we saw 77% of all grades awarded at A*-B, with half of all grades at A* or A. More importantly, these grades have enabled our students to move on to gain places on the most competitive courses at the finest universities across the country and beyond or to access some of the most prestigious higher-level apprenticeships available.

At GCSE, 72% of all grades were awarded at 9-7, again a fantastic achievement by this cohort of students and which will support them greatly as they embark on their post-16 studies. Both sets of results placed NGHS as the top performing school in our West Midlands Grammar School Consortium.



Over the summer break, the site team has been incredibly busy managing the various contractors in school who have been completing our summer works. The larger projects have been the complete refurbishment of our Art and Design and Technology rooms. We are delighted with the results and the staff are excited to see the students benefit from these creative spaces.

This year we will be moving on from our remote

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

Parent Information Evenings for each year group and will produce a video that will be available for you to view at any time. Through the recordings we aim to provide you with key information relevant to the year group and to hear from the Head of Year and relevant members of the Senior Leadership Team. Heads of Year will write to you when these are available, and we will also add the links to Newport News at regular points so that you can

view them again later in the year if you wish.

The Year 7 Parent Information Evening will continue to be in person with form tutors after half term and I look forward to meeting our new parents at that event.

Best wishes,

Mr A Jones, **Headteacher**

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD GIRL TEAM

The head girl team and I would like to welcome both new and old students to the NGHS community this academic year. We are excited to continue with our positions of responsibility throughout the school and aim to ensure all new students feel at home at NGHS, while creating a safe environment to learn, where every student feels empowered to voice their own

opinions. It is set to be a very busy autumn term, with talks of house bake off and the renownedly competitive house music up in the air already. We would like to encourage everybody to get involved and make the most of these amazing experiences on offer, even if it is out of your comfort zone! I hope you all have a brilliant start to your year.

Elisha Graham

Head Girl (Year 13)



WELCOME TO OUR LARGEST YEAR 12 EVER!

At 8am on Wednesday morning the doors to the Atrium swung open to greet our new year 12 students and to welcome back our wonderful year 13. The students arrived looking smart in their uniform, feeling a little nervous but also excited to start the next chapter in their life. However, the first day went really well and by the second day year 12 were already looking and feeling far more confident, happily chatting about new people they had met and what they had learnt in their first lessons. We know they are going to have a great two years, create some wonderful memories and we wish them all well.

Mrs K Griffin

Head of Sixth Form



YEAR 7 BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY AT NEWPORT GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

I want to say the biggest welcome from the NGHS family to all of year 7. They arrived on Wednesday very excited with, of course, some nerves, but they settled in beautifully. All week I have seen friendship groups forming and so many big smiles. They have found their way around the school supporting and helping each other. I am very proud of them!

Please do remind your child that we are here to help and support them. If they need anything they can speak to their form tutor, myself as their Head of Year and their wellbeing officer Mrs Aver-Howdle.

Mrs Martin

Head of Year 7



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



instagram.com/nghs6form/



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

facebook.com/nghs6 (sixth form)

Welcome to...

MORE NEW FACES IN THE NEXT EDITION!



Mr S Matlak

Teacher of French and German

Hi there! I'm Seb Matlak and I was born in Trier, the oldest city in Germany.

I've always been passionate about languages, analysing linguistic structures and being able to use them to communicate.

Back in Germany, I taught German, English, and French at a language school. I moved to England 2 years ago as my love for languages brought me my soulmate who's English.

Apart from languages, I love reading, travelling, psychology, sociology, and learning more about different cultures. I also adore birds and have got 3 lovely budgies at home (2 of them are from Germany as well). I'm really happy to be part of the NGHS community and honoured to work with such an amazingly supportive MFL department. I'm looking forward to getting to know lots of you! Thanks, Merci, Danke.



Mrs A Tsang

Cover Supervisor

I am delighted to join the fantastic staff and students at NGHS as a Cover Supervisor and looking forward to being involved with the whole school community.

I have over 20 years experience working in science and manufacturing. Throughout my career I have been involved in voluntary teaching and running educational events which was always a very positive experience.

I am passionate about fostering a safe and inclusive learning environments whilst promoting student's confidence and independence during their time at NGHS. The schools commitment to provide high-quality education, enabling all students to reach their full potential deeply resonates with my professional ethos.

I am excited to contribute to NGHS's mission of driving excellence in education and look forward to getting to know students and staff alike.



Miss M Teggin

Teacher of Physical Education (Maternity Cover)

I am really looking forward to joining the Physical Education Department here at Newport Girls' High School.

I enjoy playing sports such as hockey and cricket, representing teams in the Whitchurch area. Whilst at University I undertook the new sport of lacrosse which was really engaging and fun to learn!

I aim to inspire a love for physical activity, providing the opportunity for students to grow in confidence and foster enthusiasm for being active and learning new skills!

I am looking forward to getting to know the students over the next half term, and all of the exciting opportunities in the academic year ahead.



Mr B Twiss

Teacher of Geography

Having completed my initial teacher training at NGHS last year, I am excited to get to work in this fantastic school.

I will be teaching Geography, History and PSHE across a number of different year groups. I studied Geography at the University of Birmingham and I am looking forward to working closely with the brilliant humanities team and the wider staff at Newport Girls' High School.

I am very much looking forward to delivering a range of exciting lessons, trips and extracurricular activities which I hope will allow students to unlock their own love for learning about our world.

.....and finally, a great big hello to the youngest member of the NGHS family!

We are delighted to announce that on Monday 2nd September, our Exams Officer (Mrs Everett) welcomed into the world her baby boy, William. We wish them both all the best and we are very much looking forward to them paying us all a visit in the near future!





WE'VE BEEN BUSY OVER THE SUMMER!



During the summer break the site team have been busy making lots of improvements ready for the start of term. Our biggest investment had been a complete refurbishment of the Design and Technology Workshop and the Art Room—they both look fantastic! Rooms 26 and 27 (English) have both been completely renovated with new carpets, lighting, furniture, blinds and a shiny coat of paint—again they are looking spick and span for the start of the year!

From a technology standpoint, Room 8 has had a brand new set of thirty computers and we have a complete set of 'Surface' laptops for the 6th Form. We also have new interactive whiteboards in Room 12 and 17. As a school we are always looking to improve the facilities whenever we can and we are sure the students make good use of them during the year.



Refurbished Art Room



Room 26 looking great!



Y13 using the new computers in Room 8



Updated Design and Technology Workshop

Dates for your diary

- Mon 9th Sep - Year 7 and Year 12 Photographs**
- Mon 9th Sep - Year 13 Assessment Week**
- Wed 11th Sep - Iceland Trip Parents Information Evening (6.00pm)**
- Fri 13th Sep - DofE Silver Weekend**
- Mon 16th Sep - Entrance Exam. School closed to ALL current pupils**
- Thu 19th Sep - Year 11 Carding Mill Valley Trip**
- Thu 26th Sep - House 'Bake Off' Competition**
- Fri 27th Sep - Senior Netball Weekend (depart at end of school)**
- Mon 30th Sep - Year 7 Edmond Hall Trip**



The best place to keep up to date with all of our upcoming events is the calendar section of our website:

nghs.org.uk



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