



Nottingham Academy Secondary

Weekly Newsletter—Friday 28/02/2025

Highlights of the week

Year 7: The highlight of the week was seeing the Year 7 Girls House Football Competition! All 10 tutor groups took part in the knockout tournament, which saw 7T10 victorious and earn House points. It was great to see so many excited students wanting to represent their House!

Year 8: In the final week of last half term, the English department ran our '**Wicked Writers Competition**' to push our students to be able to advocate for change for themselves and their local community. We saw students write about a huge range of topics. Year 8 Winners were.

Kobie and Stacios – amazing writers!

Domino's Pizza Lunch was the reward for our attendance challenger winners. *Other Pizza Delivery providers are available!!*

Year 9: This week we have had a number of wonderful experiences with external providers helping engage our students in the wider world. Our ThinkForward Mentor, James, took Year 9 students out for a morning where they proved to represent the academy positively. Additionally, our Year 9 Boys Football team beat the Year 10 Boys Football team in a friendly, 6-4, in preparation for their Semi-Final fixture next week.

Year 10: A lot of Year 10 students are doing so well in their extra-curricular activities. Shanai C won the Artist of the Week award for her amazing title page, Taibah M won the Wicked Writers Competition and Onab A came second in the whole school for the Young Ideas Digital Creative Award. Well done to these three students!

Year 11: Year 11 students have started their **Period 6 lessons** this week. These additional sessions provide an excellent opportunity for students to consolidate their learning and prepare thoroughly for their upcoming exams. Well done to all those who attended—keep making the most of this valuable support! Students also received their **PPE (Pre-Public Examination) results today**. These results offer important insights into current progress and highlight areas for further improvement before the final exams. Congratulations to everyone on an excellent set of results and for their hard work and dedication!

Sixth Form: Our standout highlight of the week was the 'Wildcats Senior Day celebrations' for our Year 13 female basketball players. It was lovely watching Kaydi, Alina, Momo, Dawn, Sammy, and Aliyah be recognised for their hard work in the classroom and their achievements and successes as elite basketball players. Well done! 40 Year 12 students visited The University of Nottingham on Friday 28th February 2025. They had a tour of the campus and the student accommodation. Our pupils met with current students and gained an insight into university life. It was a wonderful day, and the students enjoyed the visit.



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 student for this week is Hannah Hannah has come in each day with a great attitude to learning and is top of the positive points earned for her tutor 7T7. Keep up the hard work Hannah! Hannah is also a key member of our pupil parliament team!

Year 8: Stacios had the most positives and zero negatives this week – great work Stacios!

Year 9: Talia is our Year 9 Star Student this week. Not only has Talia amassed the most points in Year 9 this week but she has also been one of our winners of the Wicked Writers Competition. Talia is an exemplary student who has maturity far beyond her years! Well done and keep up with the hard work Talia!

Year 10: Taibah M, outstanding effort in winning our Wicked Writers Competition! Well Done!

Year 11: A huge congratulations to Atka, who won the **Digital Creatives Award** for outstanding work in graphic design on the theme of nature. Atka's creativity, skill, and effort truly stood out—an impressive achievement!

Sixth Form: Jude (Year 13) is working incredibly hard towards his final examinations. He spends all his free time studying and attends all additional revision sessions. He has recently received an offer from Loughborough University, and we are sure that his committed attitude will help him achieve the grades he needs.



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

Upcoming events:

Year 7: Year 7 Dodgeball House Competition: Wednesday 5th March during Tutor time and P5, will be a weekly event now as students have loved taking part. This will be for students that regularly display our Academy values.

Year 8: Year 8's are very excited about coming into school dressed as their favourite characters next week for World Book Day.

Year 9: Progress Evening is taking place this coming Thursday. When logging into School Cloud to book appointments, please ensure the information is matching that of our records. If you have new details that haven't been shared with school yet, you will need to use the old details to log in. There is a GCSE Options talk in the PAC at 4:45pm on the night. We're also looking forward to World Book Day next week! Students are being encouraged to wear costumes relating to their favourite literary texts - with prizes for the best outfit and most creative outfit!

Our Year 9 Boys have their semi-final fixture next Thursday afterschool. This is an away fixture. Details have been shared with relevant parents/carers. If they prove to be successful, they will advance to the Final which will take place on the Thursday of the following week! We wish the boys the best luck in their fixture on Thursday!

Year 10: Year 10 Progress Evening Thursday 13th March, we look forward to seeing parents/carers.

Year 11: Prom Tickets – Tickets for this year's **Prom** are still available for purchase on Parent Pay. Prom takes place **Thursday, 3rd July, at Colwick Hall, 7pm**. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year with friends, so make sure to get your ticket.

Sixth Form: W/c 3rd March 2025: The Year 13 Pre-Public Examinations are continuing this week until Wednesday 5th March 2025. The PPE's will help prepare students for their final examinations.

Whole School:

Please see below, the year group emails to ensure the relationship and communication between the home/school and your child, is monitored and actioned daily:

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Welcome to our new data management system, **Arbor**. **Win £50 just for signing up**. On Friday 21 March, we will draw out 5 names from those that have signed up to Arbor. **These lucky winners will each win £50.**



Next week you will receive an email about how to log into Arbor. Once you have logged in on a web browser, you will also be able to download an app for the parent portal. The app will become our main method of communication and will be used for things such as: Attendance, behaviour, weekly messages, progress evening appointments and much more. Further information to follow.