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A FESTIVE TREAT DURING CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

A very happy Christmas to you all! Christmas is often a time for reflection and as I look back on this momentous year there is so much we can be proud of as a School. Above all we have dealt with all that the pandemic has thrown at us and managed this term to have as near a normal a term as we possibly could and I thank all of you for your support through the regular lateral flow testing that has played such an important part.

There has been so much to celebrate. Recently we have received our second Sunday Times award, this time for being ranked first for academic results in the East Midlands to go with our East Midlands Independent Secondary school of the decade award that we received last year. Such awards are the result of so much hard work by students and staff alike and show that we are fulfilling our aim to be the strongest school in the region.

Of course, these high standards are not just achieved in the classroom. The last week has seen a stunning performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. School plays show the spirit of a school so very well and what was clear was just how much fun all those working as part of the production were having and this energy and enthusiasm was transmitted to three large audiences. Similarly, last night we had our school carol service and a packed St Mary's Church were treated to some beautiful music from so many of our students as well as the readings from pupils of different ages. This was a chance for the School community to come together at the end of a difficult year and share in the Christmas spirit just being so grateful that we could all be together again.

This term has of course been full of so many different activities. Last weekend I enjoyed watching the School beat the ONs at both netball and rugby and it has been fantastic to be able to complete the vast majority of our fixtures throughout the term and as with so many of our activities I thank the staff for all that they have put into all the practices and matches. It was good to see our new netball courts at Valley Road in action, they will be painted when the weather improves but are ready for the new season and I wish our netball and hockey teams for next term all the best for their pre-season training.

I want also to thank all of the School's support staff. Much of this work goes on in the background but our fantastic facilities and sporting facilities, our finance function, marketing and admissions, development, our cleaning and catering, our office based staff, our caretakers, maintenance and IT staff all play their part in achieving the same really high standards that our recognised by our Sunday Times awards. Many of these staff have also delivered the Covid testing and the fact that we have had so few cases in school this term owes so much to all that they do.

It is now time for everyone in the school community to get something of a rest. I appreciate that those facing public exams have assessments coming up but all can reflect back on a successful term and look forward to next term. All students must come in for their covid testing ahead of the new term so that we can again start off in the best possible way. Of course it is possible that further restrictions will be announced by the government (let's hope not on Christmas Eve this year!) and we would write to you in that eventuality ahead of the new term starting.

Have a lovely Christmas and let us hope that 2022 starts well, thank you for all your support throughout the year.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		15 END OF TERM 12:30pm	16	17
20 SUPPORT STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO CONTACT UNTIL 22ND DECEMBER	21	22	23	24
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			SCHOOL CLOSED	
3	4 SUPPORT STAFF RETURN	5 INSET Y11 LANGUAGE ORALS Y11 ART DAY	6 SCHOOL REOPENS Y13 MOCKS START Y11 ASSESSMENTS	7 Y10 ART TRIP Y11 ASSESSMENTS
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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

On Monday, we had an achievement assembly to celebrate the first term at the High School for our Year 7 students. In this assembly, we got to see the eagerly anticipated Movie blockbusters and well done to SJA, GLH, GCR, AJP and OCH tutor sets for being the best tutor sets in the 5 groups. Well done to Maisie, Marcus, Khushi and Andrew for being the top 4 students in the year for distinctions this term. Well done to all those who received a prize and special mention for their interim grades, no lates to lessons, 20 or more distinctions, teacher nominations and everyone who has participated in school sport, house events, clubs and concerts. We hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing everyone in January hopefully well rested and refreshed. Well done on a fantastic term.



Head of Year 8 - Mr Oliver Pratten

As ever, Mrs Gillett and I are impressed by the students' maturity, organisation and by the way they have put the disruption of the past year behind them. As we approach Christmas, Mrs Gillett and I will be organising a Year 8 assembly to review the term and to celebrate the students' many achievements. There have been a whole range of sporting, musical, drama and other achievements and it has been great to see so many students taking part. We look forward to seeing the Year 8s using these activities to get their High School Award this year. The students who have achieved the highest number of distinctions are:

- Francesca A with 40 distinctions
- Roman E and Maya S with 35 distinctions
- Leah G and Sannlia H with 34 distinctions

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone in Year 8 and we look forward to seeing them all in the New Year.



Head of Year 9 - Simon Barr Smith

It has been a hectic end to the term and all the students have been juggling deadlines for Co-curricular Options and GCSE Options. Thankfully this is all done and everyone can look forward to a rest over the holiday. A large number of our students have been involved in House events, Rugby, Hockey and Rowing and it has been great to see the enjoyment and pride that they all took in this. We look forward to returning fully refreshed in January and ready to start the new Co-curricular programme. Have a great holiday everyone.



Head of Year 10 - Mr Paul Allison

Our focus for the last fortnight has very much been on what our students can do outside of the classroom. They have been encouraged to attend co-curricular lunchtime activities where they can and to think about their involvement in activities out of school. They have also been asked to think about the new year and what new things they can try to broaden their experiences for 2022. Many Y10s continue to enjoy their Monday night activity, including CCF, Adventure Club and Journalism club to name a few. The Y10 Ambassador scheme continues to grow, with four new students signing up to be Cricket Ambassadors, Milo, Max, Zail and Jamie will coach Y5 and Y6 pupils from our Junior School in January, on Friday mornings. Congratulations to Charlie who has represented Nottingham Forest U16's this term. Charlie has been selected to play above his age group which is testament to his ability and commitment. It was a pleasure to see some Y10's performing in the school production of 'The Little Shop of Horrors' Congratulations to Isla, Zoe, Otto, Seb, Akhil, Annelise, Bea, Georgia, Ivy, Mariam, Mimi, Sangita and Esther for their stellar performances. Year 10's final assembly focused on awards and presentations. Students were given the chance to vote for their peers in a number of fun categories, including 'Who is most likely to win an Olympic medal' and 'Who is most likely to be a fashion icon' The Ambassadors were also presented with a gift for their services to the ambassador scheme.



Assistant Head, Individuals Y11-13 - Mr David Gillett

Years 11-13 have finished a busy term strongly and have maintained positive, can-do attitudes, no matter what challenges awaited them. Lots of students in Year 13 have faced university interviews online and in person, and we all have our fingers crossed that more offers will follow. The quality of our students has also been evident in the major school events during the past weeks, with the older years groups heavily represented in the Old Nottinghamian fixtures, School Music, Little Shop of Horrors, House Rowing and an interschool quiz event. It was fantastic to see the House Captains play such an active role in their House Charity drives too. I hope that everybody enjoys their holidays – the students certainly deserve it.



SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees - Important!

The School has recently issued the fees invoice for spring term 2022. It is not uncommon for IT fraudsters to target parents at this time of year. Typically they will send an e-mail purporting to be from a School stating that it has changed its bank account details. This is not correct. Our bank details remain unchanged.

Should you receive any communication from the School about your payments and you think it looks suspicious, please do e-mail us at: fees@nottinghamhigh.co.uk and we will contact you directly. Our Finance Office will be open until the afternoon of 22nd December.



Y10 WWI Day

On Tuesday 30th November the History Department were thrilled to welcome back the team from Frontline History to work with our Y10 Historians, providing a hands on experience of the First World War. Students were introduced to artefacts from their study of the origins and course of the First World War, gaining an insight into not only the global aspect of the war, but truly getting to grips with what would have motivated people of their age, such as Horace Iles and Valentine Strudwick, to enlist and fight for King and Country. Indeed, the whole group were struck by the uncanny resemblance between Joe, fully kitted out in a WWI uniform (weapons and all) and the last photograph of Valentine Strudwick, who was the same age when he gave his life for King and Country. A sobering moment for all. Not only were students able to handle the equipment they would have used for night raids in the trenches, but they also discovered how well soldiers were prepared (or not) for the nascent gas attacks during the war. It was great to see students getting hands on and being able to fully immerse themselves into the study of their GCSE History.

Medical Dietary Requirements

The School Catering Team have been working hard to ensure all our students have access to a range of different foods to meet the very wide range of tastes as well as dietary needs. We now offer a bespoke menu for children with medical dietary needs. The menu for the week ahead is published on our website [here](#) each week on the previous Friday lunchtime so parents and carers can review food options with their child over the weekend. If you wanted to pre-book specific meals for your child based on their dietary needs we would ensure it was ready and named for them to collect from the new Jacket Potato counter.

To order specific meals please ensure you email Lynch.m@nottinghamhigh.co.uk & Cluskey.c@nottinghamhigh.co.uk with your requirements before Monday 9am so they have sufficient time to plan and prepare the meals and ensure the Catering Team are aware too.

We hope this service will help with ensuring ongoing improvements in our approach to Food Safety for all.

Onsite Testing

We have been asked by the Department of Education to run onsite testing on the return to school after the Christmas holiday. We will run an on-site test centre in the Old Gym on 4th and 5th January 2022 and invite parents to book an appointment using Try Booking again. For students who choose to take part in pre-season sport training on 5th January, please book for an on-site test on Tuesday 4th.

SCHOOL NEWS

Local Sporting Opportunities

Our fantastic Sports Department have pulled together this really useful document to promote our local sporting clubs to our students, these sporting opportunities are a great way to complement our Games options.

Local Sporting Opportunities

CLICK THE LOGOS TO VISIT THE WEBSITE LINKS

CRICKET
WOLLATON CC



HOCKEY
BEESTON HC



NETBALL
CITY NC



RUGBY
PAVIORS



GEDLING COLLIERY CC



BOOTS HC



CLIFTONETTES NC



NOTTINGHAM MODERNS



PLUMTREE CC



WEST BRIDGFORD HC



BRAMCOTE NC



NOTTINGHAM CORSAIRS



ELLERSLIE CC



NOTTINGHAM HC



STAPLEFORD NC



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SCHOOL NEWS

House Rowing

It was wonderful to welcome House Rowing back in to the Wheeler Cup calendar after the restrictions of last year. As an event, it is always great fun, albeit very loud and of course very hotly contested. This year saw rowers from all year groups compete with varying degrees of experience on a rowing machine, all encouraged by a very vocal crowd. The results were:

- 1st Maples' (11.1 km)
- 2nd White's (10.7 km)
- 3rd Cooper's (10.2 km)
- 4th Mellors' (10.1 km)

Many thanks to Mr Whitehead for timekeeping and well done to all who took part.



Chess News

Middle School House Chess Results.		
1st	Maples'	Won 3
2nd	Cooper's	Won 2
3rd	Mellors'	Won 1
4th	White's	Lost 3
Senior House Chess Results		
First	Maples'	Won 3
Second	Cooper's	Won 2
Third	White's	Won 1
Fourth	Mellors'	Lost 3
Overall House Chess Result		
First	Maples'	Won 6
Second	Cooper's	Won 4
Third	White's	Won 1
Fourth	Mellors'	Won 1

A very active first term in the Fitness Suite!

Once again, the fitness suite has proved to be a very popular co-curricular option this first term – with over 1200 visits, in particular before-school and during lunch-time sessions. Year 8 through to upper sixth form pupils have relished the chance to get into the gym to work on their personal fitness goals.

This term has seen the introduction of a 'fitness training award' for pupils who have committed to attending regular training, progressed well, and who have become positive role models for their peers.

Almost every set from Year 7-9 have completed one block of Health-Related Fitness (HRF) in the gym for PE, and well over 100 distinctions have been awarded. Some of these distinctions have been for effort, but a total of 97 have been given out to pupils who have done tremendously well in the HRF Triathlon Challenge – scoring over 1000 meters combined distance. Since its introduction in 2019, the challenge sees pupil's cycle, row and ski (on a ski ergometer!) for a minute on each machine, with group total averages ranging from 837 – 960 m, 950 – 1009 and 982m – 1058m, for years 7, 8 and 9, respectively.



SCHOOL NEWS

Careers

Huge thanks to everyone involved in making Careers Week such a success. The playlist from the week is available to students via the Careers google classroom (4c3snfc) and includes this eye-opening talk on graduate opportunities, which I encourage parents to watch [here](#).

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On Tuesday we welcomed back Old Nottinghamian Jamie King to speak to us about his career in architecture and tell us more about the staff room which he recently helped redesign. We are delighted that he has offered to judge our first ever 'Sketchbook Prize' this year, which gives students an extra incentive to keep a portfolio of ideas and sketches over the year and which we hope will ensure that those who ultimately choose to apply for a creative university course have an outstanding portfolio to submit.

We've also enjoyed a series of 6 Royal Institution Maths Masterclasses delivered by some amazing volunteers including parents and friends of the school. The weekend sessions involved students from across Nottinghamshire and have been hugely appreciated by all involved, including our year 9s and sixth form helpers.

For students wanting to work further on their TED Talks over the holiday (yes, we'll be recording the final versions before Easter), I've posted more material on the google classroom (code yze5adh) to help. If you haven't yet expressed your interest but now have a story you want to share, do join the classroom too!

I've also recently updated the information on my careers site so hope you find it useful: www.whatnext.info



Voice Concert and ABRSM Exams

Mr Lole, one of our singing teachers here at the school, held the Voice Teatime Concert which took place on 1 December. The audience enjoyed a wide repertoire performed with confidence and flair by soloists, duets and ensembles. These included Benjamin S who performed one of the pieces that helped him win Nottingham Young Musician of the Year, Will, Isla and Malika performed pieces that helped them all get distinctions in their subsequent ABRSM music exams. Well done to all who took part. Finally everyone sang together in a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells, enjoyed by all!

Congratulations to four of our senior students who all achieved Distinctions in their recent ABRSM Music Exams

- Arunabh D - Piano Grade 8
- William H- Singing Grade 4
- Isla S - Singing Grade 4
- Malika J - Singing Grade 3

SCHOOL NEWS



Biology Photography Competition

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the results of the Nottingham High School Biology Photography Competition 2021, which ran from Biology Week in October until last Friday. The students (and staff) were challenged to submit an image that celebrated the diversity of the natural world and there were some very imaginative entries! The winners are listed below, well done to all of our photographers:

Years 7-10

WINNER – William R, year 7 – ‘beauty in variation’

RUNNER-UP – Priya M, year 9 – ‘unique visions’

Years 11-13

WINNER – Rishav Ahluwalia, year 12 DT – ‘neighbouring worlds’

RUNNER-UP – Ariella Smith, year 12 TKS – ‘proud harmony’

Staff

WINNER – Mrs Sneddon – ‘bountiful spectrum’



PRIYA M



RISHAV A



CLAIRE S



WILLIAM R



ARIELLA S

Y8 Gardening Club

The Year 8 Gardening Club have been really busy this term cooking up some of their seasonal veggies grown from seed in the school garden. We have particularly really enjoyed making the beetroot brownies, carrot cake muffins and delicious spiced butternut squash soup in our lunchtime Food Club. A really great lesson in seasonality, food miles, field to plate with some delicious, healthy treats along the way! Looking forward to seeing what's going to be cooking up next term from the school veg patch!

SCHOOL NEWS



A Reflection on Sport

As we approach the end of our first uninterrupted term of sport for quite some time, I wanted to say thank you to our staff, parents and students for their commitment to school sport. There have been many triumphs this term, although some of the published results may indicate otherwise! The chance to get out and play with friends, or develop new friendships through sport is possibly more important now than ever as these important bonds can last a lifetime. It was for example, great to be able to welcome some of the senior players from seasons 1971-1974 back to Valley Road this term, to relive their school sporting experiences, and see how quickly some of these ON's who had perhaps not seen each other for a considerable time, reconnected through their common sporting experiences.

For our own current players, the chance to be active, train hard, and play in competitive situations with friends which, (although missing from the past two years), has long been an integral part of the total High School experience has once again been available. We have had fantastic turnouts for Under 12 and Under 13 Hockey and Rugby training sessions and match play this term, and the development we have seen has been very encouraging in these age groups. Under 14 and 15 girls sport has really improved as the term has progressed, with good attendance at training and for matches. At Under 15 the boys have been keen to train, but we have had fewer boys than we would like to see at Under 14. These two years have unfortunately missed out so much on the school sporting experience due to Covid and perhaps need additional support from all areas to fulfil their true potential. At the senior end of the school we have seen great development in our teams. 1st XI hockey has become stronger throughout the term, and results have started to go our way. 1st XV rugby endured a testing start to the term, but results have really picked up over the season and at time of writing, the team have reached the ¼ final of the National Bowl competition.

Financial investment in High School sport has never been greater, new facilities and additional coaching support are in place, but we need to remember this is only part of the route to sporting achievement. Time must be devoted to training, practice and match play in any sporting endeavour. As a school, we are completely convinced about the benefits of school sport, and as I read the articles below this week, I was reminded about the importance of physical activity for all. Figures published post lockdown highlight an increase in childhood obesity, and a lack of movement during that difficult period which could lead to additional complex problems throughout adult life. [BBC Article](#) [tes Article](#)

These prompted me to read again the government's advice on physical activity for all, (you can read this [here](#)) which outlines how much movement we all should be engaging in every week. It also highlights the benefits of participation in sports and activity; how they can contribute to cognitive development in the young, and help arrest decline in the old!

As we head into the Christmas break, I hope that you will all continue to be physically active over the holiday period, (especially if you are studying for exams in January) the benefits to mental wellbeing and academic performance are well worth the time spent, and that you come back refreshed and ready for the new school sporting challenges which await next term. We have a full programme of boys' hockey and girls' netball to enjoy, and I hope to see students playing and parents supporting on the side lines throughout the term.



Sports from the Autumn Term 2021



Start of the Race



Winner

Old Nottinghamians Cross Country

This annual race was cancelled last year due to covid restrictions so it was great to see the race go ahead this year. The school won the team trophy in 2019 when it was last contested.

Ideal weather conditions this year meant the course was dry under foot and set up for fast times. Jake led from start to finish and won the race for the school by over 30 seconds. In fact his time was the third fastest ever on this course, which was first used in the 1970's. The ON team packed well and pipped the school to the annual team trophy. It was great to see the ON's who for some, left the school over 45 years ago. The youngest runner was Jake who is 16 and the oldest David who is now 70. David is infact a world masters champion and supports the event every year, meaning you are never to old to enjoy your running.

Sixth Form supporting The Guru Nanak and cooking hot food for homeless.

Well done to Evie B-S and her team of amazing Year 12 students who have been working tirelessly to collect and make up over 175 personal hygiene to distribute to the homeless over Christmas. A really great effort by everyone involved and very much appreciated by the Guru Nanak Mission.

Last Thursday, our Year 13 Ready Steady University students have also been very busy in their lesson preparing and cooking over 100 portions of Vegetarian Chilli which were distributed to the homeless on Albert Street in Nottingham. It was also great to see so many of our students also making generous donations of chocolate selection boxes to give out on the same evening as Christmas gifts. It's been a privilege to support such a worthwhile local charity and we look forward to continuing with this fantastic project in the new year.

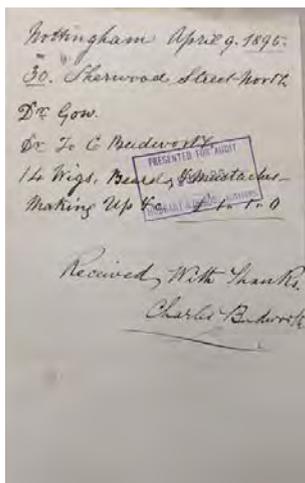


SCHOOL NEWS

Found in the Library Archives by Esme W and Anna R Y9

While looking through the school Archive, we came across several interesting receipts from the Victorian era of the school, purchasing some fascinating items. Astonishingly, these receipts seem to be among the only evidence we have of some co-curricular activities during this time, as the school magazine appears not to mention them.

For example, in the year 1895, Drama seemed to be a surprisingly prominent aspect of the school budget. In one instance, we found a receipt for the purchase of 14 wigs, beards and moustaches and making up (make up) for the price of 1 pound and 1 shilling. Unless Headmaster Gow had something else rather unusual planned, we can assume that the school had a thriving Drama department even so many years ago. Also in 1895, Dr Gow made a purchase costing 6 pounds, 6 shillings and 6 pence from Harrison's Limited Theatrical and Fancy Costume Warehouses for the hire of costumes, possibly for the same exciting production. The Nottingham High Drama Department still continues to put together incredible productions year on year, such as the recent Little Shop of Horrors performed by our amazing senior students and the upcoming smaller studio productions by our other talented performers in some of the other year groups.



A message from Mr Jones!

Here we are at the end of another year, with many positives having taken place. A full cricket, hockey, athletics and rugby season making things seem a more normal, whatever that is these days. Girls' Sport continues to impress, not only with their commitment to sport but also the polite way they conduct themselves at the various sites. The boys have also really thrown themselves back into fixtures. The new netball courts are now up and running, minus a few tweaks - our facilities really are something to be proud of. The year ahead looks uncertain, but I look forward to you visiting either Valley Road, Highfields or the School site, which is continuing to be re-landscaped - watch this space. It only leaves for me to say thank-you for your conversations we have had over the year, and your friendship. Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year - Mr Jones, Head Groundsman.

Young Enterprise

It has been a busy half term for our 6 Young Enterprise teams. Team Stellar organised a successful movie night for Year 7 students and Team Atlas are busy creating their 3D maps ready to sell around Nottingham. Team Sigma are making bespoke rings and Team Ignite have put together 'pick and mix' stockings which sold out within a day. Team Oasis have ordered bath bombs and are currently working on 'adding value' ready to sell and Team Ember have sold over 100 candles recycled out of old bottles. They have had huge success selling them at various school events and are now reaching out to 2 local Nottingham based companies to secure that big order.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Nottingham High School Christmas Bake Off 2021

This Monday saw another spectacular Christmas Bake Off in our Food and Nutrition Department with some fantastic entries and some amazing cakes and bakes. The competition was judged again by Mr Fear and Mrs Simpson and the results were as follows:

1. Best traditional Christmas cake demonstrating creativity and technical skill: 1st Charles D and heads honourable mention to Isaac and Sam B.
2. Best Christmas cake celebrating cuisines and cultures from all around the world: 1st Mya P and heads honourable mention Jasper D.
3. Best Christmas cake with an environmental theme or message: 1st: Sienna W.
4. Best Christmas cake with fun factor and that makes you smile: 1st Alice S.
5. Best Christmas Cake made by staff member: 1st Mrs C Sneddon.

Congratulations to all our winners, many thanks and well done to everyone who took part again this year. The standard continues to rise and is a true testament to the creativity, technical skill and efforts by the students entering the competition again this year. To give you a flavour of the this years entries, please have a look at the [flickr link](#) to all this years photos and cakes.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas with lots of happy cooking and baking from all of us in the Food and Nutrition Department.



Y10 Trip to the Christmas BBC Good Food Show

We had the privilege of visiting the winter bbc good food show at the NEC on 28th November and what an experience it was! From fruity hot sauces to old fashioned cheese the variety was incredible! In a massive maze of flavours we tried plenty of samples of culturally diverse foods as well as bespoke cooking equipment. This was especially enriching because we learnt lots about cooking methods as well as ethics when making a product. For example, we tried vegan honey and saw reusable cling film! Highlights were seeing James Martin demonstrate recipes and interactive 'cook with me's'. And the perfect end to this day was walking outside to a winter wonderland - very fitting for the Winter BBC Good Food Show! We thank Mrs Stafford, the food department and all members of staff involved for a fantastic day out!



SCHOOL NEWS

Community Action - Christmas

It has been another successful Christmas for the Community Action group, having held two Christmas campaigns, one for the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank and one toy collection for Guru Nanak's Mission who provide toys to families in need across the city at Christmas time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their generous contributions to both campaigns. We were truly overwhelmed by the number of donations made to both the food and toy campaign and I am delighted that they will both make such a positive difference to so many at this time of year.

In addition to this, on Monday 13th December, we held for the first time in two years (due to Covid restrictions last year) our annual Christmas Party. Guests enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and watched the first act of the wonderful Little Shop of Horrors which truly impressed the visitors. Guests were delighted by the wonderful service and help they received from Community Action students. I would like to commend Community Action students for all their hard work and commitment to supporting their local community this year both in school and through their voluntary placements.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Community Action.



Physical Education Curriculum Visit to St George's Park

The A level PE students visited St George's Park on Monday 13th December. St George's Park is the FA's national centre and is situated in rolling Staffordshire countryside.

The students covered some aspects of the A level PE syllabus, including, Fitness Testing, Hydrotherapy, Strength and Conditioning and Diet & Nutrition.

Christmas Carol Service

What a wonderful start to Christmas with the Carol Service last night at St Mary's Church in the Lace Market. Thank you to all the students who took part and to everyone who attended. The Service was recorded and a link will be sent out in the coming days. All the photos can be found [here](#).



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS TRAINING

SPRING TERM



Boys Hockey @ The Hockey Centre
Tuesdays - Year 7, 9, 10
Thursdays - Year 8 and Seniors

Netball @ Sports Hall
Mondays - Year 7 and Year 8
Tuesdays - Year 9 and 10
Thursdays - Seniors



Pick up 5:50pm at venue. Remember correct kit for sessions.
Note: Pick up for Year 7 + 9 Netball will be 5:15pm for the first half term. After Half term, all Netball bar Seniors will be at Valley Road until 5:50pm.

SCHOOL NEWS GALLERY



Year 8 celebrate this term's achievements



Guests begin to arrive at Tuesday's Carol Concert



So many fantastic entries for the Christmas Bake Off



A Level PE Students at St George's Park



Year 7 working on their Geography project



A huge well done to the cast of The Little Shop of Horrors



Students play for The Park community carol event



ON Netball



Team photos at the Cross Country



ON Rugby



Team photos at the Cross Country



Christmas Fun with the Scouts

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 Wednesday 26 January and Tuesday 1 March. 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 xeat@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.

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Please get in touch at marketing@nottinghamhigh.co.uk

FEATURED VIDEO



MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

HAPPY NEW YEAR

from all at Nottingham High School

