

Nottingham Girls' Academy

Newsletter
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ARTWORK



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: Friday 16 July 2021

This is a non-uniform day. Pupils will be dismissed from school at 1:20pm (Years 7 and 8) and 1:30pm (Years 9, 10 and Sixth Form)

Exam results days

Tuesday 10 August 2021: A-level results day between 9:00am and 11:00am

Thursday 12 August 2021: GCSE results day between 9:00am and 11:30am and Sixth Form enrolment

Autumn Term 2021/2022

Testing dates and return to school dates are as below:

Year 7

Lateral Flow Testing: Wednesday 1 September, MORNING

First day of school: Thursday 2 September

Year 8

Lateral Flow Testing: Friday 3 September, MORNING

First day of school: Monday 6 September

Year 9

Lateral Flow Testing: Friday 3 September, AFTERNOON

First day of school: Monday 6 September

Year 10

Lateral Flow Testing: Thursday 2 September, MORNING

First day of school: Friday 3 September

Year 11

Lateral Flow Testing: Thursday 2 September, AFTERNOON

First day of school: Friday 3 September

Sixth Form

Lateral Flow Testing: Wednesday 1 September, AFTERNOON

First day of school: Thursday 2 September

Key Dates (cont'd)

Test Times

To ensure our testing centre is not overrun, it is vital that all pupils attend for their test at the time allocated below based on the first letter of their surname.

MORNING Testing Slots			AFTERNOON Testing Slots	
9am-10am	Surnames A to H		1pm-2pm	Surnames A to H
10am-11am	Surnames I to Q		2pm-3pm	Surnames I to Q
11am-12am	Surnames R to Z		3pm-4pm	Surnames R to Z

Please see the NGA website for term dates for the full year 2021/2022

Open Evening for Year 5/6 parents/pupils: Monday 27 September 2021—5-8pm

School uniform orders over Summer

Need to purchase any items of uniform for your daughter ready for the start of term? Please note, the deadline for online ordering from our uniform supplier via the link on the NGA website is: **Sunday 1 August 2021.**

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/nottinghamgirls>

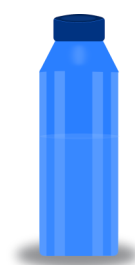
Price & Buckland
SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1959

Please ensure you select delivery to your home address.

Water Fountains - September 2021

By Mrs Brierley, Regional Finance Manager

With the lifting of COVID restrictions, from September the water fountains in school will be available again. Pupils will need to bring their own water bottles to fill up as we will no longer be providing bottles of water. This is part of our commitment to reducing the amount of plastic waste the school creates.



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Personal Development Summary for Term 3

By Mrs Turner-Ramadan, Assistant Principal

What a year we have had! All the staff and students at NGA want to say a big thank you to parents and carers for supporting us along the way. We look forward to getting back to our usual lively NGA way and putting on some great shows for you next academic year. Below is a brief roundup of the PSHE, Careers and STEM provision your children have had the chance to take part in this last term.

- PSHE Days for Year 11, 10, 9 and 8
- Careers Days for Year 10, 8 and 7
- Year 10 and Year 12 work experience
- Challenging gender stereotypes with the Big Bang Theory for Year 7 and 8
- IntoUniversity workshops with a variety of year groups
- Parent, student, and staff surveys
- Development with Year 8, 9 and 10 Equality groups
- Staff have been developing and adapting their subject curriculums to be even more diverse; for example, changing the literature that is covered. We will update you with a list of the changes in September
- An increase in extra-curricular activities such as our Year 9 newspaper club and Year 7 engineering in a pandemic club and we cannot wait to bring back more in September
- A Year 8 project working with Ignite and the Royal Society of Chemistry on developing a sustainable method
- Some key awareness days and weeks: Windrush Day, Mental Health Awareness Week, Pride month, City Relationships and Sex Education Day, World Environment Day, Diversity Week, International Women in Engineering week, Deaf Awareness week and Plastic Free July.
- International Women in Engineering day which we celebrated in science with a week of engineering-based lessons.
- Fundraising events for different charities
- Year 6 virtual transition sessions
- Head Girl campaign
- Inflatable fun, the final reward event of the year



Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that we are now delivering the statutory government curriculum for Relationships Sex and Education content; we will be covering these topics during term 1 from September – December.

If you require further information on the content of the workshops or the specifications of the RSE curriculum, please do look on our website in our PSHE area, link here: <https://www.nottinghamgirlsacademy.org/page/?title=PSHE&pid=216>

You can also find the specific mapping documents here:

<https://www.nottinghamgirlsacademy.org/page/?title=Curriculum+Mapping+Documents%2C+Examples+of+Resources+and+Assembly+Rotas&pid=321>

Please take a look at our website page with all of the information on and if you have any queries then please continue to email allpshe@nottinghamgirlscadademy.org

We hope you all have a lovely summer break; we have all earned it and we look forward to seeing our students fresh eyed and ready to go in September.

Big Bang in school event

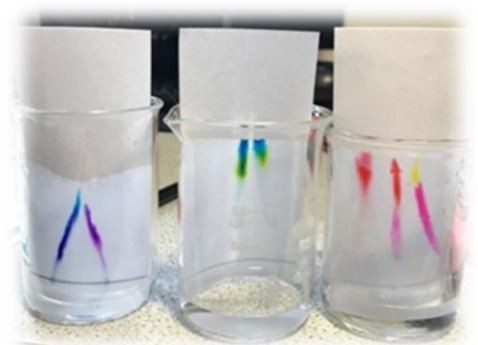
By Miss Green, Second in Science & STEM Coordinator

On 18 June Year 7 and 8 pupils had the amazing opportunity to take part in the Big Bang event at school , with the aim of making cross-curricular links between STEM subjects.

Year 7 had a full day of activities including:

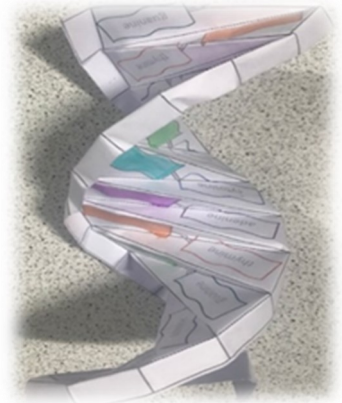


‘Shake it up’ making links between science and street art.



Inspirational scientists in which pupils had the opportunity to develop teamwork and creativity skills to complete a challenge such as origami DNA models.

They also had the opportunity to meet real STEM professionals via teams and ask them career related questions.



Year 8 had the opportunity to take part in a code breaking and robot programming challenges in which they developed their teams work and problem-solving skills.



Year 7 STEM Club - Engineering in a Pandemic

By Miss Green, Second in Science & STEM Coordinator

A group of year 7 pupils have been exploring the vital role engineers play in responding to a global pandemic from looking at innovation in a crisis, weird and wonderful face masks and completing a virus BioArt challenge using thermoplastics.

Below is some of the amazing virus BioArt they created.



International Women In Engineering Day 23 June 2021

By Miss Green, Second in Science & STEM Coordinator

Pupils in year 7 and 8 celebrated International Women in Engineering day with a week of one-off lessons aimed at developed teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills. This year they either completed a paper aeroplane or paper roller coaster challenge focusing on the engineering process, design, build, test and re-test.



NGA Careers Provision in the Summer

By Miss Everard, DANCOP Careers and Aspirations Mentor



This term has been jam-packed with careers activities, and our careers team have been busy, supported by our fantastic staff. Students across the school have had access to our usual weekly careers notices and opportunities posted in their Teams channels, along with the rest of our drop down days commencing this term.



Our term started with a Year 8 careers drop-down day where pupils engaged with workshops about their careers journey, 'Chocolate box jobs' (a workshop about different jobs in a production line- and, yes, there was free chocolate to win!), an enterprise challenge and career planning on StartProfile. Pupils got particularly stuck into the enterprise challenge, where they were able to invent and market their own product, which they then pitched to the rest of the class. In this they decided what they would be selling, who their target demographic was and where this product would be sold. We heard about some amazing products!



We then moved onto Year 10 work experience week. This year has been a particularly difficult year for workplace visiting, as lots of workplaces are closed or have health and safety measures that prohibit pupils visiting. For this reason, a lot of our pupils stayed on site for online work experience with employment agency, Reed, in smart non-uniform. This didn't stop our pupils however! We had lots of fantastic work submitted to Mrs Saunders in the hope of winning prizes and Teams shoutouts, and were amazed by the quality of the covering letter, sales pitches and social media posts that the pupils composed for Reed. Some of the work I thought could pass as the work of real Reed employees.



Year 10 then had the opportunity to take part in a careers day. We heard from Con-fetti and Nottingham College about the courses they offer and student life, and from Daisy from DANCOP about the other options for post-16 education. We also heard from Ask apprenticeships, who gave us an introduction into apprenticeships, where pupils learned about the different sectors now offering apprenticeships, the pay and progression opportunities available and where to find and apply for apprenticeships. They also had a career planning workshop and watched a presentation about the 350 different job roles in the NHS.



With only a few weeks left on site, we have Year 12 work experience week and the Year 7 drop-down day to look forward to. Keep an eye out on @NottmGirlsAcad on Twitter for updates about what these sessions include!



A-Level Film Studies

By Mrs Asher, Head of Year 7 & Teacher of Media & Film

Earlier this term A level Film Studies students took part in a question and answer session with the documentary filmmaker, Asif Kapadia. The Oscar winning director talked about his film, 'Amy', informing students on his filmmaking process, his love of film and how he started out in the business. The students gained some wonderful insights into his most famous film, which will help them enormously in their written exam as 'Amy' is one of their set texts. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students organised by the BFI, and we look forward to taking part in many more director sessions in the future.



Summer Activity Club 2021

We are once again offering the opportunity to attend our free of charge Summer School to our incoming Year 7 pupils.

This will include some academic catch-up as well as exciting indoor and outdoor activities such as performing arts, sports and an indoor zoo. Given the unfortunate cancellation of our original transition days, this is a great opportunity for the pupils to get to know their new school, peers and some of their teachers, as well as gain new skills and knowledge ready for September.

To book your daughter's place with our hosts, Koala Klub, please [click this link](#). We would appreciate it if you could also complete [this online form](#) for our own records.

All attendees of the Summer School will receive a free pencil case and stationary, as well as a free packed lunch.



Summer Activity Club 2021

The poster for the Summer Activity Club 2021 has a purple header and footer. The main body of the poster features a light blue background with a photograph of several raised fists of different skin tones. Overlaid on this image are five yellow starburst shapes, each containing text for an activity: 'Crafts', 'Catch up', 'Performing Arts', 'Sport', and 'Games'. The text 'NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY' and its motto 'Strive, Improve and Enjoy' are at the top. The title 'SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUB' is in large white letters. The dates and times are in a purple bar. The footer contains information about the cost, booking link, address, website, and phone number, along with a Twitter follow prompt.


NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY
'Strive, Improve and Enjoy'

SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUB

Monday 2 August – Friday 13 August 2021
9am – 3pm

Crafts Catch up Performing Arts Sport Games

FREE and open to all of our incoming Year 7 students

Book your child's place by [clicking this link](#)
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Visit www.nottinghamgirlsacademy.org Tel: 0115 7483410

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News from the Nottingham City Council:

Free School Meals Vouchers and Holiday Clubs this Summer!

Pupils entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) are set to benefit from extra support this Summer including:

- Supermarket e-vouchers of £15 a week (£75 in total per FSM pupil).
- Holiday Activity Clubs offering a free packed lunch at all sessions.

The Supermarket e-vouchers will be distributed to the parents and carers of FSM eligible pupils before the end of term. Places for the Holiday Activity Clubs can be booked in advance by visiting www.asklion.co.uk/funandfood. There are a limited number of places available for children who aren't eligible for Free School Meals and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Get a £10 voucher by taking part in our survey! If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, will you book a place at the Holiday Clubs? Or do you have a reason not to? [Tell us by completing the short survey here.](#) If you fill in our quick survey, you'll receive a FREE £10 supermarket evoucher by email. One per household - you'll need your unique Council Tax number (on your households council tax bill) to enter in order to receive your voucher.



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Timings of the School Day

Earlier this year we asked parents (and pupils and staff) for their opinions about changing the length of the school day. We wanted tutor time to be 30 minutes long to give us more time to deliver our Personal Development curriculum, including PSHE, Careers and Fundamental British Values.

Following this consultation, we can confirm that, from September, the timings of the school day will be as follows:

8.40am	Latest arrival on site
8.45am – 9.15am	Tutor time
9.15am – 10.15am	Period 1
10.15am – 11.15am	Period 2
11.15am – 11.30am	Break
11.30am – 12.30pm	Period 3
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Period 4
2.15pm – 3.15pm	Period 5

Twitter/Facebook

Keep up to date with all the news and exciting events happening at NGA via our Twitter feed and Facebook page by following: @NottmGirlsAcad



Year 11 GCSE Artwork

By Mrs Pye, Teacher i/c of Art



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ARTWORK

The background of the page is a vibrant, abstract artwork. It features several large, black, stylized hands reaching out from the bottom and sides. The background is filled with a complex pattern of colorful, concentric circles and swirling lines in shades of pink, orange, yellow, green, and blue. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and creative expression.

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