



Nottingham Academy Secondary

Weekly Bulletin—Friday 13/03/2026

Highlights of the week:

Year 7: There's a real buzz around the Bridge Campus as we get ready for the 100% Attendance Reward Event in the final two weeks of this term. Students with perfect attendance will be entered into daily prize draws, with chances to win exciting rewards each day.

Adding to the excitement, we've also announced our end-of-year reward trip to Alton Towers! The news has spread quickly, and students are already talking about the rides and celebrations ahead.

With daily prizes and a big trip on the horizon, the atmosphere around school has never been more excitable!

Year 8: This week saw a brilliant turnout at the PGL fundraising event held in the PAC during break and lunch. Students had the opportunity to purchase sweet treats, and the atmosphere was incredible, full of excitement and anticipation for the upcoming trip. A huge shoutout to Mrs Swinscoe and Mrs Gordon, who planned and led the event. Thanks to their hard work, and the generosity of our students, we raised valuable funds to support the PGL residential. The buzz around the event was a real highlight of the week!

Year 9: Our Year 9 boys' football team deserve a massive shout-out after winning their recent Football Tournament! This victory is especially impressive after a tough start to the season and a few narrow misses earlier in the year. Their teamwork, resilience, and commitment have really paid off. We are so proud of every single one of them, well done, boys!

Year 10: A real highlight of the week came when a group of Year 10 students worked alongside doctors from the University of Nottingham on a research project exploring the number and impact of fast-food and takeaway outlets in the local area. Students thoroughly enjoyed taking part and gained insight into how academic research is carried out, making the experience both enjoyable and genuinely valuable.

Year 11: Today, Friday 12th March 2026, we held our final mock results day. It was wonderful to see so many students feeling proud of their achievements and recognising the hard work they have put in over the term. Keep up the studying Year 11, as this will positively impact your summer exam results.

Sixth Form: We must acknowledge our amazing female basketball team, who delivered an outstanding performance in the semi-finals on Wednesday 11th March. Although the game ended with a narrow defeat by just a couple of points, their resilience and skill kept us on the edge of our seats right to the end. They showcased incredible teamwork and determination, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. Our male squad also delivered a strong performance on the same day. They played Leeds, finishing their match with a hard-fought draw that proved enough to secure promotion to Colleges Basketball League 2. Their hard work across the season has paid off, well done! We are proud of you all!

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



Year 7: Lola E - Lola has managed to earn well over 400 house points for Rufford House this week. Earning herself 3 golden tickets from her Spanish, Science and Drama lessons. Lola has been caught being great on multiple occasions and has been consistently organised with her full table service and uniform topping up her house points for the week. An absolute superstar, keep it up Lola!

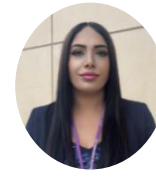
Year 8: Student Ambassadors – A huge thank you to our 10 students who were chosen to be our "Student Ambassadors" this week. These students were based at the front of reception gaining work experience, acting as fantastic role models and supporting staff with a range of administrative tasks. Their professionalism, positivity and teamwork have been outstanding, and they represented the year group with pride.

Year 9: Zainab R – Zainab has earned the most positive house points this week! Zainab has climbed back to the top spot for the first time since Year 8, and we are incredibly proud of her hard work and determination. Keep shining, Zainab!

Year 10: Community Languages students – All these students have impressed us this week with their outstanding performance in their speaking exams. Their confidence and preparation were clear to see, and it's wonderful to see them earning an additional qualification that will support their progress as they look ahead to year 11 and their applications for post-16 studies. We are very proud of their achievements. Well done!

Year 11: Malak A-I - Malak has been outstanding throughout this academic year. Her attendance, punctuality, and academic progress have all shown remarkable improvement. She has also maintained an excellent behaviour record with zero classroom detentions, which is fantastic. We are excited to see how this dedication is reflected in her upcoming GCSE results!

Sixth Form: Sumaiyah M – Sumaiyah has shown us continued effort and commitment to learning which is exceptional. She uses all her independent time to study and prepare for her future. This week she has found out that this determination has resulted in an offer from The University of Nottingham to study medicine. Well done Sumaiyah. We are proud of you!



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"You cannot dream of becoming something you do not know about. You must learn to dream big. Education exposes you to what the world has to offer, to the possibilities open to you."

Sonia Sotomayor

Upcoming events:

Year 7: Year 7 Progress Evening date change to Thursday 26th March 2026 (to support staff and pupils clash with Eid) – sorry for the inconvenience. The Year 7 Progress Evening offers an opportunity to discuss your child's learning, celebrate achievements, and explore how we can continue supporting their progress. Further details, including timings and booking information has been emailed and sent home.

Thursday 16th April 2026 – We will be hosting a Charity Bake Sale in support of Miss Crampton's Macmillan fundraising hike. All donations and bakes are warmly appreciated, and every contribution makes a difference.

Year 8: PGL Residential - Monday 17th June 2026 to Wednesday 19th June 2026. We are eagerly counting down to our Year 8 residential to Caythorpe Court. More details will be sent out closer to the date, but please ensure consent and medical forms are completed.

Year 8 Celebration Assembly: Friday 27th March 2026 - Performing Arts Centre We look forward to celebrating the achievements, progress and positive contributions of all our students over the last term. Families will receive further information shortly.

Year 9: Keep an eye out for a letter coming your way soon!

We're thrilled to announce that our Year 9 Residential Trip will take place this July 2026 at: PGL Dearne Valley, Denaby Main, Conisbrough. This will be an amazing opportunity for students to:

- Build resilience
- Boost self-confidence
- Take on exciting outdoor challenges
- Create brilliant memories with friends

It promises to be an action-packed adventure; we expect it to be very popular!

Year 10: The year 10 "Work Experience Programme" was launched this week, creating a buzz across the year group. Students can now begin sourcing placements in areas that interest them or relate to their future career aspirations, choosing either the week beginning Monday 6th July 2026 or Monday 13th July 2026. They were given all the necessary forms in school, and once they have secured a placement, the details need to be uploaded to Unifrog. Students are reminded to keep in mind that the Alton Towers trip takes place on Friday 17th July 2026 to avoid any clashes when arranging their placements.

Year 11: We are excited to announce that on **Friday 27th March**, our Year 11 students will enjoy a live performance of *Romeo and Juliet* by five professional actors from the Nottingham Shakespeare Company. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the play in action and deepen their understanding of key scenes and quotes ahead of their summer exam. We hope they enjoy the performance and recognise what a brilliant opportunity this is for their learning'.

Year 11 Prom – Payment Deadline Approaching (Don't miss out)!

A reminder that the deadline for the Year 11 prom payments is Tuesday 31st March. Please ensure your deposit is paid by this date to secure your child's place, we wouldn't want any students missing out on what promises to be a spectacular evening!

Sixth Form: Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 24th March 2026.

We always hold an end of term assembly where we all enjoy celebrating and recognising all our amazing students for their hard work, progress, and positive contributions this term.

Whole School

New mobile phone policy attached, due to recent government guidance on a full ban on students' use of mobile phones, in all schools from April 1st 2026.

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