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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?

Summer Term 2021/22

Last day of half term - Friday 27 May

Half term holiday - Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June

Pupils return on Monday 6 June

Music Showcase - Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June at 7:00pm

Year 11 and Sixth Form Prom - Thursday 7 July 2022

Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud - Wednesday 13 July 4:30pm-7pm

Last day of Summer term - Tuesday 26 July 2022

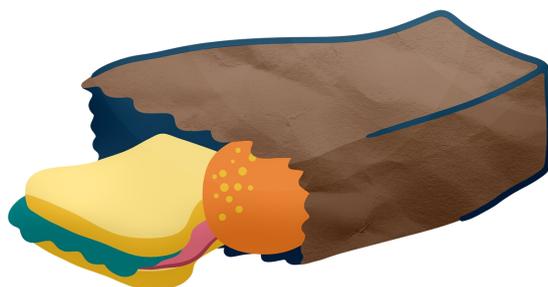
Staff INSET day - no pupils in school: Wednesday 27 July 2022

A level results day—Thursday 18 August

GCSE results day—Thursday 25 August

Free School Meal Vouchers for May Half Term

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



Y10 DHL Outward Bound Trip

By The Careers Department

Half Term 5 saw the return of the DHL Outward Bound trip to Aberdovey, Wales. Pupils were chosen for this trip by attending a selection day, set up like the selection days used at major companies, such as DHL, who run the trip. The trip is designed to push pupils to their limits, to help them build their confidence and to build key employability skills such as resilience and teamwork. Miss Everard and Mrs Jordan were the lucky staff members chosen to accompany the pupils on this trip.

Upon arriving in Wales, pupils got to know their instructor with a variety of team building games. They also began to pack key equipment for their overnight expedition, which was due to take place the following day.

On Tuesday, the pupils set out for their expeditions. We explored local beaches, before being dropped off at a log cabin, roughly an 8km hike from the cabin in which we'd stay overnight. The pupils walked for over 6 hours up mountainous terrain, over streams, rocks and extremely wet ground. They purified water from a stream to drink, learned to navigate using a map and even saw a world famous dirt bike racing track. Eventually they reached the lodge where we were staying for the night, and fetched water in which to warm up their ration packs for dinner, which were appetisingly named 'wet food pack'. Pupils played Uno and shared scary stories before retiring to bed.

Pupils returned to the Outward Bound Centre the next morning and showed fantastic self-responsibility in packing up their equipment and the equipment of others. Upon returning to the centre, the pupils had a turn on Jacobs ladder, all encouraging one another to push past their fears of heights to climb as far as possible. At this point, our pupils met Sonia, the head of the Outward Bound project at DHL (which is a pretty big deal!). She spent the next two days with our pupils and was floored by the level of maturity and compassion with which our pupils behaved.

On Thursday, pupils engaged in water activities, canoeing to an island for lunch and then back again. Pupils formed a diamond formation in their boats, so had to work as an incredibly close knit team to make the boats move. They then took part in the jetty jump where they jumped around 12-15 feet off a jetty into the open sea! This part of the trip really showcased their bravery, determination and care for one another as I watched every pupil jump in, cheered on by their classmates.



Y10 DHL Outward Bound Trip - Part 2 & Careers Information

By The Careers Department

On the final day, pupils gave a fantastic presentation to DHL stakeholders, Outward Bound staff and other pupils about their learning throughout the week. This again showcased the confidence and strength that they had been building throughout the week. Myself and Mrs Jordan feel extremely lucky to have taken such a fab group of young people on this trip. If you're a year 9 parent reading this, please encourage your child to sign up to the selection day next year! I know this year's cohort would agree that its truly an amazing opportunity.



What to expect in Half Term 6 from the Careers Department:

- Year Ten work experience
- Year Twelve work experience
- Year Ten Careers day
- Year Nine involvement in the DHL GoTeach project.
- Ongoing drop in support
- 1:1 Careers Advice for Years ten and twelve
- Year 7 Careers day
- Support on results day for Years 11 and 13 where needed.

Y11 BTEC Dance & Dance Showcase 2022

By Haddy, Year 11 pupil



Year 11 BTEC dance has been an enjoyable and extremely rewarding journey of expression and growth. Following our unit based on the musical, 'Chicago', we began exploring our own ideas and choreography styles as we worked towards our final performance piece based on the stimulus 'Better Together'. Personally, this has been my favourite part of course as we were completely free and able to create a piece that connected with us.

We were very grateful to be able to share our final piece with those outside of our class. Performing in the 2022 Dance Showcase, 'Unity', allowed us to show our parents, carers and friends what we had created. A sense of celebration was felt amongst us as this was both our final performance of the piece and the final part of our course. Seeing other pupils perform was also really enjoyable and exciting. We are thankful for everyone who came to watch, your support is highly appreciated!



We strive to fulfill everyone's learning potential

The Big Bang At School

By Miss Green, Second in Science Faculty & STEM Coordinator



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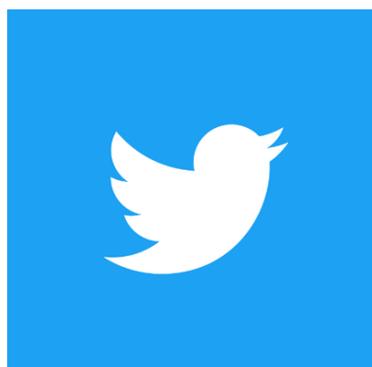
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Year 11 Artwork



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