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Y8 ENJOYED A WEEK IN THE LAKE DISTRICT
OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

The Summer Term has got off to a very busy start both in and out of the classroom. Students at the top end of the School have had their assessments and those in Years 11 and 13 will soon be embarking on their study leave ahead of the exams this summer. We wish them every success with these.

I was delighted to hear of the success in the National Concert Band Festival which is another accolade for our excellent music department. Anna's success in the Physics Olympiad is another significant achievement as was Taona's police award and Anya's rowing success. All of these show the breadth of our offering and I congratulate all involved.

It is good to see our trips programme starting up again and there will be more in the months ahead. A reminder too that for those on bursary places a subsidy can sometimes be applied and if this is of interest please get in touch with me.

Next week sees our annual strategy day with the School's governors and we will be discussing amongst other things the School's vision, mission statement and values as well as considering future risks and looking at the impact that our bursary programme has. In addition we will be considering the next stages of development for our Infant and Junior School. This day is always an exciting way to launch the work of the coming year.

I hope that all in the School community enjoy the extended weekend and I wish all the many sports teams playing on Saturday all the very best with their fixtures. I also hope that all those celebrating Eid on Monday enjoy this special occasion.

Kevin Fear (Headmaster)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				29 TODAY Y13 PE MODERATION DAY
2 BANK HOLIDAY EID	3 HOUSE BAKE SALE	4 Y11 EXAM LEAVE Y10/12 EXAMS END Y14B CRICKET CUP	5 MUSIC: ACAPELLA EVENING	6 Y10 DofE SILVER WALKING PRACTICE ART A LEVEL EXAM Y7 CRICKET CUP FIXTURES
9	10 Y10 PARENT'S EVENING Y8 CRICKET CUP FIXTURE	11 Y13 EXAM LEAVE	12 Y12 CHEMISTRY COMPETITION Y14 CRICKET CUP	13 BANK HOLIDAY SIXTH FORM BALL
16 EPQ MARKETPLACE Y13A CRICKET CUP FIXTURE	17 MUSIC: Y10 SOLO RECITAL	18	19 Y10 GEOGRAPHY TRIP	20
23 Y9 AUTHOR VISIT	24	25 Y7 TASTER DAY for current Y5 external Students RAF FLYING DAY	26 SCHOOL QUIZ	27 Y7 AUTHOR VISIT

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

Year 7 have come back for their final term of Year 7 full of enthusiasm and energy. It has been great to see and hear of so many student involved in cricket, athletics and tennis training and we wish them all the best in their first fixtures. A number of Year 7 students took part in an assembly with Mr Theodorakis last week for Earth Day and the form reps have been having excellent conversations with their forms in preparation for the school council later this half-term. Topics of discussion included school sport, intellectual curiosity and individuality. Finally, well done to 7B on winning the Year 7 Reading Challenge this year with a total of 92 books. Ms Gunther presented them with the banner and prizes in our assembly this week. We hope that all of Year 7 continue to enjoy reading and do so with as much enthusiasm as they have shown this year so far.



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. Cricket and the other sports have got off to an excellent start with outstanding attendance at after school practice every week. It has been great to see the Year group taking part in sport together, and to see so many girls enjoying their cricket. This term will be a busy one, and as we turn our attention to summer exams, we will be working with the year group to help them improve their revision plans and techniques. We are also continuing to read 'Once upon an Eid', a collection of stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim voices, and the students are enjoying the extra reading time in the morning and the chance to read aloud to the rest of the class.



Head of Year 9 - Mr Simon Barr Smith

Returning from the Easter holiday after a very well-earned rest, Year 9 have picked where they left off with a broad range of co-curricular participation and hard work with the focus heading towards the end-of-year exams. A lot of sporting opportunities are available and it has been very pleasing to see the enthusiasm and commitment shown to the training sessions which have been made available at lunchtimes and after school. Special mention must go to some of our cricketers; The U14 A Girls' team won their first match of the season against Loughborough High School and for the boys, Sasmeet, Rayhan and Adit made their debuts for the School's 2nd XI in a fixture against Worksop College. Our second Success Breakfast will take place before half term and both Mr Barr-Smith and Mrs Turney will be sending out the invitations to this in the next week or so; it is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the successes, both in and out of school, of our students and so we do encourage any students to share with us news of their achievements. We wish all of the Year 9s an enjoyable and rewarding Summer term.



Head of Year 10 - Mr Paul Allison

Year 10 have returned after a busy Easter period of revision in preparation for their end of year exams. The main academic focus has been on preparing the students for GCSE style examinations. Year 10 received an assembly on exam preparation and protocols.

This terms PSHE will focus on 'Current Trends' in society, including sessions on 'Islam in Britain', 'Immigration', 'Escalation of Hate' and 'Crime'

Summer sports have started and this term will feature fixtures for Cricket, Athletics and Tennis, there are also after school sessions at Valley Road on Tuesday evenings, 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

Congratulations to Katie for setting a new year 10 school record for the 800m at the Uppingham School athletics competition. Records were also broken by Annie in the Hurdles, Stacey in the 300m and Triple Jump.



Assistant Head, Individuals Y11-13 - Mr David Gillett

Since our return from Easter break, Y11-13 have been focused on assessments. Year 11 have worked hard through their last period of formal assessments and are now back in lessons for their final week or so before they go on study leave next week. Year 13 are very much looking forward to their Leavers' Ball at Colwick Hall just after their exam leave starts, as reward for all the hard work they have put in over their time in the Sixth form. Year 12 have thrown themselves into their end of year exam period this week, consolidating their learning from this first year of A levels. A number of Y12 were recognised with awards for their enterprising success over the past two terms, at the recent Young Enterprise Awards ceremony. See below to read about Taona's success & [click here](#) to read about Anna's achievement.



TAONA WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM NOTTS POLICE



The Living Our Best Life Awards (LOBLA) celebrate outstanding young people throughout the county. We are delighted that Taona – known to many of us simply as T – has won the Bringing People Together Award.

T was nominated by his tutor for the central reason of his outstanding initiative in bringing his peers together to fundraise to provide healthcare equipment in Malawi and for arranging for a group to visit Malawi to deliver this aid. This enterprise has seen T in regular contact with the Malawian Health Minister! The award also recognises the strength of T's commitment to fighting social injustice and his work in supporting others to live their best lives. In school, this is seen through T's participation in and support for a huge range of activities, including drama and house competitions. He is a 'buddy' within our tutor set system and is regularly to be found in conversation with students from across the various year groups in the school, encouraging them and inspiring them to greater efforts. Beyond school, T is a Scout leader and volunteers weekly at a youth club for autistic children.

A lovely ceremony was held at Nottingham Forest FC to recognise the success of T and the five other award winners. The award winners were able to celebrate with their friends, families and supporters. T received his award from Baroness Lawrence and Rt Hon Stuart Lawrence, and the evening included live music, good food and a great deal of inspiration! T was characteristically impressive when a video interview with him, which was to be played just before his award was presented, failed due to technical issues. As a result, T was invited to stand up and say a few words, unscripted, which he did with great eloquence. We are so proud of him!

If you would like to read more about T's fundraising, you can visit the link below!

[DONATE HERE](#)

It was also great to hear T discuss his fundraising venture with BBC Radio Nottingham this week!



Click the image below to see T's interview with Notts Police!



SCHOOL NEWS



NCBF Final

The National Concert Band Festival celebrates and promotes the music and activities of wind bands and jazz bands by holding regional festivals across the UK and a National Festival Competition held at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. Bands perform in front of their peers, parents, and NCBF adjudicators who provide feedback based on the NCBF Award Criteria.

During the Easter holidays Nottingham High School Big Band travelled up to Manchester to compete in the prestigious national final and were awarded a highly prized gold and received very good written feedback on the quality of our musicians!

Many congratulations to all performers!

ABRSM Music Exams

Congratulations to the following students who all achieved Distinctions in the ABRSM music exams that took place just before the Easter holiday.

Sara T - Piano Grade 2
 Araoluwa O - Violin Grade 2
 Maxwell C - Singing Grade 2
 Charles D - Singing Grade 3
 James S - Flute Grade 4
 Otto W - Singing Grade 6

Young Enterprise

Congratulations to all the students who have competed in the Young Enterprise Company Programme this year. All our teams scooped up an award at the Local Young Enterprise awards ceremony including best teamwork for Team Atlas, best creative idea for Team Sigma, best marketing for Team Ember and Team Stellar, with their upcycled dog toys, have won through to the area finals at the end of May. A special mention must go to Team Ember who have made a net profit of over £800 from selling and effectively marketing their candles.



Anna goes to Astro Camp

Anna S in Year 13 has achieved further success at national level in Physics. After finishing in the top 12 students nationally in Round 1 of the Physics Olympiad, she was invited to an astrophysics training camp at Oxford as part of a selection process for the next stage. She performed extremely well in testing and has now been offered a reserve place for the international competition in Georgia in August. Anna found the training camp inspiring and enjoyed the opportunity to listen to experts in the field. Her achievement is outstanding and reflects her enthusiasm for all aspects of academic study.

Sporting Success

Over Easter, Anja K (Y8) broke age-group world records (children aged 12 and under) on the RP3T Rowperfect rowing machine, which she uses in her rowing and swimming training. She knocked another student, who represented Finland, off the top spot in the 100m, 1minute, 500m, 1000m and 2000m distances.

On 23rd and 24th April, Anja also competed in the 50m and 100m breaststroke races at the East Midlands Regional Swimming Championships, having swam the qualification times over the course of the last academic year.



Y8 Easter in the Lakes

48 Y8s had the most fantastic week of adventure in the Lake District during the Easter holidays at Patterdale Hall. Activities included rock climbing, gorge scrambling, stand up paddle boarding. Students also walked to the summit of Sheffield Pike in a variety of weather. They even canoed across Ullswater to wild camp out for the night, settling up their own tents, and cooking their own food. Well done to all the students who tried each of the activities and challenges, it was a wonderful cohort to work with, the centre were particularly complimentary. Also a big thank you to the adventurous staff who accompanied the trip and jumped in (literally) with the activities as much as the children. A great time was had by all. The 2023 trip for Y8s will launch in Y7 assembly 19th May.



Chess News

On Saturday, the 23rd of April our junior team travelled in the early hours of the morning to Kings College School, Wimbledon, London . It was the venue of the English Chess Federation National Junior Team Chess Challenge Final. Some of the best young chess players in the country were to be there. It was good to test ourselves against the best players. The High School team consisted of Oliver D, James G, and Kate H.

Each game was only 10 minutes on their clocks. There were eight rounds of chess. Sadly we had a few last minute withdrawals so we were at a disadvantage. All our players scored points and did themselves proud against such strong opponents. At the end of a long day Nottingham High School finished in 7th place out of 9 participating schools.

Chess Results

- Notts HS 0 - 4 Wilsons B**
- Bolton School 1 - 3 Notts HS**
- Notts HS 1 - 3 Tiffin school**
- Urmston GS 1 - 3 Notts HS**
- Notts HS 0 - 4 Kings College A**
- Kings College B 3 - 1 Notts HS**
- Notts HS 0 - 4 Brentwood school**
- Wilsn A 4 - 0 Notts HS**



Charity Golf Day

Last Friday, we welcomed 56 members of the Nottingham High School community to our Charity Golf Day. We are incredibly grateful to Stanton on the Wolds who generously hosted the event for the School, raising £2,732 for the School's Bursary Fund. We've already had lots of wonderful feedback, from everyone involved, including calls to repeat the event next year.

For more details regarding any of the above please do get in touch with the School's Development Office development@nottinghamhigh.co.uk



Sports Photos - FINAL REMINDER

We are sending a final reminder that the recent sports team photographs taken at Nottingham High School can be ordered online and sent to your home address using the below details:

<https://www.gsimagebank.co.uk/nottinghamhigh> Token: 2v3b6z2022

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Gillman & Soame directly at enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200.



NETBALL SHOOTING CLUB

ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME!

A FOCUSED CLUB TO PRACTISE AND CONDITION SHOOTING, THROUGH VARIOUS DRILLS

PLAYERS CAN WORK INDIVIDUALLY OR IN LED GROUPS

ALL GS/GA FROM TEAMS SHOULD ATTEND THIS CLUB

WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME UNTIL 1:30PM IN THE SPORTS HALL



SCHOOL NEWS GALLERY



Y8 spent #NationalWalkingDay on Sheffield Pike (in the rain)



Harriet (Y13) making debut for Beeston Ladies



Easter Cricket



The Climbing Wall is back in action



Scouts enjoying the views of Buttermere



Staff Navigation Training - Mam Tor



Masterchef morning with the Food and Nutrition Department



Girls Cricket at Loughborough High



Our fantastic Development Team at last Friday's Charity Golf Day



Y7 Students have been learning to cook Pan Con Tomate at our new conversational Spanish and Food Club



Design and Technology trialling camping stoves!



Y7 and 8 Athletics is off to a great start

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. 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

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**If you would like to contribute a story to our newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!
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FEATURED VIDEO



GIRLS ONLY MORNING GYM SESSIONS



FRIDAYS 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

