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NOTTINGHAM HIGH SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I am writing this piece just before the Music Festival that brings the Summer Term events to a close and the sun is finally shining and it has been lovely hearing the excited voices of students looking forward to their summer break.

It has been a busy few weeks and there have been many highlights including the production of Joseph which you can read about below. The joy with which all of the cast performed was so evident and the standards achieved were so very high.

Please can I ask you to help us as we build our new school website. We are keen to capture some parental endorsements for all that we do as a School and some recommendations that we can then publish on the site. There is a link below to where these can be left and it would be fantastic if some of you could take the trouble to leave your comments that we might use.

It has been a strange period for me personally with the announcement of Andrew Holman as my successor from September 2025. I still have a whole school year left before my retirement though and whilst inevitably starting to look forward I am determined that I keep pushing hard right to the end and ensuring that I leave the School in the best possible shape for Andrew to inherit. He and I will have several meetings during the coming year to hand things over and given I have known Andrew for 30 years I am sure that this will be a real pleasure. Indeed he and I played in the same staff football team in Chester all those years ago with him as an energetic midfielder and myself as a goal-hanging centre forward.

I hope that all of you have a really lovely summer. For myself I am heading off to Spain early on Saturday morning and I am very much looking forward to a rest, some reading and plenty of sunshine.

Best Wishes,

Kevin Fear

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday					
08 Gold Walking and Canoe Final Exped	09 Gold Walking and Canoe Final Exped rtn (18:00)	10 Summer Break	11 Malaysia Hockey Tour Leaves	12	
Support Staff in School					
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
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Please see our School Website for the most up to date information via our online calendar <u>here</u>.

### Term Dates 2024/25

The term dates for 2024/2025 are live on our website and you can view them  $\underline{\text{here.}}$ 

### Sports Fixtures and Results

You can access all the latest sports information, including team information, on the <u>sports website</u>

### YEAR GROUP UPDATES

### Head of Year 7 - Mrs Hollie Neale



It has been a very busy last couple of weeks for Year 7 with many exciting events taking place alongside normal lessons and clubs. A huge well done to those who took part in the Lower School Drama Production of Joseph as well as the Lower School Music Festival. We also had a really fun assembly watching the Year 7 Eurovision competition last week. Another exciting day for 21 of our Year 7 students was the Year 7 Scholarship Day. The staff involved in this day were very complimentary of all the students involved so well done to all of you and to those who achieved scholarships. Year 7 were very enthusiastic at their first Sports Day at Harvey Hadden on Friday. It was great to see them encouraging each other and I was particularly moved when one of our Year 7 girls helped one of her peers when she tripped during one of the track events. Well done to Katherine, Tomisin, Nadine, Josiah and the girls White's House relay team who all broke school records.

Well done to all of those who achieved Headmaster's prizes and their High School Awards this week and we hope Parents' Evening was a nice way to end the year and celebrate all of the successes, achievements and progress Year 7 have made this year. We wish them all a lovely summer and all the best for moving up into Year 8! Thank you for being such a wonderful year group.

### Head of Year 8 - Dr Matthew Lakin



As we approach the end of the academic year, Miss Davis and I would like to thank the Y8s for being such a good-spirited, characterful, and accomplished year group. The year has been full of triumphs and successes: we are lucky to have such talented year group, each achieving academic, athletic, and/or musical accolades.

Credit to the following students for achieving the highest number of distinctions this year: Hattie S (8E) with 127 distinctions; Kayode A (8E) with 123 distinctions; Sophie B (8E) with 116 distinctions; Hattie J (8E) with 115 distinctions

All the best - good luck in Year 9.

### Head of Year 9 - Ms Marguez-Godoy



Year 9 returned from their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition on Monday full of enthusiasm - for the most part! It has been fantastic to see how readily the students have taken up the challenges of the expeditions, volunteering, skills and service aspects of the scheme. It was especially impressive that Year 9 approached the expedition with such vim, given that many of them had exhausted themselves at Sports Day on Friday! Our particular congratulations must go to the record breakers: Sofia C, Gabriel O, and the White's House relay team. It has been fantastic to see our students excel in other areas too, with Tanish P winning the Young Composer Award for KS3, and Arvind R winning the English Department's Curiosity Cabinet Creative Writing Competition. Furthermore, we must also congratulate those students who earned the highest number of distinctions this year: Jasper D, Ara O, Tanish, Arvind, Tom C, Khushi, Marcus, Grace, Emma and Eva.

Year 9 reports have been published, and I would encourage you to discuss these with your children; hopefully, the advice contained within them will allow them to reflect on the successes of their year, and to build on the progress they have already made as they move on to their GCSE study in Year 10. Mrs Turney and I wish you all a happy and restful summer.

### Head of Year 10 - Mr Paul Allison

With the academic year coming to an end, we can reflect on a very successful year for year 10. It has been a pleasure to guide them through their journey. I would like to include some of the year group highlights. A total of 2956 distinctions were awarded to the year group. Charles D was the recipient with the highest individual total with 58.

Over thirty year 10 students performed in either music or drama productions. Year 10 had the highest number of attendees in the fitness suite and a total of 85% of the students competed in competitive sports fixtures. The year 10 Athletics team made the Regional Finals of the English Schools Cup and the year 10 boys cricket team won 90% of their games and had a successful tour of Scotland. The year 10 girls Netball team won DRET Festival at the University of Nottingham. Daniel G and Agatha H won sports awards at the annual sports awards dinner. Congratulations to all the year 10 students who won Headmasters Prizes. It has been a pleasure working with such a talented year group and I wish them the very best for next year and their GCSE's.



Head of Year 11-13 - Mr David Gillett

We have finally made it to the end of term! Well done to everyone. It was fabulous to see all of Y11 in their finery at their prom at Ramsdale Golf Club and we had two contenders for Strictly Come Dancing – Chino and Daniel did not leave the dance floor all night! Y11 induction week was a success; it was lovely to welcome our new students from other schools in particular. The general consensus was that they were happy to have got to know people and familiarise themselves a little with the School. Y12 have been enjoying finding out more about Uni life and potential courses through their Open days and now beginning to firm up choices and work on their personal statements. We wish everybody a fantastic summer. Good luck to Y11 and Y13 for their results; we will all be on hand to help with any decisions on the results days. Enjoy a well earned rest in the meantime.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### 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 <u>click here</u> to begin. With thanks, The Marketing Department.

### Year 11 Prom



### Scalextrics 4 schools competition

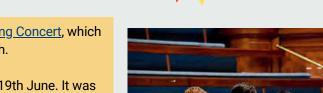


On Monday 17th June two teams of students visited Silverstone, home of British Motorsport to compete in the National Finals of the Scalextric4schools final. Throughout the year they were tasked to design and build a Scalextrics car that would be raced against the clock against and other schools from across the country. The Drifting Demons and the Rumble Bees had to design a British classic to take part in this year's competition being held at this historic race track. As the teams set up their Pit Lane displays the competition looked fierce with some well-engineered vehicles on display. The day consisted of

the teams giving a presentation on their design to industry professionals from Onshape, Boxford and Scalextrics, as well as trying to get as many lap times in as possible to climb the leader board. I am proud to say both teams performed excellently. The Drifting Demons achieved the fastest lap on both tracks and the Rumble Bees won the award for best Designed Car on the day. It was an amazing experience for the students and one that we hope to replicate next year.



### 🗾 🚽 🔰 Update from Music



Please find a link to the highlights video for our wonderful <u>Spring Concert</u>, which took place in the Albert Hall at the end of March.

We held our Final Teatime Concert of the year on Wednesday 19th June. It was an Open concert and therefore a wide range of instrumentalists took part, including vocals. A massive congratulations to the following students for their excellent performances: - William H, Soraya T, Aniket M, Rose C, Rosie M, Austin L, Aria L, Gerald S, Sophia A, Nelusha W, Yilin W, Tom K, Nathan S, Ethan Z, Janice W, Emma G, Ethan A, Bluebelle C, Clemmie R, Hattie J and Izzi K

The final music event of the year is the Summer Festival on 4th July. We have an official photographer attending, but there won't be any video footage of this event. Do keep checking flickr though, as the photos will be uploaded to the school account over the summer holiday.

### Instruments: -

We ask students to take all their instruments home at the end of the term please. The store cupboard will be cleared out and cleaned over the holiday.

### Young Composer of the Year Award





Congratulations to all the students who entered this year's Young Composer of the Year Award. The results of the competition are below and I've attached the compositions from the overall winners if you would like to have a listen. The standard was extremely high and ON Peter Marshall was blown away by their creativity.

KS3 Winner - Tanish P - <u>'Summertime'</u> KS3 Runner-up - Hattie J KS4 Winner - Nathan S-P – <u>'Gloria'</u> KS4 Runner-up - Charles D KS5 Winner - Otto W – <u>'To Spring'</u> KS5 Runner-up - Seb H

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### Overall Young Composer of the Year Award 2024 - Otto W

### Click the different links to take a look back at our events this year:

<u>Autumn Concert</u> <u>Spring Concert</u> <u>Chamber Music Festival</u> <u>Choral Festiva</u>l







### Anthea Bell Success 2024

The Modern Languages Department started off the academic year exceptionally well and we were delighted with the success of our students in the National Creative writing competition. Our students continue to impress and this was evidenced in the results of the annual Anthea Bell, Translation competition run by Queen's College, Oxford. The competition challenges students to translate a text with precision, creativity and cultural sensitivity. It is named in honour of the renowned translator Anthea Bell, who specialised in translating children's literature and is perhaps best known for translating the Asterix comic books from

French.

Over 16,000 students participated in the prize in 2024 and over 3,600 entries were judged. The following students from

Nottingham High School were successful:

Regional Winner, Level 1, Spanish: Kavian M

Regional Winner, Level 3, Italian: Chloe J

Regional Winner, Level 1, German: Brodie A

Commendation, Level 2, German: Charlotte S

These are fantastic achievements for this prestigious competition. For Chloe J, it is the second time which she has achieved this prize.

We are extremely proud of the enthusiasm and positive attitude shown within the student body for Modern Languages; especially at a time when nationally, the reports are often not always so favourable. Our students embraced this challenge, demonstrating their passion and commitment to excellence and creativity. This competition is a celebration of the beauty of words across borders. It goes beyond the curriculum and gives our student a taste for the intricacies of translating complicated passages, sometimes with untranslatable elements. Our students worked hard to stay true to the texts provided whilst at the same time, bringing their own flavour to the work. Please follow the link to see more details from the Oxford University website.



### Intermediate Biology Olympiad

At the start of June, several of our year 12 biologists sat the Royal Society of Biology Intermediate Olympiad. This is a one-hour, online paper designed to challenge the students and test their wider understanding of all things biological. It is intended as a warm-up to the main Olympiad in January. The paper asks questions drawn from topics across all of the different A-level biology exam boards, as well as far beyond these, and so really stretches the students. Twenty-six of our students gained awards; 8 Gold, 9 Silver, 4 Bronze and 5 Commended. This is a fantastic achievement. These students will be able to take part in seminars in the autumn term and compete in the main Olympiad next year.



Mr Duckett

In late June, 32 of our Year 12 Chemists opted to take the C3L6 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, a 90 minute exam paper taken after a couple of months of preparation work.

The C3L6 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry, and provides an excellent experience for anyone considering taking their studies further. It is designed to be accessible to Year 12 students but takes them significantly beyond the syllabus and encourages them to think about science in the way they would at university. The paper is a genuine stretch and challenge exercise, aimed at the brightest Lower Sixth Chemists in the UK.

This year the results are a huge credit to the students within the Chemistry Department, with 8 Gold, 10 Silver and 10 Copper certificates achieved:

Shlok SB - Gold Kaavya V - Gold Akhil B - Gold William M - Gold James B - Gold Alex B - Gold Annelise F - Gold Sai K - Gold Cassius G - Silver Rujula A - Silver Georgia A - Silver Hitesh A - Silver Isla S - Silver Susan X - Silver Shayaan K - Silver Kapil K - Silver Mariam M - Silver Esther W - Silver Ayesha A - Copper Namit B - Copper Nikhil S - Copper Alexandra A - Copper Sarah L - Copper Sienna B-L - Copper Stacey W - Copper Zainab M - Copper Syed N - Copper Isha Y - Copper

### Year 7 Eurovision

Year 7 at Nottingham High School created a Eurovision contest like no other, for the second year running.

Following on from the examinations, much fun was to be had in the languages' classrooms with each group creating its unique Eurovision offering. With everyone in year 7 studying two languages, the competition was fierce. There were over 10 classes pitched against each other but of course, there could only be one winner!

The enthusiasm from all the year 7s was clear to see in the final performances with some exuberant dance moves and actions, whilst the use of props such as flags and hats was also explored. The judging panel (made up of Sixth form linguists, and Eurovision fanatic teachers) were not only looking for an outstanding performance, but also paid special attention to the quality of the singing, especially the clarity of pronunciation of the foreign language.

In the end, the Spanish songs fared best, with two performances featuring in the Top 3, as decided by the judges after much deliberation. The winning song was 'Chipi Chipi Chapa Chapa' by Christell. The year 7s can all be very proud of their efforts, as can the teachers who worked hard to guide the students and withstand a lot of noisy rehearsals! We cannot wait for next year!











### Year 12 Biology Filey Field Trip 2024

On Friday 21st June the Biology department took our year 12 biologists on their ecology field trip to Filey Brigg and Bempton Cliffs in Yorkshire. It was an early start, departing at 07.00 to ensure we made it to Filey Bay for the low tide. The students were very patient with the travelling and, when we arrived at Filey, we were rewarded with absolutely stunning views and fantastic weather. After a much-needed toilet trip, we began our investigation into zonation on the rocky shore at Filey, with the students laying out transect lines and using quadrats to carefully sample and record the various species found at different points up the shore. The group worked hard and enjoyed discovering all sorts of hidden and exciting organisms, identifying them with the help of the teachers. After lunch, we visited the wonderful RSPB reserve at Bempton cliffs to study

conservation of marine birds and to also consider the role of this ecosystem in the phosphorous cycle, amongst other ecological processes. The students were able to see a

large range of birds, including the ever-popular puffins! The RSPB volunteers had telescopes trained on the most interesting sights, including nests with chicks, and were happy to share their extensive knowledge with our group. Returning to school at 18.30, this was a long day, but it was a valuable opportunity for the students to get out in nature, completing some of the required practical section of their course and enhancing their

understanding of the A-level content. We were incredibly impressed with how the students engaged with the trip, they were enthusiastic and motivated throughout, a real credit to their year group and the school. As a result, they were able to take full advantage of the great sites we visited. All-in-all, a great day!

### Mr Duckett SEE PHOTOS HERE

### Y8 Geography trip to Burbage Book

On the week commencing 17th July, The Geography department took the annual trip to Burbage Brook in the Peak District. Year 8 enjoyed fine weather and not too much mud on route. Students were tasked with measuring the speed of the river, river width, depth and also measuring the angle of the river sides. This is a crucial piece of field work as it is one of the few opportunities students have to develop the key fieldwork techniques they will use at GCSE. Students collected the data well across the two sites and this year for the first time, we introduced the use of digital mapping of the data which worked well when comparing river velocity downstream. The students in year 8 seemed to really enjoy the day and enjoyed having the opportunity to do Geography where it is done best, in the field.



### Krish B stars in Series 3 of Phoenix Rise

Year 12 student Krish B has been filming again for the BBC. The third series of Phoenix Rise, the CBBC school drama, has just been released and can be watched on BBC iPlayer.

Krish plays the part of Khaled, a year 9 pupil who was bullied at his previous school and moved to Phoenix Rise for a new start.

Krish has had to work hard to juggle filming and his A levels. The fourth series will be out late 2024.





# Mr. Huntbach's **NEWS FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT**

The end of this term saw the culmination of almost six months of hard work with the Lower School production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. Due to popular demand, this was performed over an unprecedented three evenings.

Thank you for coming along to support the students' hard work. A huge thank you to the performers, but also to the hard-working Production Team and Band. Everything you saw (and didn't see!) was operated by the students, whether that was the slick lighting, the well-managed sound, or the fantastic accompaniment from the Band. Thanks too, for all the hard work from Tregi, Mr Wantling, Dr Yates, Mrs Ryan, and the Art Team for all their hard work.

Here's a review of the show penned by two of our A-Level Drama & Theatre Studies Students - Zoe Flanagan and Bea Hagues:

The 2024 lower school production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' was without a doubt an exceptional watch!

The show followed the classic bible story of Joseph and his journey from being sold by his 11 brothers to becoming imprisoned and then being released to work for the Pharaoh, before forgiving and being reunited with his family.

The show opened with the four Narrators, Abi Cusack, Manuella Ayi, Charlotte Simmonds and Sophie Flanagan, who instantly hooked the audience with their stunning vocals and excellent stage presence. The four narrators clearly told the story of Joseph throughout the show whilst also maintaining high energy and beautiful harmonies.

The audience were then introduced to Joseph, played by Maxwell Cooper, with the song "Any Dream Will Do" where he perfectly encapsulated Joseph's humble yet determined nature. Another favourite from the audience was also the emotional song "Close Every Door". From the welldeserved cheers during the bows, it was clear that his performance during the whole show was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.





Joseph's 11 brothers also featured heavily throughout the production often provoking lots of laughs from the audience, in particular during the song "Those Canaan Days" where they adopted melancholy French accents. These 11 students frequently provided comedic relief and it was clear that they all worked incredibly well together.

Another audience favourite was the Pharaoh, played by Charlie Merritt who performed an excellent Elvis impression during the song "Song of the King" which resulted in many laughs.

The ensemble also performed beautiful vocals during many of the songs with excellent choreography with high energy and joy, which really took the show to the next level.



In addition, the impressive and brightly coloured set and costumes, in particular the enormous rainbow coat that filled the stage during the finale, really added to the energy and joyous feel of the show.

The production also would not have been the same without the incredible Band who perfectly underscored the entire show.

Overall, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' was an eye-catching show which had everything from emotional ballads to energetic chorus numbers, which resulted in an incredible performance that all who were part of it should be so proud of.

We're now in the early stages of the Upper School production, which will be a new and exciting take on Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' – performances will be 12th-14th December 2024.

### **ECF National Schools Chess Finals**



Thursday 27th June and Friday 28th June 2024

Nottingham University Kings Meadow Campus, Lenton Lane, Nottingham.NG7 2NR

The High School team reached the National Final of the ECF National Schools Chess Championship. The School also had their B Team invited, as one of the finalists had to withdraw at the very last minute. The tournament was a 5-round Team Swiss System tournament. The time limit for each game will be all moves in 50 minutes, plus 10 seconds per move.

Twenty-six teams qualified from all over the country. The tournament was a 5-round Team Swiss System tournament, with 2 Matchpoints (MP) for a won match, 1 MP for a drawn match and 0 MP for a lost match.

The games were played on live boards, meaning that they were broadcast on Chess24, Chess.com/events and Lichess.

The A team were:

Senith G, Richard L, Alexandra A, Dean S, James B and William W. The team were ranked 13th in this prestigious tournament. They came nineteenth. The top scorers in the A Team were Richard L with 1 win and 3 draws, Senith had 2 wins and played three players with a ECF rating over 2000. James B had 1 win and 2 draws.

The B Team were:

Yash H, Ayaan Q, Aaron P, Mya P, Hussein A, Ethan W and Ives L. The B Team won one and lost three. (They were given a bye in the last round.) Top scorer in the B team was Ethan W with a tremendous 3 wins from his 3 games. Ives L had 2 wins from 3 games. The standard of games was exceptionally high. Some schools had 4 players over 2000 ECF rating.

The B team were rated 26th in the tournament and they finished in 24th place. They gained valuable experience from this event.

Both High School teams were awarded a DGT Chess Clock as a prize for completing in the National Finals.

A full list of results can be seen on Chess-Results.com using this link.

### **Nottingham Young Creative Awards**

Dylan Spence 7D - won his category at the <u>Nottingham Young Creative</u> <u>Awards</u> on the 20th May – hosted at Nottingham Playhouse where his work was also exhibited. He won the Design and Architecture 11-15 age category for his 'mech' sculpture, an imaginary machine. Congratulations Dylan!





### **Community Action**

During our Community Action meeting on Monday, students were invited to reflect on the activities they enjoyed throughout the year and to write a short reflection on their fondest memories from this academic school year. Here are a few of the inspiring comments they shared.

My fondest memory of this Community Action year was when we visited Guru Nanak's Mission in the spring term and fed the homeless. It was an eye opening experience into the struggles of homeless people, and how they cherished the meals we cooked for them. I really enjoyed the cooking part, as I was able to practise my skills and prepare a good meal, however I also enjoyed handing out the dishes, as it was heart-warming to see the homeless people's expressions and gratitude. I was also able to try some of the food we made which was amazing. Overall, this experience allowed me to help people in need, and see the positive impacts it has on them.

Dawood, Year 10

My fondest memory of Community Action was exploring the garden on Activity Day. Digging up the weeds and chopping the branches was quite therapeutic, and I was able to explore multiple gardens with other members of Community Action. The gardens had colourful plants, fruits, and so on, and I could appreciate the beauty of nature - especially as some areas were wild and overgrown, instead of neatly trimmed. It was good to help the garden so that other members of the community could enjoy it fully, and the other gardeners could access the pots easily. I would love to visit again.

Emma, Year 9

My fondest memory from participating in Community Action this year is when we went to the food bank before Christmas because it was nice to see how many people donated to the cause, and the support that was available for those who needed it. Even though people had mostly donated food, toiletries and other accessories were also given to them. I personally appreciated the counselling sessions that would happen because it provides an opportunity to start anew for the people that need it in their life.

#### Fatima, Year 10

I liked feeding the homeless after school when we made the rice pudding and then went outside and gave the food to the homeless. To me, it was very fulfilling because it felt good to give to people who are less fortunate what they deserve, which was a warm meal on a cold Monday evening. Moreover, I also found the primary school visit really good because I helped out in Year 4 and all the children were very nice and excited to see us. Helping them with small things like reading, writing and their problems in school to me was really enjoyable because I got to see their little faces light up.

Aarya, Year 9







### **Update from Sport**

A massive congratulations to the Y8 and Y7 boys who were selected to play for teams in the UK Lions Regional U13 tournament that was held at Nottingham Hockey Centre in the searing heat a couple of weeks ago. All boys played excellently, the Trent Raiders' (Kieran W (Y8), George A (Y8), Zak A (Y8) and Tom G (Y7)) matches were all extremely close finishes which left them 5thoverall whilst Mercian Marauders (Jack C-W Y8) flattened their competition to win the overall tournament.







Congratulations to Josiah H. in Y7 who has been selected for the U13 Central super region team (this represents ¼ of the country and is made up of East Midlands, West Midlands & South West Regions). He will be competing in a tournament in Manchester on the 5th, 6th & 7th July.

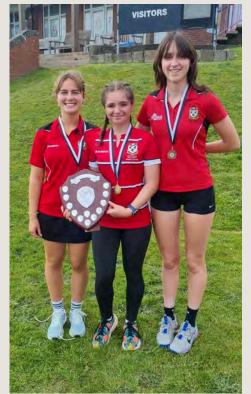
Congratulations to Emily B in Y13 who got a Bronze medal at Junior Sculling Regatta 2024 (Eton Dorney) in single sculls and reached quarter finals at Henley Women's Regatta 2024 in Junior Single Sculls.

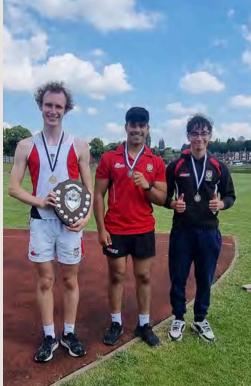


### 2024 Decathlon & Heptathlon Competition

The annual Year 12 Decathlon and Heptathlon competition was contested over two days at Valley road. This year was a record entry with 18 boys and 4 girls. This event covers the traditional track and field events and is scored using the International Score Table. Decathlon Result 1st – William H 2nd – Shivam B 3rd – Omar A

> Heptathlon Result 1st Annie F 2nd – Nitha K 3rd – Bea H





**News from the Development Office** 



The Leavers' BBQ is always a special occasion.

Each year our students, their families and teachers all come together to celebrate the end of their school days. It's not goodbye, but also a great opportunity for us to welcome the next generation of Old Nottinghamians to the alumni community. <u>Click here</u> to view photographs taken at the Class of 2024 Leavers' BBQ.

### **Update from Student Services**

### Summer sales

You are welcome to join us at School for our Summer Sales. Entry is via our School Yard on Forest Road East and parking is available. Pre-loved sales – 8, 9, 10 July, 29, 30, 31 July and 27, 28, 29 August. 9.30am to 3.30pm. No appointment needed, just turn up! Donations are accepted all year round via the Student Services office. Sports kit, blazers and ties are welcomed. Kukri for sports kit will join us on 30 and 31 July. Kit available to try on and order. No appointment needed. Schoolwear Solutions for uniform items will join us 30 July. Try on and order. Appointment required - <u>Update from Student Services</u> to book.

Samurai stock clearance

Limited Samurai stock is available to purchase at a 50% discount. Please contact Student Services for more information or come along to our summer sales. Poster attached with prices. Once it is gone, it is gone! Can be worn in school until April 2026.

Year 11 & 13 book return

Text books were due to be returned to School by Friday 28th June. Non-returned books will be charged at 100%, late returns at 50%. If you still have text books, please return them urgently to Student Services.

Waverley Street closure South bound - Saturday 6th July to Sunday 14thJuly

Please be aware of planned tram works taking place on Waverley Street from the corner of Forest Road to the corner of Arboretum Street. This will CLOSE Waverley Street south bound (towards the City) therefore the School will not be accessible by car from Waverley Street. Please use the School Yard as an entrance point.

### Lost property

We have lots of lost property here at the School. If your child is looking for an item, please contact Student Services on 0115 845 2235 or <u>studentservices@nottinghamhigh.co.uk</u> to enquire whether we have it.

Lost property will be cleared through the summer break. Unnamed items will be donated to internal or external charitable causes. Looking ahead to September, here are ways that you/your child can help us return items to their rightful owner...

- 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 'findmy'
  - In line with our dress code, jewelry is not permitted within school
- 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 it home at night. Kits left overnight will be moved to the cage. Please note the cage will regularly be cleared and remaining kits treated as lost property.

# NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SALES PRELOVED SALES

**SPORTS KIT & UNIFORM ITEM** 8, 9, 10 JULY 29, 30, 31 JULY 27, 28, 29 AUGUST

9.30AM TO 3.30PM

## HALF PRICE

Youth Black & White Hooped Rugby Shirt £12 Men's Black & White Hooped Rugby Shirt £16 Youth Black Rugby Shirt £12 Men's Black Rugby Shirt £16 Youth Red Polo Shirt £10 Men's Red Polo Shirt £11.50 Ladies' Red Polo Shirt £11.50 Youth Cricket Shirt £8.50 Men's Cricket Shirt £10 Youth Netball Dress £10.50 Adult Netball Dress £12.50 Youth Tracksuit Trousers £11 Adult Tracksuit trousers £15 Ladies' Tracksuit Trousers £15 Youth Skort £10.50 Adult Skort £13.50 Youth Black Rugby Shorts £5 Adult Black Rugby Shorts £7 Youth White PE Shorts £5 Adult White PE Shorts £6.50 Youth Cricket Jumper £11 **Adult Cricket Jumper £13** Youth Cricket Trousers £8.50 Adult Cricket Trousers £9.50 Youth Black and White Socks £3.50 Adult Black and White Socks £4.50 Leggings £13 Limited sizes available. For enquiries, contact studentservices@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!

### **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 <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Flickr</u>. 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.

### Pick Up and Drop Off

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

#### iParent and iStudent

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

### 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.