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Letter to Year 5 Girls' Parents/Carers

**Newport Girls'
High School
Academy Trust**

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are keeping well after a couple of years of disruption and upheaval.

With a daughter currently in Year 5, I wonder whether you have considered Newport Girls' High School for her secondary education and I have pleasure in inviting you to attend our Open Evening on Thursday 5 May from 4.30pm-7.00pm.

Whilst NGHS is a selective girls' school, the entrance test is based around the standard of work in Maths and English in Year 5 with a few non-verbal puzzles thrown in. We still maintain a priority catchment area in and around Newport (more information on the admissions section of our website) and we lower the test score threshold for students on Free School Meals and Pupil Premium.

I have been Headteacher here since 2018 and have made it my mission to not only develop and expand the school to offer an outstanding education to girls in our region and beyond, but also to improve the facilities which our students enjoy. Examples include our new dining room, kitchen, science laboratories, maths classrooms, computer laboratory and drama studio! Thanks to a number of government-sponsored grants and charitable funding projects, we have a school site which rivals every other school for specialist facilities, technology and innovation. We also work a lot more with local primary schools and welcome groups of students to visit for Challenge Days/Taste of High School Days.

Since 2020 we have taken 120 girls into Year 7, rather than the 84 we had previously. This extra class has allowed more girls to benefit from an education at NGHS and we welcome around a third of our cohort from Newport primary schools each year.

If your daughter is doing well in Year 5, she should find the entrance test accessible. There are some sample questions on our website in a familiarisation booklet and more information will be available at our Open Evening. There is no need to book for Open Evening, please just arrive between 4.30pm-6.30pm on Thursday 5 May and one of our students will act as a tour guide for you! I will also be giving short talks at the Open Evening lasting around 15 minutes.

We are also running an **Open Morning** on Wednesday 4 May and Thursday 5 May from 9.30am-11.00am, ideally for parents (you can bring your daughter if their primary school Head agrees). You **will** need to pre-book to attend a morning session; please see the Admissions section of our website for more information.

We hope that you will consider NGHS for your daughter's secondary education and look forward to welcoming you to the school after the Easter break.

Yours faithfully

Mr M J Scott
Headteacher