

NEWPORT NEWS



The fortnightly newsletter from Newport Girls' High School

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SPECIAL EDITION

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS!

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House Dance, World Book Day, Young Enterprise,
Sports Updates *and lots more!*



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A fortnightly update from NGHS

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Mr Adam Jones, Headteacher

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you have been enjoying the lovely spring weather we've been having. It's been wonderful to see our students making the most of the sunshine during PE lessons and lunchtimes, bringing a vibrant energy to our school grounds.

As we return from half term, I am delighted to share some exciting updates and developments within our school community.

Firstly, the recruitment process for our new Head Girl Team has begun. We have been overwhelmed by the number of high-quality applications received, showcasing the incredible talent and dedication of our students. The interview process will commence next week, and we look forward to selecting a team that will continue the superb leadership demonstrated by our current Head Girl Team. They have been fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we are immensely proud of their contributions.

In our assemblies last week, I had the pleasure of sharing the results of our whole school Big Ask survey with the students. Their feedback has been invaluable, and we are committed to enhancing our school based on their suggestions. One of the most popular requests was for an expansion of the opportunities we provide for trips abroad. I am thrilled to announce that over the next few academic years, we will be

introducing additional trips, including an Art trip to Barcelona, a History trip to Berlin, an expedition to India for Biology and Geography students, and a ski trip. These will complement our established MFL trips to France and Germany, the Geography trip to Iceland, and the Science trip to CERN, where our Sixth Form students and science staff, led by Mr Wright, are currently enjoying their last few days away.

Later this term, we will provide an overview of our plans, highlighting the opportunities available for each cohort of students over the next few years. We hope this will assist you in planning and ensuring that our students can make the most of these enriching experiences.

I am also excited to remind you about our upcoming school production, Six, the Musical, which will take place during the week beginning 24 March. Rehearsals are going really well, and it promises to be an excellent show. Tickets are still available to book through Scopay, particularly for performances on Wednesday and Thursday night. Should you have any issues booking tickets do please contact the school office.

Enjoy a restful weekend.

Mr. A. Jones, Headteacher

Top results in region at GCSE & A-level since 2019

Outstanding Ofsted 2019 & 2022

Excellent Pastoral Care & Support

Year 7-8 mixed forms to support Transition

Friendly family-feel to our community

Benefits of all-girls education

See what makes Newport Girls' High School special at our **OPEN MORNING and EVENING** Tuesday 8th April **BOOKING REQUIRED** via [nghs.org.uk](https://www.nghs.org.uk)

Come and discover an **outstanding girls'** selective school education for your daughter

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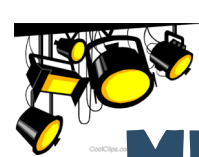
Newport Girls' High School

Wellington Road

Newport, TF10 7HL

Headteacher: Mr A Jones

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



In the spotlight...



MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS AT NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Newport Girls' High School has a thriving and extremely committed music and performing arts faculty. Many of our students perform music to a very high standard and our Drama Studio (completed in 2022) enables budding actors to showcase their talents! All students have one lesson a week of music and one lesson of drama each week during Years 7 and 8. Following that, many students choose to take the subjects at GCSE and also at A level.



Mrs A Chapman, Head of Music



Mrs N Saysell, 2nd in Department



Mr R Chapman, Teacher of Music

There are numerous opportunities to get involved in the subject outside of lessons including House Drama, House Music, peripatetic music lessons and of course, our legendary whole school productions! In the past few years these have included Matilda, Sister Act and Little Shop of Horrors. This year we are proud to be performing 'SIX The Musical' between the 24th and 27th March. See the advert for this years production on the next page.

STUDYING MUSIC AND DRAMA AT NGHS AND BEYOND!

Throughout their time at NGHS there are numerous opportunities both inside and outside the classroom for students to study and partake in music and performing arts. In Y7 an 8 all students study both subjects for one hour a week with options to study further at GCSE and A Level in later years.

In 2024, 79% of students who took Music at GCSE achieved a grade 7-9 (A/A*) and at A level all students achieved a grade A-C in their final exams.

In recent years we have had a number of students go on to study at degree level and these include:

- **Film Studies at Southampton University**
- **Applied Theatre (family and education) at Leicester University**
- **Film Studies At Lancaster University**
- **Theatre and Film at Bristol University**



PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

There are many opportunities for students to take additional music lessons whilst they are studying at NGHS. The lessons take place in our specialist music rehearsal rooms and happen during the school day and they each have a personalised timetable. Here are the current peripatetic teachers and the instruments they teach:

Miss Oak—Saxophone, Clarinet and Piano, **Mr Clowes**—Drumkit, **Mr Rainbow**—Guitar and Bass, **Mrs Williams**—Piano, Vocals and Violin, **Mrs Osmund-Smith**—Flute and Piano

If you are interested in signing up for lessons at NGHS, please email Miss Oak directly on:

sallyoakmusic@gmail.com or go to <https://telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk/> to sign up for lessons with Telford and Wrekin staff.



Drum lesson in a music rehearsal room

MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS AT NGHS!

ARAGON
BOLEYN
SEYMOUR

SIX



CLEEVES
HOWARD
PARR

TEEN EDITION

TICKETS £10

EXCLUSIVELY AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE THROUGH SCOPAY!

Monday 24th March- Orange Cast

Tuesday 25th March- Blue Cast

Wednesday 26th March- Green Cast

Thursday- TBC

LIMITED TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY PERFORMANCES!

PURCHASE THROUGH SCOPAY!

PREVIOUS SHOWS AT NGHS!

Over the last 3 years we have been extremely proud to have been able to produce three outstanding productions that have all been a wonderful success. Below you can see a range of pictures from the last couple of years productions: **2023 Sister Act** and **2024 Little Shop of Horrors**.



SIX REHEARSALS UPDATE!

Throughout my time at NGHS, I have performed in all of the shows that the school has put on, and I can honestly say that the atmosphere of friendship created by the cast of SIX is some of the most incredible I have ever experienced in the weeks leading up to the show. Through intensive choreography practice, blocking and vocal rehearsals, the SIX cast have put their heart and soul into every single scene, song and shimmy.

At this stage in production, the cast is tightening their dance moves and perfecting their vocals ready for the big night in a few week's time: I myself have been listening to the soundtrack on loop to really hammer home those harmonies and timings. Overall, I am looking forward with immense anticipation to watching and performing in the final product: it will truly be one of a kind! **Harriet E**, Year 12



Preparations for 'Six', this year's school musical, have been nothing short of exceptional. Personally, the aspect of this that I have found most enjoyable is the fact that no two rehearsals are ever the same. From last minute cramming for off script runs to gasps of breath after grasping choreography that could easily be mistaken for a cardio workout, my experience has truly been one of a kind! I have thoroughly enjoyed watching all aspects of the show come together, and I am certain that all the hard work, passion and dedication shown by all individuals involved will be highly evident throughout show week. I can assure you that this is a show you do not want to miss! **Fikayo O**, Year 12

MUSIC AND DRAMA CLUBS AT SCHOOL

The students at NGHs have the opportunity to partake in many music ensembles here at school on the following days:

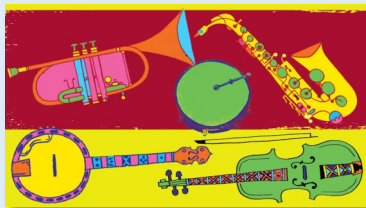
Tuesday – Soul Band and Junior Choir

Wednesday – Senior Ensemble

Thursday – Senior Choir

Friday – Junior Ensemble and Band Skills

These groups are always very well attended and the students really appreciate the opportunity to work together with their friends and further enhance their musical skills



SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NGHs MUSIC DEPARTMENT!



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FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER COMES TO LIFE IN YEAR 7 DRAMA LESSONS!

During Year 7 drama lessons the students study the Gothic Horror Classic - Frankenstein! As part of their studies, they design and make a stage set incorporating the main elements of the classic scene where the 'monster' is given life. As well as that they designed the lighting cues and used a range of 'gels' to filter the lighting to truly bring the scene to life. Great fun was had by all!



HOUSE DANCE 2025

Since we came back from the Christmas holidays, the year 12s worked very hard to organise the Seacole house dance. With two more categories being added this year we knew how much harder we would have to work to showcase all of the amazing talent in Seacole. The theme this year was Dancing through the Decades so after lots of debating about which songs and decades to include we settled on 6 decades and 11 dances!

As the next few weeks went by we began to lose more and more lunchtimes teaching different dances and learning new tricks. In particular we were really impressed with how quickly the Year 7's were learning their dance and how much enthusiasm they gave. 23 rehearsals and



Seacoles on Fire!

many arguments over hall space later, it was the day of house dance. The day began with pulling all the performers out of form for last minute rehearsal and getting a sneak peak at the other houses dances. It then came round to lunchtime where it was time for us to show everything we had worked so hard on in the last half term. After last year's very harsh critique we knew anything positive was a win for us so we were so incredibly proud when we placed 1st in the solo category and came overall 2nd place!

We are so proud of everyone who took part and next year will be our year to place first!

Tulsi M, Y12 Seacole



Seacole Performers

Austen House Dance!

Austen House stole the show with a spectacular performance to claim victory in this year's House Dance competition, beating Roddam and Seacole to take home the win! After countless hours of rehearsing in Rooms 102, 103 and Room 101, kindly robbed from the Geography Department, our hard work paid off. The week leading up to the big event was a rollercoaster, filled with last-minute tweaks, a drama studio full of nerves, and a lot of excitement.



The moment of victory for Austen!

The Smooth Criminal dancers pulled it together just in time, and there was even a moment where we almost changed the Year 7 and 8 routine to Pencil Full of Lead. However, we stuck with Can't Touch This —and, fittingly, nothing could touch it! A special shout out goes to WeiQi, Amarpreet, and Hope for their incredible performance in the small group, which was a true standout of the day. Alongside a perfect solo by one of our choreographers, Madeleine, the entire team came together to deliver an unforgettable performance. Huge congratulations to everyone involved!

Better luck next time, Roddam and Seacole!

Heidi M, Y12 Austen



House dance has been such a rollercoaster of an experience to lead, from choreographing the dances to organising rehearsals and coming up with last minute solutions to endless problems. I think everyone who took part can say it was definitely stressful. Despite that I think that the process led to a rewarding performance and everyone's hard work really shone through on the day,

I couldn't be more proud of us! I want to say a big thank you to everyone who put up with the never ending rehearsals, all the people who helped to organise our ensemble dance even if they weren't able to make it on the day, and our small group members Skyla and Chimmy for pulling through with my last minute choreography that we somehow coordinated in three days. We may not have won but we pushed through enough obstacles to be proud of ourselves regardless, and most importantly, GO RODDAM!

-Nehalya L, Y12 Roddam



RODDAM DANCE!



Calling all musicians...

TELFORD YOUNG MUSICIAN 2025

A competition to celebrate the borough's top young instrumentalists, singers and music creators.

Free of charge to enter

Video entries for Round 1

Live final: 7 and 8 May 2025

To enter you must:

- Live in the borough of Telford and Wrekin
- Be **18 or under** on 31 August 2025

Categories:

- Junior/Intermediate/Senior **Singer**
- Junior/Intermediate/Senior **Instrumentalist**
- **Band** or Group
- Composer/**Creator**

Deadline for video submission:

14 March 2025

t: 01952 380981

w: www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk



Scan
QR code
to enter



All information will be sent once we receive your entry application.

YOUNG MINDS COMPETITION!

CALLING ALL YOUNG CREATIVES!

Create a winning design for our 2025 YoungMinds Hello Yellow kidswear collection



IT'S TIME TO LET YOUR IMAGINATION SHINE!

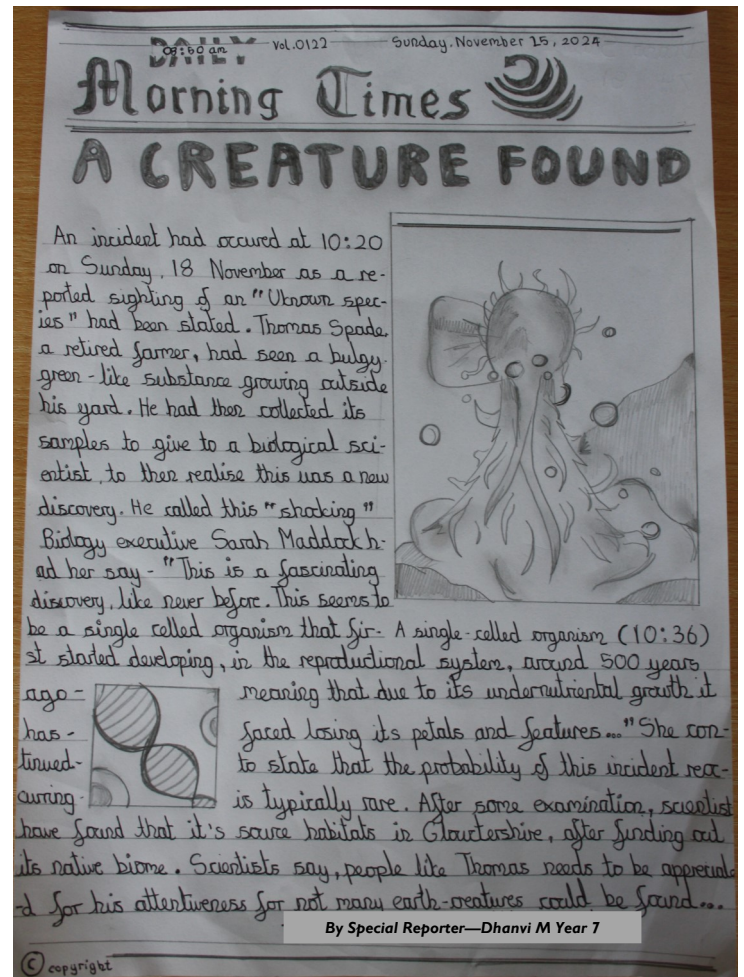
We're looking for inspiring designs to feature on two special pieces in our 2025 YoungMinds Hello Yellow kidswear collection – on a yellow sweatshirt and a yellow hoodie that will be sold in M&S stores and online.

So what would you say to a friend who needs you? How would you brighten their day? Whether it's words, drawings, or doodles, we're looking for something that stands out and reminds everyone that one chat can change everything.

Please see Mrs Aver-Howdle or your Form Tutor for full information!

Closing date: 31st March

SPECIAL REPORT BY OUR YEAR 7 ROVING REPOTER—DHANVI M!



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 2025



emphasises the importance of taking swift and decisive action to achieve gender equality.

To celebrate this day, the school will be transformed on Thursday through a variety of vibrant decorations. A presentation constructed by the Head Girl Team will also be given in order to celebrate this global day and reflect on all of the incredible women-led achievements that have been made.

Jasmine H Y13

Deputy Head Girl (Community and Careers)

International Women's Day falls on Saturday 8th March and is centred around celebrating the social, economic, political and cultural achievements of women whilst simultaneously raising awareness of gender equality and women's rights. IWD's 2025 theme is "Accelerate Action", which





FRENCH STUDENT ENJOYS A GREAT WEEK AT NGHS!



French Exchange visitor, Caitlin C, working with an NGHS student on their language skills!

In the week beginning 24th February, the MFL department hosted a student visitor from France. Caitlin C had a fantastic week and here she writes about her experiences at Newport Girls High School. If you want to test out your French language skills then try reading her original article before looking at Mr. Audouin's translation!

Habituellement scolarisée au lycée de Luzarches, une petite ville située au Nord de Paris, j'ai eu l'opportunité cette semaine de faire une immersion au sein de l'école Newport Girls' high School Academy. J'ai suivi un emploi du temps aménagé comprenant un mélange de cours de français pour les niveaux 7 à 12 et des cours de différentes matières correspondant à ma tranche d'âge. Les professeurs de français m'ont sollicitée pour aider les élèves à pratiquer diverses activités langagières orales. J'ai été impressionnée par les compétences des élèves en français des élèves et j'ai aimé

me sentir utile à leurs côtés.

J'ai pu voir le fonctionnement d'autres cours comme ceux maths, anglais, biologie, chimie et géographie et je dois avouer que mon niveau d'anglais ne m'a pas permis de tout comprendre mais j'y ai toujours été bien accueillie. Je tiens à remercier chaleureusement Miss Webster d'avoir organisé ma semaine et de m'avoir permis de vivre cette expérience positive car humainement et pédagogiquement enrichissante.

Normally educated a high school in Luzarches, a small town located north of Paris, I had the opportunity this week to attend lessons at Newport Girls High School Academy. I followed an arranged timetable including a mix of French lessons from Y7 to Y12 and lessons in different subjects corresponding to my age group. The teachers in the French department asked me to help students practise various speaking activities.

I was impressed by the students' French skills and I enjoyed feeling useful alongside them. I was able to see how other lessons were taught such as maths, English, biology, chemistry and geography. I must admit that my level of English did not allow me to understand everything I was always warmly welcome. I would like to thank Miss Webster for organising my week and allowing me to have this positive experience because it was enriching on an academic and human level.

Original text translated by **Mr C.Audouin**.

NGHS Social Media

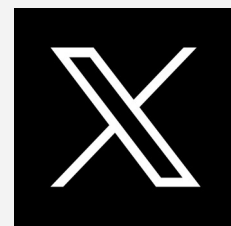
The best way to stay up to date with all the latest news from NGHS is through our Social Media Channels. We have two Facebook pages (main school and sixth form), two Instagram accounts (main school and sixth form) and a Twitter/X page. Make sure you subscribe, like and share to get all the latest news from school!



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2025!

Thank you to all students who participated in the celebrations we had here at NGHS for World Book Day this week.

All Y7 students received a visit from Catherine Randall, a children's author. She gave an inspiring presentation to students on creative writing, giving students great tips on how to develop settings and characters. Students especially liked hearing about her research on the Great Fire of Newport (1665) for her book.

She also delivered workshops to Y7 and was impressed by their ideas for their own historical fiction. Students enjoyed being able to ask Catherine Randall questions and having her sign their copies of her book at lunch time too.



Visiting author, Catherine Randall



Book signing with Y7

Thank you to all students who brought books in for the book swap. It was lovely to see such a 'book buzz' whilst student



Mystery 'Book Swap'

searched for their next read or offered each other recommendations.

Students also enjoyed trying to work out which 'book-shelfie' belonged to which members of staff – thank you to our Subject Ambassadors for organising this.

Our celebration of books hasn't ended yet though; there is still our photography competition which students can enter where students are challenged to take an action shot of them reading in an unusual or unexpected setting. Students can choose any setting, backdrop or props (even photobombing pets) for their photo.

From a tree, to a treadmill, to a trampoline, students are free to use their imaginations as to where they think is the best spot for their photo. The deadline for this is Monday 28th April and photos should be submitted to the school office. All KS3 and KS4 students were given a World Book Day token to redeem. All details for how to exchange this for a free or discounted book is on the token.



Which one to choose?

Ms Lord, Head of English NGHS



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WORLD
BOOK DAY
6 MARCH 2025



YOUNG ENTERPRISE UPDATE!



RODDAM

Over the past few weeks Attachify have been really focusing on our production, and we are excited to announce we are now ready to sell! The Attachify was designed to be a functional card holder whilst also a stylish accessory for your phone by having an aesthetic mirror or a pouch attachment!

We are incredibly excited to announce that on Monday the 10th of March we will be in Telford town centre for the Shropshire trade fair! We will be located outside of "flip out" where you can give us a visit from 8:30-6pm to buy your Attachify or find out more information!

We will also have a stall every Wednesday lunchtime outside of the hall, if this isn't for you, you can send us a DM on the @attachify_ instagram or order through our young enterprise trading station

<https://www.ye-tradingstation.org.uk/company/17039>

As always, all updates will be on our social media, @attachify_ on both instagram and tiktok or send an email to attachify.ye@gmail.com

Hope to see you all with attachify's soon!

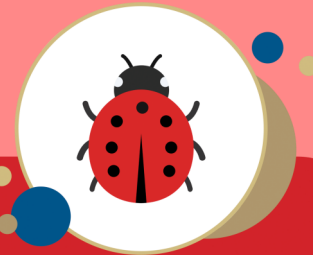
Mia S - Managing Director of Attachify

Exciting news from FlashStash...our first collection is live and available to purchase on the Young Enterprise Trading station linked below! Even if you don't purchase, you are able to support our team by viewing and liking our product on the Trading Station as it boosts us up the leaderboard and increases our exposure!

Additionally, we will be running a pop up stall at the Telford Trade Fair on this coming Monday 10th March, if you could come along to support us that would be amazing! Remember to keep your eyes on our social media pages for exciting updates in the near future.

Grace B—FlashStash

<https://www.ye-tradingstation.org.uk/product/flashstash?v=3343>



AUSTEN

On Monday 10th March, Tag-Along will be at the Young Enterprise trade fair in Telford Town Centre, outside of Flip Out. We will be there from 8:30-18:00 so make sure you come down and purchase your own Tag-Along or even just learn a bit more about us and order it for delivery.



SEACOLE

We will have a wide range of colours available and also the opportunity to personalise them for only £1 extra. If you'd like to have a sneak peek, check out our Instagram: @tagalong.ye or the trading station

<https://www.ye-tradingstation.org.uk/company/17028>

Elizabeth W (Marketing Director of Tag-Along)

Shropshire Trade Fair

MONDAY 10th MARCH
TELFORD TOWN CENTRE

8:30am to 6.00pm

(outside Flip Out)



NGHS TAKE ON FAMILIAR FOE IN Y7 NETBALL!



On Friday 28th February, the Year 7 netball teams took on their traditional rival Haberdashers Adams Grammar School. With Adam's only beginning to accept girls in the last few years, fixtures at ages below Y12 have not really happened in the past.

As it was arranged as a 'friendly' exact scores were not recorded and it was used as an opportunity for both teams to gain valuable experience. In the end, both matches ended up in victories for NGHS but all agreed it was a fantastic experience and very useful practise for all of the teams when they play against other schools!

NGHS WIN SHROPSHIRE BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP!

On Friday 28th February a team of four Y8/9 students travelled to Shrewsbury Sports Village to compete against other 5 other schools for the Shropshire Schools Badminton Title.

During the day, they played a total of 15 games in a mixture of singles and doubles competition. In the first stage they played against Bishops Castle and Telford Langley and they won 9 and lost only 1 of those matches! This put them convincingly into the final against Thomas Adams where they played 5 matches and won every single one for a 5-0 victory to claim the county championship!

They now travel to Regional Finals in Birmingham to see if they can become champions for the whole of the West Midlands!

Well done to all on a superb display and there will be a full report on the Regional finals in the next edition.



AMAZING GB ACHIEVEMENT FOR Y12 STUDENT!



On Thursday 27th February I was invited to attend the SSSA John Beswick International Award Evening. At the event, each of the 40 athletes received an award to commemorate their accomplishments of competing

internationally and representing their country.

I received an award for representing Great Britain in fencing across four international competitions over the past year. I have had many great experiences at these competitions, not only by having the honour to fence for GB myself but also watching the team events. In Bucharest our GB I team for women's sabre won silver, in Istanbul winning the gold medal and they qualified for European Worlds in Antalya, Turkey and being able to represent the same country as them is an honour. In January of this year, I attended an EFC in Segovia, Spain which was one of my favourite competitions by far.

The atmosphere was simply incredible, one of my main takeaways from that competition was that I could see myself improving more and more as I attended these EFCs with the GB coaches. This had to be one of the most intense events when it came to the finals, there was screaming, cheering. Everyone in this huge venue all cramped to one side of the hall to watch the final of the men's sabre, FRA vs USA. They even had an entirely separate venue for the women's final at one of the military camps.

Grace C Year 12





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th March CERN Trip returns

14th March House Quiz

17th March Year 11 Full Report Home

18th March Y7 Parents Evening

13th Feb End of half term (3.45pm)

24th - 27th March Feb 'SIX' School Production

31st March Year 7 Loudmouth



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



Miss S Webster: Deputy
Headteacher & DDSL



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



Mr A Jones: Headteacher & DDSL



Mrs F Davenport: Pastoral Support &
DDSL



Mrs H Birch: Assistant Head, DSL
(currently on maternity leave)

DSL—Designated Safeguarding Lead
DDSL—Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead