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Nottingham Academy Secondary
Weekly Bulletin—Friday 20/11/2026

Highlights of the week:

Year 7:
We held our Junior Leadership interviews this week, and they were a tremendous success. It was fantastic to see the level of preparation, dedication, and the excellent ideas shared by all candidates. Well done to everyone who took part.

Year 8:
The Year 8 girls put in a determined performance against a strong Carlton Le Willows side in the County Cup this week. Despite missing one of their key players, the team played some excellent football throughout the match and showed great resilience from start to finish.
Unfortunately, after conceding two goals in the first half, the girls were unable to mount a comeback and the game finished 2–0. Nevertheless, they should be extremely proud of their efforts, teamwork and positive attitude throughout the match.
Well done to all involved for a resilient and spirited display.

Year 9:
This week's highlight was the **Junior Leadership Team interviews**, which took place on Friday in the Library with **Mr Samples, Head of Year 9**. There were a fantastic number of applications from students interested in representing their year group, with seven students ultimately being shortlisted for interview. The quality of the interviews was exceptional. Students presented thoughtful ideas, demonstrated impressive maturity and showed a genuine passion for improving school life. Several students displayed leadership qualities well beyond their years and should be extremely proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the process. A huge thank you to everyone who applied. The commitment, confidence and enthusiasm shown by all candidates made the selection process incredibly difficult.

Year 10:
Highlights this week include the **phenomenal** response to the launch of our **Year 10 after-school revision sessions**. We have had **over 60 students attending each session** this week, which has been fantastic to see. We are incredibly proud of our **Year 10 students** and their positive attitude towards learning. They have also maintained their excellent commitment to attendance by **finishing top of the attendance charts** this week.

Year 11:
This week's highlight goes to our Performing Arts students, who have been working tirelessly to complete their final pieces. Throughout the project, students have shown great creativity, resilience and commitment, putting in significant effort both in lessons and during independent practice. The quality of the final performances has been extremely impressive, and they should all be proud of what they have produced. We are expecting some excellent grades that reflect the hard work and determination shown by the group throughout the process.

Sixth Form:
Our Year 13 Elite Female Basketball Team secured a 63–62 victory over Manchester this week, earning their place in the Semi-Finals of the Sureshot Under 18 National Cup. Congratulations to the team!

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: Congratulations to **Haniya A, Chimanda M, and Anaya S**, who were all successful in securing a place on the Junior Leadership Team. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Year 8: This week's Star Student is **Serena C**, one of our newest members of Year 8.
Since joining the academy, Serena has settled into the year group exceptionally well. She has quickly built positive relationships with both staff and students and has already met and exceeded our academy expectations through her positive attitude, excellent conduct and commitment to learning.
We are delighted to have Serena as part of the Year 8 community and look forward to seeing her continue to thrive. Welcome to Year 8, Serena!

Year 9: A huge congratulations to **Zhyarnie F** and **Fatou T** our Year 9 Star Students this week!
Both students went above and beyond in supporting one of our newest students as they joined Nottingham Academy. Zhyarnie and Fatou acted as excellent mentors and tour guides, helping the student settle into school life, locate classrooms and feel welcomed into our community.
Their kindness, maturity and willingness to help others have not gone unnoticed. They have been fantastic ambassadors for Year 9 and have demonstrated the values we are proud to promote across the academy. Well done, Zhyarnie and Fatou!

Year 10: Haajirah A has been nominated as our Top Student of the Week for her conscientious and responsible behaviour. She came to the rescue of another student in need and demonstrated what it means to be a caring and responsible member of our school community. She embodied all the qualities, character, and integrity that we value so highly, and we are incredibly proud of her achievements. Well done, Haajirah A!

Year 11: Viktorija J is our Star of the Week following a fantastic performance in her Spanish speaking exam. She approached the assessment with confidence, demonstrated excellent preparation and produced a highly impressive performance. It is great to see her hard work and dedication being rewarded. Well done, Viktorija - you should be very proud of what you have achieved. ¡Enhorabuena!

Sixth Form: Congratulations to Spogmey S, who won the House Photography Competition at Goose Fair with a beautiful and dynamic photograph that captured the atmosphere of the event.



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken."
Oscar Wilde

Upcoming events:

Year 7:
We are excited to announce that information about our upcoming **Winter Ball** will be released soon. We have already secured a local DJ, and preparations are well underway. Keep an eye out for further details in the coming weeks!

Year 8:
Year 8 Winter Ball will take place during the last week of term.
This promises to be a fantastic opportunity for students to celebrate the end of a successful term with friends, enjoy music and dancing, and create lasting memories together. We are also excited to share that there will be a **special guest appearance from DJ Kyze**, helping to make the evening one to remember. **Tickets will go on sale soon**, so please keep an eye out for further information regarding how to purchase them. We look forward to seeing lots of Year 8 students there for what promises to be a wonderful evening of celebration, entertainment and winter cheer.

Year 9:

- **Tuesday 1st December** – Year 9 Basketball Event
- **Monday 7th December** – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 8th December** – Year 9 Basketball Event

Year 10:
Careers fair on Monday. An opportunity for students to engage and interact with prospective employers.
Parent Meetings' Day is fast approaching, so please book your appointments early to avoid missing the opportunity to speak with your child's teachers. We will also be continuing our **Year 10 intervention sessions** next week as students prepare for their **PPE examinations**. If your son or daughter attended this week, please encourage them to maintain this positive momentum and continue taking advantage of these valuable revision opportunities.

Year 11:
PPE Results Day - Tuesday 1st December
On Tuesday 1st December, students will receive their PPE results along with their predicted GCSE grades. These results provide an important indication of current progress and will play a key role in supporting applications for college and post-16 courses. Students are encouraged to carefully review their results, celebrate their successes and identify any areas where further improvement can be made. Staff will be available to offer guidance and support, and we wish all students the very best as they receive their results.

Sixth Form:
Tuesday 24th November – 8:30am
Year 13 students will receive their PPE (Pre-Public Examination) results. This is an important assembly, providing students with a clear understanding of their current progress and helping them identify key areas to focus on in the months ahead.
Thursday 26th November – 8:30am
Representatives from TransformGen will be visiting to introduce their Future Leaders Programme, designed to help young people develop confidence, wellbeing, resilience, communication, leadership, and practical life skills. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the programme and sign up for the 12-week course.

Whole School Information

Children in Need
Through the fundraisers in school on Friday 13th November we managed to raise £925 for Children in Need. A big thank you to Ms Chattaway and all of her helpers for a delicious bake sale.

A **Parent Forum Invitation** for the academic year 2026-27 has been sent via Arbor, please apply to make a difference in our school community. The deadline is **5pm Friday 27th November**, using the Microsoft form link.

Joint Virtual Careers and Parent/Carer Meetings' Day (formerly known as Parents' evening) - Monday 7th December 2026.
Full details of the day can be seen on the letter sent 16/11/26. Today we sent the email that tells you how to book your virtual appointments with your child's subject teachers.
Years 7 - 11 will **be working from home (unless they are in the ELD class).**

We understand that for some children, accessing their learning at home may be a challenge. Therefore, if your child requires to be in school for their Virtual Careers Day, school will be open from 8:00am (Breakfast Club) to 3:05pm to facilitate this.
If you would like your child to attend the Academy please send an email stating your child's full name and year group to: achievementday@nottinghamacademy.org. This should be sent by 23rd November 2026.

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