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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Yesterday saw our annual Remembrance Service where we remember the 226 members of our School community who lost their lives in conflict during the First and Second World Wars. This is always a moving ceremony and we were treated to a brilliant address by Mrs Daly looking at the contribution of Indian soldiers to the war efforts. The Chamber Choir also performed and wreaths were laid at the war memorial.

Talking of music it was wonderful to attend the Bridge Cup Prizewinners' Concert on Wednesday evening. The standards achieved were stunning and it is clear just how strong school music is at present. Many congratulations to all those who took part.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter and in particular the story of Archie who helped to save someone who was choking. It is a clear lesson in that which is taught in school having a really vital impact in another setting.

We are all looking forward to our forthcoming Careers Week. This is an opportunity for students to hear about careers in so many different areas and to hopefully inspire them to think broadly when making their future decisions.

This week I hosted a meeting of the heads of many local independent schools and it was lovely to hear them praising us on how well we do many things. This wider recognition of our work is always so appreciated.

Finally, we are digesting the information released by the government yesterday on the 'Plan B' if public exams were not to go ahead in the summer. We will be in touch with the relevant year groups once we have completed this work.

Kevin Fear (Headmaster)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				12 TODAY Y11 MOCKS END Y9 DRAMA WORKSHOP ARMISTICE DINNER
15 WEEK B Y13 REPORTS	16 ART OUTREACH	17	18 Y9 PARENTS' EVENING (REMOTE)	19 OLD NOTTINGHAMIAN LONDON DINNER
22 CAREERS WEEK Y12 TASTER DAY MUSIC - RODDY WILLIAMS MASTERCLASS Y11 OPTIONS TALK Y11 DRAMA REHEARSAL	23 Y11 DRAMA REHEARSAL Y11 PARENTS' EVENING	24 AUTUMN CONCERT	25 Y12 TASTER DAY Y11 DRAMA PERFORMANCE	26 PSYCHOLOGY BRAIN DAY RAF FLYING DAY
29 Y12 TASTER DAY Y11 TRANSITION INTERVIEWS Y11 TASTER LESSONS HOUSE BAKE SALE	30 Y10 HISTORY WWI EXPERIENCE DAY	1 MUSIC - TEATIME CONCERT	2 Y8 PARENTS' EVENING Y12 TASTER DAY	3 SCOUT AGM LIGETI QUARTET
6 Y9 & Y10 OPTIONS DEADLINE Y11 & Y12 OPTIONS DEADLINE ABRSM EXAMS	7 ABRSM EXAMS	8 Y7 PARENTS' EVENING ABRSM EXAMS	9 MAIN SCHOOL PRODUCTION	10 MAIN SCHOOL PRODUCTION 1ST DAY OF HANUKKAH

Please see our School Website for the most up to date information via our online calendar [here](#)

Term Dates 2021/22

The term dates for 2021/2022 are live on our website and you can view them [here](#).

Sports Fixtures and Results

You can access all the latest sports information, including team information, on the [sports website](#)

YEAR GROUP UPDATES

Head of Year 7 - Mrs Hollie Neale

It has been lovely to see Year 7 back looking refreshed and excited to see their friends again after a 2 week break for half-term. This half-term, Year 7 have started an Independent Study Project during Monday lesson 3. They are working with the other Year 7 students in their tutor set to make a movie trailer and poster and we are excited to see how they work together as a team and watch their creative minds get to work. Many Year 7 students attended the Activities Fair on Monday, as well as helping out on some of the stalls. Finally, well done to Year 7 for achieving so many Above effort grades in their first set of interim grades at the end of last half-term.

Head of Year 8 - Mr Oliver Pratten

The Year 8s have made an excellent return to school this half term. Mrs Gillett and I are impressed as ever by their enthusiasm and determination, and it has been great to follow their many achievements in and out of the classroom. Of particular note this term is the group of Year 8 students who are working on 'The Year 8 Post'. This is a student website that brings together news stories, interviews, videos and other information for the Year 8s. The Editorial and Journalist team are: Lucy M, Chloe F, Jasmiya S, Elodie M, Hukam S, Toby B, Hashim I, Uswah N, Finley R and Asha D. They are doing a fantastic job of putting the website together and have just finished a series of video interviews with the school leadership team. They have big ambitions for the rest of the year and we can't wait to see how the website develops.

Head of Year 9 - Simon Barr Smith

We had the great pleasure in presenting a cheque to Nottinghamshire Hospice for £1974.73 following our sponsored walk earlier this term. This has been a fantastic achievement by the year group and we are grateful to Mrs Hucknall, who came in to school to accept the cheque and tell us about how the money would support their provision of activities at the hospice.

Year 9 have also embarked on their choice of a co-curricular activity, to start in January. We had a presentation on all the activities that are on offer; the aim of the programme is to give all students the opportunity of developing their organisational and leadership skills in an activity that can help develop an area of interest. If you are still unsure about which activity to sign up for then just pop in to the Year 9 office for a chat.

Head of Year 10 - Mr Paul Allison

Year 10 have returned after their half term break refreshed and looking forward to the challenges of another busy half term. Two new ambassador programmes have started this half term with a year 7 and 8 Table Tennis club and a Year 8 Athletics Club, both run by our year 10 Ambassadors. Year 10 are now involved with running six lunchtime clubs for younger students. On Saturday 6th November we had fixtures against Ratcliffe College (Girls Hockey) and Loughborough GS (Boys Rugby) a total of four fixtures with some very competitive results. Many year 10's continue to contribute to a wide variety of Co-Curricular activities including many performing in the School Play, "The Little Shop of Horrors" and the Prize Winners Concert. Over 40 year 10 cadets will also be taking part in the Nottingham City Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church on Sunday 14th November. Year 10 PSHE lessons continues to look at the topic of Mental Health, starting with Anxiety and Depression and moving onto eating disorders. These are very sensitive subjects and the students have been engaged and respectful throughout. The year 10 student council will be meeting next week to discuss the strategic questions raised by the school's leadership team.

Assistant Head, Individuals Y11-13 - Mr David Gillett

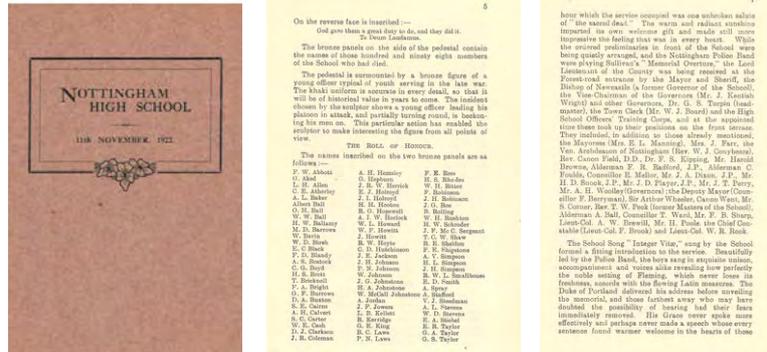
Year 11 have shown great commitment to the mock exams and we are looking forward to seeing them back in normal lessons next week. Year 13 UCAS applications continue to come in and it has been fantastic to see so many already receiving offers from universities. A few candidates have had their first interviews and have been impressive in how they have managed their nerves. Mr Smith organised an excellent remote interview preparation day for our Medics too and we hope that news of real interviews will follow soon.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

11th November 2021

At 11am on 11th November 2021 Nottingham High School fell silent to remember and reflect on those who fought in the war. Students from the Senior School and Sixth Form laid wreaths on the War Memorial alongside Stephen Banks (Chair of Governors), Robert Wood (a representative of the wider ON community) and our Estates Department, shortly followed by Mrs Bruce and our Junior School Pupils.

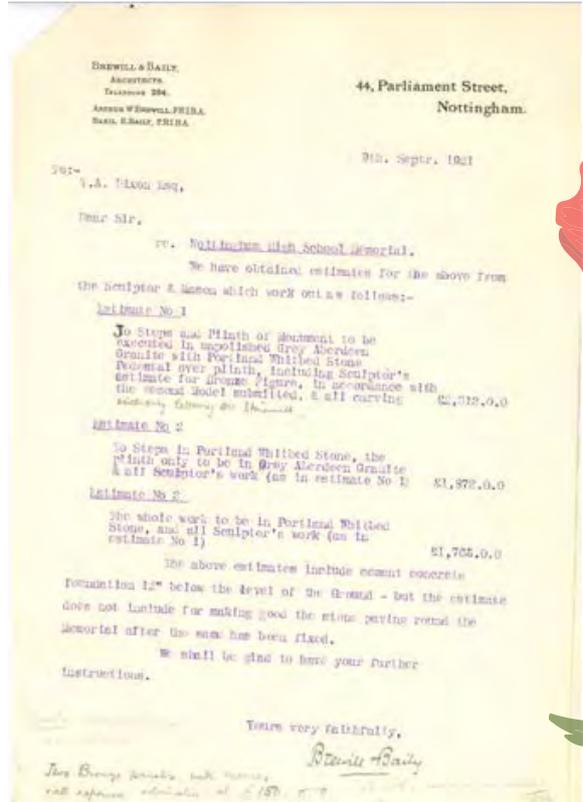
The unveiling of the war memorial took place on Saturday 11th November 1922, the relatives of the fallen gathered around the memorial, the west lawn was reserved for parents and some six or seven hundred students gathered on the east lawn.



A list of those who appear on the War Memorial.



When the war broke out in 1914, the School roll had 357 pupils including prep. The war memorial originally listed 198 of our School community that had fallen during the war, it was later discovered that 226 Old Nottinghamians had died during WWI, 49 of which were 20 years old or younger. There are 226 names listed from WWI and an additional 103 from WWII now listed on the memorial at the front of the School. Of the two artists entrusted with the creation of the memorial, one (Colonel A. W. Brewill) was an Old Nottinghamian.



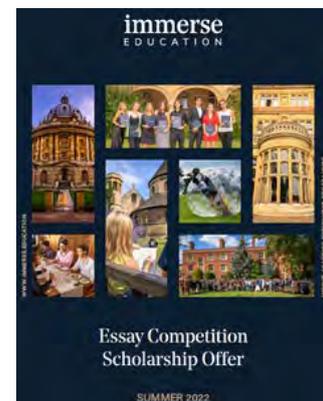
This document shows the original quotes for the memorial.

SCHOOL NEWS

2022 Immerse Education Essay Competition

This year the Immerse Education Essay Competition was record-breaking, with thousands of entries from students all over the world.

A huge well done to Tanvi (Year 9) who has been selected to receive a partial scholarship to take part in the International Relations programme with Immerse Education in 2022. Congratulations on being recognised as one of the highest calibre of entries this year!



Archie's CCF Skills come into good use!

Archie's CCF first aid training was put to the ultimate test recently, and it truly paid off! As Archie and his family were out for an evening meal last weekend, a man started to choke - many were patting him on the back to try and assist him... Archie realised the situation was far more serious as the man couldn't catch his breath. To the astonishment of Archie's family, he went over and got the man to his feet and performed the Heimlich manoeuvre. He had to do it several times but eventually the man's airway became clear. The restaurant burst into applause whilst Archie quietly returned to his table. The man and his family thanked Archie for saving his life.

We are so proud of the quick thinking and action that Archie took! Sometimes it's easy to think that we may never have to use the skills that are taught but this certainly proves how important such training is.

Well done Archie! Thank you to Archie's parent's for sharing this story with us.



The Last Post

Well done to Seth D (Year 10) who performed The Last Post at The Council House on Thursday morning.

Y13 Chemistry Spectroscopy Masterclass Trip

On Wednesday 3rd November all 44 of our Year 13 A Level Chemists were welcomed by the University of Nottingham Chemistry Department for an excellent 'Spectroscopy Masterclass'. Our students benefitted from being able to see and work with spectroscopic techniques such as Infra-Red, Time of Flight Mass and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy – all of which appear on the A Level specification, but the machines themselves (some of which cost millions of pounds) can only be found in research laboratories such as at the University. There was a fantastic practical opportunity in which the impressive undergraduate laboratories and our students were praised for the quality of their work and results. We were honoured to be the first school group to visit the UoN Chemistry Department since the start of pandemic and hugely appreciated the opportunity.



Musical Success

Congratulations to Ben S (Year 13) for winning the Vocal Final of Nottingham Young Musician of the Year. Ben will now perform with the finalists from each category on Sunday 21st November for the overall title of Nottingham Young Musician of the Year. We wish him the very best of luck.

SCHOOL NEWS

Save the Date!

We are delighted to announce the School's First Charity Golf Day on April 22nd 2022. In partnership with Stanton-on-the-Wolds Golf Club. Please Save the Date – more details to follow shortly.

To register your interest please email; development@nottinghamhigh.co.uk. All proceeds to the Nottingham High School Bursary Fund.



Bridge Cup

Congratulations go to Mellers House Choir and the Music category winners who all performed superbly in our Bridge Cup Prizewinners' Concert held in the Recital Hall on the evening of 10 November. The standard was extremely high, the overall winners chosen from the closely contested competition are:

Junior Music, Ian Driver Cup: Evan A-Y

Intermediate Music, Nicholas McGegan Cup: Seb H

Senior Music, Stephen Fairlie Cup: Coy Z

Sam Smith Cup for Unbroken Voice: Charles D

Organ: Ascend J

Instrumental category winners taking part in the concert were:

House Choir: Mellers conducted by Darcie M

Junior Strings: Evan A-Y

Junior Voice: Charles D

Junior Percussion: Daniel G

Junior Brass: Lucas B

Junior Piano: Evan L

Junior Woodwind: Nathan C

Intermediate Strings: Phoebe F

Intermediate Voice: Otto W

Intermediate Percussion: Seb H

Intermediate Brass: Seth D

Organ: Ascend J

Intermediate Piano: William H

Intermediate Woodwind: Eloïse C

Intermediate Guitar: Priya M

Senior Strings: Leann S

Senior Voice: Ben S

Senior Percussion: Angus T

Senior Brass: Josie S

Senior Guitar: Ben D

Senior Piano: Aditya M

Senior Woodwind: Coy Z

SCHOOL NEWS

Tram Strike

Please be aware that there will be potentially a tram strike taking place on Tuesday 23rd November, this is yet to be confirmed but please do plan accordingly

CEO Sleepout

Mr Alexander, Assistant Head of Co-curricular took part in the Big CEO Sleepout on Thursday raising money for charity, including our School charity The Friary.



Astronomy Club

Astronomy club continues to monitor the Comet 29P building on our first successful observations during World Space Week.

Comets are balls of mainly ice left over from when the solar system formed and this Comet 29P/Schwassmann-Wachmann 1 has been very active recently.

We think cryovolcanoes, volcanoes that spew out ice, might be responsible for the comet being at it's brightest for over 40 years as the extra ice reflects light from the Sun. We will continue to monitor Comet 29P next week when we use the 2 metre telescope in Hawaii and see whether this outburst is continuing!



School Community Consultation – Can you help?

The Bramley Scholarship Fund was bequeathed to Nottingham High School by Mr Joseph Bramley in 1956. The fund gives Scholarships of £500 to students upon leaving the School in Year 13 and who are entering the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge or Nottingham as undergraduates. It is also a requirement that the students have been at the School for a minimum of 18 months.

Due to the restrictions stipulated by the Bramley Scholarship Fund, the School is unable use all of the available income for any other purpose. We would like to amend the terms of the fund and widen the reach, offering more financial support to our current students.

Through our own efforts, the School's Bursary programme today supports 105 students. Last year we received over 130 applications for the 21 available bursary places in Year 7; disappointing many academically able children who would thrive in this environment.

We are committed to supporting more children and feel that this is an opportunity to increase our offer. Our Bursary programme enriches the life of the School, those of our students and ensures its continued growth. Upon the recommendation of the Charity Commission, we would like to consult the School Community and ask for your support.

The Bramley Scholarship Fund currently yields enough money to create two additional bursary places. The School would like to amend the conditions of the fund so that we can offer more financially assisted places in Year 7 or as part of a new initiative create Sixth Form bursaries.

We would welcome your feedback; please email development@nottinghamhigh.co.uk by Friday 19th November 2021. Thank you for giving this your attention.

We have lots of activities scheduled to take place during Careers Week, both during the School day and in the evening, there will be opportunities for all year groups! Friday 26th November will see our University and Careers Fair, the Fair will be freely open to parents from 3pm, and if they wish to come earlier please ask them to book via this [form](#) so we know which visitors are on site during the school day. Please an eye on your inbox for more details.



Careers Week

22-26 NOVEMBER 2021

FINANCE & INVESTMENT BANKING MON 22ND

James Taylor and James Godrich work in The City and have recently been awarded the accolade of "Ones to Watch Under 30". They will talk about their journey from Nottingham High School (where they were in the same year as Dr Sims) into the world of work and give you tips for success.
Yr 12/13 - Founder Hall, P3

#iwill - WILL YOU?

Volunteering Matters! Be inspired by your peers who are already committed to many different good causes and find out how you can get involved too. Volunteering offers huge benefits to you and of course those you help.
Open to everyone - SLT, 1pm



EXTREME WORK EXPERIENCE TUE 23RD

Emma Rosen will inspire you to rethink work experience - how to get it and where it can lead!
Open to everyone - Player Hall, 12:30pm

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

VIRTUAL CAREERS WED 24TH

Ever wanted to be a pilot with the Red Arrows? In-class opportunities to use the latest immersive technology to explore some amazing careers.

AUTUMN CONCERT



THE SCIENCE OF SPORT THU 25TH

Dr Kirsty Elliott-Sale, Professor of Female Exercise Physiology and Head of the Musculoskeletal Physiology Research Group will talk about her work, which crosses both sport and science.
All year 11-13 medics and PE students must attend, but also open to everyone - LLT, 1pm

TRANSFORMING SOCIETY

James Darley will talk about his entrepreneurial work, setting up the charity TeachFirst, which supports graduates from any discipline to train as leaders in education. He is now committed to new charitable projects, aiming to improve mental health, policing, prisons, social work and local government.
Online at 7PM - www.transformsociety.org



UNIVERSITY & CAREERS FAIR FRI 26TH

Meet universities from the UK and overseas, apprenticeship providers, gap year companies, short course providers and more. In the Player Hall all day. Parents also welcome. See poster for more info

NETWORKING EVENT

Years 11 - 13 will be meeting professionals from a wide range of industries in this fast-paced 'speed networking' event, where they have just 10 minutes to interview each person and learn about their work.

SCHOOL NEWS GALLERY



Year 9 present cheque to Nottingham Hospice



Getting into the Halloween spirit over half term!



Year 7 Coopers House Badminton



Year 7 Taster Day



Thought provoking guest speaker, Iain Mahoney



Sampling Beast Club at the Co-Curricular Fair



Rugby Team prepare for National Cup Game



Co-Curricular Fair



Year 8 Card Modelling



Bridge Cup Concert



Rugby Fixture at Loughborough



Hockey Fixture at Highfields

PARENT NOTICES

Raise donations for Nottingham High School whenever you shop online

Turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations

Over £32m raised for good causes through easyfundraising

Easy Fundraising - Help us raise money

EasyFundraising is a brilliant platform which allows you to do your online shopping and raise money for your favourite cause at the same time. We currently have 74 registered users who have raised over £1803.70 for the Nottingham High School Bursary Fund without it costing them a penny. The retailer makes the donation as a 'thank you' to you! Please sign up today!

Sponsor a Stone

Since its launch in 2017, our Sponsor a Stone campaign has raised almost £35,000 for the School's Bursary Fund plus another £8,000 in Gift Aid!

Waverley Walkway is lined with personalised stones - a permanent feature of the School, one which will be enjoyed by our community for many years to come.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate links with Nottingham High Society as well as supporting our work to create opportunities for children who, without financial assistance, would be denied their opportunity to attend the School.



To order your stone
please visit our website.

Prayer Meetings

The prayer support group meets regularly, and all are welcome. Our next meetings will be on Tuesday 16 November.

Please contact Helen Bromley (Helen.bromley@sky.com or 07816164550) for details or to join our mailing list.

Social Media

Don't forget that you can follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with what's happening at the school. Please do feel free to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flickr. A full list of all Nottingham High School departmental social media accounts is available on our website.

Attendance in School

If you know in advance that your child is going to be absent from School, please apply for an Exeat by emailing exeat@nottinghamhigh.co.uk. If your child is ill or unexpectedly absent, please telephone the School Reception on 0115 978 6056 before 8.40am on every day they will not be attending and we will update our registers.

iParent and iStudent

iParent and iStudent are extensions from iSams and will give you access to important information anytime, anyplace, anywhere. Download the iParent app from your mobile phone app store for free!

If you would like to contribute a story to our newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!
Please get in touch at marketing@nottinghamhigh.co.uk

FEATURED VIDEO



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields**

IN FLANDERS FIELDS BY JOHN MCCRAE

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