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NOTTINGHAM HIGH SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

This week saw our Autumn Concert in St Mary's Church and it was a superb occasion. It was so good to see so many students involved and clearly loving every moment of it and the standards reached were just so high. School music is one of the jewels in our crown and I'd like to thank all the staff and students involved in putting on such a special evening for us. Many of them will also be in action on the last night of the term 19th December for our Carol Service and you are all warmly invited to join us there irrespective of whether your own children are involved.

As you can read below it has been a really busy time in school and this week has been careers week. Many parents and Old Nottinghamians have been involved in this and Mrs Auterson has put on so many interesting opportunities for students to broaden their horizons and to think of their futures. Do encourage your children to take up these chances to be inspired and in each newsletter, there are always more things which we draw their attention to.

Next week is our musical 'Chicago' and this will play to full audiences and promises to be a real treat. I know that Mrs Govinden and her cast have been working so hard to add the finishing touches and I look forward to seeing it next Friday evening. Whilst we take pride in all of our academic achievements our Music, Drama and other activities are of an equally high standard and provide lasting memories for all involved.

I'd also like just to remind you that in the event of really bad weather at any point in the coming months, we will put information on the School website by 6.30 a.m. in the morning. The assumption though must be that School will always remain open but that we understand if your own particular journey becomes impossible.

With just two and a half weeks of term remaining there is still much to look forward to as you can read below. The School Christmas trees arrive today so whilst we are still working hard there is the holiday to look forward to. We are still on standby for our next school inspection but this could either come this term or later in the year. You will be sent a questionnaire when it does arrive so that you can give the inspectors your own feedback on our performance.

Best Wishes,

Kevin Fear (Headmaster)

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1  Brain Day  Drama - Fix Ups (4 - 6.30pm)
4  Year 9 to 10: Options Deadline  Drama - Fix Ups (4 - 6.00pm)  Year 11 - Taster Lessons in New Subjects	5  Drama - Fix Ups (4 - 6.00pm)	6  RS - Yr 13 Trip to Oxford	7  Drama: Main School Production (7.00pm)	8  Drama: Main School Production (7.00pm)  Drama: Main School Production (6.30pm) <b>9th Nov</b> RI Masterclass (10 - 12.30) <b>9th Nov</b>
11  ABRSM Exams  Year 11 to 12: Options Deadline	12  Year 8 Parents' Evening (Finalise Options)  ABRSM Exams  Year 10 Art Workshop  Drama - OAP Christmas Performance	13  ABRSM Exams  Year 7 Reports to Parents	14  Year 8 to 9: Options Deadline	15
18  Year 11 Art Exam (P4/5)  Year 12 Physics - Cern Trip Leaves  Music - McGegan (Trombone)	19  Christmas Lunch for Year 7 - 13  Christmas Jumper/Shirt/Tie Day  Carol Concert Rehearsal (8.45 - 1.00pm) Carol Concert (7pm)  Year 11 Art Exam All Day	20  End of Term ( <b>Half Day</b> )  Year 12 Physics - Cern Trip rtn	21  School Holiday Support Staff In	22  School Closed until 3rd January  <b>Term Starts 9th January</b>
25	26	27	28	29
				

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

## Term Dates 2023/24

The term dates for 2023/2024 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

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Year 7 have started their Internet Safety projects over the last two weeks and they will be showcasing their TV adverts and posters to their peers on Monday 11th December. They are working in small groups within their form and we hope this project will not only educate them on how to be safer online but it will also develop their teamwork, communication, and organisation skills. Well done to all of those students who were involved in the Autumn Concert this week as well as those taking part in the various House events including the House Buzzer Quiz and House Chess. We have our first Year 7 School Charity Fundraiser on the 13th and 14th of December. Students will be able to watch Home Alone in our Festive Film Fundraiser and there will also be a tuck shop with yummy treats and hot chocolate. All proceeds will go to the two School charities, Nottinghamshire Mind and TheirWorld. Tickets and tuck shop vouchers will be available to purchase on WisePay or with cash in the Year 7 corridor from Monday 4th December and the tuck shop will also be able to accept cash. We hope as many of them as possible can come and join us and raise money for two fantastic charities, as well as start to get into the festive spirit as we approach the Christmas holidays. More details will be on WisePay and there will be posters up around the Year 7 corridor.

## Head of Year 8 - Dr Matthew Lakin

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The Year 8s continue to work determinedly and imaginatively in all aspects of School life. We are continually enthral by their enthusiasm, hard work, and tenacity, and it is a daily pleasure to follow their many and manifold achievements in and out of the classroom. This term is a busy one, and the Year 8s have completed work in PSHE that seeks to harness the power of effective altruism in the careers they prospectively hope to pursue. Year 8s will begin a new cycle of work in PSHE, which seeks to raise awareness and combat discrimination, and they will start by investigating the meaning – and threats to – the Equality Act (2010). Next week, we launch the Christmas Charity Appeal: each Year 8 will be asked, where they can, to fill a shoebox with donations for Sewa Day, a charity that helps and supports the local community, and these gifts will go a long way to making a positive difference to someone's happiness and prosperity. Kindness, charity, and selflessness are all alive and kicking in Year 8.

## Head of Year 9 - Ms Marquez-Godoy

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Year 9 have enjoyed the next session of their PSHE module this week, with students focused on setting SMART targets and considering their goals for the future.

Congratulations this week go to Sofia, for placing first in the Schools' League Cross Country, and to Khushi and Alex, who progressed to the second round of the ESU Public Speaking Competition. It is fantastic to see the year group achieving success in such a range of co-curricular activities.

Please do continue to discuss the 'kindness challenges' that Year 9 has set – we would love to hear about any acts of kindness at home too!

Finally, a reminder that the options deadline is the 4th of December, so please ensure forms are submitted by this date..

## Head of Year 10 - Mr Paul Allison

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Year 10 continues to impress this half term with so many subject teachers praising individuals and classes for their contribution to their academic studies, intellectual curiosity, and a plethora of Co-Curricular activities. Congratulations to the following students for their achievements and hard work.

Physical Education – Sienna W, Elizabeth CV, Victoria CV, Agatha H, Elodie M, Olivia G, Emma T

Spanish – Daniel G

Food & Nutrition – Students who attended the BBC Good Food Show

Religious Studies – Francesca A, Evelyn A, Oliver D, Sophie F, Usrah N, James S, Oren S

CCF RAF – Ben M, William H

Flight Sim Club – Marcus C, William H

Rugby – Students from the A and B teams for their performance v Ratcliffe C

The student's hard work has also been recognised by the number of distinctions awarded so far this half term. A total of 286 distinctions have been awarded to year 10. Congratulations to the following individuals for their superb totals:

Freddie A, Kieran B, Roman E, Charles D, Benedict H, Hukam S, Charlie M, Mya P, Dulina B

In the form of distinction competition the totals and standings are as follows.

1st – 10D – 76

2nd – 10E – 68

3rd – 10A – 67

4th – 10C – 38

5th – 10B - 37

## Head of Year 11-13 - Mr David Gillett

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to  
13

It is brilliant to have Year 11 back with us full-time and we were all impressed by how well they conducted themselves during the mock exams. The results breakfast was a real success and we were pleased to see so many students celebrating their achievements. The mock exams form an important baseline for many and it is now time to reflect on which aspects of revision went well and what now needs more work.

Year 12 have enjoyed Careers Week a great deal and it provides an excellent build-up to conversations next term on the next steps, university courses and alternatives. Year 13 UCAS applications continue to come in and there is nothing better than to see so many offers arrive, giving students very real targets for the summer. Our lecture program has also continued and it was a pleasure to witness the impact that Keith Sudbury from ASSET had on the year group, inspiring many to join the Stem Cell Register. Emma Chappell also spoke brilliantly about her adventures as an academic, a cycle courier and a transcontinental cyclist.

## News from the Psychology Department!

This month the Psychology department has entered the world of Curiosity! In the ground floor corridor can be found the school Curiosity cabinet whereby this month the department has been filled with interesting Brain facts, quizzes and some Christmas Activities! Click [Here](#) Students will be able to access QR codes and use the Google classroom code kkhs6xx to access further links, articles, and answers to some of our questions and activities. Activities include " How good is your Memory?", "Do we all see the same? and True/False Brain Bunting! These will be portrayed amongst other curious facts plus as it is nearly Christmas we couldn't leave out the Psychology behind gift-giving and the unusual Christmas Phobias. We hope that students enjoy finding out more about Psychology and wish everyone a Happy festive season.

Miss K Lea-Smith  
Head of Psychology



## Young Enterprise news



## Fleurish

A gift that keeps on growing...

[fleurish.ltd@gmail.com](mailto:fleurish.ltd@gmail.com) to place an order!

Student founded  
card-businesses  
which creates cards  
that are eco-friendly

 @fleurish\_uk

## House Event News

The four houses have been battling it out in lots of events over the past two weeks. We have had house chess on the past two Friday evenings. The junior competition was won by White's and the seniors plus overall was won by Cooper's. House quiz has also been keeping students occupied over the past three weeks with some really close competition between all four houses. Finally, house table tennis for years 10 and 12 has been happening with a three-way win in year 10. Meller's house won year 12 with Cooper's coming a very close second based on points difference. Overall in the past 3 weeks, the house events have involved over 120 students which is brilliant.



## Live Vacancies

We currently have the following opportunities to join our team

**SCHOOL STAFF INSTRUCTOR (SSI) AND CCF ADMINISTRATOR**

[Click here for more details](#)

## Fitness Suite update - Mr A. Drummond

It is nice to see students from Year 11 back in the Fitness Suite following their mock exams. A few had understandably eased off training for a bit during the exam period, and most are now looking to get back on track with their fitness journey and pick up where they left off. For many people, there is naturally a desire to try and make up for lost (training) time when returning from a break, but a sensible decision is to take a bit of time transitioning back into regular fitness training and to gradually expose the body to higher degrees of intensity as you begin to adjust to a routine. As the majority of students use the Fitness Suite for resistance training, we will encourage them to spend a little bit more time warming up and to choose a lighter weight than usual for certain exercises – though obviously there is a bit of trial and error with this approach to selecting the appropriate load. We want students to remain positive when returning to fitness training and for them to not worry about slight dips in performance. Thankfully they have youth on their side and can bounce back quickly!



### After School Training Nights

Well done to all students attending Hockey and Rugby after school training, a reminder of the training nights below...



Tuesdays  
Year 6, 7, 9 and 10  
Thursdays  
Year 8 and Seniors



We would like to thank parents for their support with these sessions and to remind everyone that pick up time from these sessions is 17.50.



Wrap up warm to sports sessions!

Now the weather is changing please ensure that students come prepared for sessions with layers, and if wet, that a spare change or uniform is brought in to get changed into after sessions.

### Senior Sports

Congratulations to our senior sportsmen and women this week. The 1st XI Girls Hockey team beat Ratcliffe College in the ISHC 4-3 at Highfields on Wednesday, and the 1st XV beat Prince Henry's Grammar School Otley in the Regional Final for the National Schools Bowl Competition 23-7. On the same day, the senior Cross Country runners competed in Birmingham, with Jake G winning the Senior boys race. The 1st XV are now through to the Quarterfinals of the National Bowl competition where they will play Richard Hale School away next Wednesday.



**Interesting article on the benefits of School Sport**



**Read Here**

# AFTER-SCHOOL NETBALL TRAINING

## IN THE MAIN SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE



**MONDAY**

YEARS 6 & 7  
YEAR 8

**SESSION  
ENDS**

5.15PM  
6PM



**TUESDAY**

YEARS 9 & 10

**SESSION  
ENDS**

6PM



**THURSDAY**

SENIORS

**SESSION  
ENDS**

5.45PM





# ON v SCHOOL SPORTS



**SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2023**

**NETBALL - 09:00-10:20am -School Sports Hall**

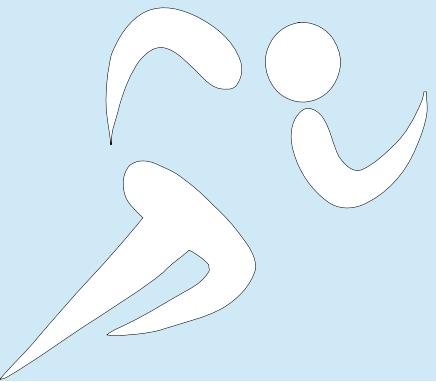
**CROSS COUNTRY - 10:00am - Wollaton Park**

**RUGBY - 11:00am - Valley Road**

**Refreshments will be available at all venues**

**There will also be a post-match meal available in the Senior School Dining Hall from 1:00-3:00pm.**

**Tickets are FREE and include a hot meal and one soft or alcoholic drink**



**Book Here**



### Climbing Club



Climbing team members can all lead climb now and are currently learning how to lead fall safely when they land on the wall. Next session they will be learning how to lead belay each other safely and how to stop a falling climber from hitting the floor. They are all really looking forward to being able to compete in the 2024 climbing competition season.

### National Schools Challenge General Knowledge Quiz



We are back in the National Schools Challenge General Knowledge quizzing competition this year. Post-pandemic, the competition has been resurrected as an online activity which creates lots of challenges for the organisers and IT support as well as the competitors. So far we have six teams with two in each of the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior rounds. With two matches yet to be played, our quizzers have fought well with just one victory so far against Kingham Hill School for our Junior A team who will go forward to the next round in the New Year. Sadaqat, Charlotte, Alex and Kavian from Year 7 and Year 8 did extremely well. We still have two matches to go for our Intermediate B team and Senior A team that are due to take place in the next week. It's great to be back and quiz club on a Thursday lunchtime is more popular than ever.

### News from PSHE

To tie in with the School's Careers Week, in PSHE Years 8, 9, and 11 have been discussing many careers-related topics, including looking at making ethical career choices, work-life balance, and setting goals and making action plans in readiness for the next stage in their education, careers and training. Please do ask your young person about what they have been learning, and how their Morrisby account can be used to record goals and achievements as well as investigating careers of interest and university choices.

[\*\*LINK HERE\*\*](#)



### New Sports Twitter

Make sure you are following our brand new Sports X (Twitter) feed for all our sporting news [\*\*Click Here\*\*](#)

**The Waverley**  
Keep up to date with The Waverley (Infant and Junior School Newsletter) [\*\*here\*\*](#).



## Whole School Photo

The recent whole school photograph taken at Nottingham High School is now online and available to order with delivery direct to your home address.

Please use the following link, and your email address when prompted, to view and order on the Gillman & Soame website:

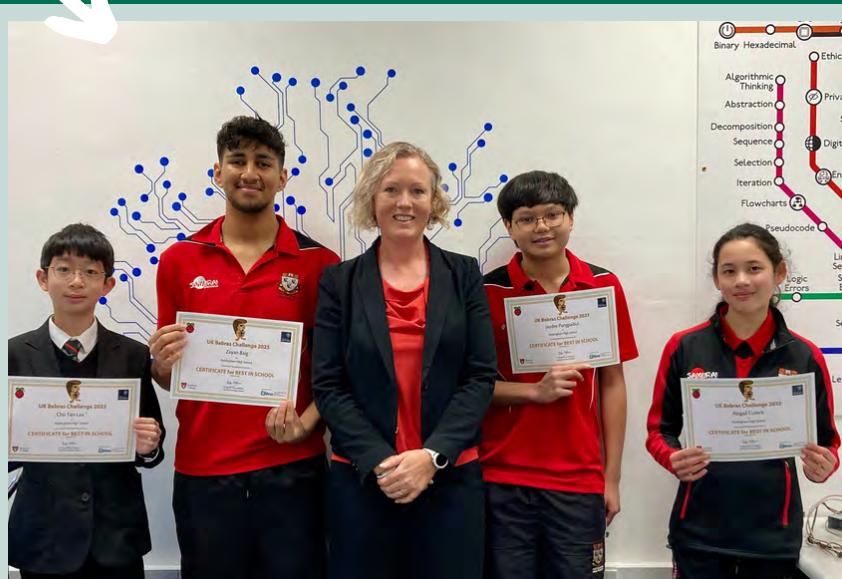
[LINK HERE](#)

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



## BEBRAS Computing Competition

All students in Years 7 and 8, plus Computer Science students in Years 9-13 took part in the prestigious BEBRAS Computing competition recently. An impressive 130 students at the High School have been invited to take part in the next round which is run by Oxford University and called the OUCC. These students have come in the top 10% of the country! Here are the 'Best in school' who came top in their age category - Zayan (Elite), Jaydee (Seniors), Ives (Intermediates) - who scored FULL marks in his, and Abigail (Juniors). Massive congratulations to them all!



## Gardening Club

Gardening club green tomato chutney



The tomatoes in this chutney have been grown by our gardening club ready to be handed out at the Community Action Senior Christmas Lunch.



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### GCSE Food and Nutrition - Christmas BBC Good Food Show Trip

On Sunday the 26th of November, a group of Y10 GCSE students travelled to Birmingham to go and see the Christmas BBC Good Food show, led by Mrs. Stafford and Mrs Turnbull. On arrival at the NEC, we had a quick round of all the stalls that were there, which ranged from Artisan bakers, and plant-based foods to a whole host of amazing foods from all over the world. Then came the time for the first live cookery show in the Big Kitchen. The Hairy Bikers, despite David Myers being unable to attend, Si King made a great effort and delivered an amazing half hour of fantastic cooking. He made a tomato soup with dumplings and also American-style sloppy joes. Everyone enjoyed the first show, and we were all excited for the next. We then had about 3 hours to browse around, the perfect time to do some shopping, get lunch and of course, try all of the delicious samples on offer. At 1:45, we went to our second and final show of the day - Nadiya Hussain. She made an egg bhuna and a kulfi ice cream sandwich, both of which looked amazing. Everyone was so excited to see her, and a great show was given on her part. Overall, the BBC Good Food trip was the best experience, and we would like to thank Mrs Stafford and Mrs Turnbull for such a great day.



### Young Enterprise Screen Saver

One of our young enterprise groups has put together this unique book to educate and entertain! see details below

**Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to teach your children multiplication? Look no further! Our innovative "Multicolour" book is designed to make learning math a breeze while keeping your little ones entertained.**

With captivating illustrations and exciting colouring activities, this book takes the traditional approach to multiplication and transforms it into an interactive adventure. Each page presents a multiplication problem that your child will solve, and as they correctly identify the product, they can colour the corresponding section of the picture. Whether your child is just starting to learn multiplication or needs some extra practice, "Multicolour" is the ideal learning tool. It's suitable for children aged 6 and above, making it perfect for both home and classroom use.

**Don't miss out, scan the QR code and order your copy today!**



## Kari G - The Relationship Between Religion and Politics - PPE Talk

Kari G in the L6th delivered a fascinating paper on the relationship between religion and politics, using 9/11, the Holocaust, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and recent political developments in Indian politics as reference points.

She fielded a challenging and tough variety of questions from her peers and members of staff, and she answered them with aplomb.

This is fantastic work - well done Kari!



## Anja K invited to join the British Rowing Development Programme



Anja K, Y10B, has been invited to join the British Rowing Regional Development Programme - the first rung in the ladder for juniors who wish to go on to represent GB - following her results last year and her strong start to this season. Anja has made a strong start to this season and recently competed in the 'Kinderskiff', a 4km international race for 14 and 15-year-olds, in Turin, Italy, and came 18th out of 43 competitors, which was a great result.

## Tickets Now Available

# CHICAGO

The Drama and Music Departments at Nottingham High School present 'Chicago' - In the roaring twenties Chicago, Roxie Hart murders her faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap, until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess", Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the "American Dream": fame, fortune and acquittal. Performances at 7pm on Thursday 7th December, 7pm on Friday 8th December and 6:30pm on Saturday 9th December. To book tickets [please click here](#)

## Geography - Missing Maps Club

Missing Maps club meets every Thursday lunch in W07 where we work with thousands of other people all around the world to help to map areas where humanitarian organisations are trying to meet the needs of people who live at risk of disasters and crises. We do this by joining projects that need features identified on satellite images to build a base map which is then used by organisations in the area to deliver assistance to people. As these projects are updated frequently and worked on by so many people across the world each week we work on a different area and this term we have contributed to flood management in South Africa and Sri Lanka and Earthquake response in Afghanistan and Morocco. We have developed skills in identifying a variety of building types, land uses and roads meaning that we are now able to tackle some more developed tasks. Feel free to come and join us- the hours also can count towards your Duke of Edinburgh volunteering.

Image Below: Part of an area where we focussed on marking roads and buildings in Afghanistan in an area recently hit by an earthquake- this enabled teams to plan how they would deliver aid and assess damage in the remote region



# HOCKEY CAMP

at Nottingham Hockey Centre (High School Pitches)

## Christmas Hockey Camps 2023

Date	Time	Years Groups
 <b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Session 1: 10am-12pm</b> <b>Lunch: 12pm-1.30pm</b> <b>Session 2: 1.30pm-3.30pm</b>	<b>5, 6 &amp; 7</b> <b>Boys &amp; Girls</b> <b>Both Sessions</b>
 <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Session 1: 10am-12pm</b> <b>Lunch: 12pm-1.30pm</b> <b>Session 2: 1.30pm-3.30pm</b>	<b>8, 9 &amp; 10</b> <b>Boys &amp; Girls</b> <b>Both Sessions</b>



**SCAN THE CODE TO  
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**CHRISTMAS CAMP**



## Boys Preseason Hockey Camps 2024

Time	Years Groups
 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>5, 6 &amp; 7 Boys</b>
<b>Session 1: 10am-12pm</b> <b>Lunch: 12pm-1.30pm</b> <b>Session 2: 1.30pm-3.30pm</b>	<b>8, 9 &amp; 10 Boys</b>



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**BOYS PRESEASON**



Please ensure you have a stick, mouthguard and pair of shin pads.

# PARTNERSHIP WEEK

# PARTNERSHIP WEEK - GURU NANAK

# PARTNERSHIP WEEK - ENGLISH

Across Nottinghamshire:  
3,383 children benefitted  
116 schools impacted  
At least 4,498 hours  
volunteered for the local  
community



We invited Caroline Lawrence (award-winning author of The Roman Histories series) to give a Storytelling Workshop to 60 local primary-aged children. All children were gifted a signed copy of Caroline's book The Thieves of Ostia, and a signed poster for their classrooms.



# 450

Our Food & Nutrition students cook 450 hot meals every year, which are served to the homeless through our partnership with The Guru Nanak Mission in Nottingham.



"Our pupils were fascinated to hear how Caroline Lawrence compiled her Roman series of books and what inspired her to become a writer. She taught the children the components of a how to be a brilliant story writer and they can't wait to implement this in their English. They have treasured their signed copies of the Thieves of Ostia. Thank you to Nottingham High School for inviting us, and Caroline for all we learnt!" Miss Rice, St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

# PARTNERSHIP WEEK - MATHS MASTERCLASS

"My daughter really enjoyed her Masterclasses and gained so much from them. Such a fantastic opportunity for young people, my daughter has found each week inspiring." (Parent)



20 talented young mathematicians in Nottinghamshire were selected for our Mathematics Masterclasses, led by our A Level Maths students. 3 of these students went on to apply for a bursary-assisted place at the school, which are awarded to bright students whose families cannot afford full tuition fees.

# PARTNERSHIP WEEK - WONDERDOME

79

Students representing 24 local primary schools visited the Wonderdome Planetarium hosted at Nottingham High School, and were immersed in the wonders of space!



# PARTNERSHIP WEEK - PHYSICS

# 32



primary-aged children extended their problem-solving, creative thinking and teamwork skills by taking on a series of practical challenges in the Physics Lab.



"It was an interesting experience and has encouraged me to be more interested in science. I enjoyed the marble run experiment as I could be creative." (Pupil, Blue Bell Hill Primary School)

# PARTNERSHIP WEEK - COMMUNITY ACTION

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Local Senior Citizens were guests of honour at our Annual Christmas Lunch. As well as a delicious festive meal served by our Catering team, our guests were treated to an afternoon live entertainment, with evocative performances from our Music and Drama students.



## Anxiety Support Talk

This talk, led by our new Mental Health Lead Roanna Coles, will help you to understand and recognise the signs that your child may be experiencing anxiety; understand when anxious moments are part of life's ups and downs, and when anxiety can become disordered. It will explore the causes of anxiety, and explore the situational factors that can impact your child's wellbeing as they develop. As well as this, the talk will explore how your child can best manage their own anxiety, how you can support them, and when (and how) to seek more specialist help.

## PARENT TALK SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH ANXIETY

11th December 2023

6PM till 6:45pm  
Location: Wellbeing Centre - Flexible Space



# Uni & Careers Fair

Monday 4 December 2023 in the Player Hall

## Apprenticeships and World of Work



Armed Forces

Morrisby

Nelson's Law

ASK Apprenticeships



## Overseas Opportunities



Aspire USA

The University Guys

## UK Universities

Cardiff Metropolitan University

Cardiff University

Lancaster University

Loughborough University

Nottingham Trent University

Newcastle University

Oxford Brookes University

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Derby

University of Leeds

University of Leicester

University of Nottingham

University of Sheffield

University of Warwick

## Holiday Courses, Work Experience and Gap Years



Blue Stamp Travel

Investin Education

Springpod

Travelteer

Yipiyap



Parents please sign up to attend using the linked QR code:

Parents: Uni & Careers Fair Attendance (4 Dec 2023)



# SCHOOL NEWS GALLERY



WW1 DAY



Sixth form careers talk from Emily Chappell



Careers talk from ON Tanvi Tambe



Team Strawbs and Lemons Shots taking the court in the Senior Monday Netball league.



Jake G wins the Birmingham League Cross Country at Sutton Park



Fantastic day for our Scouts and Explorers, on a hike in/around Burbage Brook! Special thanks to our parent volunteers for making it possible.

**Call to Action**

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## **Flu vaccination Years 7 – 11 – 20th December - Please advise via the consent form by 13th December**

Intrahealth (who carry out School immunisation and vaccination services) will be at Nottingham High School on the last day of term, Wednesday 20th December to administer the Flu vaccine to all young people in Year 7 through to Year 11.

An email has also been sent to you.

**What do you need to do?**

The online consent form can be found through this link:  
<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/da6ac43f>

Online consent will close at 3.00pm on 13th December 2023.

If you decide you want to withdraw consent you must email contactimms@intrahealth.co.uk at least 24 hours before the session.

If you have any questions please contact: contactimms@intrahealth.co.uk / 0333 358 3397



# IMPORTANT PARENT NOTICES

## Senior School absence reporting

### Sickness absence

Please report student absence to School before 8.40 am. Our Senior School reception number is 0115 978 6056, alternatively, please phone Student Services on 0115 845 2235.

### Planned absence or appointments

Please report planned absences, including appointments throughout the School day, to [exeat@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:exeat@nottinghamhigh.co.uk)

During the school day, students can only enter or exit via Security at Waverley Street. When dropping students off late or collecting early, please use the Waverley Street gates.

## Lost Property

In order to reduce the amount of lost property within the school here are ways that you/your child can help...

- Name labels for all uniform items, school bags, and water bottles
- Affix an identity label to valuable items such as tablets/laptops/smart watches and activate electronic tracking methods for example 'find my iPhone'
- In line with our dress code, jewelry is not permitted within the school
- Store personal items in lockers. Please provide a suitable padlock to secure belongings
- Storage for sports kits on the racks is limited. Please remind your child to only bring sports kits on the day it is needed and take them home at night. Kits left overnight will be moved to the cage.

Please note the cage will regularly be cleared and the remaining kits treated as lost property.

Our lost property point of contact is Student Services. If your child has lost an item, please ask them to check with us or phone us on 0115 845 2235.



Waverley Gate



For the safety of our School Community and others, please do not stop in front of Waverley Gate to drop off students.

There have been reports of a number of 'near miss' accidents when cars have dropped off and attempted to back out while pedestrians are crossing.

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](mailto:marketing@nottinghamhigh.co.uk)

# 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

Easy Fundraising 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 106 registered users who have raised over £3,500 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 click on the [link](#) and sign up today!

### Sponsor a Stone

Since its launch in 2017, our [Sponsor a Stone](#) campaign has raised over £50,000 for the School's Bursary Fund.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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, anywhere. Download the iParent app from your mobile phone app store for free!

### Pick Up and Drop Off

Parents, please be considerate to our neighbours during collection and drop off at Valley Road.

### Update your Information

Should you need to update any of your information that we hold on record, please email our Data Manager at [brearley.za@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:brearley.za@nottinghamhigh.co.uk).