

# Nottingham Girls' Academy



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## Key Dates

*What's coming up?*

### **Spring Term 2021/22**

Last day of half term: Friday 11 February

Half term holiday: Monday 14 February—Friday 18 February

Staff INSET Day: Monday 21 February —no pupils in school

### **Pupils return on Tuesday 22 February**

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

Last day of Spring term: Friday 1 April

Easter holidays: Monday 4 April—Monday 18 April

### **Summer Term 2021/22**

#### **Pupils return on Tuesday 19 April**

Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud: Wednesday 20 April 4:30pm-7pm

Monday 2 May: May Day holiday

Last day of half term: Friday 27 May

Half term holiday: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June

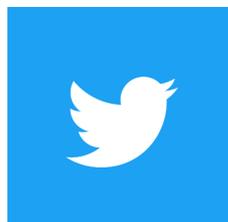
#### **Pupils return on Monday 6 June**

Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud: Wednesday 6 July 4:30pm-7pm

Last day of Summer term: Wednesday 27 July

## 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



## Ofsted

By Mr Tungate, Principal

As you know we had an Ofsted inspection just before Christmas.

The report said lots of brilliant things about the academy and our pupils, but my favourite quote is:

*"There is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding if the inspectors were to carry out a section 5 inspection now."*

*"Teachers have strong subject knowledge. They use this well to question pupils, to check their understanding and to identify any misconceptions. They set pupils challenging work and provide support when it is needed."*

- Ofsted, December 2021

Our mission to 'empower our community with the qualities, skills, and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with confidence and ambition' remains as strong as ever. I am sure that when Ofsted return to carry out a full inspection in 18-months to 2-years, they will find an academy continuing to do all it can to give our young people the very best start we can in life.

Despite the positive comments in the report, we are always looking for ways to improve things further; I am acutely conscious that we are not perfect. To that end, we will be sending out more surveys to pupils and their parents over the coming months to get feedback on the things they think are working well and the things they think

*"The curriculum for personal development is strong across all year groups. Pupils understand the importance of British values, respectful relationships and consent. They enjoy the varied opportunities to discuss topical issues. Subject leaders have carefully considered how the curriculum in their subjects can promote pupils' moral and cultural development."*

- Ofsted, December 2021



*"Pupils' personal development is a strong feature of this school. Pupils enjoy accepting responsibility. Prefects help to support the school's expectations. Many pupils take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. They enthuse about the school production of 'Shrek'. Leaders care about pupils' well-being and their readiness for life in modern Britain."*

- Ofsted, December 2021

I hope you agree that this reflects the hard work that pupils, parents, and staff put in every day to maintain the high standards, deliver the standard of education, and provide the additional opportunities we all expect from Nottingham Girls' Academy - and that our pupils deserve.

*"Expectations are high. The curriculum is broad and expanding. The wide range of subjects offered by the school meets pupils' interests and aspirations. Partnerships with local businesses promote careers for girls"*

- Ofsted, December 2021

need to be better. Thank you in advance for your support with these

Together we can ensure that Nottingham Girls' Academy continues to be somewhere our parents are proud to send their children, somewhere our children are proud to learn and somewhere our staff are proud to work.

## School Show - 'Shrek The Musical'

By Year 13 Students

The school show has been such an amazing opportunity, and one that I am so glad that I didn't miss and was able to take part in. Not only is it a great opportunity to meet new people and have some fun, it is also an opportunity to gain new skills and to develop your confidence. I have personally suffered greatly from stage fright ever since I was little, but coming and doing the show with our amazing performing arts team has made me feel unstoppable and helped me to get over my fear. It gave me the confidence in other areas of my day to day life and work as well. The show is definitely worth it but it does take a lot of dedication and patience. I am a sixth form student but also had a lot of other responsibilities on top such as my extra classes and my job, but I found that the show really helped me to balance everything and prepare me for becoming an adult. The show is also an opportunity that too many people don't consider but should because there is nothing better that our school gives us access to and really allows us to be expressive and creative in a non academic way and the reactions of the audience are priceless and something you definitely don't want to miss. *Maddi*



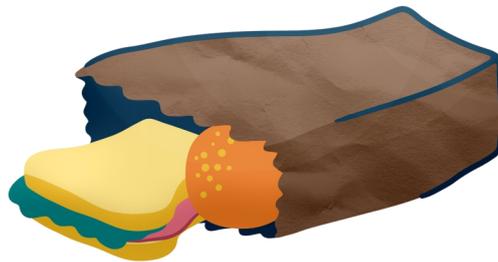
'Shrek the Musical' was one of the best experiences of doing something extra on top of school. Being in the sixth form means that I do not get to meet and talk to those in younger years, but being in the show meant that I at least spoke to everyone once during the experience and share memories with the cast all over school. One thing I do regret is not being a part of the school show sooner; this is my last year in this school and it was my first show. I always excused partaking in it due to a lack of confidence, but a mass of confidence is not needed to be a part of the show. It is the perfect opportunity to gain more confidence performing as you are on stage with those who you have worked with every week and a few weekends. It requires dedication to be a part of the show, but nothing can beat the reward of performing for a live audience and hearing them laugh at the funny scenes; clap along to the songs; and cheer to your success of finishing the whole thing. The final performance of 'Shrek' was an emotional rollercoaster for most, and I personally put my heart and soul into performing the last dance, knowing I would never do it again. To be a part of the show is to make memories that you'll never forget and make friends with those you wouldn't ordinarily have the chance to do so. *Kyra*



## Free School Meal Vouchers for February Half Term

*By The Admin Team*

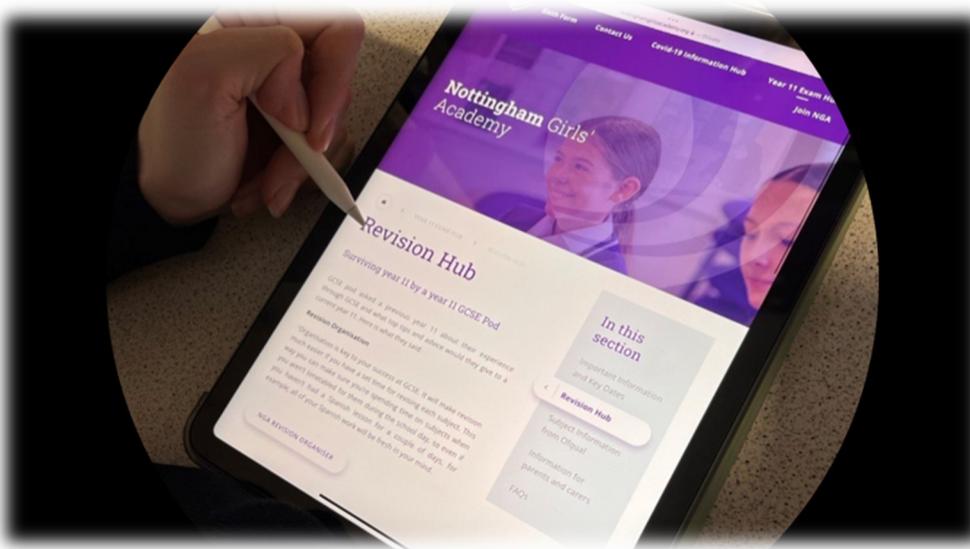
The Nottingham City Council is providing funding for free school meal vouchers during the February half term. Parents/carers of each eligible pupil will receive a £15 supermarket voucher for this period which will be sent electronically by Edenred.



## The Year 11 Revision Hub is now open!

*By Ms Burke, Standards and Progress Lead for Year 11*

With exams round the corner and the pressure building up, the year 11 pastoral team have been working closely with the Heads of Departments to design and launch the year 11 revision hub to support all our year 11 through this tough time. The year 11 hub has got all the key information that the pupils will need for their exams, from important links to key revision websites and exam information updates. Alongside the revision support, the year 11 hub is also a place where you can find out important dates, information of key events happening for year 11 as well as parent support through GCSEs.



*We strive to fulfill  
everyone's learning  
potential*

## NGA Library is fully open again!

*By Mrs Allsopp, Librarian*

Hello, my name is Mrs Allsopp and I am the new librarian here at NGA.

I have years of experience as a senior school librarian and I am here to help you get the best out of your school library.

We have lots and lots of NEW BOOKS, with some great new titles. We have a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books, with new books being added to the library every month!



The library supports the school's Literacy programme, with library lessons for all years 7 and 8 pupils held once every two weeks, starting after February half term.

The fiction section of the library is organised by genre. The genres are well-signed, but I am always here to help you find the right book to read.

We have Manga, Graphic Fiction, Thriller & Mystery, Dystopian, Rapid Reads, Romance, Comedy, General Fiction, Adventure, Historical Fiction, Fantasy, Sport, Sci-Fi and last, but by no mean least, Self-Help.

We also have a growing non-fiction section. We have biographies, Horrible Histories, Poetry and lots of inspirational books to look at. More non-fiction titles will be added soon.

Aside from the library lessons taking place throughout the week, the library is open to all pupils at break and lunchtimes for quiet reading, study, use of the board games and card games, browsing shelves to find your next read, plus the borrowing and the returning of books.

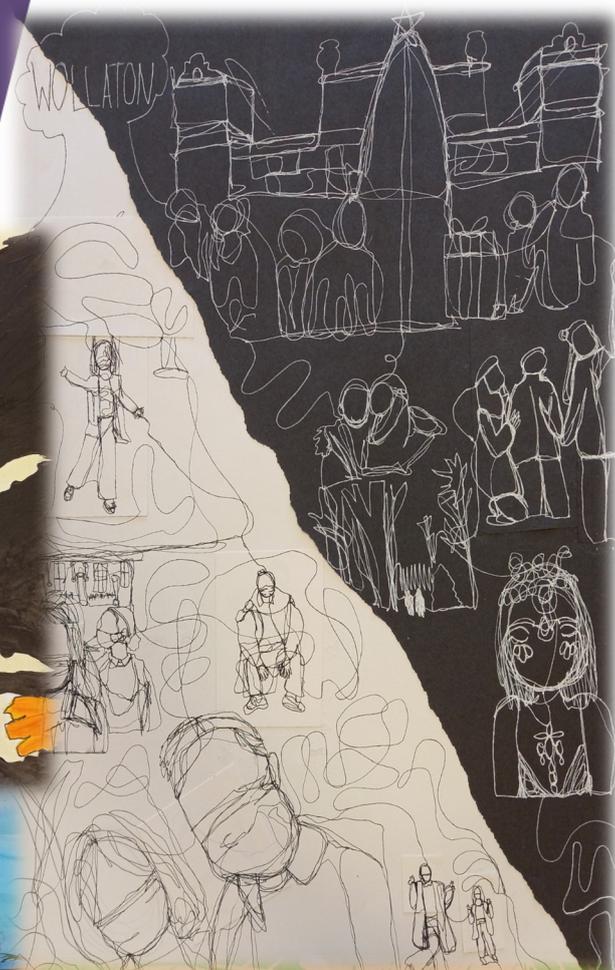
We will have lots of exciting things coming throughout the year too – including competitions and a book fair!

In the coming month, all pupils will be given a new unique barcode to enable them to access the full school library catalogue online. They will be able to browse the full library catalogue in their own time at home and will be able to reserve books too. Books reserved that are currently available will be delivered to them in tutor time the following morning (unless they have assembly). If the book is currently on loan, the book will be delivered when it is returned.

See you in the library!

Mrs Allsopp

# Year 11 Artwork



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Midday Supervisors.  
See our website  
for more details.

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