

Nottingham Girls' Academy

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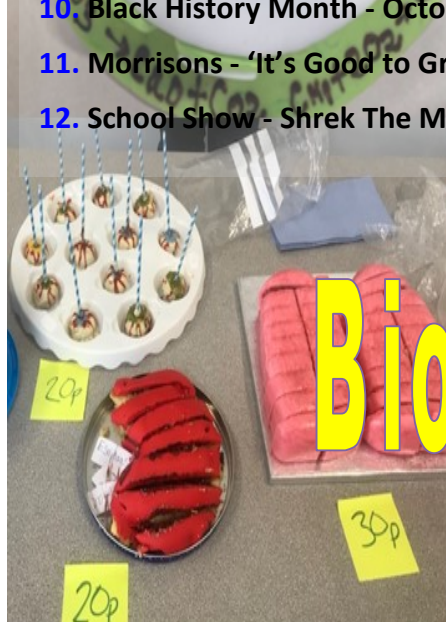


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Bio-Bodies Bake Off



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

Key Dates

What's coming up?

Autumn Term 2021/22

Last Day of Half Term: Thursday 14 October 2021

Staff INSET Day: Friday 15 October 2021

Half term: Monday 18 October—Friday 29 October 2021

Pupils return on Monday 1 November

School Show: Wednesday 8 December to Saturday 11 December

Year 11 and Year 13 Virtual Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud: Wednesday 15 December 4:30pm-7pm

Last Day of Term: Friday 17 December

School holidays: Monday 20 December—Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2021/22

Staff INSET Day: Tuesday 4 January

Pupils return on Wednesday 5 January

Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud: Wednesday 19 January 4:30pm-7pm

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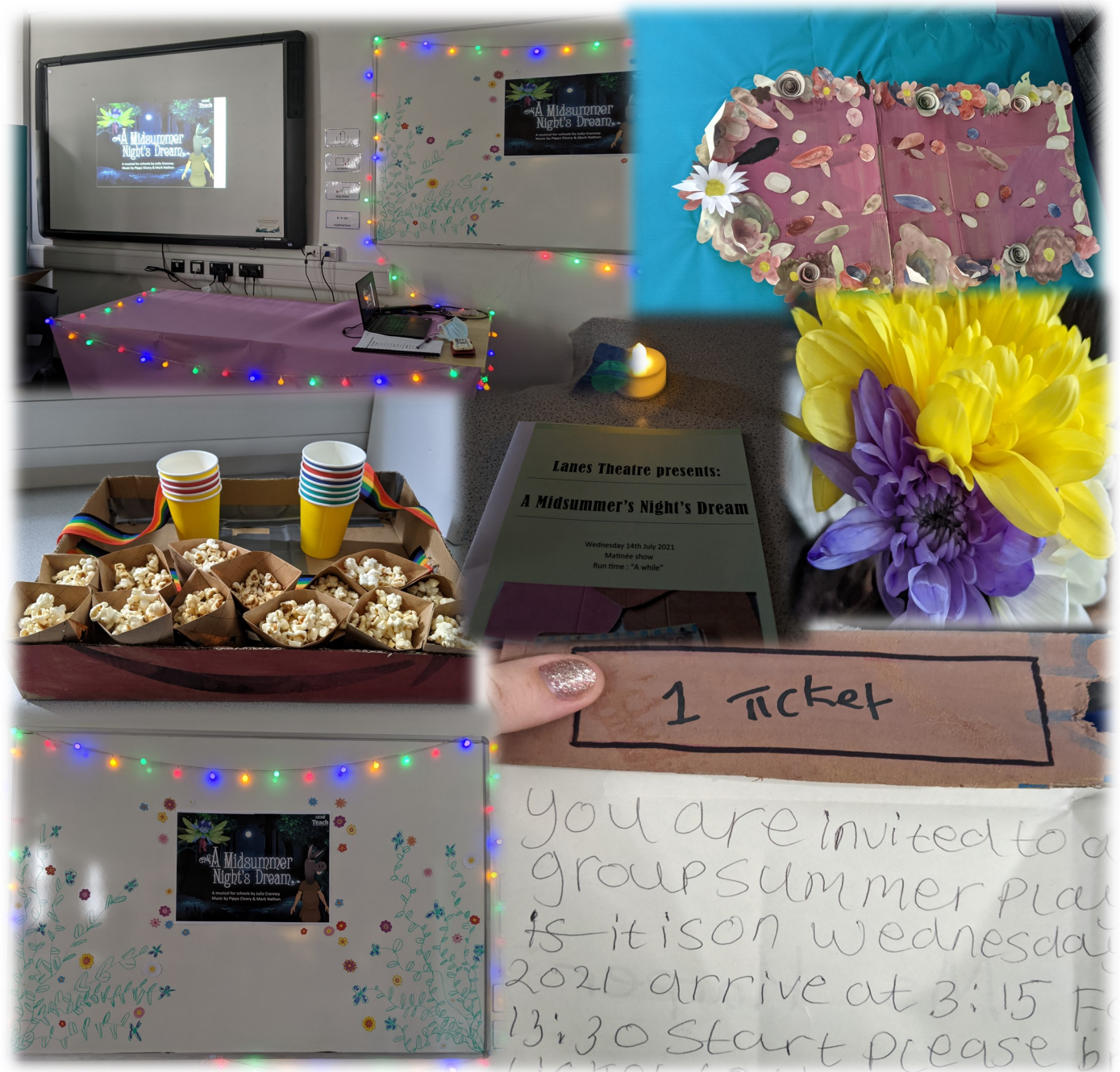
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Midsummer Night's Dream

By Mrs Scotney, Deputy SENDCo

The students that attend our Alternative Curriculum provision worked hard all Summer Term to produce and perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by William Shakespeare. Not only did they take on the challenge of playing more than one character, they also designed and created the set and props. Our KS4 students hosted the event beautifully, ensuring that our invited guests were comfortable and well refreshed. Despite their nerves all performers took the stage and earned themselves a huge round of applause at the end. Well done girls!





*We value high
standards, hard work
and a ceaseless
desire to improve*

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Careers Message Part One

By the Careers Department

Welcome to a brand new year of careers at Nottingham Girls Academy! We in the careers department have gotten off to a flying start this year, starting with the delivery of an assembly for all year groups, so that they all knew the careers focus for their school year. This assembly also introduced our shiny new program, Startprofile, a website which allows pupils to explore the world of work, make study choices, write CVs and prepare for interviews. It can also be used to apply for apprenticeships, college courses and work experience. In this session we introduced our 'Careers Drop in Sessions', run for four lunchtimes a week, where pupils are welcome to pop by and speak to a Level 6 qualified careers professional about their options for further and higher education, and career thereafter. We've had a brilliant uptake on this so far and are getting a real picture of the high aspirations of many of our pupils, including law, forensic science and owning their own salon!

These themes have been continued into Year 11's one to one careers guidance sessions. Year 11 have been discussing their post-16 pathways, and starting to make big decisions about their future! All of Year 11 will be offered a 1:1 guidance session by January. Year 13 have also been getting in touch to talk about their future, including UCAS enquiries and questions about apprenticeships.

Our Year 11 careers day took place on October 5. They took part in an interview skills workshop, were introduced to StartProfile and had workshops from three visiting agencies. Our visitors were AskApprenticeships, who covered apprenticeships and CV skills, DANCOP with a workshop on further and higher education options, and every group got the opportunity to speak to a representative from Nottingham College about their course options, pathways and application process. The careers team really enjoy delivering our drop down days, and are excited to deliver to the Year 9s next, for their Bee Like Me day in November.

Careers Message Part 2

By the Careers Department

It's really important that our year 11s start to attend some college open evenings, to begin to get a feel for the different opportunities around them:

Confetti- 9 October, 20 November: <https://confetti.ac.uk/open-days/>

Bilborough- 9 and 20 October: <https://bilborough.ac.uk/school-leavers/open-days/>

Nottingham College open evenings: These vary depending on department but are mostly W/C 11 October and W/C 15 November: <https://www.nottinghamcollege.ac.uk/about-us/events/open-days>

Bluecoat Sixth Form - 3/4 November: <https://www.bluecoatsixthform.co.uk/>

West Bridgford Sixth Form keep their open days on this calendar: <https://www.wbs.school/calendar/?calid=4&pid=9&viewid=2>

NUAST - 21 October and 18 November: <https://nuast.org.uk/events.php>

This is in addition to the Year 11 Information Evening that was held at the academy on Thursday 7 October which covered information, resources, and revision tips for our Year 11 pupils as well as some early information about NGA Sixth Form. Further details and the application form for NGA Sixth Form can be found here: www.nottinghamgirlsacademy.org/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=27. **Applications are now being accepted!**



Year 7 PSHE Day

By Mrs Gangneux, PSHE Coordinator

On Thursday 7 October we held our first PSHE drop-down day for year 7. We had workshops from Equation on healthy relationships, Mariposa Coaching talking about online safety, our safeguarding lead Mrs Cast talking about FGM, the Police in to talk about hate crime and our Science teacher Mrs Megran discussing all things puberty! It was a truly inspirational and exciting day, thank you to all our fabulous facilitators. The students loved it!



Citizens Part One

By Mrs Gangneux, PSHE Coordinator

Our work with Nottingham Citizens continued...

Over the summer two of our year 10 students Rasan and Hayat took part in the summer academy with Nottingham Citizens. This was an extremely exciting opportunity to learn about community organising and social activism. They took part in online training sessions with Heidi Shewell-Cooper and other Citizens educators and came back to school primed and ready for action! They are key members of the school Equality Group and have been busy helping us organise our cultural week on 11 October. Our school citizens group and equality group has now reformed and goes from strength to strength, we look forward to continuing our work to make our school and community a better place.



You can read an account of Hayat and Rasan's experience with Citizens summer academy here:

Last summer, I participated in the summer academy with people across the country interested in making change. I did this with Citizens UK with Nottingham Citizens, an alliance working with different institutions to make the UK a better place, without any clue what to expect or encounter. At first I found it daunting to join a call with people I didn't know, especially since I was barely involved with Nottingham Citizens previously other than in Equality Group.

To my surprise, the sessions were relaxed and insightful. I talked to young people interested in similar things to me and I learnt stories about people making change of different ages, genders and religions. The sessions taught us the key methods of making change and the importance of doing it correctly through 1-2-1's and building relational power. I found the mentors interesting and I loved the fact there was a different person with a new story each week.

My time at the Summer Academy is one of the most valuable extra-curriculars I have participated in and I'll apply what I've learnt in campaigns going forward.

Hayat, Year 10

My time at NC Summer School, was truly unforgettable!

I felt like I was a powerful, future leader. The Summer Academy taught me that no matter your gender, race, ethnicity, and age, you can create a change. You can never be too young nor too old. My favourite session, which was a hard decision to make, was the relational power session, where we learnt that a group of teenage guys, helped organise a halal Nando's. Proving again, that you don't need to have the strongest connections to make a change but just surround yourself with those who will be with you during every obstacle and celebration. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

Rasan, Year 10

Rasan and Hayat were part of the campaign for a real living wage and went to meet Dane Murphy from NFFC on Monday 11 October to ask him to pay his workers a real living wage. They were excited to be part of a physical campaign. We are so proud of you Rasan and Hayat!

Citizens Part Two

By Mrs Gangneux, PSHE Coordinator

On **October 13**, Nottingham Girls Academy host the Nottingham Citizens Assembly Alliance. We are honoured to have host this event in our venue and to welcome the alliance members to our school.

A poster for the Nottingham Citizens Autumn Assembly. The top half has a light yellow background with the 'Nottingham citizens' logo in green and black. Below the logo, it says 'AUTUMN ASSEMBLY' and 'WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER, 17.30-19.00'. The bottom half has a green background with three main sections of text and icons. The first section has an icon of two heads with speech bubbles and the text 'Re-connect, build new relationships, and welcome new members to our alliance'. The second section has an icon of a megaphone and the text 'Celebrate the amazing work our campaign teams have been up to online this past year'. The third section has an icon of a 'SIGN HERE' sign with a blue arrow and the text 'Get involved with campaigns & upcoming actions on Mental Health, Living Wage, Anti-Racism and more...'.

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citizens

AUTUMN ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER, 17.30-19.00
Nottingham Girls Academy, Robin's Wood Road, NG8 3LD

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Cultural Week

By Mrs Gangneux, PSHE Coordinator

In our last week of term we have celebrated the culture and diversity to be found in school with a fantastic week of activities. The students have had the opportunity to have henna tattoos from our 6th formers, dance lessons from our Y11's, global dance class at lunchtime from Charmaine Daley from Charmed Fitness and a bake sale provided by Brendan and his amazing team in the canteen. The week culminated with a non-uniform day where students were encouraged to be 'loud and proud' and celebrate their heritage, culture or identity by dressing up in their finest for the day. The students really did us proud and we had a fantastic week.



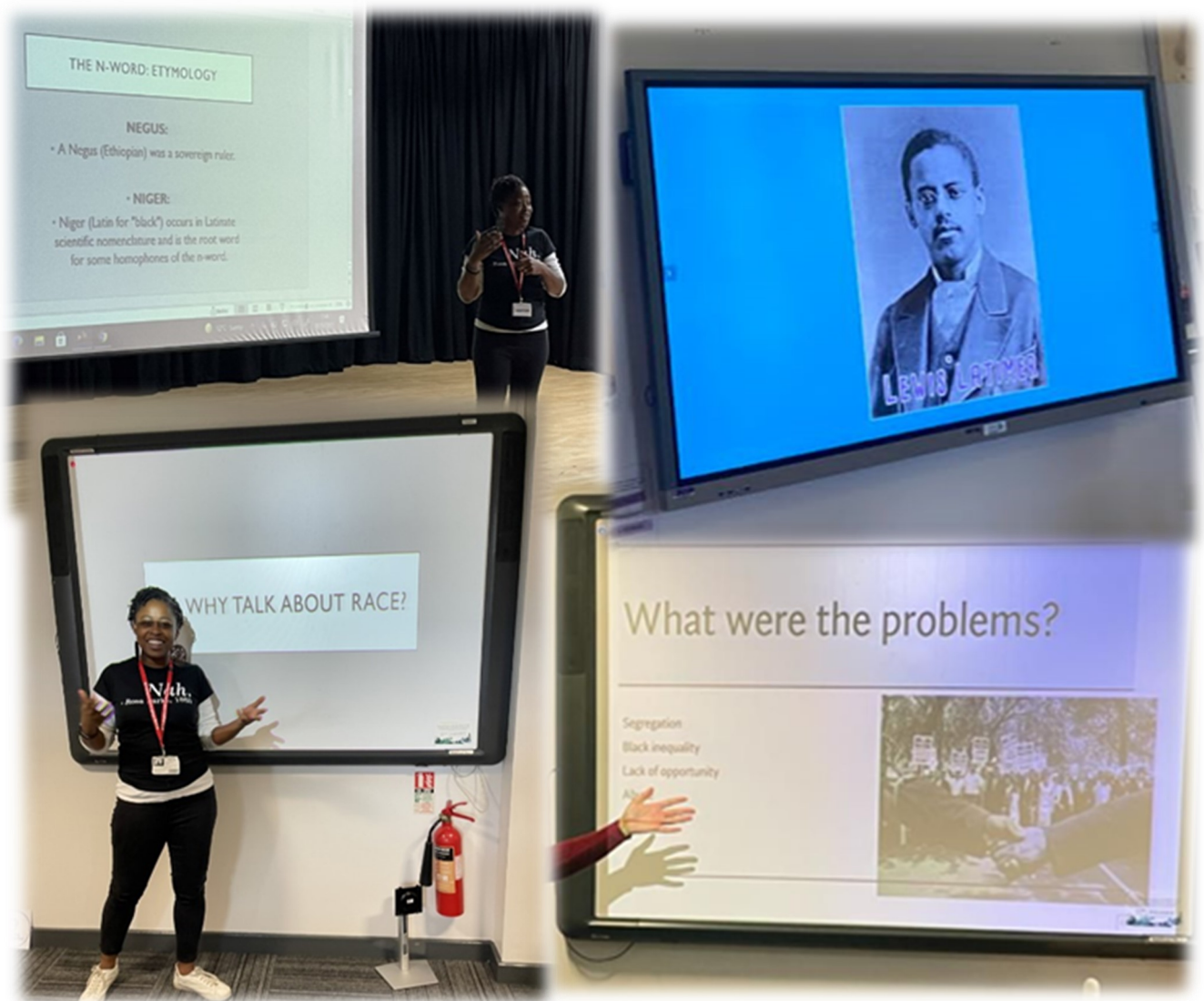
Henna tattoos courtesy of our 6th formers: Iman, Ammarah, Sameen and Ifa. The students gave a donation to have one of many incredible designs. All proceeds are going towards the Malala Fund for Afghanistan.



Black History Month - October

By Mrs Heron, Acting Assistant Principal

October is Black History Month in the UK. This is a special time where we promote knowledge of black history, culture, and heritage. **The theme for this year's black History month celebrations is "Proud To BE..."** During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and those who contribute to and help our society today. We had Black History themed assemblies, we learnt about black inventors, explored African and Caribbean dialects/languages and their evolution, there were discussions on many topics including the problems faced by black people and overcoming them and looked at literature such as Halima Aden's 'Letter of Hope' published in Harper's Bazaar magazine, following the death of George Floyd. On Tuesday 5 October we had a guest speaker deliver a session to all year groups covering topics such as why we should talk about race, why it's hard to talk about race, challenging racism, biases, beliefs & stereotypes. There was food linked to black heritage available at the canteen. Pupils embraced all aspects of the celebrations and loved it!



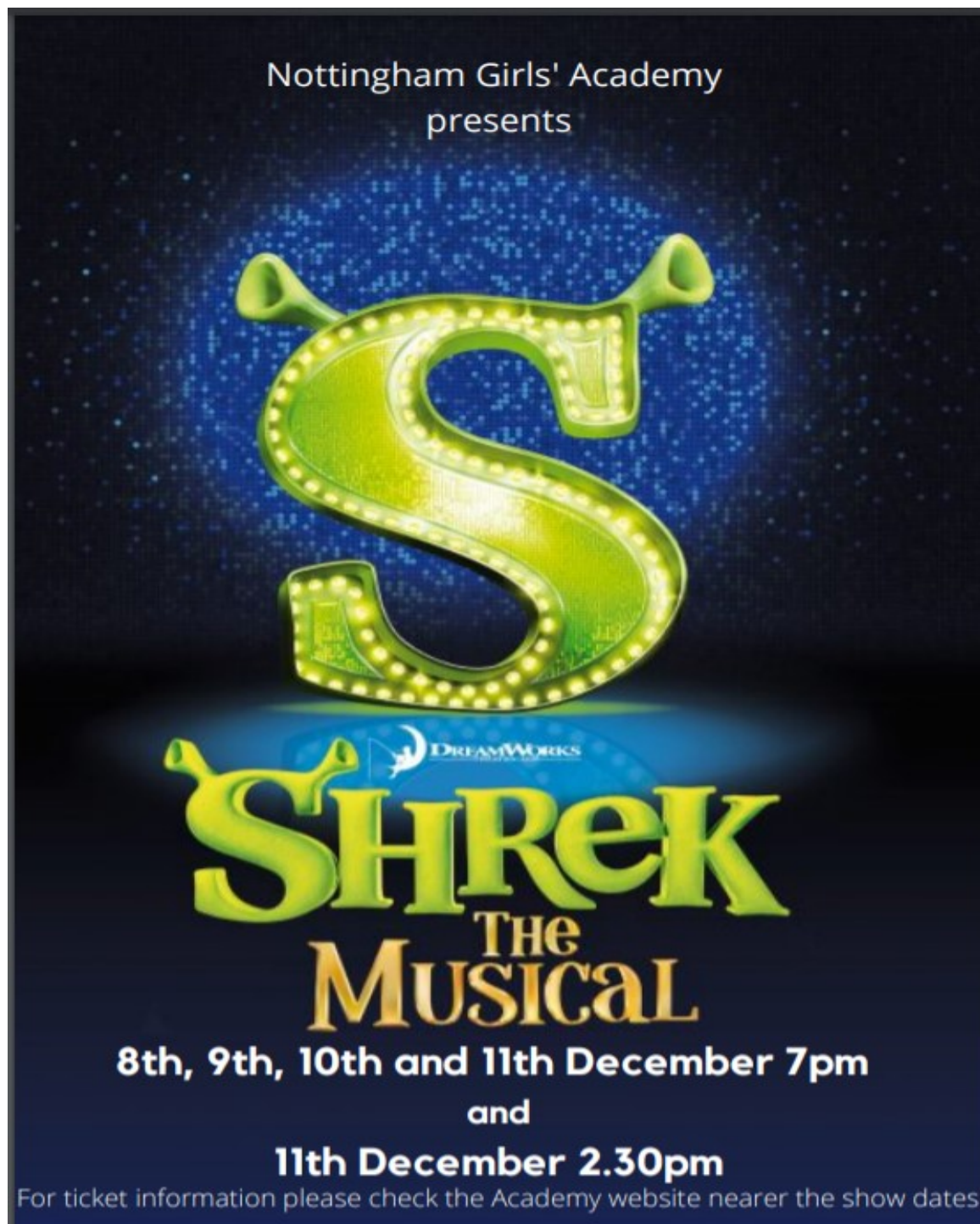
Morrisons - 'It's Good to Grow'

Morrisons is giving away FREE gardening equipment to schools!

With a MyMorrisons account, collect Grow Tokens when you shop online or in store and donate them to our school. For more information visit www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk



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