NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

SCHOOL BEACON

13th November 2026

ODD SOCKS DAY



Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November 2026!

As part of Anti-Bullying Week 2026, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16th November**, with this year's theme being 'Break the Silence'.

Pupils are invited to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique and different. Odd Socks Day is a fun way to show that it's okay to stand out, be yourself and embrace the things that make you special.

This year's theme encourages everyone to speak up, support one another and help raise awareness of bullying within our school community. Together, we can create an environment where everyone feels safe, respected and accepted.

Let's pull on our odd socks, celebrate our differences and help break the silence! 💜

YEAR 7 SNOWDOME TRIP

Don't Miss Out!

We would like to remind parents and carers of our exciting **Year 7 SnowDome Trip to Tamworth on Thursday 14th January 2027.**

This fantastic trip has been designed to help pupils build friendships, strengthen relationships and create lasting memories with their peers as they continue to settle into life at Nottingham Girls' Academy. Pupils will enjoy a range of fun snow-based activities, including **Ice Trikes, Human Curling and Snowman Building.**

The cost of the trip is **£45 per pupil.** We hope as many Year 7 students as possible will take part in what promises to be a memorable and enjoyable day. **Consent and payment can be completed via ParentPay.**

Please note - Parents and carers of pupils in other year groups will receive information about their child's trip opportunity in due course. Year 8 pupils will visit Cadbury World, Year 9 pupils will visit the Peak District, and Year 10 pupils will visit Sherwood Pines. These trips are usually scheduled for the Spring Term.



Snowdome, Tamworth



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DSUK, Tamworth

SIXTH FORM

Y12 Elephant Access Launch

On Wednesday 15th of our year 12 students were invited to the launch of the Elephant Access Programme at Loughborough University; the Elephant access programme will work with these students throughout Y12 and Y13 on their university applications and support for attending a top 1/3 university.



The students started the day with a tour of Loughborough campus, followed by a Q+A session with Lincoln College Oxford, and University College London.

Students were also invited to apply for the Elephant Access summer residential programme taking place at Cambridge and Exeter Universities in the summer. We can't wait to see where they end up!



Y13 Into University - A day in the life of a university student

On Friday last week our Y13 IntoUniversity cohort completed their programme with a trip to Nottingham University to experience a day in the life of a student.

The students began with a workshop on choosing a university and student finance support. Students then went on a tour of Nottingham University, including the libraries and student accommodation. A very busy but informative day, which was really useful in supporting our students into their next steps.

UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lockdown Drill



Next Tuesday (17th November 2026) we will be practicing our lockdown procedures.
These are procedures that allow us to respond to instructions from local emergency services or to a perceived risk to people within the academy.
All pupils have had a reminder of our procedures in assemblies this week, including the signal for a lockdown, what actions to take during the lockdown (depending on where they are at the time), and the signal and process for the end of a lockdown.

In the event of an 'live' lockdown, academy leaders – when it is safe and sensible to do so - will notify parents and carers via email about the lockdown.

We will not be communicating with parents and carers during next week's drill, so if you do receive a notification from the academy, it will be for a 'live' lockdown.

If you are ever notified by the academy about a lockdown, it is important that parents and carers **do not attend the academy site, or surrounding roads, until advised that the lockdown has concluded** as you may hinder our ability to manage the situation, including our contact and work with external emergency services.

Part of our procedures are strict instructions for pupils and staff not to communicate with anyone outside of the academy until the lockdown has concluded. Therefore, **if you have not received direct notification from the academy about a lockdown** (for example being notified by your child or another parent or carer instead of the academy) **it is likely to be a drill, a hoax, or a false alarm.** Please do not contact reception or come to the academy to check.