



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

*We believe in creating a community empowered with the qualities,
skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with
confidence and ambition.*

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YOU MUST NOT COME TO THE NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY SITE IF...

- You are displaying *any* of the symptoms of Covid-19.
- You have tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 10 days.
- You live in a household with someone who has *any* of the symptoms of Covid-19.
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Dear parents and carers

What a term it has been! Remote learning seems a distant memory and with the sun shining and lockdown measures starting to ease, there is finally a sense that the end is in sight.

That said, many of our pupils have found the return to school challenging and stressful. The expectations on behaviour, getting back into routines, the challenge of thinking and learning, the frustration that some Covid measures bring and anxiety of being back in social situations have all caused issues for our pupils.

Our Year 11 pupils and Year 13 students have the added worry of how their grades will be decided; we only received information on assessment materials from examination boards yesterday!

With all of that in mind, it is miraculous that we have made it this far. Pupils and staff are tired and deserve and need a rest and, hopefully, when we return after Easter it won't all be quite so daunting and overwhelming.

If your child is worried or anxious, please let us know when we start the summer term so we can do our best to help and support. If your concern is more pressing, you can find some helpful phone numbers for support on our website [here](#).

The rest of this letter is just to give you a few important pieces of information for the Easter holiday and for the Summer term.

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Free School Meal Vouchers and the Winter Grant Scheme

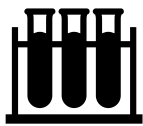


Those eligible for free school meals will be issued vouchers for the Easter holiday period. These will be emailed to parents on Monday by Edenred.

If you are not currently eligible for Free School Meals, but think you might be, you can apply via the Nottingham City Council website [here](#).

Extra support for some families in receipt of Council Tax Support is also available through Nottingham City's Winter Grant Scheme.

Successful applicants are issued with a £50 supermarket e-voucher to help with food and essential supplies. Find out more, including how to apply, [here](#).



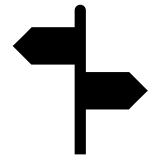
Covid-19 Tests

Pupils have been provided with enough Lateral Flow Tests to carry on twice weekly testing through the Easter holiday period.

If any pupil tests positive, there are two actions we need you to take:

1. Please complete our [online form for reporting a positive case of Covid-19](#)
2. Arrange to confirm the test result by booking in for a PCR test.

Operating Procedures After Easter



When we return after Easter we will continue to operate our staggered start and end times and keep pupils separated in Year group bubbles. As I write, the rules about wearing face coverings remain in place, but the government promised a review of this at Easter so it may change.



Year 7 Parents' Evening

This will be held on Wednesday 21 April from 4.30pm to 7pm via SchoolCloud.

Year 7 parents will be sent a separate letter explaining how to log into SchoolCloud to book appointments.

Uniform

Since we returned to school at the start of March some pupils have had issues with aspects of their uniform. In particular, some have dyed their hair inappropriate colours and others have worn additional ear or facial piercings.



Please make sure your child does not face an additional barrier to their learning by being isolated for incorrect uniform. Full details of our uniform expectations can be found on our website [here](#).

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New Dining Room

Construction of our new dining room is now slightly ahead of schedule and remains very much on track for completion by the end of May.

Be here, be engaged, behave

We know that the best way for all of our pupils to reconnect with their learning and education is to attend regularly, get actively involved in their learning and to follow our school rules.



Be here



Be engaged



Behave

We will therefore be continuing with our mantra of be here, be engaged, behave after Easter and would be grateful for parental support with all aspects of this.

Ramadan

For our Muslim families, Ramadan begins on Monday 12 April.

If you are not Muslim and would like to know more about the significance of Ramadan, this BBC Bitesize lesson entitled [‘What is Ramadan?’](#) for primary pupils is quite informative.

Have a good Holiday

When it comes, we hope you all enjoy a relaxing and healthy Easter holiday.

Yours faithfully

David Tungate
Principal
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