



Nottingham Girls' Academy

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Key Dates

What's coming up?

Spring Term 2021/22

Staff INSET Day: Tuesday 4 January

Pupils return as below:

Test Days and First Day of School:

Year	Test Day	Test Time (see below)	First Day of Term
11	Tuesday, 4 January 2022	MORNING	Wednesday, 5 January 2022
Sixth Form	Tuesday, 4 January 2022	AFTERNOON	Wednesday, 5 January 2022
7	Wednesday, 5 January 2022	MORNING	Thursday, 6 January 2022
8	Wednesday, 5 January 2022	AFTERNOON	Thursday, 6 January 2022
9	Thursday, 6 January 2022	MORNING	Friday, 7 January 2022
10	Thursday, 6 January 2022	AFTERNOON	Friday, 7 January 2022

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 Test Slots	
9am-10am	Surnames A to H
10am-11am	Surnames I to Q
11am-12pm	Surnames R to Z

AFTERNOON Test Slots	
1pm-2pm	Surnames A to H
2pm-3pm	Surnames I to Q
3pm-4pm	Surnames R to Z

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

Staff INSET Day: Friday 11 February

Half term: Monday 14 February—Friday 18 February

Pupils return on Monday 21 February

Year 10 and 12 Virtual Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud: Wednesday 23 March 4:30pm-7pm

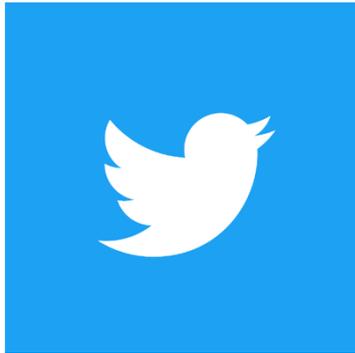
Last day of Spring term: Friday 1 April

School holidays: Monday 4 April—Monday 18 April

Pupils return on Tuesday 19 April

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



IntoFilm Festival

By Mrs Asher, Head of Year 8

This term Key Stage 4 and 5 Media and Film students took part in the annual IntoFilm Festival. Students enjoyed two trips to the cinema and worked on their analytical skills in preparation for exams. Everyone was pleasantly surprised by the film choices and are widening their film viewing from now on.



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

Careers

By the Careers Team

Half Term Two in the Careers Department

This half term has been a brilliant one in the careers department; with activities for most of our year groups, including trips, mentoring, visitors and careers meetings.



Careers meetings:

Careers meetings have still been going ahead, with Years 11 and 13, carried out by IntoUniversity, Miss Everard and Sharon, our Futures advisor. Great themes have been reached in this, with students in Year 13 choosing vocational routes or applying to a host of universities, and our Year 11s really starting to reach for some amazing destinations, such as Architecture, Retail Apprenticeships and Animal Handler. The lunchtime careers drop in has showcased the phenomenal level of proactivity from our students, who choose to come see us at lunchtime to discuss their ambitions (particularly since the roll out of the Work Experience programme!).



Trip to the PwC Offices in Castle Donington:

Year 10 have been doing some work with PricewaterhouseCoopers this term, which all started with a workshop around SMART goals - setting goals that are Sensible, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time specific. This is a transferrable skill that will greatly benefit Year 10 as they move towards their GCSE year and their career thereafter. Forty of our pupils then volunteered to participate in a trip to the PwC offices in Castle Donington. Whilst there, they heard from current employees about their job roles and career journeys, and worked in groups to a project brief in one of PwC's actual boardrooms! Ten fantastic presentations were given in the afternoon, centred around solving issues in online learning and eco-friendly clothes sharing.

Careers

Year 9 BEE Like Me event

At the end of November Year 9 pupils had the chance to participate in our BEE Like Me Event. The day started with 3 workshops around self-confidence, managing money, and pathways to careers (led by Capital One). In this we found that our Year 9s had a variety of ambitions, such as Choreographer, Mental Health Therapist and Accountant. They also got to ask Capital One questions, a lot of which centred around coding, pay rates and even company policy on climate change! Later in the day, the pupils were able to hear from successful women in different fields, many of which are traditionally male dominated. Pupils spoke to each visitor in groups, and were even able to try out equipment from the fire and police services. Many of our visitors were alumni, and were once in our pupils' shoes!

Moving into the home stretch of half term two, and looking forward to half term three, we're excited about the events we have approaching. These include National Apprenticeship Week, National Careers Week, Year 8 Careers Day, our Futures Fair on 14 December and the selection process for the Year 10 DHL Trip to Aberdovey in Wales.



Our BEE Like Me visitors from left to right: Andrea Dowdie (Church Coordinator), Uroosa Arshid and Candida Brudenell (Fire Service), Ashanti Shand (NHS), Maj. Judith Gallagher (Armed Forces), Annette Corall (Midwife), Jasmin Howell (Head of Nottingham City Virtual School), Jenny Saunders (Our Careers Lead), Hannah Waterfield (marketing), Nanda Pakes (engineer), Beth Hanna (works at the Council), Karen Scott (nurse), Laura Summers (Museum Curator) and Gurmit Kaur (Police officer)

We strive to fulfill everyone's learning potential

FSM and Holiday Activity Clubs

Message from the Nottingham City Council:

Pupils entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) are set to benefit from extra support this Christmas holiday including: - Supermarket e-vouchers of £15 a week (£30 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 .

DOWNLOAD THE LEAFLET

Download our leaflet 'Help and support for challenging times':
www.asklion.co.uk/funandfood

Help and support for challenging times

- Welfare & Benefits
- Free or Cheap Food
- Bills & Budgeting
- Debt & Borrowing
- Violence & Abuse
- Mental Health
- Jobs & Skills

Dealing with problems with money, debt, benefits, getting a job, your mental health or something else? We can help you with all of these. We can help you to get the support you need to get things done.

Sign up to our email newsletter!

Support for your mental health

Where to find free food

Being hurt by someone

Nottingham City Council

FSM and Holiday Activity Clubs

FREE Fun and Food!



This Christmas school holiday, pupils entitled to Free School Meals can receive:

1. Weekly £15 supermarket e-vouchers.
Ask your school for details.
2. Holiday Activity Clubs in venues across Nottingham.
Free breakfast and lunch provided.



Book your place:
www.asklion.co.uk/funandfood

Some places are available for pupils who aren't eligible for Free School Meals.



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TO BOOK A
PLACE



National Biology Week 4-8 October 2021

By Miss Green, Second in Science and STEM Coordinator

To celebrate National Biology week pupils were given the opportunity to enter the bio bake off competition and bake a cake with a biological theme. These are the amazing bio bake entries. Well done to all the pupils who entered, fantastic work.

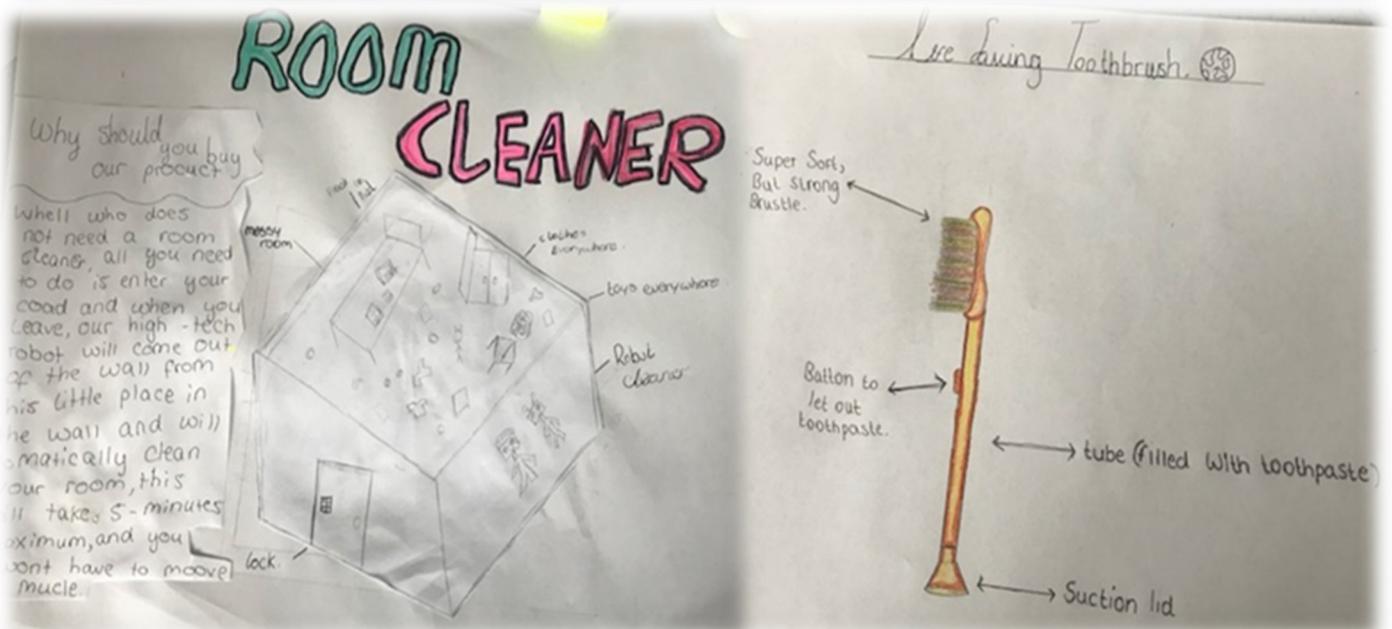
Pupils in Key Stage 3 also had the chance to complete the floating garden challenge set by Practical Action. Pupils were given limited resources in which they had to test and then design a floating garden to be used in parts of the world which experience regular flooding.



Ada Lovelace Virtual Trip - Tuesday 12 October

By Miss Green, 2nd in Science & STEM Coordinator

This year, due to COVID, we celebrated Ada Lovelace day 2021 with 7N2 and 7G2 taking part in a virtual trip. Pupils were set an innovation challenge in which they had to design a new device or improve an existing device to improve our daily life. They also had an amazing opportunity chance to take part in a Q&A session with women scientists from a wide range of companies



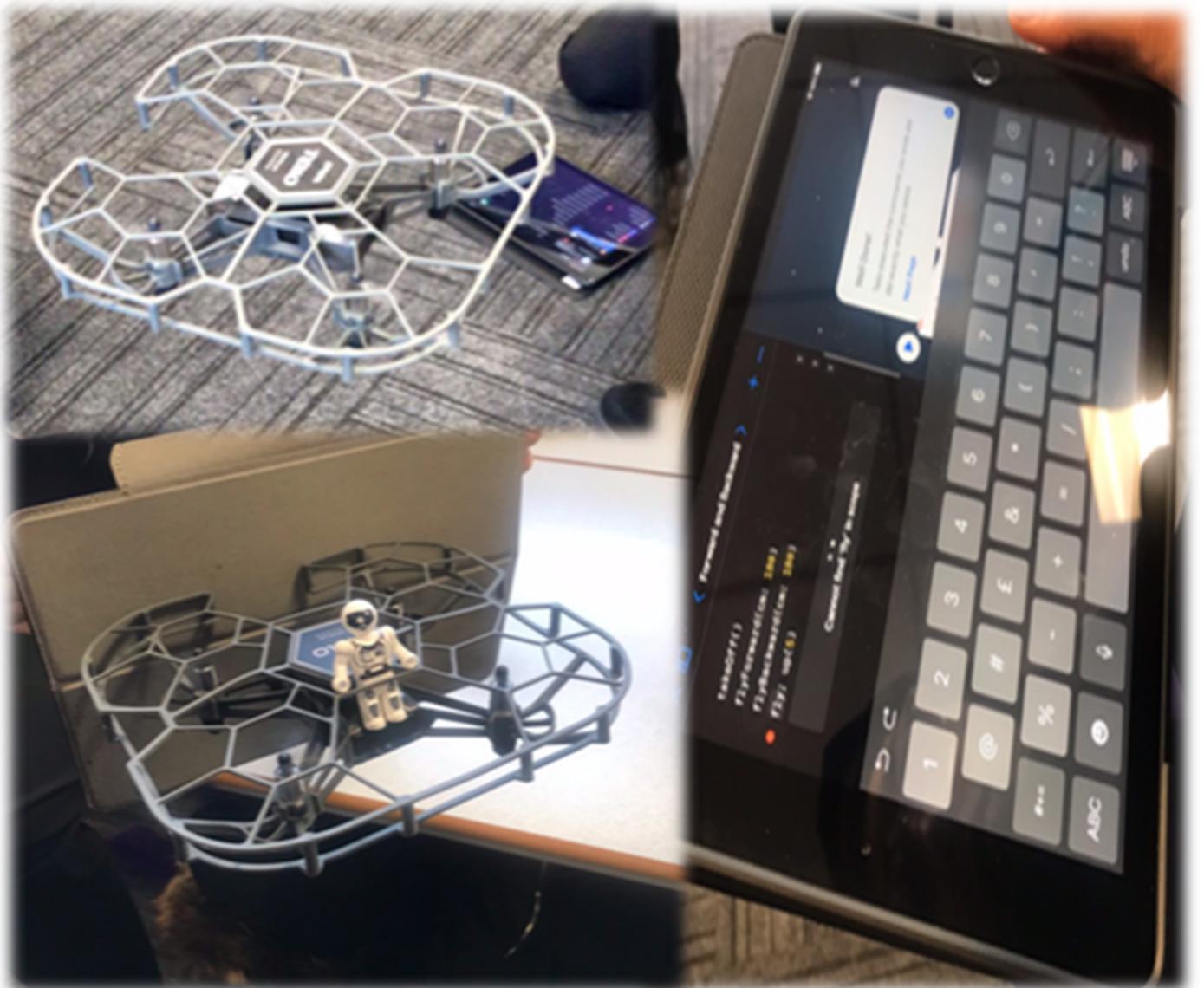
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Discovering STEM Programme - 18 November

By Mrs Saunders, Miss Everard and Miss Green

NGA are working with EduCater global which have provided 26 year 8 pupils the chance to take part in the discovering STEM programme. Part 1 of the programme took place in November in which pupils had the amazing opportunity to talk to scientists and engineers working on current projects. They got to experience 3D printing and learn how jet engines are built and work at Rolls-Royce. In the afternoon pupils learnt how to program and fly drones. In this session they developed their teamwork skills and got an insight into coding and its applications in the real world.

The programme will run for the 2021-2022 academic year, in which pupils have two more STEM activity days to look forward to. They also have the opportunity to take part in mentoring sessions with STEM professionals giving guided information on careers in STEM and engineering and helping them to develop skill sets for the future.



Nottingham Girls' Academy Eco Group

By Mrs Brierley, Regional Finance Manager



Nottingham Girls' Academy Eco Group

“There is a lot in the world we can change for the better, both environmentally and socially” Y9 pupil



Update

The situation over the last 18 months with COVID, has meant that some of the great work we did on the environment and sustainability took a back seat and, unfortunately, even a backward step.

We had to start using plastic water bottles again as we couldn't use our water fountains. The recycling of food waste and our compostable packaging also became less of a priority. Our poor allotment, where we grew lettuces, potatoes and herbs, is now overgrown and looking very sorry for itself!

However, we have not given up!

With some additional pupils in the Eco Group and many more wanting to get involved with new ideas and lots of strong opinions, we are ready to get going again!



“I want to do something – I can't do nothing!” – Y9 pupil

How can I get involved?

Pupils – come along to our next meeting in the new year – look out for details on the Community channel/Eco Group and in our school weekly notices or just send us your ideas and opinions on what we should be doing next.

Parents/Carers – we need help with getting our raised beds back in order and developing our allotment and nature area in general. If you have any experience, knowledge or just lots of spare energy, please contact the school via our admin email.

Artwork by Year 11



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