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Nottingham Academy Secondary
Weekly Bulletin—Friday 09/10/2026

Highlights of the week:

Year 7: The Year 7 football team have had an incredibly busy week! Over two evenings, they competed in a county-wide tournament and played a National Cup match in Leicester. The team achieved a draw, secured an impressive 6–0 victory and suffered two narrow defeats. Well done to all the players for their hard work, determination and commitment!

Year 8: This week, Year 8 students completed assessments across all curriculum areas, demonstrating excellent focus, resilience and determination. Students conducted themselves exceptionally well during their Maths and English assessments, showing maturity and a positive attitude throughout.
In addition, Year 8 students enthusiastically took part in "Hello Yellow" supporting mental health awareness and highlighting the importance of looking after our wellbeing. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved and showing their support for such an important cause. Well done, Year 8, for representing the year group so positively this week!

Year 9: My highlight of the week came during a PE lesson with my 9X3 class.
Students were learning about heart rate and were asked to complete the 12-minute Cooper Run Test in pairs. Throughout the lesson, the attitude, effort and enthusiasm shown by the group was exceptional. As Head of Year, I was incredibly proud to see students working together collaboratively, encouraging one another and demonstrating excellent leadership and teamwork skills. The way students supported their partners and gave their best effort throughout the lesson perfectly reflected the values we want to see in Year 9.
Well done to everyone involved!

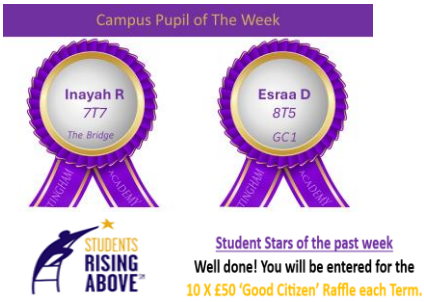
Year 10: Year 10 boys enjoyed another successful round of football fixtures in Loughborough this week, winning one match and drawing another. Impressively, they maintained last week's record by keeping another clean sheet. The defence is quickly becoming the backbone of a very strong and resilient team.

A group of 60 students also visited Nottingham University, where they took part in workshops with students and lecturers, exploring university life, academic opportunities, and student experiences. It was another enjoyable and informative trip, and our Year 10 students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Year 11: A huge congratulations to the boys' football team for their fantastic 5-1 away victory against Loughborough in the first round of the National Cup. The team put in an excellent performance, showing great teamwork, determination and skill throughout the game. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and look forward to seeing how they progress in the competition.

Sixth Form: On Wednesday 7th October 2026, our Year 12 and Year 13 Mathematics students took part in the Senior Maths Challenge, a prestigious 90-minute problem-solving competition organised by the UK Mathematics Trust.

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



Year 7: Kamila O, Tiffany M, Soriana M - These three amazing girls demonstrated maturity, kindness and compassion by stepping up and providing invaluable support to help resolve a situation within the year group this week. Their actions were a wonderful example of true friendship and looking out for others. We are incredibly proud of them!

Year 8: Jayden D - Jayden has made significant improvements since last year and should be extremely proud of the progress he has made. His positive attitude, commitment to learning and improved conduct have been recognised through multiple achievements, including two Golden Tickets, several Tutor Basics Check awards, and Caught Being Great recognitions worth 50 House Points.
Jayden has also shown dedication to his learning by engaging with his KS3 Maths Extended Learning tasks and consistently making positive choices both in lessons and around school. His efforts have not gone unnoticed, and he is a fantastic example of how hard work and determination can lead to success. Well done Jayden!

Year 9: Pihoo P, Jack N - Both students have achieved 100% attendance this week and have consistently demonstrated an exemplary attitude in school. They have been fantastic role models for the Year 9 community, showing maturity, respect and a commitment to their learning in every aspect of academy life. A huge congratulations to both students for setting such a positive example for their peers.

Year 10: Ashton - A huge congratulations to Ashton, who has topped the House Points leaderboard this week for the first time this academic year. This achievement reflects his consistency, hard work, and positive attitude, all of which have been recognised by his teachers. Well done Ashton. Keep up the excellent work!

Year 11: Riley-Jay – Riley continues to make excellent progress with both his behaviour and attendance. His commitment to improving and maintaining positive standards has been fantastic to see. We are all incredibly proud of the effort he is putting in and the progress he is making. Well done!

Sixth Form: Melika S – Melika's UCAS application has become the first to be submitted from our Sixth Form this year. Melika has produced a thoughtful, informative, and well-written application. We look forward to hearing about the offers she receives. Well done!



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Upcoming events:

Year 7 and 8: Wednesday 14th October 2026: Year 7 students will take part in an exciting live music event. A band will be visiting the school to perform, answer students' questions and share valuable life lessons through their experiences. The group will share their experiences of the music industry, discuss mental health, and promote messages of equality, respect and inclusion. This promises to be an engaging and inspiring opportunity for our students!

Year 9: Dates for your diaries:
Friday 16th October 2026: Year 9 Celebration Assembly celebrating student achievements and successes from the first half term.

Monday 7th December 2026: Year 9 Progress Evening:

- An important opportunity for parents and carers to discuss academic progress with teachers. More details to follow.

Year 10: Monday 12 October 2026: Oxford University Trip. Students attending the Oxford University trip must arrive at school especially early. Please note that the coach will depart at 7:15am sharp, and unfortunately late arrivals will not be able to join the trip.

Thursday 05 November 2026: Mean Girls Theatre Trip. Students attending the Mean Girls theatre trip are reminded to return their reply slips as soon as possible to secure their place. First come, first served.

Year 11: PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) begin from Monday 12th October 2026 and run all week. It is important that all students should be in school by 8:30am ready for a 9:00am start each day. Core subject examinations will take place in the morning sessions, with option subject examinations scheduled for the afternoons. We wish all students the very best of luck and encourage them to prepare thoroughly.

Sixth Form: Dates for your diaries:
Monday 12th October 2026: Sixth Form Open Evening from 4:00pm - 6:30pm.
We are looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening, where they will have the opportunity to learn more about the courses, support, and opportunities available to them.

Monday 12th October 2026: Year 13 PPE's (Pre-Public Examinations).
Year 13 students begin their PPE examinations. These assessments provide an excellent opportunity to prepare for the summer examination period and identify areas for further development.

Monday 12th October 2026: Into University 1:1 Support Sessions.
The Into University team will be in school supporting students with their UCAS applications and helping them take the next steps towards higher education.

Thursday 15th October 2026: Into University Trip to the University of Nottingham
Students will spend the day at the University of Nottingham, gaining valuable insight into university life and the range of opportunities available through higher education.

Whole School Information

Flu Vaccinations – All Year Groups

A reminder that the Immunisation Team will be in school on **Friday 16 October 2026** to complete Flu vaccinations to all students. You should have received the link below which you can choose to opt in/out regarding this vaccination and we encourage you all to complete as soon as possible.

Ctrl + Click to follow the link

Give or refuse consent for your child's flu vaccination – Give or refuse consent for vaccinations

Students arriving late to school from 9:00am – 09:30am

From Monday 05 October 2026, any student arriving late to school from 9:00am – 09:30am will **enter via the Bridge Reception** (Old Primary) entrance at the front of school. Students arriving after 09:30am to enter via the main Greenwood reception.

Follow us on Facebook!
Our new Facebook page is now live. Follow us for the latest school news, student successes, event highlights, and important updates from across the academy:
https://www.facebook.com/nottsacademy

The **Ripon Road exit gate** is now open between 15.05 and 15.15

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**

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