



# Nottingham Academy Secondary

## Weekly Bulletin—Friday 23/01/2026

### Highlights of the week:

**Year 7:** Year 7 took part in an impactful assembly centred on what it means to belong at Nottingham Academy, and how every student contributes to our inclusive school community. The session emphasised the importance of celebrating diversity and showing respect and tolerance for everyone. Students were reminded that NAC is a place where everyone is valued for who they are.

**Year 8:** A huge congratulations to the students who competed in the Year 8 Basketball League Tournament this week. The team showed outstanding determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. We are incredibly proud to announce that they qualified for the Nottinghamshire Finals, an excellent achievement that reflects their hard work and commitment both in training and on the court. Well done to all involved, you represented the school brilliantly!

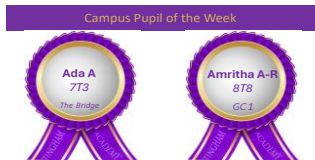
**Year 9:** We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our Year 9 Progress Evening. The event provided valuable opportunities for families to speak with staff and celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students. A special thank you to Mr Collishaw for delivering an informative presentation on the Year 9 Options process. Families expressed great appreciation for the clarity and guidance provided. We are thrilled to recognise a group of pupils who have shown exceptional commitment by achieving a 10% or more improvement in attendance compared to this time last year. Your effort and determination are truly commendable!

**Year 10:** Our highlight of the week comes from Ms Hutchison's English class, where the attitude to learning has been particularly impressive. Pupils demonstrated excellent focus, positive behaviour and a strong commitment to their work throughout the lesson.

**Year 11:** This week marked the second round of student interviews for Nottingham Academy Sixth Form. Many prospective students took part and performed exceptionally well. Every student should feel incredibly proud of their achievements.

**Sixth Form:** On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, a representative from the University of Nottingham visited our Year 13 students to deliver a 'Study Skills 101' workshop. The session offered valuable strategies and guidance of which the students appreciated to help prepare them for their important final year of examinations.

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



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

**Year 7: Sajeel N - A** Great week for Rufford House as Sajeel has contributed over 400 house points this week alone. Keep up the great work Sajeel!!

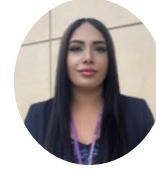
**Year 8: Taliyah R - T** Taliyah has shone out this week for having some wonderful feedback from teachers of how amazing she is, she is a credit to the year group. Well done, Taliyah!

**Year 9: Natalie D, Huzifa M and Nahal M -** These students have made a remarkable improvement in their attendance, your dedication sets a strong example for the whole year group. Well done!

**Year 10: Daniella P, Sidney B, Aminatta C, Mariam S and Lily T -** All five pupils spoke wonderfully during a recent Pupil Voice session, showing confidence, maturity and real thoughtfulness in the way they shared their views. They represented their peers exceptionally well and truly did us proud. Their contribution had a real impact, and their honesty and insight even left Ms Banister feeling quite emotional. Well done to each of you for being such positive ambassadors for the school.

**Year 11: Calum B - C** Callum won who a £20 prize through a random name draw. The draw included all students who have attended an after-school intervention session in 2026. Well done, Calum!

**Sixth Form: Aneeqa R - A** Aneeqa has made a fantastic start to Sixth Form. Her attendance is excellent, she makes highly effective use of her independent study periods, and she demonstrates a hardworking and focused approach. These qualities have meant that she has achieved exceptional results in her first Pre-Public Examinations (PPE's). Keep it up Aneeqa!



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

*"Successful people demonstrate their resilience through their dedication to making progress every day, even if that progress is marginal."*

Jonathon Mills

**Wishing our amazingly talented NAC Girls Basketball Team all the best in the Under 18s National Cup Final at the University of Worcester tomorrow! We are so proud of you all and your world class coach Siobhan Prior!! Come on NAC! 🎉**

### Upcoming events:

**Year 7:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026: A selection of Year 7 students will take part in the year groups first residential trip this year. Students will be going to Ilam Hall in the Peak District. Students will be connecting to the outdoors through hands-on, mindful and creative activities. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026: Year 7 Progress Evening – Further details will be sent nearer the time.

**Year 8:** Year 8 Progress Evening – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

This evening is an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with subject teachers and discuss their child's progress. It provides a chance to celebrate successes, identify areas for development, and understand how students can continue to make strong progress through the year.

More information regarding booking appointments will be shared closer to the date.

We are pleased to announce plans for a Year 8 residential trip, which will offer students the chance to take part in an exciting expedition away from school. This experience will focus on teamwork, resilience, and personal development. Places on the trip will be offered as a reward for good behaviour and attendance, further details to follow soon.

**Year 9:** UK Maths Challenge – Starts Next Week!

Our most able mathematicians in Year 9 will be taking part in the UK Maths Challenge, a prestigious nationwide competition.

Preparation sessions begin shortly, and we are excited to support our students as they take on this challenge and showcase their talents.

**Year 10:** Year 10 Progress Evening - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. This evening is a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to meet with teachers to discuss progress, strengths and next steps at a crucial point in the GCSE journey. It also provides a chance to ask questions and gain advice on how best to support your child both in school and at home. We strongly encourage all Year 10 families to attend and look forward to welcoming you.

**Year 11:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026: Year 11 students will begin their Pre-Public Examinations (PPE's).

They have been working extremely hard in preparation, and we are confident that their effort and commitment will lead to great results.

**Sixth Form:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026: We are looking forward to welcoming Councillor David Mellen into our Sixth Form. He will be joining us to discuss key community issues and engage with our students about the importance of local involvement.

### Whole School Information:

#### Parent/Carer View

Parents/Carers are very important stakeholders - we would love to hear your views! Please click the link below with a chance of **winning one of three £50 prizes**.

**Link: [PARENT SURVEY](#) Share your views and be in with a chance of winning 1 of 3 x £50 prizes! – Fill in form**

#### 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