

# Nottingham Secondary Academy

## Newsletter

*Publisher Mrs L Chapman*

Thank you for the help and support given by everyone in our school community for making this such a memorable and successful term!

It has been lovely to see our motto, 'exceptional provision for exceptional learners', become further embedded into daily Academy life. We have had a Department for Education visit to the Academy in November 2025, and we are delighted that they saw our student demonstrate great learning and excellent student behaviour for every part of their 3-hour visit.

I would particularly like to thank the staff who have worked tirelessly to challenge, support, nurture and prepare all our students in the first set of mock exams across all year groups and I want to thank our students in the mature and responsible way they have responded to this mock exam series. We are blessed to have such a committed and great school family!

We have had a very exciting and eventful term, and I hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights in this newsletter!

I look forward to welcoming students back after in the New Year, Tuesday 6th January 2026.

On behalf of Nottingham Academy staff, I would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe festive break and a very Happy New Year!



Mrs J Elbaz—Executive Principal

We are very keen to work with you and maintain regular communication. If you have any queries, please get in touch with the relevant year team. We are pleased to announce that we have coordinated 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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Thank you for your continued support.

NOTTINGHAM ACADEMY



RESPECT



ASPIRATION



PRIDE

*Lead learning to transform lives and enable communities; at Nottingham Academy we will achieve this by providing an exceptional provision for exceptional learners.*

# GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST



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# Nottingham Academy News

## Children in Need 2025 at Nottingham Academy was a huge success.

Students from across the school came together with amazing energy—running a bake sale, with homemade bakes, organising games, and spreading genuine kindness throughout the day. From delicious treats to guess how many sweets in the jar to guess the name of the teddy, everyone played their part. The atmosphere was buzzing, full of teamwork, laughter, and generosity.

A proud moment for the academy community, raising money and lifting spirits. 🧡

**Total  
Raised :**



**£1208.14**

## Proud Moment: Grayson Competes in Future Chef 2025

An amazing achievement for Grayson at this year's Future Chef competition. Despite having just 48 hours to practise—compared to other students who had weeks of preparation—he stepped into the professional kitchen with confidence, determination, and real passion for cooking. He held his own, produced fantastic dishes, and walked away with invaluable experience. A brilliant performance from a talented young chef in the making!




Our DofE students successfully raised £90.32 through their Hot Chocolate & Brownie Stand for Save the Children. Watch this space — Miss Chattaway's not-so-secret hot chocolate will be making a return next year to help raise funds for the DofE trip.





## *Citizen of the Term Awards*

The following students have been nominated by their tutors and Head of Year for the £50 Citizen prize. Occasionally, we split the prize into 2x £25 awards. Mrs Elbaz selects the winners based on the amazing comments our staff have to say about them. Some of our winners carry out stand-out acts of citizenship whilst others display pride, aspiration and respect daily in all that they do.



<b>Year 7</b> Hizra N Ollie E Georgia W - £25 Payton H - £25	<b>Year 8</b> Noman M Deacon W Ollie R	<b>Year 9</b> Ollie O Zureesha P Manha M
<b>Year 10</b> Harmain Q Maliya S Daniel IO	<b>Year 11</b> Nikola W Ibrahim I Kwabena O	<b>Sixth Form</b> Phaylinda M Princess K





## Citizen of the Term Awards

### Some of the comments written about our winners:

Hizra N Y7	"A great role model for all NA students, <u>Hizra</u> is a 100% attender, 0 negative points, 0 lates and a golden ticket collector. <u>Hizra</u> is always prompt to line ups and leads her tutor group each morning with pride. She is always ready to help staff and students and follows STEPs every time. She has been described as a great member of the team!"
Georgia W Y7 Payton H Y7	"Both girls have been pillars of the community. Showing the true meaning of STRIVE. Georgia and Payton have both won an award in the community for their selfless-ness act of creating a memorial garden for the late Ian Coates (school caretaker who sadly lost his life in Nottingham attacks.)"
Oscar E Y7	"Truly a great ambassador for the Year 7 cohort. Part of Student Voice who prepared well for the Trust Visits and drew positive comments from the visitors during both visits. 100% attendance always striving to do the right thing. Arrives to lessons with a smile and always conducts himself well. Can often be seen settling his peers at line-up and offering support to cover supervisors. He is respectful during lessons, has a good work ethic always smart and sharp and has maintained a positive record across all curriculum areas. He is a polite and kind young man."
Noman M Y8	"Noman has a fantastic record in terms of positive House Points and attendance. Gets involved in all extracurricular activities and is a great addition to the year 8 team. So happy and helpful every day and is a joy to teach."
Deacon W Y8	"Settled into school so fast. Student has an exemplary attendance and behaviour record and the resilience this young man has is something to be admired!"
Ollie R Y8	"Member of the Junior Leadership Team -JLT. Ollie is a role model student and a delight to teach. He is so polite, respectful and motivated every day to make the correct decisions. Such a role model for all other students and leads the JLT front for year 8."
Ollie O Y9	"Has always been an exemplary student and a great ambassador to the school. His efforts can sometimes seem unnoticed, but we spot you Ollie, it's all part of the amazing student you are. A credit to the Academy."
Zureesha P Y9	"Always ready to help students and staff. Follows STEPS every day, has 100% attendance. A fantastic student and a burning desire to succeed academically. Can't wait to see what you can achieve in years to come."
Manha M Y9	"Three words that come to mind: Conscientious, kind, polite. Has consistently scored high in House points each week. Always willing to help if she can. Works hard and is always smart and sharp!"





## *Citizen of the Term Awards*

### **Some of the comments written about our winners:**

Harmain Q Y10	<i>"Consistently smashing behaviour and attendance expectations and just a pleasure to have at our school. A kind and thoughtful citizen for Nottingham Academy and our community."</i>
Maliya S Y10	<i>"Maliya joined in September and has flourished at Nottingham Academy. She is polite, friendly, a good role model to others. Maliya has brought lots of good vibes to her friendship group and also the winter ball!"</i>
Daniel IO Y10	<i>"Daniel has impeccable manners and is always willing to help others, both staff and students. He has represented the school in several Trust visits as well as when Ms Geary had Nottingham University in for a visit. Daniel has always spoken articulately of the Academy and the support that he has received. Daniel is a superstar."</i>
Nikola W Y11	<i>"A true leader and role model within the Academy. Leads by example in all she does and a great ambassador that always supports Trust visits and Progress Evenings. A pleasure to teach in the classroom. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for Nikola"</i>
Ibrahim I Y11	<i>"Both these boys acted in a selfless and brave manner outside of school, putting themselves in <u>harms</u> way. They attempted to give first aid to an injured student and ensured they were okay. Both are citizens we admire at Nottingham Academy."</i>
Kwabena O Y11	
Phaylinda M Sixth Form	<i>This student has made an exceptional start to Sixth Form, bringing a lovely personality and a positive presence to the school community. With 100% attendance and a fantastic attitude to learning, they consistently demonstrate commitment and maturity. What has set them apart this term, is their proactive approach in seeking out opportunities to support others, including volunteering as a mentor in a Year 7 class. This shows not only leadership and empathy but also a genuine desire to make a difference. They are a wonderful role model for younger students and an asset to our Sixth Form.</i>
Princess K Sixth Form	<i>"This student has been awarded the Citizen Award in recognition of their outstanding commitment to work experience. Since Year 12, they have taken part in numerous placements. They have demonstrated initiative, responsibility, and a strong desire to learn. These experiences have given them a true insight into the career path that they want to pursue and helps prepare them for life after Sixth Form."</i>





# Behaviour and Attitudes Update

## Our Perfect Students

We encourage all students to be ready to learn. Our House Point system encourages all students to be in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing. If a pupil receives negative House Points, they always can put it right and end the day with a positive total. There are some pupils that have **only ever received positive points, received no detentions, attended 100% of the time and never been late.** These pupils are placed into a random name generator, and winners are chosen for prizes at out end of term celebration assembly.

Name	Year	Tutor	House	House Points	Name	Year	Tutor	House	House Points	Name	Year	Tutor	House	House Points
Sami	7	7T4	Colwick	4950	Yusuf	8	8T4	Colwick	4610	Muzifa	9	9T8	Hardwick	4480
Hallehah	7	7T7	Colwick	4010	Noman	8	8T7	Colwick	4980	Lakshana	9	9T1	Newstead	900
Adham	7	7T4	Colwick	4490	Jack	8	8T7	Colwick	6570	Merlab	9	9T1	Newstead	5150
Ahmet	7	7T4	Colwick	5350	Allshba	8	8T7	Colwick	5200	Kalaab	9	9T10	Newstead	6290
Shanaya	7	7T4	Colwick	5150	Ezra	8	8T7	Colwick	5340	Oliver	9	9T5	Rufford	4760
Hansar	7	7T3	Hardwick	5390	Noman	8	8T3	Hardwick	5110	Erinda	9	9T5	Rufford	3390
Oscar	7	7T3	Hardwick	4770	Amittha	8	8T8	Hardwick	6390	Shane	9	9T6	Rufford	3890
Beteal	7	7T8	Hardwick	3860	Alicia	8	8T3	Hardwick	3090	Chioma	9	9T6	Rufford	2740
Patrick	7	7T3	Hardwick	4770	Henry	8	8T8	Hardwick	5910	Grace	9	9T6	Rufford	4970
Eshal	7	7T8	Hardwick	3860	Marla	8	8T1	Newstead	2960	Thywili	9	9T5	Rufford	3950
Georgia	7	7T3	Hardwick	4080	Hassnian	8	8T1	Newstead	2710	Diamond	9	9T5	Rufford	4760
Casey	7	7T8	Hardwick	4200	Honour	8	8T1	Newstead	4570	Trinity	9	9T2	Wollaton	3830
Dania	7	7T1	Newstead	6550	Charlie	8	8T5	Rufford	3940	Marlow	9	9T2	Wollaton	4360
Darcie	7	7T1	Newstead	4670	Ashiqur	8	8T6	Rufford	3050	Nikolas	9	9T9	Wollaton	4390
Larin	7	7T6	Rufford	4560	Shoaib	8	8T5	Rufford	5690	Savannah	9	9T2	Wollaton	3720
Rehaan	7	7T5	Rufford	4050	Abdel	8	8T2	Wollaton	2840					
Aahil	7	7T6	Rufford	4160	Oskar	8	8T9	Wollaton	4180					
Ezra	7	7T5	Rufford	5200	Sanaa	8	8T2	Wollaton	2350					
Alaena	7	7T5	Rufford	4660	Brayan	8	8T2	Wollaton	3370					
Nova	7	7T2	Wollaton	4570	Affan	8	8T2	Wollaton	3200					
Noor	7	7T2	Wollaton	3400										
Olivia	7	7T2	Wollaton	4380										
Yannick	7	7T9	Wollaton	5270										





Year	Tutor	House	House Points	Name	Year	Tutor	House	House Points
Tyler-Jam	10 10T4	Colwick	4350	Aminah	11 11T7	Colwick	5580	
Sidney	10 10T7	Colwick	6820	Alexander	11 11T4	Colwick	2300	
Shantel	10 10T7	Colwick	5070	Sazid	11 11T4	Colwick	2240	
Javeriya	10 10T3	Hardwick	4710	Bilal	11 11T4	Colwick	1900	
Leighton	10 10T8	Hardwick	5000	Tuyen	11 11T7	Colwick	4150	
Adam	10 10T8	Hardwick	2430	Nicolas	11 11T4	Colwick	1780	
Jerome	10 10T3	Hardwick	3880	Fidelity	11 11T3	Hardwick	3340	
Caeli	10 10T3	Hardwick	4850	Zahra	11 11T8	Hardwick	2420	
Merhawi	10 10T10	Newstead	7030	Rahand	11 11T8	Hardwick	2290	
Sienna	10 10T1	Newstead	180	Charlie	11 11T8	Hardwick	2830	
Emilia	10 10T10	Newstead	3650	Dahir	11 11T8	Hardwick	2270	
Aaryan	10 10T10	Newstead	3090	Ararat	11 11T3	Hardwick	2720	
Muhammed	10 10T5	Rufford	2210	Hadiyah	11 11T3	Hardwick	1720	
Nhyira	10 10T5	Rufford	2180	Niamh	11 11T8	Hardwick	3590	
Nafisa	10 10T5	Rufford	3660	Shazman	11 11T8	Hardwick	2760	
Sohana	10 10T5	Rufford	4370	Hoshyar	11 11T3	Hardwick	2150	
Xuanrui	10 10T5	Rufford	2320	Fatima	11 11T8	Hardwick	2020	
				Auad	11 11T10	Newstead	4070	
				Connor	11 11T10	Newstead	2920	
				Elaf	11 11T1	Newstead	1950	
				Benjamin	11 11T1	Newstead	2890	
				Zain	11 11T10	Newstead	3280	
				Levi	11 11T10	Newstead	2980	
				Olivia	11 11T5	Rufford	2400	
				Fatema	11 11T5	Rufford	3140	
				Annaliese	11 11T5	Rufford	4960	
				Fatoumat	11 11T6	Rufford	3560	
				Reuben	11 11T6	Rufford	2040	
				Shay	11 11T9	Wollaton	2210	
				Guang Xi	11 11T2	Wollaton	2600	
				Rayan	11 11T2	Wollaton	3800	
				Nicole	11 11T2	Wollaton	3030	





# Attendance

## Our Attendance and Punctuality Streak Champions

It is amazing that **over 360 students** have achieved **100% attendance this term and never been late to school**. 360 students are too many to mention here. These students have amassed a staggering 62 day attendance streak and have all been placed into a random name generator to win a prize in the celebration assemblies. The lucky names that were pulled out are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Yannick L	Oskar G	Arthur N	Alfie A	Jamie O

## Mega Streak Champions

We only introduced streak days for attendance and punctuality this September. But, had we been running it for the last 5 years, there are some pupils that deserve their name in lights! Some of these pupils were with Nottingham Academy in year 5 and 6 so their data has also been included.

### Attendance Streak over 250 days (1 year and 1 term):

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Oscar E	Amritha AR	Chioma N	Battista B
Beteal M	Clarissa I	Antonio P	Smith A
Justin O	Jack N	Nikolas P	Caeli O
Gerald S			
Mensima H			





# Attendance

**Attendance Streak over 440 (2 years and 1 term):**

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Joy K	Charley B	Smith W	Tuyen N
	Noah G-D	Jerome J	Mercy O
	Graham NS		
	Ore-Ofe O		
	Mihaela P		
	Thywill S		

**Attendance Streak over 630 (3 years and 1 term):**



**Bertrand P Year 10**



**Attendance Streak over 820 (4 years and 1 term):**



**Jbreon L Year 9**





## *Our House Champions—The Battle of the Wick*



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Term 1 of 2025-26 has seen Hardwick and Colwick go head-to-head throughout in their very own battle of the ‘wicks. Previous Champion Tutors of Mr Mandisodza 11T7, Ms Gheorge 8T8, Mr Case 9T8 and Ms Amir 7T3 have amassed the most points so far but at the time of going to press the winners of the House Party are still to be determined. So far, our current House Champions per year group are:

Name	Year	Tutor	Name	Year	Tutor	Name	Year	Tutor
Hizra	7	7T4	Jack	8	8T7	Mahdi	9	9T6
Aqsa	7	7T3	Meharpreet	8	8T8	Danifan	9	9T8
Demush	7	7T1	Ilma	8	8T1	Charley	9	9T1
Maram	7	7T6	Tallyah	8	8T5	Leon	9	9T6
Abobakr	7	7T2	Yusra	8	8T9	Skye	9	9T9
Name			Year			Tutor		
Sidney	10	10T7	Deliverance	11	11T7			
Tehzeeb	10	10T3	Niamh	11	11T8			
Smith	10	10T10	Auad	11	11T10			
Amira	10	10T5	Annaliese	11	11T5			
Harmain	10	10T2	Zahra	11	11T2			





## *Our House Champions—The Battle of the Wick*

Our events House events so far have many highlights from door dressing to dodgeball. The event that drew the most giggles had to be our 'staff as children' quiz. The winning group were **Ms Thomson's form, 8T9**.





## Our Whole Academy Champions

Every week we have a Campus Pupil of the Week. A pupil that has 100% attendance, 0 negative logs and most points. For the half-term coming to an end, our winners are:



### Our Year Group Super Stars

The following pupils have amassed the most House Points this term. A huge WELL DONE to all for their continued efforts and positive attitude to learning.

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Esther	7T4	Jack	8T7	Zahriya	9T4	Smith	10T10	Aminah	11T7
Dania	7T1	Meharpreet	8T8	Arthur	9T7	Merhawi	10T10	Deliverance	11T7
Hizra	7T4	Amritha	8T8	Charley	9T1	Sidney	10T7	Zahra	11T2
Aqsa	7T3	Fida	8T4	Zureesha	9T1	Daniel	10T7	Wasif	11T2
Teneng	7T4	Ivanilson	8T8	Hayya	9T3	Alicia	10T7	Annaliese	11T5
Muhammad	7T7	Taliyah	8T5	Tremaine	9T1	Abdul-Hakeem	10T4	Freya	11T2
Demush	7T1	Selihom Tesfagabr	8T8	Sibtain	9T7	Sameia	10T7	Szymon	11T7
Arianna	7T7	Henry	8T8	Zainab	9T10	Gabriel	10T7	Hani	11T7
Aimal	7T1	Marcin	8T7	Kalaiab	9T10	Harmain	10T2	Ekin	11T2
Anaya	7T4	Shoaib	8T5	Skye	9T9	Tehzeeb	10T3	Mehad	11T7
Gilead	7T1	Areesha	8T7	Kassidy	9T10	Evlie	10T7	Auad	11T10
Maram	7T6	Yusra	8T9	Talisha	9T4	Amira	10T5	Hani	11T10
Hanar	7T3	Bubacarr	8T9	Alexander	9T9	Djanira	10T10	Qasim	11T7
Jayden	7T4	Aqsa	8T9	Zainab	9T10	Shantel	10T7	Ailsa	11T10
Sajeel	7T6	Vanessa	8T7	Mihaela	9T4	Nael	10T2	Isa	11T5
Abobakr	7T2	Abdullah	8T9	Maliha	9T7	Insha	10T10	Niamh	11T8
Ahmet	7T4	Ezra	8T7	Aisha	9T4	Reilly	10T10	Fatoumata	11T6
Archie	7T9	Jannat	8T5	Jbreon	9T7	Fawaz	10T10	Michelle	11T1
Yannick	7T9	Maira	8T8	Manha	9T4	Leighton	10T8	Skye	11T6
Esraa	7T5	Alishba	8T7	Kasson	9T1	Caeli	10T3	Sofia	11T7





## Our Whole Academy Champions

### Our Golden League Table

The following pupils have achieved the most golden tickets this term. Over 16,000 golden tickets have been handed out. Our top 3 staff for logging have been **Ms Gheorge, Mr Hall and Ms Khan.**

Overall, the **top five students across the whole school** are **Dania (Year 7, 7T1) with 67 tickets, Muhammad (Year 7, 7T7) with 61, Taliyah (Year 8, 8T5) with 54, Fida (Year 8, 8T4) with 53, and Archie (Year 7, 7T9) with 50.**

7T1	Dania	67	8T5	Taliyah	54	9T10	Zainab	64	10T10	Merhawi	47	gELD.2	Omer	38
7T7	Muhammad	61	8T4	Fida	53	9T9	Alexander	46	gELD.2	Ala	47	11T2	Freya	36
7T9	Archie	50	8T4	Duzaara	43	9T1	Zureesha	41	10T3	Caeli	34	11T5	Annaliese	35
7T4	Esther	49	8T7	Jack	43	9T10	Kassidy	41	10T3	Tehzeeb	33	11T2	Erik	33
7T9	Luke	49	8T4	Jahveel	42	9T9	Victoria	41	10T4	Nicolas	32	11T2	Zahra	33
7T5	Hanna	44	8T7	Areesha	42	9T3	Hayya	40	10T6	Roumaysaa	32	11T2	Ekin	30
7T7	Arianna	44	8T8	Meharpreet	42	gELD.2	Adukarim Mahmoud	39	10T1	Musfrat	30	11T2	Wasif	27
7T5	Esraa	43	gELD.2	Dfaaila	39	9T10	Kalalab	37	10T4	Tyler-James	30	11T2	Isabella	26
7T9	Yannick	43	8T5	Jannat	38	gELD.2	Maryam	37	10T5	Klaudia	28	11T1	Mariam	25
7T3	Aqsa	41	8T8	Solihom Tesfagabr	36	9T2	Stanley	35	10T9	Talia	28	11T1	Michelle	25
7T2	Nowa	40	8T2	Laila	34	9T1	Charley	34	10T5	Sohana	26	11T8	Niamh	24
7T4	Anaya	40	8T5	Shoaib	34	9T6	Mani	32	10T7	Ryan	26	11T8	Cordal Jay	23
7T6	Sajeel	40	8T1	Aaminah	33	9T6	Ishmael	29	10T10	Sierra	24	11T3	Ararat	22
7T6	Maram	39	8T4	Maaz	32	9T1	Kasson	28	10T5	Amira	24	11T3	Kia	22
7T5	Aleena	38	8T5	Charlie	32	9T2	Samir	28	10T9	Haider	24	11T5	Isa	22

### Caught Being Great Champions

This term has seen an outstanding level of positivity across the school, with thousands of *Caught Being Great* logs recognising pupils for their effort, kindness and commitment. In Year 7, our top role models were **Esther I. (7T4)** leading the way, followed closely by **Aiza M. (7T1)** and **Yannick L. (7T9)**, each demonstrating exceptional consistency. Year 8 shone just as brightly, with **Yusuf K. (8T4)** and **Shoaib Z. (8T5)** jointly topping their year group, and **Joy K. (8T6)** close behind. In Year 9, a huge well done goes to **Jbreon L. (9T7)** and **Grace R. (9T6)** who shared the top spot, with **Talisha W. (9T1)** only one log behind. Year 10 saw remarkable dedication from **Smith W. (10T10)**, our **highest logging pupil across the entire school**, alongside **Harmain Q. (10T3)** and **Abdul Hakeem A. (10T4)**. Finally, in Year 11, congratulations go to **Skye E. (11T5)** and **Deliverance M. (11T5)** who jointly led their year, with **Eliandro M. (11T6)** securing third place. These pupils truly embody our school





## *Champion Tutor Group*

All tutor groups are given ranking points for House Point awards and Attendance. As we come to the end of our first time, we can finally announce that the tutor group of **8T8** are our Academy champions. **Well done Ms Gheorge**. 8T8 came 1<sup>st</sup> for House points and 7<sup>th</sup> for attendance given them a combined rank score of 8. 8T8 were closely followed by 9T7 who had a House points rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> and an attendance rank of 9<sup>th</sup>, giving them a combined rank score of 11. **Our champions for each year group were:**

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7T1	8T8	9T7	10T5	11T10
Mr Mathew and Ms Clapp	Ms Gheorge	Ms Buxton	Mr Belshaw	Ms Hussain





# Year 7

## Highlight of the Term

The Year 7s highlight was undoubtedly the enchanting Winter Ball, where students came together to celebrate in style. The evening was filled with music, games, laughter, and a wonderful sense of community, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

To cap off the term, our Celebration Assembly recognised the outstanding achievements of our students, showcasing their hard work, resilience, and dedication to their learning. It was a fantastic way to end the year on a high note and look forward to an exciting new term ahead!



## Start Student of the Term

Deborah O has made a great start to year 7, being a beam of light in all situations. Deborah has approached some challenging moments with resilience and determination. Has been treating her peers with kindness and respect and demonstrated significant progress in her learning. Keep it up Deborah!

## Upcoming events

Due to the amazing feedback from our Year 7s, we are planning to take additional students on a trip to our local church in the new year . Watch this space for more information .

Plans are also in motion for World Book Day [6<sup>th</sup> March] World and World maths day [26<sup>th</sup> March] .

**Ms Virtue-Haughton, Mr Haigh & Mrs Toone**





# Year 8

As the festive season approaches, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate the incredible achievements of our Year 8 students during their first term of the 2025/26 academic year. It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. Below, you'll find some of the key highlights that showcase the hard work and dedication of our students.

## Completing Their First Mock Exams

This term marked an important milestone for Year 8: their **first set of mock exams**. These assessments provided students with valuable experience in exam conditions and helped them understand the importance of preparation and resilience. We are proud of the effort and determination shown by all students during this process.

## Celebrating 100% Attendance

A special [congratulations](#) to those students who have maintained **100% attendance** throughout the term. Your commitment to being present every day sets a fantastic example for your peers and reflects your dedication to learning. Attendance is key to success, and these students have truly embraced that.

## Settling into the Main Site

Transitioning to the main site can be a big step, but our Year 8 students have handled it brilliantly. They have adapted to new routines, navigated a larger environment, and demonstrated maturity and independence. This smooth transition is a credit to their positive attitude and willingness to embrace change.

## Students Who Get It Right Every Day

We want to recognise those students who consistently **set high standards**, demonstrate excellent behaviour, and embody the values of Nottingham Academy. These students show that success is built on daily habits and a commitment to doing the right thing.





# Year 8

## **Winter Ball – Thursday 11th December**

One of the highlights of the term was the **Winter Ball**, held on Thursday 11th December. It was wonderful to see so many Year 8 students enjoying the evening, celebrating their hard work, and creating lasting memories with friends. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the event so special.

## **Sports Achievements**

This term has been packed with sporting events, including the **KS3 Cross Country competition at Wollaton Park**. Our students showed incredible determination and team spirit, representing Nottingham Academy with pride. Well done to all who participated—you are a credit to our school community.

## **Celebration Assembly: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

On the final Friday of term, we held our **Celebration Assembly** to recognise outstanding achievements. A huge shout-out to the winners of the **£50 Good Citizen Award** (three students) and those who received awards for **behaviour, attendance, and subject excellence**. Your hard work and positive contributions make our Year 8 community stronger every day.

## **Season's Greetings**

As we close this term, I want to thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your families a Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming our students back in January for another successful term!

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr J Samples (Head of Year)**

**Miss S Gordon (Deputy Head of Year)**





# Year 9

## Year 9 Autumn Term Newsletter – 2025

### Attendance Legends

Consistency pays off! Hats off to **Jbroen, Graham, Thywill, Mihaela, Charley, and Noah**, who have now achieved **over 400 days of perfect attendance** since Year 7. What an incredible commitment to learning!

### Trips & Adventures

This term, students enjoyed a fantastic **YMCA trip**. **Congratulations** to **Jaellise, Nardos, Reegan, Ashton, Alton, Ibrahim, RJ, and Lucas** for making the most of the experience – their enthusiasm shone through.

### Community Spirit

A special thank you to **Lathan and Taejuan**, who showed true leadership by helping to keep our school site clean after lunch. Their actions remind us that stepping up to put things right makes a real difference.

### Children in Need

Year 9 joined forces for **fundraising bake sales and events**, raising money for an amazing cause. Their creativity and generosity helped make the day a success.

### School Photo Day & Duke of Edinburgh Launch

- \* **10 October** brought excitement with **School Photo Day**, giving everyone the chance to shine.
- \* The **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** launched with a well-attended information evening at the Performance & Arts Centre. Parents and students gained valuable insight into the opportunities ahead.





# Year 9

## Sporting Highlights

### **Futsal Tournament – 17 October**

Our boys' team represented the Academy at Newark in the **GAT Futsal competition**. They played brilliantly, finishing **third place on goal difference**. Well done to **Ndenneh, Noah, Malik, Daevion, Ishmael, Senan, and Ollie!**

### **Basketball**

A proud debut for **Wiktor**, who made her first appearance for the Sixth Form Wildcats after a year of training.

### **Football**

Congratulations to **Leon**, whose excellent attendance, behaviour, and attitude to learning earned him tickets to see **Forest vs Leeds** at the City Ground. Even if he is a Liverpool fan, his achievement deserves celebration!

## Closing Note

From perfect attendance and community spirit to sporting triumphs and fundraising success, Year 9 has had a **memorable Autumn Term**. Their energy, resilience, and enthusiasm set a strong foundation for the rest of the school year.

**Mr Kuffour, Miss Buttler & Mr Atkinson**





# Year 10

## **A Fantastic First Term!**

What an incredible start to the academic year it has been! As the new Head of Year 10, I've had the privilege of spending time with this fantastic group of students and getting to know the many personalities that make our year group so unique. From the first day in September, I've been struck by their energy, sense of humour, and willingness to engage with school life. It's been a joy to see students stepping up to challenges, supporting one another, and showing resilience when things get tough.

This term has been all about building relationships and setting high expectations—and Year 10 have risen to the occasion. I'm genuinely excited about what lies ahead for the remainder of their time at school. Together, we'll continue to focus on academic success, personal growth, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

## **Sporting Achievements**

Year 10 have shown incredible talent and determination on the sports field this term:

- \* **Football:** Our boys' football team has had a brilliant run, reaching the third round of both the County Cup and the National Cup—a huge achievement! The team has demonstrated outstanding teamwork and commitment, with captain David M leading from the front.

**Squad shout-out:** David, Jack, Christ, Edmond, Presley, Kavel, Christian, Musa, Jake, Starls, Yosuf, Samuel, Lloyd, Jayan, and Blake.

We're excited to see what the next term brings under Mr Khehra's talented leadership.





# Year 10

- \* **Basketball:** Our Year 10 girls' basketball team brought home **silver medals at the County Tournament!** Their hard work and determination paid off, and we couldn't be prouder. **Congratulations to Rugie, Sierra, Aminatta, Ayishah, Kassidy, and Sienna,** you've set the bar high for next term!

- \* **Academic and Enrichment Highlights**

This term wasn't just about sports—our students have embraced opportunities to broaden their horizons:

- \* **Careers Fair – 24th November:** Students attended a fantastic event featuring local employers and education providers. They explored a wide range of career paths, apprenticeships, and post-16 options, gaining valuable insights into the world of work and higher education. Representatives from colleges, universities, and businesses shared advice on skills, qualifications, and future opportunities. Many students left feeling inspired and motivated to start planning their next steps.
- \* **Oxford University Trip – October:** A group of students visited **Magdalen College**, Oxford, where they experienced university life first-hand. They toured the historic campus, attended a Q&A session with current students, and learned about the application process and the importance of academic ambition. For many, this trip opened their eyes to the possibilities that lie ahead and reinforced the message that hard work can lead to incredible opportunities.
- \* **Enterprise Challenge – November:** Our budding entrepreneurs took part in an **Experian Data Day**, working collaboratively to solve real-world business challenges. Students were tasked with analysing data, creating solutions, and presenting their ideas to a panel. This was a brilliant opportunity to develop problem-solving, teamwork, and analytical skills—skills that will serve them well in any future career.





# Year 10

## **Holocaust Survivor Assembly – 28th November**

Our historians recently took part in a deeply meaningful assembly featuring a Holocaust survivor. The session explored:

- \* Life in Nazi Germany during the 1930s and 1940s.
- \* The events leading up to the Holocaust and its lasting impact.
- \* How prejudice, “othering,” and intolerance remain relevant issues today.

Students also examined contemporary examples of hate, including antisemitism, anti-LGBTQ discrimination, xenophobia, and the role of social media in spreading extremism. Hearing a survivor’s testimony was a powerful reminder of the importance of empathy, respect, and standing up against injustice. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and reflect on how these lessons apply to our world today. It was an unforgettable experience that will stay with them for years to come.

## **Looking Ahead**

**Barcelona Trip – April 2026:** Planning is well underway for our exciting trip to Barcelona! Students studying GCSE Spanish have secured an incredible **£9,200 in funding from the Nottingham Education Trust**—a testament to their hard work and commitment. This trip will include cultural experiences, language immersion, and visits to iconic landmarks such as La Sagrada Familia and Park Güell. Fundraising events will be announced soon, and a **Parent Information Evening** will take place early next term. This promises to be an unforgettable experience for all involved.





# Year 10

## **Year 10 Trip – A Christmas Carol at Nottingham College**

On Wednesday 10th December, 101 of our Year 10 students headed to Nottingham College to watch their fantastic adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The performance was lively and creative, giving students a fresh perspective on a text they'll soon be studying for their English Literature GCSE. It was great to see several of our former students performing on stage, and the visit also offered a brief glimpse into life at Nottingham College and some of the courses available there.

The trip was accompanied by Ms Geary, Mr Sammy, Ms Aujla, Ms Dogbe and Ms Taylor, and we were incredibly proud of the exceptional behaviour shown by all students throughout the day. A brilliant experience that combined festive fun with valuable learning!

## **Behaviour and Attitude**

One of the most impressive aspects of this term has been the **significant improvement in behaviour, attendance, and attitude to learning** across Year 10. Staff have commented on how much more focused and positive the year group is around school. Truancy has reduced, attendance is up, and students are showing a greater commitment to their studies. This progress reflects the hard work of students, parents, and staff—thank you for your continued support. Let's keep this momentum going into the spring term!

## **A Message to Parents and Students**

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support—it makes a huge difference. To our students: keep aiming high, keep supporting each other, and keep making us proud. This term has shown what you're capable of, and I can't wait to see what we achieve together in 2026!

**Ms Geary, Ms Banister and Mr Miller**





# Year 11

## Year 11 – End of Term Highlights

The Year 11s have had an **amazing start to their final year at Nottingham Academy!** It's been fantastic to see them rise to the challenge—attendance at interventions has increased, overall attendance is up, behaviour issues are down, and most importantly, grades are on the rise. We're also celebrating the success of many students who have already secured sixth form and college places, with even more having a clear plan for what they need to do to achieve their next steps.

### Special Mentions:

#### \* **Top Achievement Points:**

Aminah A – Most positive points in the year group

 Deliverance M – 2nd most positive points

 Wasif I – 3rd highest positive points

#### \* **Half term Intervention Champions:**

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Zain S (9 out of 9 sessions), Ben M, Shazman Q, and Hoshyar S (8 out of 9 sessions)

### PPE and Revision Books

Year 11 students demonstrated excellent focus and maturity during their October PPEs. Looking ahead to the next set of PPEs in February, the school has provided students with revision books for all subjects to ensure they have a comprehensive suite of resources to support their preparation. These books are on loan until the end of their exams, giving every student the tools they need to succeed.





# Year 11

## **Ideagen Trip**

This week, a small group of Year 11 students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Ideagen offices for a work insight experience. The day included a tour of the office, hands-on activities such as data coding for robots, and plenty of time to ask questions about careers in technology. Students were treated to delicious refreshments, including hot chocolates, pizza, and brownies, and even left with a festive selection box. Both Ideagen staff and our students gave glowing feedback about the visit. The team praised how well our students conducted themselves and engaged with the activities, while students described the experience as very enjoyable.

## **Looking Ahead**

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and enthusiasm shown by Year 11 this term. As we move into the new year, we encourage students to continue making the most of the support and resources available to them. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping every student achieve their best.

We would like to make you aware that Mrs S Cooke, our Senior Deputy Head of Year had been working closely with Mr Clarke to ensure that our Year 11s are receiving the very best pastoral care. If you need to make contact with the Academy regarding you son or daughter, please contact Mrs Cooke in the first instance. Important to note that Mrs Iwanejko is not in the Academy.

Of course, many more Year 11 students have had a brilliant term and will be recognised at our **Celebration Assembly on Friday 19th December**, where we'll reward this fantastic start to the year.

Wishing you all a joyful festive season and a successful New Year.

Mr Clarke & Mrs Cooke





# Year 11

## **Careers Fair**

This term, all Year 11 students attended our Careers Fair held in school. The event featured 30 providers, including universities, local companies, and training organisations. Students explored a wide range of pathways and spoke directly with experts to help them make informed decisions about their next steps after GCSEs. It was an excellent opportunity to gather advice and inspiration for future careers.

## **Careers Guidance**

Year 11 students have begun their Careers Guidance Meetings with either our in-house Careers Advisor, Ms Gretton, or representatives from Ideas4Careers. These one-to-one sessions focus on discussing Post-16 options, such as college courses, apprenticeships, and sixth form opportunities. The aim is to ensure every student feels supported in planning their future and securing places for next year.

## **Blood Brothers Trip**

At the start of this term, Year 11 students attended a live performance of Blood Brothers at the Theatre Royal. This trip was designed to enhance their understanding of the text, which is a key component of their GCSE English Literature studies. Experiencing the play on stage brought the characters and themes to life, providing valuable insight to support their exam preparation.

## **Holocaust Museum Assembly**

Year 11 Historians, alongside students from Years 10, 12, and 13, attended a powerful assembly hosted by the Holocaust Museum. The session explored the lessons we can learn from the Holocaust and its relevance in today's world. A particularly moving moment was hearing the story of Britain's youngest Holocaust survivor, who shared her experiences live via Teams. The assembly was emotional, poignant, and deeply important, reminding us all of the need for tolerance, understanding, and the value of human rights.





# *Sixth Form*

## **Sixth Form Christmas Newsletter**

This term has been an exciting and productive one for our Sixth Form. In September, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 12 students and meet everyone as they began their Sixth Form journey. At the same time, we welcomed back our Year 13 students as they embark on their final year with us.

The term began for Year 12 with an assembly from Into University, focusing on the transition from Level 2 to Level 3 and the support available to help them succeed. Alongside their academic studies, Year 12 students were introduced to our Reader Leader programme, which pairs them with Year 7 pupils to support reading. Training for this initiative took place in September, and the programme launched in November. It has been wonderful to see these partnerships develop, fostering a love of reading in younger students while giving Sixth Formers valuable mentoring experience.

Year 13 students started the year with a strong focus on UCAS and next steps preparation. Into University provided one-to-one support, and Ms Todd, Deputy Head of Year, worked closely with students to refine and submit applications. Interviews and offers are already coming in from universities, making this an exciting time for our students. A few of the offers include Pharmacy at Leicester De Montfort University, Neuroscience at The University of Nottingham, Journalism Studies at The University of Sheffield and Psychology at The University of Manchester. Alongside this, Year 13 completed their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) between 13th October and 7th November. These exams are an important opportunity for students to experience formal exam conditions and for teachers to identify areas where additional support may be needed.

This term also featured several key events. On 9th October, our Maths students took part in the Senior Maths Challenge, and on 10th October, Unifrog delivered an assembly highlighting the benefits of using the platform for careers research and support. Later in the term, all Sixth Form students attended the Nottingham Academy Careers Fair on 24th November, where they had the chance to meet employers and representatives from higher education institutions.





# *Sixth Form*

Year 12 students recently completed their first Sixth Form assessments during the week commencing 1st December, providing valuable insight into their progress and areas for improvement. On 12th December, Kooth delivered an assembly on wellbeing, reminding students of the importance of mental health and where to access support during the demands of Level 3 learning.

Our Basketball students have been coping with their studies alongside their sporting commitments. Our male teams have had an impressive run this term. The Development Team has secured 3 wins out of 4 in the Central Venue League (Under-18s), while the Performance Team sits proudly in third place in the College Basketball League with a strong 4-1 record. A special shoutout from the coach goes to Marvellous and Ethan for their continued improvement and resilience, and to Judah, who despite facing a second major injury, has remained positive and contributed by helping to coach the teams.

The female teams continue to shine. Our Development Programme welcomes a new coach, Shaniya Rose, an alumna who graduated from Sixth Form in 2021 and recently returned after completing her degree in the USA on a basketball scholarship. Under her guidance, the team played their first game this term and delivered an incredible 72-9 victory against Bilborough!

Meanwhile, the Performance Girls Team remains undefeated and heads into the Christmas break at the top of the Women's Elite Academy Basketball League, the only team yet to lose a game. We are incredibly proud of all our student athletes.

We ended the term on a high note with two important events on 16th December. Our Year 13 Progress Evening gave us the opportunity to meet with students and parents/carers to discuss their progress and next steps. Earlier that day, we held our end-of-term Celebration Assembly, recognising students who have worked incredibly hard or gone above and beyond in our Sixth Form community. It was a fantastic way to bring everyone together before the holidays.

The Sixth Form team wishes all our students and families a happy, healthy holiday.

**Ms Merrill**





# *Library*

What a busy time we've had in the Library this term!

We started off in September with Literacy week, there was lots of book recommendations shared linking to different subjects, we had our first Page Turners and read *The Landlady* by Roald Dahl in five parts across the day, Year 10 and 11 in particular, seemed to really enjoy being read to! Plus Year 7 & 8 were visited by author Ben Davis who talked to them in an assembly about his books, writing and inspiration.





# Library

Lots more lovely books have been added to the library catalogue since September, the new Manga has been very popular!

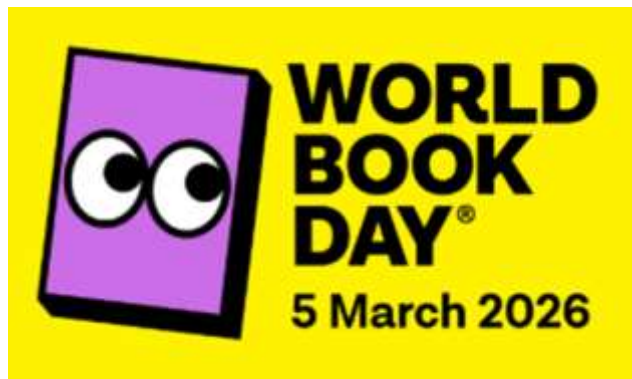




# *Library*

Last week we had another Page Turner, *The Ticking Funhouse* by Benjamin Dean a slightly festive spooky story set in a fun house, there will be another story next half-term.

Next term is also World Book Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> March as well as 2026 being the National Year of Reading. So get planning your costumes and keep reading.





# *Sports at Nottingham Academy*

## **Autumn Term Sports Round Up**

This term has been packed with exciting sporting action across football, basketball, athletics, and cross country. Our students have shown incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout every competition. Here are the key highlights:

### **🏈 Football 🏈**

- \* **Year 11 Boys:** Strong performances in the Nottingham Schools Tournament, finishing **1st in the qualifying rounds** to secure a place in the top league. They also competed in the County and National Cups, gaining valuable experience.



**Year 11 Boys Football**





## *Sports at Nottingham Academy*

### **Autumn Term Sports Round Up**

- \* **Year 10 Boys:** A standout term with big wins, including a **12–1 victory in the National Cup** and a **6–1 County Cup triumph**. They also performed well in the Nottingham Schools League, finishing with mixed results.



**Y10 Boys Football**

- \* **Year 9 Girls:** Despite a young squad, they finished **4th in the Nottingham Schools Tournament**—a fantastic achievement!



**Year 8 & 9 Girls Football**





# *Sports at Nottingham Academy*

## **Autumn Term Sports Round Up**

- \* **Year 9 Boys:** Faced tough competition but battled hard, finishing **5th overall** in the Nottingham Schools League. They also put in an impressive performance at the **GAT Futsal Tournament**, showing excellent sportsmanship and came **3<sup>rd</sup>** taking home **bronze medals**.



### **Year 9 boys Futsal**

- \* **Year 8 Girls & Boys:** Both teams showed great spirit in their cup fixtures, with the girls competing in the National Cup and the boys earning praise for their resilience in the County Cup.



### **Year 8 Boys Football**





# *Sports at Nottingham Academy*

## **Autumn Term Sports Round Up**

- \* **Year 7 Boys:** Made their debut in the Nottingham Schools League, securing their first win and gaining valuable experience for future rounds.



### **Year 7 Boys Football**

- \* **U14 Girls:** Competed in the National Cup, showing determination against strong opposition.





# Sports at Nottingham Academy

## Autumn Term Sports Round Up

### 🏆 Athletics & Cross Country 🏆

- \* **Year 8 Indoor Athletics:** After securing a place in the Shield finals the girls team came in **1<sup>st</sup>** and the boys team in **2<sup>nd</sup>**—an unbelievable effort from all those involved, well done team!



### Year 8 Girls Indoor Athletics



- \* **Cross Country:** A huge congratulations to all who represented the school at Wollaton Park. Special mention to **Justice (Y7)** for finishing **5<sup>th</sup> overall** and qualifying for the next stage.



### Cross Country





# *Sports at Nottingham Academy*

## Autumn Term Sports Round Up

### 🏀 Basketball 🏀

- \* **Year 11 Boys:** Reached the **Nottingham Schools Tournament Final**, taking home **silver medals**—a brilliant achievement!



**Year 11 Boys Basketball**

- \* **Year 10 Boys:** Dominated the Nottingham Schools competition, finishing as **champions and gold medal winners**.

**Year 10 Boys Basketball**





# *Sports at Nottingham Academy*

## **Autumn Term Sports Round Up**

- \* **Year 10 Girls:** Earned **silver medals** after a hard-fought tournament.



### **Year 10 Girls Basketball**

- \* **Year 9 Boys:** Also claimed **silver medals**, showcasing excellent teamwork and skill.





## *Sports at Nottingham Academy*

- \* Our Year 7 athletes represented the school brilliantly at the **GAT Indoor Athletics** event! Every student gave their best effort and showed fantastic teamwork and determination. The boys' team finished **5<sup>th</sup> overall**, while the girls' team achieved an impressive **4<sup>th</sup> overall**.



### **Year 7 Boys & Girls Indoor Athletics**

**Overall, it's been a fantastic term of sport at NAC!** Our students have demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and pride in representing the school. We look forward to more success in the new year!



# Attendance Matters

NOTTINGHAM ACADEMY

## Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days



## DID YOU KNOW?

When pupils attend school, they:

- ✔ Can achieve their full potential
- ✔ Have better career prospects
- ✔ Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- ✔ Grow in confidence
- ✔ Keep up with work and homework
- ✔ Make new friends

There are **365** days in a calendar year

**175** days are **not** spent at school\*

**\*So, there's plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments!**

RESPECT

ASPIRATION

PRIDE

# Attendance Matters

We are fortunate to work with the overwhelming support of parents who ensure that their children come to school every day and we thank-you for your support.

## Absences Procedure

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, a parent/carer must notify the attendance team before **8:15am, on every day of absence**. The absence line is: 0115 74834380 opt 1 or email [attendance@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:attendance@nottinghamacademy.org)

## Daily Absence Check

Each day registers will be thoroughly checked and if a student is absent and no communication has been received from yourself, then a phone call will follow from our attendance team. Please note all contact numbers that have been provided to the school will be used and a message will be left where necessary. We request that you return any calls/texts as soon as possible to ensure we are able to safeguard all students at all times.

## Welfare checks

A member of the attendance team may call at your home to discuss your child's absence if we have received no contact, if there is concern regarding attendance or the reason given for absence is not acceptable. This visit may be carried out unannounced.

## Punctuality

All students must arrive in school for 8:30am. Our morning registers open at 8:40am and will close at 9:10am. **If students arrive after 9:10am they will receive a U Code.** This is an unauthorised absence for the morning session and will impact on overall attendance.

## Persistent Absence

A student will be classed as a persistent absentee if they are absent for 10% of the time. This equates to 19 days over an academic year.

We review student attendance on a weekly basis, whether it be authorised or unauthorised absence. Early interventions will be put into place to support parents/carers and students so that school attendance improves. Our intention will always be to work in partnership with parents to support them to get their child to attend.

There is evidence which suggests that children who miss days 2, 3 or 4 days of the new term for unauthorised reasons have a predicted overall attendance for the year of only 55%. We want to reduce the chance of this happening by working with you and your child to remove any barriers that they might face. Please alert you're the year team as early as possible if you are struggling to get your child into school.

# Attendance Matters

## Penalty Notices

Changes to the national threshold for Penalty Notices will come into force in September 2024. A summary of all the changes are included on the next page.

In summary, if a student is absent from school for 10 unauthorised sessions, over a rolling 10 school week period, a Penalty Notice can be issued. A school day is made of 2 sessions - am and pm. Or in other words: 1 day of absence = 2 sessions of absence. That means 5 days of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period could result in a penalty notice. It is also important to note that being late to school in the morning (after falls under the unauthorised absence category and will be recorded as 1 session of absence.

Please note.

- Penalty Notices are a fine of £160 if paid within 28 days, £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second Penalty Notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.
- There is a national limit of 2 penalty notices to be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3<sup>rd</sup>, or subsequent offences, another tool will need to be considered such as prosecution or another attendance legal intervention.
- Fines are paid to the local authority – the academy does not receive that money.

## Family Holiday

Along with the government, we are trying to reduce the amount of school missed due to holidays and we hope that you will continue to support us by not planning a leave of absence during term time. **Leave will not be granted for family holidays unless under exceptional circumstances.** When a leave of absence has not been authorised, and if the absence exceeds a certain number of days, a referral will be made to Nottingham City Council for a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued.

Any referrals to the Education division, Education Welfare & EOTAS service for consideration of further action could result in a Penalty Notice, payable direct to the Local Authority. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority may instigate legal proceedings under section 444 (1) of the Education Act 1996. If found guilty of an offence under this Act, parents will receive a criminal record and could be fined up to £1000.

# *Attendance Matters*

## **Improving Attendance**

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance:

- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is.

If your child is unwell, try giving them medication before they leave for school. The following NHS guidance gives some advice on whether your child is too ill to attend <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

- Avoid taking any holidays during term time. Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised.
- Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members.
- Avoid medical appointments during school hours. If this is unavoidable ensure your child attends school either before or after the appointment.

If you are worried about your child/children's attendance and require further support, please contact the school's attendance team

## **The Attendance Team**

Mrs J Bigwood – Senior Deputy Principal

Mrs M Bradshaw – Attendance Officer (years 7 and 8)

Mrs K Winfield – Attendance Officer (years 9, 10 and 11)

# *Free School Meals/ Parentpay*

**Please send any parentpay or Free school meal queries through to :**

**[lunchenquires@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:lunchenquires@nottinghamacademy.org)**

## **CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

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Nottingham Secondary Academy will send Supermarket E-Vouchers for the value of £50 per child to parents via email. Please check with reception that your E-mail address is up to date and correct otherwise unfortunately we will be unable to send these out. Any queries please contact us on :

**[lunchenquires@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:lunchenquires@nottinghamacademy.org)**

If you think your child may be entitled to FSM but currently do not receive them please enquire at: **[Pupil.Benefits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:Pupil.Benefits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)** or visit the Nottingham City Council website for more information.

For further information see the below contact details.

If you, or a young person you support are struggling, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Call: 0115 883 3540 – Day time**

**Email: [playandyouth@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:playandyouth@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)**

For further information and details of activities, please go to:

**[www.earlyhelpnottingham.org.uk](http://www.earlyhelpnottingham.org.uk)**

**[www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/playandyouth](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/playandyouth)**

**[www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/childrenscentres](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/childrenscentres)**

# We All Need A Little Support



Christmas can be a great time, but it can also be a hard time. If you are struggling, please reach out.

Here are some support networks you can access anytime but especially over the Christmas period.

## Sources of Support

- \* Nott Alone - <https://nottalone.org.uk/> Local mental health advice and help for young people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Contains links to a range of Nottingham based services and online support videos v Kooth <https://www.kooth.com/> Mental health support for Young People
- \* Young Minds <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> Mental health support for young people and parents
- \* Cruse <https://www.cruse.org.uk/> Bereavement support
- \* Harmless <https://harmless.org.uk/> Support for self harm
- \* CGL <https://www.changegrowlive.org/> support and advice around drug use Other sources of support
- \* Mind -0300 1233393
- \* Shout – Text ‘SHOUT’ to 85258
- \* Papyrus – 0800 0684141 (suicide support)
- \* CAHMS Crisis – 0800 1707055
- \* Refuge (domestic abuse helpline 0808 20005000

The Nottingham Academy Safeguarding team can be contacted on [safeguarding@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:safeguarding@nottinghamacademy.org)

If you believe that a child is at immediate risk and in need of protection then you should call the Police - **999** immediately.

For out of School Hours contact Children's Social Care (if the child or young person lives in Nottingham city) **0115 876 4800 (operational Monday to Friday at 8:30 am to 5:00 pm)**

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/children-and-families/nottingham-city-safeguarding-children-board/worried-about-a-child/>

NSPCC Free Helpline :

**0808 800 5000**



# NottAlone

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How are  
you, really?

Are you feeling  
worried, anxious,  
low or have any other  
strong feelings?  
You are not alone.

NottAlone is here for  
young people just  
like you, to help with  
anything that could  
be impacting your  
mental health.



Local mental health advice & help  
for young people in Nottingham and  
Nottinghamshire, all in one place.  
visit [nottalone.org.uk](https://nottalone.org.uk)



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## Mental health advice for young Muslims

Check out faith-friendly information, shaped by the voices of young Muslims and created in partnership with Muslim Youth Helpline.

Young Minds

Keeping you and your family well this winter - December 2024 - page 2



## Are you a Young Carer?



A young carer is someone aged 25 and under who cares for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without their support. Find out more about what support is available in Nottingham:

[Young Carers Notts](#)

## What's on in Nottingham? Holiday Activities

To find out about activities in your area over the Christmas holidays go to Ask Lion:

[Ask Lion](#)



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## Gloji teens Healthy lifestyle & weight management programme

The perfect opportunity for you to build healthy habits and have fun, whilst making sustainable, positive changes to your lifestyle

### Workshops

Over 12-weeks, we'll explore practical strategies for making positive, healthy lifestyle changes. Through discussions and activities, we aim to equip you with the tools, self belief and confidence to take control of your health and well-being!

### Topics include:

- Goal setting and habits
- Finding the balance; keeping full & energised
- Anxiety, body image and self confidence
- Discovering what works for you (portion sizes, environment & exercise)
- Inside our food (sugars, sweeteners & ultra processed foods)
- Diet culture & myth busting
- Hunger, fullness & emotional eating
- Sleep & screentime
- Healthy hydration
- Eating out, socialising & takeaways
- Self management, boundaries & managing setbacks

### Group activities

Whether it's boxing, gym sessions, dance, yoga, or cooking, you'll discover new ways to stay active and energised whilst having a great time in a supportive environment.

0115 6485724

hello@thrivingnottingham.org.uk  
www.thrivingnottingham.org.uk

Want to find out more? Get in touch...

## Where to go for sexual health services in Nottingham

### SH:24

Sexual health 24 hours a day - free, discreet, confidential

[Website](#)

### Sexual Health Services Nottingham and Nottinghamshire -Under 25s



[Website](#)

### Free Condoms - an update

Recently the C Card scheme in Nottingham has ended. To ensure young people can continue to access free condoms in Nottingham City, the Children's Public Health 0-19 Nursing Service will be restarting the MyCard scheme. This works in a similar way to C Card where young people aged 13 - 19 years can sign up via their school nurse. You will go through a registration process and following that, you can pick up condoms during your school drop-in or request to pick up using the Texthealth service (see page 1).



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CARD

If you would like more information about our service or when our nurse drop-in is in your school, please go to our website [Website](#)

# Feel Good Holiday Club

**THE RENEWAL TRUST**  
Helping communities grow



**Monday 22 December and Tuesday 23 December**  
**10am to 2pm**

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park, Carlton Road NG3 2AS

Join The Renewal Trust and friends for Feel Good Christmas holiday fun  
Multi sports, cycling, Lego, arts and crafts and more - Lunch is provided

**Sessions for ages 5 to 12**

**Free** - book your space using your vouchers from school

Sessions open to families who are eligible for free school meals

To find out more call 0115 911 2226 or email [enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk)



**Nottingham City**  
FREE FOR ALL FOOD

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## Feel Good Breakfast

**THE RENEWAL TRUST**  
Helping communities grow

**Cherry Lodge**

**Monday 22 December**  
**Tuesday 23 December**

**9am to 10am**

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park  
Carlton Road, NG3 2AS

Join us over half term for breakfast  
with cereal, toast, fruit, hot and cold  
drinks and more

**Free** - no need to book, just drop in  
Everyone welcome!

To find out more call 0115 911 2226  
or email [enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk)



## Carols around the Christmas Tree



**Sunday 21 December, 10:30am**

**Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park**  
Carlton Road NG3 2AS

Join Church@Community for carols around the Christmas Tree - make a  
Christingle and enjoy a hot drink and a mince pie. No need to book just turn up!

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# Nottingham Academy

## Nottingham Academy – Behaviour For Learning Policy: A Parent’s Guide

### Welcome

At Nottingham Academy, we work in partnership with families to help every student feel safe, respected, and motivated to succeed. This guide outlines our key behaviour expectations and how you can support your child’s success.

### Our Core Values

We promote three simple values across the school:

- **Aspiration** – Aim high and believe in success
- **Pride** – Take care in appearance, work and attitude
- **Respect** – Treat others and the environment with kindness

### The 6 Everyday Expectations

We expect all students to:

1. **Be In School On Time** Arrive by your designated start time, and never be late to lessons.
2. **Be Smart and Sharp** Wear correct school uniform properly all day.
3. **Bring Full Table Service** Be equipped: 2 black pens, 1 green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, and a school bag.
4. **Respect the School Environment** No littering, graffiti, chewing gum, or damage to property.
5. **Follow Instructions First Time, Every Time** No answering back or ignoring staff.
6. **Be in the Right Place, at the Right Time, Doing the Right Thing** Move sensibly between lessons, stay focused in class, and follow school routines.

### Uniform – Be “Smart and Sharp”

#### Required Uniform

- **Black blazer** with school logo (worn at all times unless told otherwise)
- **White shirt** – fully buttoned and tucked in
- **Academy tie** – tied properly, showing full stripes
- **Black trousers**
- **Black footwear** (all black) Coats can be worn but must be removed at the start of lessons

#### Outerwear

- **No hoodies, denim or sports jackets**
- Coats can be worn but must be removed at the start of lessons

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Students are also regularly recognised in:

- **Star of the Week, Form Champion**
- **Half-termly awards** for attendance, conduct, and academic growth
- **End-of-year award ceremonies**

## **Sanctions – When Expectations Aren't Met**

We aim for consistency and fairness. If a student misbehaves:

- They may receive a **prompt** and **warning** in lesson
- They may be removed to the **remove room**

They may be **suspended** or placed in the **Behaviour Reflection Centre** in serious cases

We always believe in **fresh starts** – students are welcomed back to class with a clean slate.

## **SEND Support and Reasonable Adjustments**

We are fully inclusive and make adjustments where needed:

- Support passes for sensory or emotional needs
- Adjusted uniform rules for sensory sensitivities
- Personalised strategies on each student's SEND profile

Staff trained in SEMH, Autism, and inclusive behaviour strategies

If your child needs extra support, we encourage early communication with their Tutor or SENDCo.

## **Behaviour Outside School**

Students must always represent the Academy positively. Poor behaviour on the way to/from school may result in school sanctions.

## **Working Together**

We believe that **strong routines and clear communication** between home and school help every child thrive. Your support helps us provide the best education and pastoral care possible.

If you ever have questions, worries, or just want to check in – we're always here to listen.

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## Not Allowed

- Facial piercings or excessive makeup
- False nails/nail varnish
- Non-uniform items
- Phones, smartwatches, or headphones seen or heard during the day

If uniform rules are not followed, students may be sent home to change, issued a loan item, or placed in the **Behaviour Reflection Centre**.

If there's a problem, please contact us – we can help.

## Rewards and Recognition

We love to recognise and reward positive behaviour, effort, and consistency. Students are celebrated for:

- **Golden Tickets** – awarded in every lesson for great effort and attitude
- **Caught Being Great** – public praise for doing the right thing
- **Tutor Basics Check** – recognition for correct uniform and equipment every day
- **Citizenship stamps** – recorded in planners every Monday
- **House Points** – earned through all of the above to contribute to termly competitions and The House Cup

## Attendance and Punctuality Streak Awards

- Students with **2 full weeks of 100% punctuality and attendance** are entered into a raffle draw for **£10 vouchers**
- Those with long-term streaks and perfect records are invited to exclusive **celebration events**, including:
  - **Executive Principal's 100% Attendance Party**
  - **Year group recognition assemblies**
  - **House celebrations**




# Nottingham Academy

## Key Changes at a Glance – Nottingham Academy Behaviour For Learning Policy




### **Uniform Expectations (Updated)**

- Head scarves worn for religious reasons should be black or white
- No purple jumpers for year 7 anymore. All pupils to have black blazer with Academy logo

### **Punctuality and Attendance Rewards (NEW)**





-  2-week attendance streak = entered into prize draw for £10 vouchers
-  100% attendance = invited to exclusive celebration events
-  Form and House competitions now include punctuality streaks

### **More Recognition, More Rewards**

-  New Token Store for daily positive choices (NEW)
-  “Caught Being Great” and “Golden Tickets” logged via Arbor every lesson
-  Tutor Basics Checks reward students for being ready to learn

 Citizenship stamps & Academic Achievement Points added to planners (NEW)

### **New Detention System (Clearer & Faster)**

-  Late to school after 8.45: 30-minute same-day lunchtime detention
-  Severe Late to school after 8.45 → 9.00: Break time and 30-minute same-day lunchtime detention
-  Behaviour issue? → 30-minute lunchtime detention the following school day
-  Serious or repeated issues? → 90-minute SLT detention every Friday after school or placed in our Behaviour Reflection Centre or Fixed-Term suspension

# Nottingham Academy

## Late to School

- After 9am our children are given an unauthorised attendance code, a 'U' code

## Why Being on Time Matters

At Nottingham Academy, we believe that **every minute counts** when it comes to your child's education. Here's why punctuality is so important:

## Start the Day Right

Arriving on time helps students settle in, feel calm, and be ready to learn from the very first bell.

## No Missed Learning

The beginning of the day often includes key instructions, discussions, and activities. Being late means missing out!



## Builds Life Skills

Punctuality teaches responsibility, time management, and respect—skills that benefit students far beyond the classroom.



## Boosts Confidence

Walking in late can be stressful. Being on time helps your child feel confident and prepared.



## Supports the Whole Class



When everyone arrives on time, lessons can start smoothly and without disruption.



Let's work together to help every student succeed—starting with a punctual start to the day!

## Pastoral and safeguarding support

If you are concerned about the safety of child over the holidays you can access support via the NSPCC Free Helpline **0808 800 5000**. If you believe that a child is at immediate risk and in need of protection then you should call the Police - **999** immediately.

A member of the safeguarding team will also be on duty on weekdays throughout the holidays and can be contacted on [safeguarding@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:safeguarding@nottinghamacademy.org)

There are also other sources of support on the safeguarding section of our web-site <https://www.nottinghamacademy.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-resources-and-advice>

## **Contact Nottingham Secondary Academy**

**Executive Principal:** *Mrs J Elbaz*

Email: [jelbaz@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:jelbaz@nottinghamacademy.org)

**SEN Coordinator:** *Mrs B Morrison*

Email: [bmorrison@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:bmorrison@nottinghamacademy.org)

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** *Miss N Brown*

Email: [nbrown@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:nbrown@nottinghamacademy.org)

**PA to Executive Principal :** *Mrs T Goldby* Email: [tgoldby@nottinghamacademy.org](mailto:tgoldby@nottinghamacademy.org)

### **Main site (KS3 & KS4)**

Nottingham Academy

Greenwood Road

Nottingham

NG3 7EB

### **The Bridge (KS3 & KS5)**

Nottingham Academy

Sneinton Boulevard

Nottingham

NG2 4GL

### **Stay up to date**

Our website is regularly updated with key contact and safeguarding information. Arbor is also available to every parent. Please contact reception for you login details.

### **Contact Information**

It is vital that the information we hold is kept up to date. In an emergency, we need to be able to get hold of you. Please ensure Reception is informed should any of your details change.



## Key Dates

<b>Friday 19th December</b>	<b>Beak up for Christmas 1:20pm</b>
<b>Monday 5th January 2026</b>	<b>Inset day —Teacher Training</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th January 2026</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
<b>Monday 2nd February 2026</b>	<b>Year 11 PPE 2</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd February 2026</b>	<b>Compulsory Period 6 Starts (3:05pm—4:05pm)</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd April</b>	<b>Year 11 Parents Exam Information Evening (5:00pm—6:00pm)</b>
<b>Monday 27th April</b>	<b>Languages Speaking Exam Window</b>
<b>Thursday 7th May—Wednesday 24th June</b>	<b>Official GCSE Examination Window</b>



*Wishing you all a safe an wonderful Christmas Break!*

