



Nottingham Academy Secondary

Weekly Bulletin—Friday 28/11/25

Highlights of the week:

Year 7: Homework Club is now well established. Students are successfully using the time to complete any outstanding Sparx Maths and Science homework for the week, ensuring they stay on track with their learning goals. Any other Year 7 students who would like to join are welcome every Thursday until 4:00 PM.

Year 8: This week, we want to celebrate a fantastic achievement: a significant increase in attendance among many of our students and a noticeable reduction in negative points. Your hard work and determination to improve have not gone unnoticed. Well done to everyone contributing to this success. You are setting a brilliant example for your peers!

Year 9: Big thank you to Ms Smikle for organising our careers fair this week. It was a huge success. Lovely to speak to Year 9's on their career aspirations and to see them engaging with the employers and local institutions in school this week.

Year 10: We are thrilled to celebrate **Grayson's incredible achievement** in the **Future Chef Competition Local Finals!** Representing our academy with confidence and creativity, Grayson prepared a stunning dish of **golden garlic Parmesan strips paired with a zesty aioli**. His presentation and culinary skills impressed the judges, and he performed exceptionally well throughout the competition. This is a fantastic example of perseverance and passion—well done, Grayson! We are all very proud of you.

Year 11: Year 11 took a big step toward their future at this week's **Careers Fair!** It was inspiring to see so many students arrive with clear ambition and leave even more motivated. Their thoughtful conversations with employers and educators showed real maturity and purpose—these weren't just chats, they were powerful steps toward exciting careers!

Sixth Form: On Monday, our Sixth Form team represented at the Nottingham Academy Careers Fair. It was fantastic to meet so many enthusiastic students and answer their questions about life in Sixth Form. Year 12 and Year 13 students also attended, taking full advantage of the opportunity to meet with higher education providers and employers.

100% attendance, 0 lates, most points for the whole site, 0 negatives

Campus Pupil of The Week for GC1

Dua F 9T1

Campus Pupil of The Week for The Bridge

Maya H 7T3



Student Stars of the past week

Well done! You will be entered for the

10 X £50 'Good Citizen' Raffle each Term.

Year 7: Teneng C has been caught being great by several teachers this week. She has managed to gain two golden tickets from her Spanish lessons on a STRIVE award for a display of independence in her science lessons. Well done Teneng!!

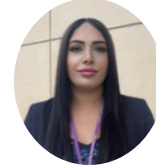
Year 8: The Star Students for this week are **Honour O, Selihom M & Anabia A**. These 3 students have shown exceptional dedication by representing the **Student Voice** initiative and actively promoting the importance of **attendance and rewards** within our school community. Congratulations to our Star Students for being role models and inspiring others to strive for excellence!

Year 9: Pranita made her first appearance on the top podium of the big hitters league this week. Over a hundred house points more than the next student. Very impressive.

Year 10: This week, we want to shine a spotlight on **Aminatta, Djanira, Gabriel, Jemima, Fawaz, and Daniel** for their outstanding contribution to a seminar hosted at school with Trainee Teachers from **Nottingham University**. These students spoke eloquently about their experiences of being bilingual and their journey learning Spanish at Nottingham Academy. Their insights were thoughtful and inspiring, and they represented our school brilliantly. Opportunities like these help build confidence and leadership skills—congratulations to all involved!

Year 11: This week, **Hira** shines bright as our Star Student! With the highest number of positive points in Year 11, 100% attendance all year, and consistent excellent behaviour, Hira sets the standard for success. Well done!

Sixth Form: Princess is a fantastic and hardworking student who has completed many valuable work experience placements, helping her to write an outstanding university application for Social Work. Her dedication has paid off, resulting in three interview offers, including one from the University of Nottingham. Good luck Princess!



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom"
Booker T. Washington

Upcoming events:

Year 7: Plans have started to be put in place for our Winter Ball. Students will have the opportunity to celebrate the end of term on 10 December from 4-6pm at our Winter Ball at the Bridge Site. Food and drinks will be on sale, with games, quizzes and prizes. It is already looking to be a popular event.

Year 8 and Year 9: The Year 8/9 Christmas Ball will take place on Thursday, 11th December, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Join us for an evening of:

- A DJ playing your favourite tunes
- Fun games and activities
- A joyful celebration for all before the Christmas break

Tickets are just £2 each! Don't miss out on this amazing event—secure your ticket and let's make it a night to remember!

Year 10: PPE Exams: Our Pre-Public Exams are just around the corner. The **first exam will take place on Friday, 12th December**. Please ensure you are revising regularly and making use of all available resources.

- **Assembly:** We will hold an assembly next week to outline **exam expectations, key dates, and the timetable**. Attendance is essential so everyone is fully prepared.
- **Parent Letter:** A detailed letter will be sent home next week with all the necessary information about the exams, including guidance on how parents can support students during this period. (*Further information below from Mr Collishaw – Deputy Principal for Outcomes*)

Year 11: Progress Evening

Thursday, 4th December | 3:30–6:30 PM

We look forward to welcoming all parents and carers for valuable conversations with teachers. Your attendance makes a real difference—see you there!

Sixth Form: Monday 1st December

Pre-Public Examinations for Year 12 will start on Monday at The Bridge and continue until Friday 12 December 2025. These exams are an important way to measure student progress and help teachers identify areas for improvement.

Thursday 4th December

Sixth Form staff will be available during the Year 11 Progress Evening to provide advice and guidance for students considering continuing to Level 3 education.

School Information:

Last Day of Term Early Closure

We will **close at 1:20pm on Friday 19 December**. We will continue to have facilities available should there be any vulnerable pupils that need to remain with us until 3.05pm.

Autism Team

Parent and Carer Workshops 25-26

<p>AET Making Sense of Autism - Autumn term</p>	<p>An awareness-raising session to enhance parents/carers/families understanding of autism and the reasonable adjustments that need to be considered to support autistic children.</p>	<p>03.12.25 5.00-6.30pm</p>	<p>This meeting will be on Microsoft Teams. Please join using the following QR code:</p>
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Free Breakfast Club



Please remember that a free breakfast is available between **8.00am - 8.20am** School gates officially open at 8:20am where ALL Students need to arrive to school by **8.30am**

Year 10 December Assessments

Year 10 students will sit their first formal assessments **from Friday 12th to Thursday 18th December**. These exams are important, and students should start revising now.

- Revision Plans: Please encourage your child to make a revision plan
- Resources: Revision materials are available through ParentPay
- Lesson Attendance: Teachers will tell students which topics to focus on, so it is vital they attend all lessons
- Revision Skills Week: The week before assessments will include sessions on revision techniques, but students should already be preparing
- Extra Support: After-school revision clubs are available for those who want more help

Thank you for supporting your child to take these assessments seriously.

Year 10 AP1 Assessment Timetable December 2025			
Date	Time	Subject	Length
Fri 12th Dec	9:00	Maths	1 hour
	11:20	RE	40 mins
	14:00	History	40mins
Mon 15th Dec	9:00	English Lang	1hr 45 mins
	14:00	Geography/Psychology	1 hour
Tues 16th Dec	9:00	Biology	1 hour
	11:20	English Lit	45 mins
Weds 17th Dec	9:00	Chemistry	1 hour
	11:20	Spanish	1 hour
Thurs 18th Dec	9:00	Physics	1 hour



Y8-9

JOIN US FOR OUR

Winter
BALL

11TH DECEMBER 2025 4-6PM
SPORTS HALL | £2 TICKETS

FOOD & DRINK | MUSIC | PRIZES
PLUS SPECIAL GUEST DJ

SEE MR SAMPLES OR MR KUFFOUR FOR TICKETS.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Y7 WINTER BALL

10
DECEMBER

FOOD &
DRINK,
MUSIC,
GAMES



LET IT
SNOW



BRIDGE CAMPUS (GC2)- DINING HALL 4-6PM

£2 ENTRY. SEE MS VIRTUE-HAUGHTON FOR TICKETS!