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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I want to start by reminding you all that attendance at the Founder's Day Service on Saturday is compulsory. This is an important part of celebrating the history and tradition of the School as well as in thanking those who have contributed financially to support the School over the years. It is always held on the Saturday closest to 16th June and I hope that we will have your support in ensuring that students attend.

We are now entering the very busy end of term period with a large number of school events still to come. Amongst these are the Lower School production and then on the eve of the end of the school year the Summer Music Festival. I hope that many of you will come along to support these.

Next week we will be writing to you all to update you on the potential addition by an incoming Labour Government of VAT to school fees. Clearly this is something that is likely to be imposed on us but we will explain the impact that this will have in that letter but please look out for it next week. We hope that it will answer some of the questions that we have been asked in recent weeks.

I want to remind you all that if your child is to leave the School a full term's written notice must be given prior to the start of the term at the end of which your child is to leave. We do have to charge a term's fees in lieu of notice if this notice isn't given not least because the School sets its budgets around the number of students we are expecting to be here each term. Notice though can be given provisionally if you are unsure about your plans but please do give us the notice at the earliest possible stage so as to avoid paying for a full term after your child departs. Thus, the earliest that your child could leave without having to pay a full term in lieu would now be Christmas.

I hope that you all enjoyed reading the school inspection report that I circulated earlier this week. We were delighted that our visitors were so impressed with all of our provision and also that we were fully compliant in all areas.

It has been such a pity this year that the summer term has been blighted by such poor weather. I hope that it will improve in the coming days so that all of our outdoor activities can go ahead as planned.

Best Wishes,

Kevin Fear (Headmaster)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Art Exhibition  
8A/B - Geography - Burbage  
Brook (9 - 4pm)

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VEX Outreach Day

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8C - Geography - Burbage  
Brook (9 - 4pm)  
Teatime concert - Open -  
4.45pm  
Last GCSE Exam - Food  
(9.15)

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8D/E- Geography - Burbage  
Brook (9 - 4pm)  
Primary Masterclass (4 -  
5.15pm)  
Yr 12 Cambridge Challenge  
Exam (9.15-10.45)

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Year 12: Biology Trip (all  
Day)  
Leavers' BBQ/Art Exhibition  
Lower School Production  
rehearsal (9-4pm)  
Last A-Level Exam - Chem  
P3 (9.15)

24

Sixth Form Induction Starts  
Year 12 History University  
Library visit  
Year 10 Art Exam (5 Hours)  
Year 10 Oral Assessments

25

Drama - Lower School  
Production (7.00pm)  
LH Sports Day  
Year 10 Oral Assessments

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DEAR Day  
Drama - Lower School  
Production (7.00pm)  
Year 10 Oral Assessments

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Sixth Form Induction ends  
(12.40)  
Year 9 Tutor Reports Due  
(10am)  
Year 11 Prom  
DT - STEM Day  
Year 10 Oral Assessments

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Sports Day (7-10 + 12)

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Headmaster's Prizes (3pm)  
Year 7 Parents' Evening (4-  
7pm)

04

Music - Summer Music  
Festival

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Term ends - 12.30

Gold Walking Final Exped  
(13:00)  
Gold Canoe Final Exped  
(9:00)

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Gold Walking and Canoe  
Final Exped

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Gold Walking and Canoe  
Final Exped rtn (18:00)

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Malaysia Hockey Tour  
Leaves

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Summer Break

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Support Staff in School

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

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## Head of Year 7 - Mrs Hollie Neale

Well done to Year 7 for how they conducted themselves during exam week. Mr Shabir and I were very impressed at how they took it all in their stride and we hope that they have remembered the key points mentioned in various assemblies about not worrying about results and that the purpose of these exams was to get them practising exams and not worrying about the end results but just trying their best. We were also very impressed by their behaviour and enthusiasm on the English trip to Newstead Abbey on Friday. The students had a tour of the house during which they learnt more about Lord Byron as well as workshops on photography, Art and creative writing. I was with White's House for the day and I was amazed at their answers and knowledge during Mrs Smith's creative writing workshop when discussing the passage from Frankenstein. Well done to all of the teams who took part in the final of the Football tournament this week on Wednesday lunchtime. They also have the Journey of Hajj competition next week to look forward to as well as their first Founder's Day this Saturday.

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## Head of Year 8 - Dr Matthew Lakin

The Year 8s have made an excellent return to school this half term. Miss Davis and I were very impressed by the students' behaviour, focus and determination during exam week. After a very busy four days of exams, the week ended with a 'creative day'. The students chose one or two workshops for the day from a list that included; musical theatre, an art trip, artisan baking, music, robotics and gaming. The students had a great day, and it was good to see them taking the time out from lessons to discover new skills and push themselves 'out of their comfort zones'.

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## Head of Year 9 - Ms Marquez-Godoy

It has been fantastic to welcome Year 9 back after the completion of their examinations; it was a tiring week for all involved, but a great opportunity for the year group to put their revision strategies to the test. With results being published on Friday, we would encourage any worried or anxious students to visit Miss Coles in the Wellbeing Centre: she will be available during break time on Friday in the Oasis Room.

This week Year 9 have covered 'Sexting' in their PSHE lessons. This is a challenging topic, but one that has produced some excellent, mature discussions amongst the year group, prompting consideration of peer pressure, pressure from the media and social media, and the sometimes challenging nature of friendships and relationships.

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## Head of Year 10 - Mr Paul Allison

It has been nice to hear that the year 10 students have settled in well with their new tutor groups. This transition is essential for the pastoral pathway to year 11 and sixth form. Tutors have been learning about their new tutees and the plethora of activities they are involved with, as well as their academic progress. It is also a great way for the year 10's to socialise with the year 12's.

Once again, the year 10 students have excelled in their co-curricular activities. They took part in a plethora of activities during the whole school activities day, last week, including CCF trips, Drama, Journalism, Community Action and much more.

A large number of year 10 students have been helping out on Year 5 and year 6 taster days, running events both in school and at valley road.

Congratulations to the year 10 girls cricket team for their performance in the county cricket tournament and to the year 10 boys and girls athletics teams who competed in the English Schools Athletics Cup Competition, Regional Finals.

I look forward to reporting on more success in the next edition.

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

Year 12 have been very impressive throughout their Skills Challenge and produced some brilliant presentations on topics of their own choice. They were also given feedback about the delivery of their message and style. This week they have moved onto CVs and applications to support them in the future. Activities day was also busy, with LNAT and UCAT training, as well as useful practical sessions on First Aid, conflict management and self-defence.

# NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SALES

SCHOOLWEAR SOLUTIONS UNIFORM ITEMS

30 JULY

[\\*\\*CLICK HERE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT\\*\\*](#)

## KUKRI SPORTS KIT

30, 31 JULY

\*\*9.30 TO 3.30PM\*\*

## PRELOVED SALES

SPORTS KIT &  
UNIFORM  
ITEMS

8, 9, 10, 29, 30, 31  
JULY

27, 28, 29  
AUGUST

\*\*9.30AM TO 3.30PM\*\*



**Old  
Samurai  
stock has a  
50%  
discount**



Please find the School Term Dates  
for both 2024/25 and 2025/26  
[here.](#)



We are currently working on a new school website and would really appreciate if you could spare some time to write a short testimonial on the school for our website and marketing material. Please [click here](#) to begin. With thanks, The Marketing Department.

Nottingham High School presents

# JOSEPH

AND THE  
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

School Production

LYRICS BY  
TIM RICE

MUSIC BY  
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

25th & 26th June 2024  
7:00 pm  
The Founder Hall Theatre



I am pleased to say that due to popular demand, an additional performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be taking place on Monday 24th June.

If you were not able to secure tickets previously, you can now do so via the QR code or the trybooking [link](#).

As always, tickets are free of charge. The show will begin at 19:00 in the Founder Hall Theatre. There will be an interval during which refreshments will be served in the 500 Bar.

Please do come along and support the students' hard work on stage, in the Band or as part of the Production Team.



## Cyber Champion News



Earlier this year, around 60,000 students across the country took part in the Cyber Explorers Cup, an initiative led by the UK Government to compete in cyber security challenges as part of a team. We were very proud that Nottingham High School came second, with a team of four- Isaac, Ebu, Ben and Ives from Year 8 and 9. Ives has received a special commendation from the SCQF, for his participation and for exceeding the Cyber explorers requirements, earning himself the Cyber Champion Certificate! Well done Ives!

## Year 10 Biology Field Trip



On May 24th, we returned to Perlethorpe Environmental Studies Centre on the edge of the beautiful Thorsby Estate for our annual GCSE Biology field trip with year 10. Despite the pounding rain of the first half of the week, we were treated to a dry and unexpectedly bright day. The students were able to carry out required practical work towards the ecology part of their course. This included identifying plants at various stages along a transect across a meadow, entering a stream to assess the effect of pollution on aquatic invertebrate species and comparing species diversity in grassland versus woodland. While we missed our usual centre activity leader, the legendary Keith, it was a lovely surprise to have our former colleague Mrs Rachel Adams, assisting us with the stream activity. The students engaged well with the tasks and enjoyed their time out in nature.

## Year 10 Design and Technology visit Nottingham University



On the 7th June all year 10 and year 12 Design and Technology students headed off to Nottingham University to visit the engineering department. Whilst there they had the opportunity to look at the Product Design course and learn about the engineering that goes into the design and manufacture of everyday products we use and take for granted. During the visit they were lucky enough to see the final year student's degree show, which showcased their final year projects.

These ranged from camping heaters through to autonomous sea rescue vehicles. It was an exciting opportunity for our students who are just about to embark on their Non-Examined Assessment to get inspiration from other sources and look at work that they can aspire too. For the year 12 students it gave them plenty of food for thought about future courses and the importance of Industrial/product designers.

After a tour of their impressive facilities the students faced a challenge that is set to their first-year designers, build the tallest freestanding tower using limited materials that is able to support a mass of 100gms for 15 seconds. There were various levels of success, but the level of fun and engagement was high with the winning team being awarded a box of celebrations! It was a very worthwhile visit and gave the students plenty to think about as they start the challenging journey through their NEA coursework.



This term it's the Food and Nutrition Departments turn to showcase in The Curiosity Cabinet.

If you are curious to learn more about edible insects and slime, why onions make us cry and what makes popcorn go pop, then do drop by to find out more!

You may even find out who we predict will win the Euros! 🍰🏆



## Update from Music

We have had a very good turnout for all our Teatime Concerts and our very last Teatime Concert is happening on **Wednesday 21st June at 4:30pm** to 6:00pm in the Recital Hall. It is an open concert for all instruments and for vocals. There are still a few slots left – sign-up sheet is on the foyer of Music Building; or just come along and support the performers. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

To celebrate the success of this academic year, the Music department would like to invite everyone to our Summer Music Festival on Thursday 4th July at 5:00 pm. It is an informal event with a relaxed, festival vibe to showcase our junior and senior music ensembles in an end of year musical celebration. You are welcome to attend the festival and enjoy the music only or food is available to purchase but must be pre-booked via TryBooking (a link has been emailed to all parents). The evening starts at 5.00pm and we anticipate it finishing with a big Finale performance at around 7.15pm. Food will be served in the Dining Hall between 5.15pm and 6.30pm and there will be a cashless bar serving beer, Pimms and soft drinks. Most of our junior and senior music ensembles will be performing throughout the evening on a main stage at the front lawn and an acoustic area in the quad - these performances will happen simultaneously.

## School Explorers Scramble Weekend

Dr Linton, her husband Isaac, Mr Le Blancq, former pupil Peter Cook and Mr Hill took some of the school Explorer scouts to North Wales over the weekend to do some scrambling and Mountain walking and camping.

The weather on the Saturday was really kind to us, with blue skies and a gentle breeze as we scrambled over the Nantlle ridge, until we were back at the campsite, when the wind dropped and the midges ate us with a vengeance.

However on Sunday, we had sideways rain, gusting winds and very low cloud whilst Summiting Tryfan.

The students were a credit too themselves all weekend and especially with the way they coped with the poor weather conditions on Sunday.



## Adventure Training Club

On Friday, Mr Pinkett, Mr Walsh and Mr Hill took the Adventure training year 9 and 10s to Rutland water for the day.

The students took part in Paddle boarding, raft building and canoeing and also getting wet !!

The Rutland water senior instructor remarked to me about how well behaved, polite and respectful the whole group was and were a pleasure to work with and have fun.



## Update from DofE

Last year our students participated in **5486 hours** of voluntary work for their volunteering section of the award. This equates to a social value of **£28965** worth of work achieved by our students.



## Ready Steady Cook - University Challenge

This week our Year 12 students have been polishing up their cooking skills and learning how to make and cook some quick, tasty, healthy and cheap student staples in preparation for University life! Look out for more details coming out soon about signing up for next years Ready Steady University Cooking Classes!



# YEAR 8

# CREATIVE DAY ROUND UP

June 2024

Year 8 Creative Day is dedicated to nurturing the diverse talents and creative abilities of our students. From robotics to baking, musical theatre to music production, and even the digital artistry of Fortnite, our Year 8 students have delved into a myriad of enriching activities. Here's a detailed look at their incredible day.

Our budding engineers were introduced to the fascinating world of robotics. The students worked collaboratively to design, build, and program their own robots. Under the guidance of Dr Jowsey and Dr McKenna, they learned about the basics of circuitry, sensors, and coding. The highlight of the session was the friendly competition where students tested their robots in obstacle courses and challenges. It was inspiring to see their problem-solving skills and creativity in action as they tackled each task with enthusiasm and innovation.



In the kitchen, our young bakers donned their aprons and embarked on a journey of artisan baking. This hands-on session – led ably and creatively by the Food Department and professional Artisan baker - focused on the art of creating delicious and aesthetically pleasing baked goods. From kneading dough to perfecting pastry techniques, the students made a variety of treats, including breads, pastries, and cakes. The aroma of freshly baked goods filled the air, and the final products were nothing short of spectacular. The students not only learned about the science of baking but also the joy of sharing their creations with others.



For those with a passion for performance, the musical theatre workshop was a dream come true. The students explored the various elements of theatre, including acting, singing, and dancing. They worked on excerpts from popular musicals, learning how to express themselves through movement and voice. The day culminated in a mini-performance where they showcased their newfound skills. The energy and talent on display were truly remarkable, and it was clear that many of our students have the potential to shine on stage.



In the music production studio, students discovered the intricate process of creating and producing music. They were introduced to digital audio workstations and learned about mixing, editing, and layering sounds to create their own tracks. The session emphasised creativity and experimentation, allowing students to compose original pieces. By the end of the day, they had a deeper understanding of the technical and artistic aspects of music production, and some even had the chance to share their compositions with the group.



The world of gaming and digital art collided in the Fortnite computing workshop led by Mrs Higson and Mr Johnson. Students explored the creative side of one of the most popular games in the world, learning about the design and development aspects of Fortnite. They engaged in activities that involved creating custom game maps, designing skins, and understanding the coding behind the game mechanics. This session highlighted the importance of creativity in the digital realm and demonstrated how gaming can be a powerful medium for artistic expression.



Year 8 Creative Day was a resounding success, filled with excitement, learning, and creativity. Each activity offered students a chance to explore new interests, develop their skills, and express themselves in unique ways. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and accomplishments, and we look forward to seeing how these experiences will inspire their future endeavours.

Thank you to all the staff who made this day possible, and to the students for their participation and energy.

Dr Lakin and Miss Davis



## YEAR 8 – CREATIVE DAY ARTISAN BAKE OFF (BY SAMIA A S, CHLOE C AND KATE T)

After nearly a week of exams, Year 8 had a wonderful Activities day to look forward to on Friday 8th June 2024. One of the activities available and in high demand was Artisan Baking, and with that the Year 8 take on our very own Great Nottingham High School Bake Off!

First, we were split up into two groups and after partnering ourselves, we started off with making the dough for the Chelsea buns after a thorough demonstration from Amelia Wells, the visiting Artisan Baker. To comprise the perfect dough, we had to ensure we had an array of skills in measuring, teamwork, kneading, and recognizing when the dough was ready. After leaving our dough in an airtight sealed container, we proceeded to receive another demonstration on how to create the focaccia dough. With similar skills from the Chelsea buns fresh in our minds, for me, I felt the focaccia was a more familiar challenge, and this boosted my confidence as well as dough making skills. After this dough had set, we got to put flavour and vitamin elevating ingredients, and I put some parsley and cherry tomatoes to resemble a tree, an effective design that the judges adored!

After a well-deserved brektime, we melted some chocolate and butter from scratch to kick start the chocolate brownie making process! The patience we had to sustain whilst melting these elements gave us a thorough insight on what the artisan style truly meant. It was worth it for the tempting smell of chocolate that filled the air! Whilst the brownies baked, we started to make the vanilla cupcakes! This well-known flavour was a safe bet for the judging and gave us versatility in the decorations we wanted to use!

After lunch, and a skilful demonstration from Amelia on the key secrets to piping, many of us opted for distinctive icing designs to broaden our baking horizons, impressing the judges.

Kate T and I won the prize for the artisan cupcakes. We had lots of fun both designing and making these, and we would love to make them again. We were inspired by a summery beach design, as it is very close to the holidays, and it reminds us of the seaside. Our cupcakes resembled a beach theme, doing half of them with the sea and half of them of the beach. We used cocktail umbrellas and fondant in shells to create some of the decorations, as well as crushed up custard creams and buttercream for the sand and sea. Samia also had a special mention for her skill and passion for the day of baking, and she created some scrumptious bakes as well.

We all had an amazing day of artisan baking. I personally enjoyed decorating our cupcakes as we got to explore different skills such as piping the icing and finding ways which made our decorations look realistic. My partner and I were able to try lots of new techniques with the piping such as making swirls and ruffles which definitely helped improve our cupcake's final presentation. Besides the skills we had gained, we all thought that the brownies and cupcakes were absolutely delicious. The brownies had a rich, chocolate flavour whilst the cupcakes were very moist. After a hardworking afternoon of baking, it finally came to the judging. We all felt very excited as well as being nervous as the judges gathered around each of our tables to inspect our treats. We were thrilled when the judges announced that we had won. Overall, we had a splendid experience and had lots of fun.

## Update from the Library

Students in Y12 met with the school's Antiquarian book experts on Wednesday 12th June to hear about the world of Antiquarian collections through some of the oldest books in the Library (well, Archive now). Alongside the 1784 Foxe's Book Of Martyrs, a Protestant polemic created at the time England was at war with the Catholic countries Spain and France, our visitors Anke Timmerman and Mark James of Type and Forme, Grantham, discussed how the collection came to be created for the school when it was in Stoney Street and showed other important local history publications we now hold. They explained how and why the books were created and also touched on the fact that the most valuable holding in the Archive was not the oldest or the most grand. An insight into what we can learn through the history of book creation about knowledge and learning, and another little known career pathway after Degree for book lovers of any discipline.



## Message from the Director of Sport - Mr Whitehead

Despite the struggles we have had this term with summer sport and the weather, it has been great to meet and chat with parents at cricket and tennis fixtures when we have been able to play. Parental support for youth sport is absolutely key in the development of young athletes, and it would be good to see even more of you down supporting your children as often as possible.

I came across the following link this week, and thought it worth sharing. It is a [short video message](#) created in New Zealand, but I am sure that the principles translate to us in Nottingham!



## Athletic Success - Mr Allison

It has been a really busy, enjoyable and successful couple of weeks with athletics fixtures. A total of 65 students have competed for the schools athletics teams in city, county and national events. A huge congratulations to the following students who will represent Nottinghamshire at the Inter Counties Masons Trophy in Stoke on Saturday 15th June. This is a prestigious events featuring ten of the strongest counties.

Sofia C – 800m  
Dan W – 300m  
Gabriel O – 200m  
LuLu I – Discus  
Tarun B – 800m

The following students have also been selected for the National English Schools Athletics Championships in July  
Katie G – 1500m SC  
Sofia C – 800m  
Gabriel – 200m

We wish them all the very best of luck!



# SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAMMES - MR DRUMMOND



We are into the final fitness training block of the year in the school Fitness Suite, and Summer Holidays training programmes are currently being created and will be available via Google Classrooms for students to access.

Similar to previous years, there will be programme templates for students to follow to prepare physically for Autumn Term rugby and hockey, but also general fitness training programmes to maintain, or even develop, strength and fitness levels over the long holiday period. There will be programmes suitable for those with full gym access, those with some equipment, and those who rely on training with bodyweight only. Training interventions provided by the school will always consider previous experience (training age), underlying health issues and/or current/previous injuries, and both the chronological and biological ages of the students.

As a result of the work we put in throughout the year educating students on safe and appropriate fitness training interventions in Health-Related Fitness (HRF) blocks in PE, students should be familiar with the range of exercises provided. They should also feel confident in their abilities when working with external resistance (barbells, dumbbells and resistance machines). If, however, any parents or guardians have any questions or concerns about youth resistance training, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Strength training for adolescents

Professor Rhodri Lloyd, a Professor of Paediatric Strength and Conditioning at Cardiff Metropolitan University, has published three books and over 110 peer-reviewed manuscripts on strength and conditioning for children and adolescents. Alongside guidelines for training, he has often highlighted the benefits of, and dispelled some of the common misconceptions around strength training for youths:

Appropriate strength training for youths...

- Stimulates bone mineralisation
- Increases bone density
- Strengthens connective tissue
- Improves CV fitness
- Improves mental health and self-confidence
- Helps encourage lifelong engagement in fitness

Appropriate strength training for youths does not....

- Damage joints or growth plates
- Stunt growth or cause deformations
- Create muscle imbalances
- Have a higher risk of injury (than most sports)
- Adversely affect body image

Mr Drummond  
Athletic Development Lead



On Friday 7th June, as part of Activities Day, Year 9 and 10 Community Action members took part in a day of gardening at the local Windmill Community Gardens. Students undertook a range of horticultural tasks, including: weeding, pruning, reorganising equipment and much more. It was an excellent opportunity to spend some much-needed time outside, following on from End-of-Year exams and equally to support such a worthwhile cause.

The Windmill Community Gardens truly embrace the meaning of 'community', offering workshops for local groups, including Mental Health workshops/ gardening therapy so it was truly rewarding for our students to contribute to supporting the gardens so that they can continue their outstanding work.



### Sixth Form MFL Trip to London



On the 9th June, we were fortunate enough to go on an MFL trip to London with a focus on broadening our artistic and cultural knowledge. After an early start to make the bus, we had some breakfast in a café before heading to our first destination: the Freud Museum in Hampstead where he lived and died. Although the Latin America exhibition was targeted at Spanish students, it was interesting to see the evolution of Freud's personal life and psychoanalytical development. Afterwards, we took the tube south to the Tate Modern to view an exhibition displaying works by the influential expressionist group, Der Blaue Reiter (The Blue Rider), who were one of two groups to create the 19th century German Expressionist movement. It was inspiring to see works from artists such as Wassily Kandinsky, Franz Marc, and Gabriele Münter as we have studied their impact during a module on art and architecture. The final stop of the day was the National Gallery to see some French impressionist paintings. The intricacy and detail in these paintings fascinated us and allowed us to understand exactly what the artist wanted to convey. Our favourite painting was 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' by Claude-Joseph Vernet - we were captivated by how he managed to preserve such a specific moment so accurately. We had a brief stop in Covent Garden before having to head home. Thank you to Mr Beattie for making this trip possible!

Mimi- Year 12

The Art Department invites you to see the Summer Art Exhibition.

The exhibition will be held after school on Friday, June 21st from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m, and on Monday, June 24th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Those attending the Leavers BBQ on Friday and the Lower School production on Tuesday are more than welcome to head to the Art Department to see the exhibition.

All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Work on display includes:

- Year 7 Mural and a selection of clay work
- Year 8 Ceramic Shoes
- GCSE work
- A Level work



## News from the Development Office



Our new-styled reunions celebrate decade anniversaries and last Saturday's Class of 1994 Reunion was a triumph! It marked 30 years since they left Nottingham High School.

With over 70 guests gathering together, the warmth for each other, the School and former members of staff was felt by all who had the privilege of sharing the occasion. For many it was the first time back to their old school since the day they left.

Such occasions always start with a coffee and catch-up, followed by lunch and a tour of the School. Our reunions are a great way to share memories, make news ones and to reconnect with each other and the School.

We are grateful to all our volunteers, but in particular our wonderful ambassador, Geri Thomas (a former teacher and retired member of staff), whose tours make our events so very special.

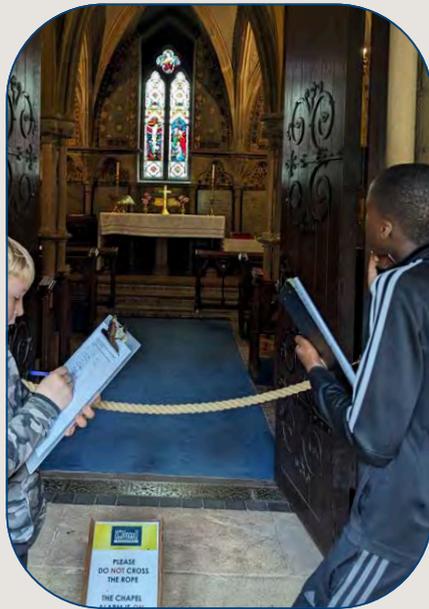
Whilst much has changed there are some things that are just as our Old Nottinghamians remember them!



# SCHOOL NEWS GALLERY



First Aid Stand 1 - Introduction to first aid for some and continuation of lessons for our cadets



Year 7's English visit to Newstead Abbey



Production Team on backstage tour of the Nottingham Playhouse with Mr Huntbach

# 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!

### 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](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 and Reporting Analyst at [brearley.za@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:brearley.za@nottinghamhigh.co.uk).