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Nottingham Academy Secondary
Weekly Bulletin—Friday 16/10/2026

Highlights of the week:

Year 7 and 8: This week, our Year 7 students enjoyed an amazing session with the band "The Mercians". They were fantastic and performed songs from their debut album, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. The band, who have achieved three No. 1 singles on the iTunes charts and have collaborated with Jess Glynne, also spoke openly about their experiences with mental health. Their honesty and insight were inspiring, and the students were highly engaged throughout the session. 👏🎵😍

Year 9: **Celebration Assembly – Friday 16th October 2026:**
Year 9 students took part in a Celebration Assembly during tutor time via Microsoft Teams. The assembly was an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the fantastic achievements of Year 9 students throughout the first half term. Awards and prizes were presented for: Attendance, Behaviour, Most Positive Points, Best Improved, Outstanding Effort and Achievement
The assembly provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the hard work, commitment and positive attitude that so many students have demonstrated since September.
Students who received awards were also rewarded with vouchers and sweet treats as recognition of their achievements.

Year 10: One of this week's highlight was undoubtedly Black History Month, bake sales, and stalls in the canteen. We also had students with EPIC (Empowering Positive and Inspirational Change). The organisation works to support young people through mentoring, sports, and personal development opportunities.
Students were thrilled to attend the session, which was also visited by Prince Harry. It was an exciting and memorable experience that left a lasting impression on those who attended.

Year 11: Our students have been absolutely outstanding during their PPE examinations. Behaviour has been exemplary throughout, attendance has been excellent, and students have approached their exams with maturity and determination. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and effort shown by everyone involved.

Sixth Form: On Monday, we held our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective students and their families to Nottingham Academy and showcase our new Sixth Form Hub, the wide range of subjects on offer, and the exciting opportunities available to students.
Applications for Sixth Form are now open and can be completed via our website: https://www.nottinghamacademy.org/applysixth

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: William N - William has achieved 100% attendance and has received zero negative behaviour points this year. He is a brilliant young man who consistently demonstrates excellent manners and a positive attitude. Well done, William! 👏

Year 8: Kian D - This week, Kian showed great maturity and responsibility by seeking help from a member of staff during an emergency at lunchtime. His quick thinking and willingness to act demonstrated excellent character and helped ensure the situation was dealt with appropriately. To top off an already memorable week, Kian also had the incredible opportunity to meet Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex, during a special event hosted by EPIC. Well done, Kian! We are incredibly proud of the way you represented both yourself and Year 8 this week. 🌟👏

Year 9: Matheusz P - Matheusz has shown exceptional kindness, thoughtfulness and maturity this week. When a student who had joined us in Year 9 recently was preparing to move to another school closer to their catchment area, Matheusz took it upon himself to organise a farewell card. He ensured that students and staff had the opportunity to sign it and share their well wishes. This was a genuinely thoughtful gesture that demonstrated kindness, empathy and consideration for others. Matheusz should be incredibly proud of the positive impact he had on another student during their final days with us.
As a special thank you and recognition of his actions, Matheusz received a Head of Year shout-out and some sweet treats. Well done, Matheusz! 👏

Year 10: Reegan W - Reegan has shown tremendous growth since the start of the year, making significant improvements in both his attitude to learning and behaviour around school. His dedication and effort have not gone unnoticed, and we are all incredibly proud of the progress he has made. 👏

Year 11: Ecrin B - Ecrin has shown a consistently positive attitude and has been on time every day. This special nomination comes from Mr Bainbridge, who has been impressed by Ecrin's commitment, positivity, and excellent approach to school life. Well done, Ecrin! 👏

Sixth Form: Melika S, Dua I, Kailash H, Anna A, Nolita M, Kyra A, Fatoumata S, Caleb K, Ryan Musa O, Isaac P and Zachary W – For being amazing student ambassadors during our Open Evening. They represented the Academy brilliantly, leading tours for prospective students and parents, answering questions, and sharing their experiences of Sixth Form life. 👏



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal
"I tried and failed. I tried again and again and succeeded."

Gail Borden

Upcoming events:

Year 7: Year 7 County Cup Football Match – Monday 2nd November 2026:
We would like to wish the Year 7 school football team the very best of luck in their County Cup match. Good luck boys! ⚽🎗

Year 8: We're already looking forward to planning our next reward event after half term! Following the success of this term's celebrations, we're hoping to bring students even more opportunities to get involved, have fun and be rewarded for their hard work.
Expect to see more sporting competitions, exciting whole-school celebrations, and plenty of chances for students to shine both inside and outside the classroom.
And who knows... do we sense a Winter Ball on the horizon for our winning House? 👀🎡🎉
Watch this space!

Year 9: Dates for your diary:
Monday 2nd November 2026 - First day back following the October half-term break.
Monday 9th November 2026 - Year 9 Boys' Football Team vs Chilwell (County Cup) Nottingham Academy Kick-off: 3:15pmMonday 9th November 2026 - Year 9 Boys' Football Team vs Chilwell (County Cup) - Nottingham Academy Kick-off: 3:15pm
Monday 7th December 2026 - Year 9 Progress Evening
Monday 8th February 2026 - Year 9 Options Evening

Year 10: As we approach the half-term break, we would like to commend all Year 10 students for their positive start to the academic year. Their focus, resilience, and commitment have been outstanding. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming them back ready for another successful term.

Year 11: During both weeks of the half-term break, the school will be open **Monday to Wednesday** for students who would like to take advantage of a quiet study environment in the library. During both weeks of the half-term break, the school will be open from **Monday to Wednesday** for students who would like to take advantage of a quiet study environment in the library. There will also be opportunities to attend targeted teacher-led revision and support sessions to help students prepare for the second week of PPE assessments. We encourage all students to make the most of these valuable opportunities.

Sixth Form: GCSE Re-Sit Examinations – W/C Monday 2nd November 2026:
Tuesday 3rd November 2026: GCSE English – Paper 1 (9:00am start)
Wednesday 4th November 2026: GCSE Mathematics – Paper 1 (9:00am start)
Thursday 5th November 2026: GCSE English – Paper 2 (9:00am start)
Friday 6th November 2026: GCSE Mathematics – Paper 2 (9:00am start)
Monday 9th November 2026: GCSE Mathematics – Paper 3 (9:00am start)

Monday 2nd November: Year 13 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) continue:
Year 13 students continue their PPE examinations. These assessments provide an excellent opportunity to prepare for the summer examination period and develop exam confidence.

Whole School Information

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**

A reminder to access the Nottingham Academy Parent Padlet site with lots of useful websites and articles to support your child to be happier, healthier and more informed.
https://padlet.com/nottinghamacademy/parentpadlet

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A polite reminder – For free delivery of children's individual school photographs to school, please order online by Sunday 25th October. Order using the unique link to you or visit *www.tempest-orders.co.uk* .

For any help with this you can email customerservice@htempest.co.uk

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