

# HEADLINES

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NEWS AND IMPORTANT  
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**MATTHEW SHOULTS**

This week has seen the steady accumulation of government advice and clarifications about plans for schools for later this year, with an immediate focus on students in some year groups coming back into school buildings. The combination of factors to consider is considerable: safety, cleaning, how and whether to keep students in fixed groups, physical arrangements across the buildings, travel and catering, just to name a few.

It also complicates matters when the advice can shift from day to day, and with a national debate about the relationship between science and politics. At NHEHS we will be continuing to plan according to government guidance, balancing a desire to return students to the physical environment of the school with the need to do so safely. What is heartening, is that attendance at classes this term has been over 99%, and I am very grateful to staff for their very hard work, to girls for their engagement, and to parents for your support.

In doing so we are not only looking at the weeks ahead, but into the next academic year, and as ever encouraging student leadership is at the heart of the school's aims. This week I appointed the new Head Girl Team, following such a large and high-calibre field of applicants, and last week the House Captains for the year ahead were announced to Year 11 students. I'll be talking to these girls in the coming week to distill and encourage their ideas for next year. But it is for every girl to consider areas where she might wish to lead an idea. This newsletter gives just a snapshot of activities happening within the school, but the Eco newsletter is just one example of the sort of flair that girls can show when they pursue their passions. Whatever the "new normal" is, and for however long it continues, we will be encouraging students to consider areas where they would like to shape an idea and make things happen.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>WC MAY 18TH</b>	<b>Y13 FORGING FUTURES</b>
<b>WC MAY 18TH</b>	<b>Y11 WELLBEING WEEK</b>
<b>WC MAY 18TH</b>	<b>Y7-10 &amp; Y12 EXAM WEEK</b>
<b>WC MAY 18TH</b>	<b>MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK</b>
<b>WC MAY 25TH</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>JUNE 1ST</b>	<b>STAFF STUDY DAY</b>
<b>JUNE 2ND</b>	<b>Y12 RESEARCH WEEK</b>
<b>JUNE 2ND</b>	<b>Y10 INTERNAL EXAMS</b>

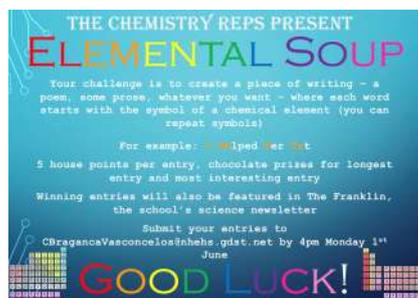


## ***EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS THRIVING ONLINE***

Our 50+ extra-curricular clubs have been adapting to life in the virtual world. Read about our popular BBC Club (Breakfast Book Club), which has transformed into an after-school Google Meet. Our German Society has gone from strength to strength online with quizzes and Q&As. Debating Soc has been practising a variety of skills, essential in both the virtual & real worlds, such as speaking off the cuff this week.

## ***GDSTEM AMBASSADORS GO FOR GOLD!***

Congratulations to eight of our Year 8 girls who learned this week they have been awarded gold as GDSTEM Ambassadors for championing STEM at school. Read about their achievements here.



## ***CHEMISTRY & ART HISTORY COMPETITIONS***

Being in isolation seems to have brought out the creative & competitive spirit in our girls! Read here about the fun art history meme & art recreation competitions. Our Year 12 Chemistry Reps also got in on the competition act with the launch of their own 'Elemental Soup' creative writing challenge here.

## ***MUSICIANS LOOK FORWARD TO VIRTUAL CONCERT PERFORMANCES***

Following their first ever virtual Tea Time concert yesterday, our Music Department is busy preparing for the Summer Concert on June 23rd. A link will be available via the Student Noticeboard nearer the date. See what else our musicians have been up to this term here.



## ***QUEST FOR HOUSE POINTS CONTINUES***

The pursuit for (remote!) House points is as strong as ever according to Miss Munro-Hall. In her virtual assembly she updated us on the current points situation, launched a brand new House Art competition while the outgoing House captains shared their top tips for isolation. Miss Munro-Hall then introduced the new House Captains for next year. Read all about it here.



## ***NINA IS RUNNER UP IN OXFORD UNIVERSITY SPANISH SHORT STORY COMPETITION***

¡Felicidades! Nina in Year 12 entered the Oxford University Spanish Flash Fiction Competition in March & her story has been chosen as 'runner up' by the judges out of over 400 entries! You can read her fantastic short story in Spanish [here](#).

## ***YEAR 4 LIVE Q&A WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR***

Tying in with our India IC topic this term, our Year 4s were treated to a live Q&A and book reading with Jasbinder Bilan, author of 'Asha and the Spirit Bird,' which is also our class book for this term. The girls put some great questions to the award-winning author about writing & what inspired her. Read the full Q&A [here](#).



## ***VIRTUAL SCHOOL TRIPS***

In the absence of school trips, we have been taking advantage of some leading institutions' virtual tours & exhibitions. Read our students' account of the Year 9 virtual trip to the Science Museum [here](#). Year 13's history group enjoyed a live screen talk on 'Margaret Thatcher in Ten Documents,' hosted by The National Archives, which you can read about [here](#).

## ***Y10 DIGITAL LEADERS LAUNCH NHEHS TECH TIPS WEBSITE***

With our big reliance on all things technical during this lockdown period, our Year 10 Digital Leaders announced the timely launch of the brand new NHEHS Tech Tips website, created as they wanted to make NHEHS into an (even more!) tech-savvy school. Read more [here](#).



## ***NHEHS GIRLS HELP EALING FOODBANK***

Shereen (Year 5) & her neighbour, Ishita (Year 7) were both worried about the news that the Ealing Foodbank was struggling to get donations. The girls wanted to help, so they came up with a plan. Read [here](#) how they helped. If you would like to donate to Ealing Foodbank, please click [here](#).



## ***IN CONVERSATION WITH....***

Every week this term, our PE department has been running an elite Q&A with top women's sports stars. So far we have 'met' England Women's Rugby Captain Sarah Hunter, England netballer Kira Rothwell & last week we were lucky enough to speak to GB hockey player Esme Burge, who had some excellent advice for our budding players. Read the latest Q&A with Esme [here](#).

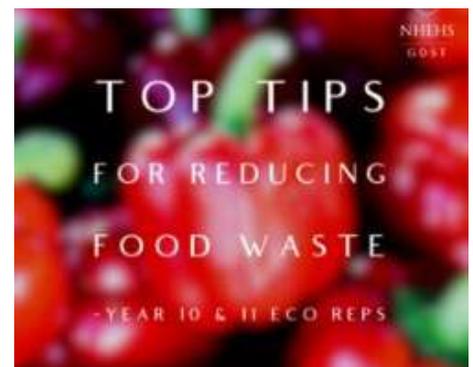


## ***DESIGN TO HELP OUR NHS HEROES***

When Sophie in Year 11 asked Mr Futter if he could help her Dad, an anaesthetist, design an adaptor for his face mask, he couldn't resist! Using the School's 3D printer, our Head of DT produced a prototype adaptor. Read all about this ingenious solution to PPE [here](#):

## ***ECO REPS' TIPS***

The last two weeks have been busy ones for our Y10 & 11 Eco Reps, as they shared brand new eco tips with us on reducing food waste as well as [Selena's eco friendly gardening tips](#). They also announced new active travel challenges with us via the Student Noticeboard & published their debut newsletter! More on their activities [here](#).



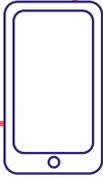
## ***YEAR 3 & 4 GDST CREATIVE WRITING PRIZE WINNER***

Big congratulations to Tess in class 3M, winner of the 2020 GDST Creative Writing Prize for Years 3 & 4! The theme this year was 'New Rules for the Future World.' Read what the judge thought of Tess' story 'Thoughts of the Moon,' [here](#).

## ***2020 HESTIA CHALLENGE***

Don't forget to get involved in the #2020CharityChallenge to raise money for Hestia. Students, staff and families have been getting stuck in with their '20' themed tasks, nominating other people to take part & donating [here](#). Follow their exploits & join in on our [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts!

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# ***TWEET OF THE WEEK***



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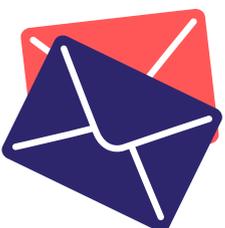
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## ***WE WANT YOUR NEWS!***



We try to cover as much school news as possible here and on our website (there's so much more every week at <https://www.nhehs.gdst.net/news/latest-news/>) However, we also know that NHEHS girls are busy celebrating success outside school, and we would love to share their success here. Please do share your great news with us, with accompanying photo, in an email to [s.bennett@nhehs.gdst.net](mailto:s.bennett@nhehs.gdst.net) and we will include as many as we can!