



Nottingham Academy Secondary

Weekly Bulletin—Friday 30/01/2026

Highlights of the week:

Year 7: This week we launched The Voice Box, a new way for students to share their ideas, opinions and concerns about school life. It's a place to celebrate what's going well and suggest what could be even better, whether that's lessons, breaktimes, facilities, clubs or anything else about school. The Voice Box will help staff understand what students really think and make sure every voice is heard.

Year 8: A massive thank you to all parents, students and staff for supporting Year 8 students in achieving the best overall attendance across the school this week! As a result of this brilliant achievement, Year 8 students were rewarded with being first in the lunch line, a well-deserved recognition of their commitment and effort. Let's keep the momentum going!

Year 9: Our amazing basketball teams were in action this week with fantastic results. The girls reached the finals, narrowly losing in a closely contested game, while the boys won the 3rd & 4th place playoff to finish 3rd overall. We continue to produce highly competitive basketball teams, and we are incredibly proud of all the students who represented the school with commitment and sportsmanship.

Year 10: Year 10 attendance has shown a clear improvement this half term. It's great to see students showing increased commitment to being in school and engaging fully with their learning. Thank you to families for your continued support in helping students maintain strong attendance.

Year 11: It has been fantastic to see such strong attendance at the Year 11 intervention sessions this week, as students continue their preparation for the upcoming PPEs starting on Friday 30 January 2026. The turnout has been excellent, and we are confident that this level of commitment will lead to outstanding results.

Sixth Form: This week we welcomed Councillor David Mellan into our Sixth Form Centre. He spoke with our students about his work within the local community and the wider impact that politics has on daily life. It was fantastic to see students stay behind afterwards to ask further questions.

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: Esraa D - nominated for displaying excellent leadership, teamwork and problem-solving skills. On top of this Esraa has managed to earn 6 golden tickets and several house points for Rufford this week. Keep up the greatness Esraa!!

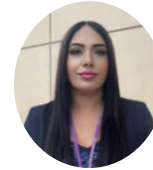
Year 8: Olivia Anne P - for her fantastic contribution to the GAT Basketball Trust event. Olivia stepped up to represent the Year 9 team, playing above her age group and showcasing outstanding skill, teamwork and determination. Her efforts helped the team secure an impressive 2nd place overall. A huge well done, Olivia — we are incredibly proud of you!

Year 9: Kalaib T - Kalaib has continued to impress us with his diligence and strong work ethic. He is always the first to volunteer, consistently supporting both his peers and staff. His positive attitude and willingness to help make him a pleasure to work with.

Year 10: Merhawi G - Merhawi has achieved the most positive points in the year group so far this half term, reflecting his hard work, consistent effort, and excellent behaviour in every lesson. Merhawi always arrives prepared, focused and ready to learn, and he takes real pride in presenting himself in smart, sharp uniform every day. He is a fantastic role model for others—well done, Merhawi!

Year 11: Isa H - This week, we are delighted to recognise that Isa is an exceptionally kind and considerate young man who consistently demonstrates maturity and positivity. He regularly checks in on others, attends every intervention session, maintains 100% attendance, and has zero lates and zero negatives. A truly commendable role model for his peers.

Sixth Form: Nolita M (Year 12) - Nolita is always positive, arriving early, supporting the Sixth Form team, and giving her time to volunteer in a Year 7 maths class. She also recently created an excellent video, sharing her tips for success for Year 11 students as they prepare for their final GCSE year.



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

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Upcoming events:

Year 7: Ilam Hall residential visit: Wednesday 11th February 2026 to Friday 13th February 2026. A selection of Year 7 students will take part in the year groups first residential trip this year, students will be connecting to the outdoors through hands-on, mindful and creative activities.

Progress Evening: Thursday 19th March 2026. More details to follow soon regarding booking your time slots with teachers.

Year 8: Parents' Evening – Thursday 5th March 2026 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. We look forward to welcoming you to our Year 8 Parents' Evening. This will be an important opportunity to:

- Discuss your child's progress across all subjects
- Review strengths, next steps and targets
- Meet with classroom teachers
- Ask any questions about curriculum, behaviour or support.

Booking information will be shared shortly, so please keep an eye on your emails and school communications.

Year 9: Vaccinations (DTP/ACWY) Thursday 5th February 2026: Students will be bringing home consent forms, thank you to those parents who have consented already. Please ensure you sign the consent form to opt in/out and return the form back to school asap.

Year 10: Progress Evening – Thursday 5th February 2026 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. This is an important opportunity to meet teachers and discuss progress for the year so far. The link has been sent to you to start booking your appointment slots with teachers. A big thank you to sixth form who will be present on the night for any of your queries/questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Loughborough University Sports Trip: Next week, Mr. Samples will be taking students on an exciting visit to Loughborough University. The trip will give students the chance to explore world-class sports facilities and gain insight into further opportunities in sport and further education.

Year 11: Year 11 PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) begin on Friday 30 January 2026. The Year 11 team would like to wish all students the very best of luck — you have worked incredibly hard, attending tutor time intervention will pay off and we know you will all be amazing.

Sixth Form: Our Sixth Form team will be available during the Year 10 Progress Evening on Thursday 5th February 2026, we look forward to meeting students and parent to answer any questions about Level 3 study options, academic pathways, and what life in Sixth Form is like.

Parent Padlet Launch

To support our families, we have launched a Parent Padlet, giving easy access to helpful websites and articles. These are aimed at parents to support your child to be happy, healthy and informed. We will continue to update this with relevant and useful content. The Parent Padlet can also be accessed through the parent section of our school website.



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**