

News flash

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“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place”.

George Bernard Shaw

I start this week with the quote from GBS because it totally encapsulates the communication problem. No matter what school I have been at the number one complaint from parents is that the school does not communicate well with them and at the same time the number one complaint from staff is that the communication within school is poor. It seems like it is ever thus.

To try and deal with this I have asked my staff to create their own communication policy. I am also asking you all for the sort of things we can do to improve the communication between you and us. Some of this is easy to remedy. We can do it just by delivering what we have promised. For that reason I have introduced a new communication policy, which I have put on the website under the contact page.

But in short it says that on almost every occasion the best and first form of discussion should be with the teacher who teaches your child, their form tutor or the Student Support Leader. If that does not provide a

clear solution then this should be escalated to the Departmental Leader or the Director of Learning. If this does not elicit the correct response then the next stage is with the SLT link for the subject: finally it's with me.

If your concern is about outcomes and progress generally then my Deputy Head for Outcomes, Mr Lambert, is your first port of call. If your concern is one of Teaching, Learning and Assessment then your enquiry should be directed to Ms Ghafoor. SEND issues should be targeted immediately to Ms Waters.

The rule that I want all my staff to adhere to is that if you should make an e-mail approach to any teacher or member of staff that you want to discuss something with. They should call you back within 48 hours (2 working days), or give you an e-mail response in 72 hours (3 days) or meet with you within 90 hours (5 working days). If this does not happen then please escalate your concern to the next level.

When you e-mail a member of staff please ensure that you copy in the person who is next in the communication line (so if you are speaking to a teacher make sure you copy in the head of department too).

To help you I am putting a list of all staff and e-mail addresses on the web site today including job titles.

If you call into reception by phone then our receptionist will do the same when she requests the member of staff for a return of correspondence. I do genuinely suggest you put all your requests on e-mail in the first instance. You have every right to push all staff for the very best for your child. It's no more than all my staff want. In most instances simple conversations and explanations can alleviate any concern and it is the job of all of us to ensure that we can show George Bernard Shaw that there remains no illusion.

Have a great weekend,

Neil

Diary dates

Not to miss

24 April Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations (1st injection)

24 April Year 9 Girls HPV Vaccinations (2nd injection)

1 May School Closed (Bank Holiday)

9 May Year 9 Healthy Living & Relationships Day

Exams

28 April GCSE PE Practical (Day 2)

Study

Study Support/ Revision

GCSE (Year 10 & 11) Art & Photography Mondays 3 - 4pm A1 & A3

Year 9 FSMQ Mondays 3 - 4pm

Year 11 GCSE English Revision Mondays 3 - 4pm

Year 11 FSMQ Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Year 11 Science Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3 - 4pm C2

Year 10 & 11 revision support session Wednesdays 6 - 7pm (Atrium)

BTEC Sport Fridays 3 - 4pm C2

GCSE Year 11 Art/Photography Fridays 3 - 4pm

GCSE Food & Nutrition Fridays 3 - 5pm Food Suite

Homework Club

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3pm - 4pm, Library

PE Fixtures

Tuesday 25 April U14 Girls Football 5 a side v Various (A) 3 - 6pm

After School Clubs

Rounders Club Mondays 3 - 4pm

Art Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm, A1

War Hammer Club Tuesdays 3 - 4.30pm, A1

Dance Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Hockey Club Tuesdays 3-4.15pm (Years 7, 8 & 9 only)

Workout Wednesday 7.30-7.55am

Gardening Club Wednesdays 3 - 4.30pm

Young Historians Society (Years 7&8 only) Wednesdays 3 - 4pm (HU4)

Music Tech Club Thursday 12.40-13.20pm

NWHS - EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK - w/b 27.03.2017

56

Late between 8.25-9.00am - 30 min detention

Late between 9.00-9.30am - 1 hour detention

Late after 9.30am - 2 hour detention and an unauthorised absence

Being late adds up to a loss of learning which will impact upon your child's grades:

5 minutes late every day = 3 days learning lost a year

10 minutes late every day = 6 days learning lost a year

15 minutes late every day = 10 days learning lost a year

20 minutes late every day = 13 days learning lost a year

30 minutes later every day = 19 days learning lost a year



Artist of the week

Poppy Bye, Year 9

This is Poppy's final piece to the project on Street Art and British Culture.

YOUNG HISTORIANS SOCIETY

WEDNESDAYS, 3-4PM, HU4
OPEN TO ALL YEAR 7 & 8
STUDENTS



New Lockers

Don't forget lockers can be ordered by visiting www.locker.rentals or calling 0845 880 2426. They remain £6 for this term only.

The gardening club's easter egg sale raised £50 for the charity Walking with the Wounded. Thank you to everyone who bought an Easter egg and contributed to the raising money for the good cause.

Also a special mention to the students who gave up their lunch breaks to sell the eggs on a stall outside the library for three consecutive weeks.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Active Kids vouchers. They finish on 2nd May so please could you send them to us asap to enable us to send off for some equipment before the deadline.

Many thanks!

Hockey & Rounders Clubs

Mr Whiteman has started a new Hockey Club on Tuesdays, 3-4.15pm. This is open to students in Years 7, 8 & 9.

Miss Abel is running Rounders Club on Mondays, 3-4pm. This is open to all students.

Twelve New Staff arrive at NWHS

We have welcomed ten new teaching staff and two new support staff who are joining the school for the summer term – a move which has in particular strengthened the Science and English departments at the school.

Joining the staff this term are:

- Assistant Head and Special Education Needs co-ordinator Angela Waters, who joins the school's senior leadership team with responsibility for vulnerable groups as well as the most able students. She is an English teacher and martial arts instructor, who will also run the school's Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme.
- Science teachers Daniel Kiff (who becomes acting head of science), Alia Alam, Adam Pittman and Emma Whalley
- Humanities teachers Tim Whiteman (a former England and Team GB hockey player) and Chelsea Fernandes
- Modern Foreign Languages and English teacher Imogen Hancock
- Trainee English teachers Caitlin Fradley and Ebony Theaker
- Teaching assistant Lucy Wade and reprographics assistant Alison Ball



Welcoming them, Mr Powell said, "I am pleased that we have been able to bring our teaching contingent up to strength – in fact increase it – both in terms of numbers but also in terms of the calibre of teachers we have attracted to the school."

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Pastoral

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