



# Nottingham Academy Secondary

## Weekly Bulletin—Friday 31/01/2025

### Highlights of the week

**Year 7:** Over 100 of our wonderful Year 7 students had been given the chance to go and watch a play at the Theatre Royal because of their hard work and behaviour so far, this academic year and to see the excitement from them was wonderful! Another highlight this week was the Year 7 Progress Evening. It was great to see so many parents in support of their child's academic progress so far this year.

We also had a Year 7 Drop Down Day organised by the amazing Mrs Smikle! It was a great day for the Year 7 students being in PE kit all day and doing a range of workshops that included: The importance of fitness, healthy relationships, healthy eating, five ways to wellbeing and understanding more about mental health.

**Year 8:** The Year 8 students were involved in the Basketball league again this week. It was a strong performance again from our young basketballers.

**Year 9:** Our Year 9 Basketball teams represented the Academy in our annual Trust Basketball Competition. The girls came third whilst the boys came out as winners, meaning overall we came second across the whole Trust! Well done to all involved as this is a fantastic achievement (yet again) by our basketball teams. Amazing achievement!

**Year 10:** This week the Year 10 students had a fantastic assembly about relaunching Unifrog which is a website that encourages students to explore their future aspirations, whether this is further education or the wild world of work.

**Year 11:** Y11 students have made a fantastic start to their PPEs this week! Their punctuality and behaviour have been exemplary, setting a high standard for the rest of the exam period. Keep up the focus and dedication as we work towards the summer exams.

**Sixth Form:** We are proud of our elite basketball players who supported the Greenwood Trust Basketball Tournament on Tuesday. They were excellent role models to the younger players.

### Student Stars of the past week



**Well done! You will be entered for the  
10 X £50 'Good Citizen' Raffle each Term.**

**Year 7:** The star students for this week are all the students that went out on the trip to the theatre to watch "Coming to England". The students behaved exceptionally well and represented the school in great fashion. All students had an amazing time and had the pleasure of Mrs Elbaz joining them for the trip!

**Year 8:** Diamond S for a phenomenal 887 positive points this week along with 0 negative points. Exemplary attitude to work and a student we are all proud of. Keep up the hard work Diamond!

**Year 9:** Maryan H who has collected the greatest number of positive points this week within the year group and is consistently meeting our high expectations every day, making her a role model for students across the academy.

**Year 10:** Mercy O is consistently staying behind in school to improve on her coursework grades. Great work Mercy, keep it up!

**Year 11:** Esther G for her kindness and quick thinking in helping an unwell student in their time of need. Your compassion and care embodied the school respect values, well done, Esther!

**Sixth Form:** Zainab A has applied to study medicine at university and has just completed her second interview this week. She has been working hard to prepare for these interviews, and we are hoping she receives offers soon. Good luck Zainab!



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal  
*Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.*

### Upcoming events:

**Year 7:** The Year 7 Athletics Finals: Taking place at Ellis Guilford School on Wednesday 5th February 2025 from 4.00pm - 5.30pm. Good luck Year 7!

**Year 8:** Year 8 students will be looking at Online Echo Chambers which is part of the online safety and responsibility in PSHE we will be discussing this week.

**Year 9:** Over the coming weeks, we are encouraging our Year 9 students to consider what subjects they would like to take for their GCSE options. We will be giving them information regarding the courses available. This will lead up to our Progress Evening where you'll have the opportunity to speak with staff face to face, and to attend a presentation by the Standards and Progress Team.

**Year 10:** Next week the Year 10 students will be given time in tutor to explore Unifrog and personalise their profile towards their future aspirations.

**Year 11:** PPEs will continue next week, and students are encouraged to keep up the hard work. Additionally, students taking languages should prepare for their speaking exams, which will take place the week commencing Monday 10th February 2025.

**Sixth Form:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Our IT and Business classes will be welcoming a visitor from Wilmington Plc, who will be talking about his career journey and the opportunities in the business industry.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025: The Sixth Form Progress Evening is taking place from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Please make appointments to meet with your son/daughters' teachers. We look forward to discussing their progress with you.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025: A representative from leading law firm Shakespeare Martineau will be visiting us to talk to students interested in pursuing a career in law about their higher apprenticeship scheme and opportunities within their company

### Whole School

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