

Nottingham Girls' Academy

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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?

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 25 July 2018

This is a non-uniform day. We ask pupils to donate £1 which will go to the Nottingham Refugee Forum.

Pupils will be dismissed from school at 1.30pm.

It is important that pupils attend all the way through to the end of term. Aside from our activities days (please see below) pupils will be expected to be following their usual timetable and will be learning in normal lessons.

Autumn Term 2018-19

All pupils in Y7-11 return on Thursday 6 September.

Sixth Form students return on Monday 10 September.

Please see the website for term dates for the full year.

Exam Results Days

A-Level results day: Thursday 16 August 2018, from 10am.

GCSE results day: Thursday 23 August 2018, from 10am.

End of Term Activities

We have a number of activities planned for the end of term:

Year 7 and 8 attendance trip: Tuesday 24 July 2018.

Year 9 and 10 attendance trip: Tuesday 24 July 2018.

Uniform

Reminders for September

Pupils are expected to wear the Academy uniform when travelling to and from the Academy, at all Academy functions and on visits. Parents are strongly advised to supervise the purchase of all clothing which is to be worn in the Academy and when there is doubt, to check in advance with the Academy to find out whether or not a particular item will be acceptable.

Below are some pointers to help clarify some of our rules:

Shirts or blouses should be of a design that has a button to close the collar. This should be fastened at all times.

Academy ties must be worn to an appropriate length (at least 6 stripes).

Trousers must not have elaborate zips or jean style pockets. Trousers designed to be tight or 'skinny fit' are not permitted.

Shoes must be black, able to take polish and flat soled (or with a very small heel of no more than 2cm). Trainers are not allowed.

Socks should be black or grey if worn with trousers and white if worn with a skirt.

Piercings are not allowed (except a single metal stud in the bottom of the lobe of each ear). We expect all other piercings to be removed. If you plan to allow your daughter to have any other piercings, please do these at the start of the school holiday so there is time for them to heal and piercings to be removed when we return to school.

Hair must be of a natural colour. Multiple colours, excessive hair styles and 'cuts' of any shape or design are not allowed.

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



We strive to fulfill everyone's learning potential.

Head Girl

By Miss Gascoyne, Head of Year 10

At the start of this term, five Year 10 students were shortlisted to campaign for Head Girl. All five girls presented to each year group in assemblies throughout the week and then were interviewed by myself and Mr Tungate. We were blown away by the standard of interviews and how passionate the girls feel about ensuring our Academy continues to be a such a kind and nurturing environment for everyone.

Mason Thraves was appointed as our Head Girl, with Cassiebelle Rose and Hannan Murshid as our Deputy Head Girls. Keep a look out for what exciting new ideas the girls are going to be bringing to the school next year!



L-R: Cassiebelle Rose, Mason Thraves, Hannan Murshid

Prom

By Ms Budding, Head of Year 11

This year we celebrated with our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils in the Walled Garden venue at Beeston Fields Golf Club.

The girls spared no expense getting all dressed up and had a fabulous time dancing the night away.

In recognition of her incredible achievement of 100% ATTENDANCE FOR ALL FIVE YEARS, Abby Freeman (and three friends) was chauffeur driven to the event by Mr Tungate.

Surprise of the evening included a 'flash mob' performance by the Academy staff.



Pupils enjoying the prom

Women in Engineering Day

By Ms Green, Second in Science

On 23 June, we celebrated international women in engineering day with a week of one off lessons for year 7 and 8 pupils.

One activity was to make asphalt using chocolate as the binder and different cereals as the aggregate. Their creations were then tested for strength by adding masses until it snapped. Other activities included building the tallest tower to support a golf ball and building a catapult to project a marshmallow to the front of the classroom – both with a limited supply of materials.

All activities involved elements of team work and were designed to develop self-confidence, listening skills and leadership skills.



Pupils making chocolate asphalt

We enjoy the journey together.

EqualiTea Party

By Ms Barker, Teacher of Drama

Last week we invited guests into school for a tea party to celebrate the Suffragette movement and 100 years since the Representation of the People Act which allowed some women to vote in Britain for the first time.

Our EqualiTea Party guests included Lilian Greenwood (the MP for Nottingham South) who spoke to us about her experience in politics, Kate Tinsley (the CEO for Buildbase), and Paulette from Equation, who has been into school many times this year doing valuable PSHE work with both students and staff.

Along with these guests, pupil ambassadors were chosen through an application process. The pupils made us exceptionally proud - all the tea party guests complimented them on their confidence, eloquence and maturity. What wonderful representatives for Nottingham Girls' Academy and for women overall!



Music Showcase

By Ms Downie-Tosini, Teacher in charge of Music

NGA has just hosted its third annual Music Showcase, celebrating the hours of practice and commitment shown by some 75 pupils who attend weekly instrument lessons, clubs and extra-curricular activities throughout the year.

The evening was a huge success with the girls shining as always with talent and pride to be performing for family and friends.

