



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

*We believe in creating a community empowered with the qualities,
skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with
confidence and ambition.*

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Dear parent/carer and student

RE: Sixth Form Update - the next steps in your education

We are delighted that many of you have chosen to study with us next year. If you are still selecting a destination, we welcome your application. In either case, we hope the following information will be useful.

As always, we have high expectations of our sixth formers and NGA staff will support your successes for the next 2 years. Over the past 10 years we have made some changes to help sixth formers to be more effective and achieve their best. As is typical of our personalised approach to sixth form study, Nottingham Girls' Academy is offering the following opportunities to enable you to make the right decisions about the next steps in your education.

Subject choices:

As a reminder, entry to NGA Sixth Form requires all applicants to achieve 4+/Level 2 Pass in a minimum of 5 GCSEs including English Language. There are also some subject specific entry requirements; please refer to the website for more details. From September 2022 we are adding A level Government and Politics and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to our subject offer. If you achieve the grades required you will have the opportunity of selecting subject preferences to take you to university, employment or apprenticeship.

A dedicated Sixth Form Centre:

As of September 2022, we are relocating from C floor corridor to the ROSLA block. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 12 to the new Sixth Form centre and continuing the successes of NGA Sixth Form together.

The block will contain a brand new science laboratory, a large fully equipped study room, a large newly furnished common room and seven general teaching classrooms.

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Enrolment day:

If you achieve the required grades for entry, we look forward to enrolling you on GCSE results day on **Thursday 25 August 9am-10.30am** in the hall. If you haven't, we will be available to discuss options on Monday 5 September. If you haven't previously applied but would like to attend, please contact the Academy to discuss an application.

What to look forward to when you join NGA Sixth Form:

Highly Effective Teaching: We have a track record of ensuring our students make better progress than their peers nationally. In 2019, NGA Sixth Form had a progress score of 0.13 for academic qualifications and 0.48 for vocational qualifications.

	Academic	Vocational
NGA	+0.13	+0.48
Nottingham College	-0.23	-0.24
Bluecoat Aspley	-0.11	-0.09
Trinity	-0.32	-0.10
Bilborough College	+0.04	-0.16

Our Ofsted report in December 2021 noted:

“Academic performance in the sixth form has strengthened. One sixth former said, ‘Moving to this school was one of the best decisions I have ever made.’”

The student in question is going on to study Geography at Lancaster University. Having originally applied to study the undergraduate BA, she has been invited to study on the MA course instead. We are really proud of her, and all our sixth formers' achievements.

Bursary Application: 16-19 Bursary is available to eligible sixth form students. The bursary is provided to help pay for things you need to stay in education. You must be under 19 at the start of the academic year of your study and be eligible to live in the UK.

University Trip/Visits: Experience living, learning and socialising like a university student for free with a one-day trip to a local university in Year 13. There are also other visits throughout the year. This year, these have included The Galleries of Justice, a Careers Fair at The University of Sheffield, university lectures at The University of Nottingham and a range of subject specific visits.

Work Experience: During Year 12 a week of work placement is built into our enrichment offer. Placements are available in the local community to support your career goal including pharmacies, primary schools, QMC or City Hospital, Magistrates' court, GP surgeries, administrative roles and Boots.

IntoUniversity and Careers: Supportive workshops and careers advice are available from The University of Nottingham and our full time NGA Careers Advisor. Personalised

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support is offered to help with your applications for university, training or employment, including mock interviews and personal statement guidance.

UCAS support: In addition to the support from IntoUniversity, the Sixth Form Team offer personalised and supportive guidance for UCAS applications. This has resulted in an unprecedented 100% record of all previous sixth form students successfully gaining access to a suitable course to study at university. Last academic year, 82% of Year 13 students secured a place at university, with several students going on to study medicine, law and a range of other subject areas. Other students in this cohort secured places on degree level apprenticeships or within employment.

Ambassadors: To further support development of transferable skills, we offer our sixth formers a range of roles to support others within the year group or lower school in their subjects or wider responsibilities within the Academy community.

As always, we look forward to welcoming you to NGA Sixth Form.

Yours faithfully



Miss E Short
Head of Sixth Form



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