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Nottingham Academy Secondary
Weekly Bulletin—Friday 06/11/266

Highlights of the week:

Year 7:
Year 7 students have now been placed into their new Maths and English sets following the results of their first PPE examinations. Students have now been placed into groups that will best support their learning and help them reach their full potential. Students have embraced this exciting milestone positively and are enjoying lessons tailored to support their progress and success.

Year 8:
During PSHE, Year 8 students explored a variety of job sectors and career pathways. Engagement was outstanding, with students enthusiastically discussing potential careers and reflecting on their future aspirations. Tutor time was filled with thoughtful conversations, questions, and ideas, creating a real buzz across the year group. It was encouraging to see students thinking positively about their futures and the opportunities available to them. A selection of Year 8 students who have shown commitment and enthusiasm through their regular participation in Dance Club were rewarded with a trip to see Mean Girls The Musical. Students thoroughly enjoyed experiencing a professional theatre production and were inspired by the high-quality performances, choreography, and stagecraft. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate students' dedication to Dance Club.

Year 9:
It has been fantastic to welcome students back into school this week and see so many of them return with a positive attitude, ready to make the most of what promises to be a very important half-term. As we move closer to Parents' Evening and the Year 9 options process, there has never been a more important time for students to demonstrate commitment, resilience and ambition in their learning. The highlight of this week was welcoming all Year 9 students back to school on Monday and seeing how exceptionally well prepared they were for our reboot assembly. Students returned looking smart, focused and ready for the challenges ahead. Year 9 is a crucial year, with students beginning to think seriously about their future and the options they will select later in the academic year. With Parents' Evening also just around the corner, it is vital that students continue to work hard, attend regularly and make strong progress in all subjects. We have been incredibly impressed with the maturity and positive attitude shown by so many students during our first week back.

Year 10:
The long-awaited trip to see Mean Girls finally took place this week. A group of students, primarily from Drama, enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the theatre. It was a wonderful experience, and the students had a great time throughout the day.

Year 11:
It has been fantastic to see our Year 11 students back in school for the final week of their PPE examinations. They have worked incredibly hard, demonstrated excellent behaviour, and maintained strong attendance throughout the week. We are extremely proud of the mature and dedicated approach they have shown, and we look forward to building on this positive momentum as they continue their journey towards their final examinations.

Sixth Form:
This week we launched our Paired Reading Programme, pairing Year 12 students with Year 7 students for 20 minutes of reading each week. The programme helps younger students build confidence and literacy skills, while giving our sixth formers the opportunity to develop their mentoring and leadership abilities. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm from both year groups.

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: Nathan P and Darwin D have made an exceptional start to the term, achieving: 100% attendance and Zero negative behaviour points. A huge number of positive points and praise from staff. Keep up the fantastic work!

Year 8: Our Star Student this week goes to our very own Esraa D. Esraa has been exceptionally supportive in helping a new student settle into Year 8. Esraa has demonstrated outstanding kindness, empathy, and leadership skills, taking the time to ensure the new student feels welcomed, included, and confident within the school community. Through consistent encouragement and a positive attitude, Esraa has been an excellent role model and has truly embodied our school values. Well done, Esraa, and thank you for making such a positive difference

Year 9: This week's Students of the Week are Ollier R and Lola Mae R, who have been recognised for returning to school with an outstanding attitude, demonstrating our academy values and setting the standard for others to follow. Both students have arrived looking smart, prepared for learning and ready to hit the ground running in Year 9. Congratulations to both students on an excellent start to the half-term.

Year 10: Christine and Ozioma are our top students this week. They took extended learning to another level by attending revision sessions during half term without any prompting from the Year Team. We were highly impressed by their initiative, dedication, and commitment to learning. Well done!

Year 11: A huge congratulations to Deifilia, Maniha, Bareera and Bruno, who have made a wonderful start to life at Nottingham Academy. They have shown determination, resilience and a strong work ethic from day one. Their positive attitude and commitment to their learning have helped them settle into school exceptionally well, and they are already making a fantastic impression on staff and peers alike.

Sixth Form: Denaya-Jade A was a big part of an important win against Sheffield College on Wednesday that keeps our Women's Elite Academy Basketball team unbeaten in the Northern Conference so far. She impacted every part of the game, scoring 14 points. Well done, Denaya!



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try."

John F Kennedy

Welcome back to all our wonderful students! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable two weeks and were able to spend valuable time with family and friends!

Upcoming events:

Year 7:
PGL Residential Trip - June 2027
Mr Clarke has been in contact with PGL regarding an exciting 3-day residential trip planned for June. More information, including dates, costs and activities, will be shared with families soon. Watch this space!

Year 8:
W/c 1st March 2027 - Assessment point 2
Year 8 will sit their second round of formal assessments.
As usual Maths and English will be conducted in the exam hall, all other subject will host assessments during lesson time

Year 9:

- **Monday 9th November** – Year 9 Boys' County Cup Football Match vs Chilwell Academy, Nottingham Academy (Home), **3:15pm kick-off**
- **Tuesday 1st December** – Year 9 Basketball Event
- **Monday 7th December** – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 8th December** – Year 9 Basketball Event

As always, thank you for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is vital in helping our students achieve their full potential. We look forward to another successful half-term and celebrating the achievements of our Year 9 students in the weeks ahead.

Year 10:
We are getting ready for **Children in Need** next week Friday. Students will be able to support this important cause by bringing in donations in exchange for the opportunity to come to school in non-uniform. There will also be bake sales and a range of fundraising activities taking place across the school.
The **Positively You** programme will also be running next week. These events aim to help students develop resilience, build confidence, and foster a positive "can-do" attitude towards challenges and opportunities.

Year 11:
Next week promises to be another busy and exciting one. Students studying Spanish will be completing their mock speaking examinations, while Enterprise students will be delivering their assessed business pitches as part of their qualification. We would also like to wish our boys' football team the very best of luck as they travel to Christ the King to compete in the National Cup. We are incredibly proud of their achievements so far and look forward to hearing how they get on.

Sixth Form:
Monday 9th November: GCSE Maths Exam – Paper 3. 9am start
Monday 9th November: Our Year 13 Business students will be visiting E.ON for a Marketing Insight Day, gaining valuable experience and knowledge from industry professionals.
Tuesday 10th November: Representatives from Escape the Vape will be hosting an information stall to educate students about the risks associated with vaping and to promote healthy lifestyle choices.

Whole School Information

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

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

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

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