

Nottingham Girls' Academy

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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?

Last day of half term—Thursday 9 February

Staff INSET Day—no pupils in school—Friday 10 February

Half term holiday—Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

Pupils return—Monday 20 February

Spring Term 2022/2023

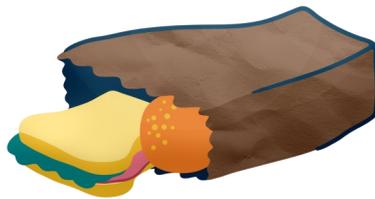
Year 7 Parents' evening via SchoolCloud—Wednesday 8 March

Last day of Spring term—Friday 31 March

Free School Meal Vouchers for February Half Term holidays

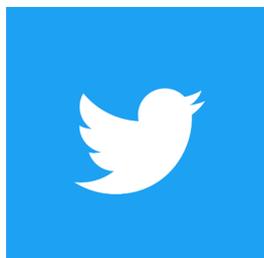
By The Admin Team

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



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

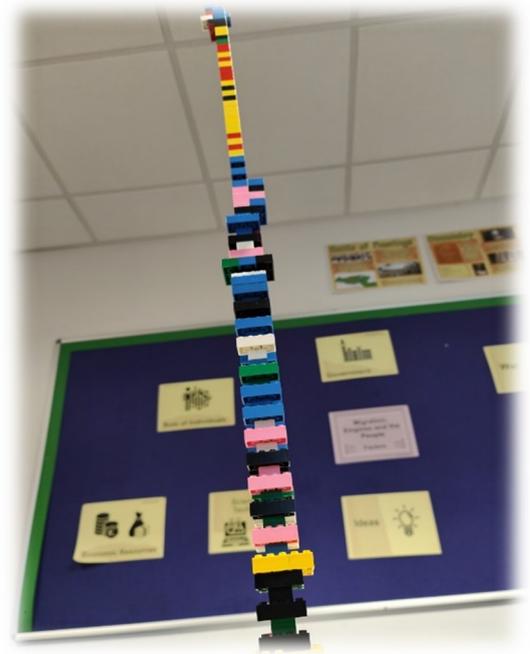


Half Term 3 In The Careers Department

By Miss Everard, Careers Lead

Half term 3 was a busy one in the careers department, with Years 7 and 8 experiencing their careers day.

In our Year 7 Careers day, Year 7 took part in activities built to help them understand the workplace and challenge stereotypes about their future careers. We were lucky enough to be joined by construction company, Stepnell, who taught Year 7 how to work to a brief in the workplace by having them write planning documents before building the tallest possible Lego tower. Stepnell were represented by three women, who worked in construction, architecture, one of whom was still studying. Year 7 also participated in workshops around their 'Dream job', identifying their skills and effective communication. I was incredibly impressed by the engagement Year 7 already had with the idea of their future career paths.



Our Year 8s had similarly impressive aspirations for their future and engaged enthusiastically with their careers day. Year 8 met representatives and current students from Nottingham Trent University, engaged with a workshop from the Civil Service around personality types and how they link to work, and met the Royal Navy. With the Royal Navy, our pupils got to work on a project to build a structure using specialised kits, therefore building their teamwork skills. Pupils also engaged in an activity wherein they learnt about CV skills, through making a CV for their favourite superhero. They were fantastic at thinking about the key skills that should go onto a job application.

Finally, as a school we've recently invested in a new careers platform, Unifrog. Years 7, 8 and 11 have been onboarded onto the platform, and the rest of the school will soon follow. Unifrog is a one stop shop for Careers information, where students can explore careers profiles, search for live college courses and apprenticeship vacancies and take quizzes to further explore their interests. Information will soon follow about parent accounts, where you'll be able to explore the tools, and use the information to support your child's (or your own!) career planning journey.

What to expect in Half Term 4 from the Careers Department:

Pupils in Year 10 should be looking for their placements ready for work experience 24-28 April.

Year 12 Work Experience launch.

PSHE

By Mrs Gangneux, PSHE Coordinator

Equality Group and Nottingham Citizens Work

The Equality Group have already taken part in several follow up meetings to continue our work with Nottingham Citizens Youth Manifesto campaign. This campaign will see students from our allies across the city ask Councillors to make changes in three key areas, these have been identified as Mental Health, Safety and the Cost-of-Living crisis.

Our students meet every Tuesday lunchtime to discuss how we can help in these areas. Mental Health has featured prominently in discussions with our students and is an area we want to improve on in school.

The Equality Group will take part in the Nottingham Citizens Delegates Assembly in February and will be sitting down with our local councillors in the Pre-Election Accountability Assembly on the 19 April to air our views and get our voices heard! Watch this space for more information!



Nottingham Citizens Zoom meeting with Heidi Shewell-Cooper

Well done to Hayat and Rasan – Year 11

A big WELL DONE and CONGRATULATIONS to our Head and Deputy Head Girl, **Hayat and Rasan**, whose tireless effort with Nottingham Citizens in their campaign to get Nottingham Forest Football Club to pay their staff a living wage has finally come good. They took the time to support this campaign by protesting outside the city ground on big game nights, to promote awareness of the difference between receiving a minimum wage, and a real living wage, currently set at £10.42.

This is a fantastic effort from all involved and we are proud of the commitment they have shown to this cause. It will make a real-life difference to the families of NFFC staff. Well done ladies!

PSHE week plans afoot!

We are excited to be holding a whole 'PSHE week' this year, starting with year 7 on the 27 March and involving all year groups including 6th form. Mrs Gangneux, the PSHE Coordinator, will be writing to parents after the half term break with more details on the workshops we are providing for our pupils. We will have a variety of external providers into school to help deliver our statutory content. We are excited to be working with Mariposa RSE, NUH Sexual Health team, Equation and other notable organisations on these days, more details to follow in the new term.

Year 9 will be taking part once again in the **Prison Me No Way** day on Friday February 24. A letter will be sent to parents before the half term break. The year 9 pupils always enjoy this day so much, and it is easily the PSHE day the year 9s remember the most. It really highlights the importance of making good choices and is a great day.

As always, you can find details of our schemes of learning, our Relationships and Sex Education policy and how to request to withdraw your child from specified RSE content on our website.

<https://www.nottinghamgirlsacademy.org/pshe>

STEM: Engineering in Christmas Lecture

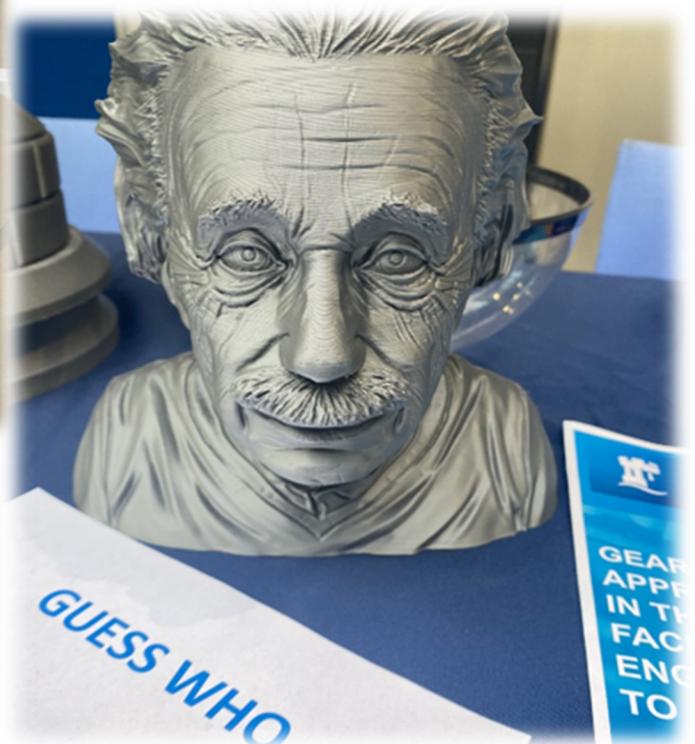
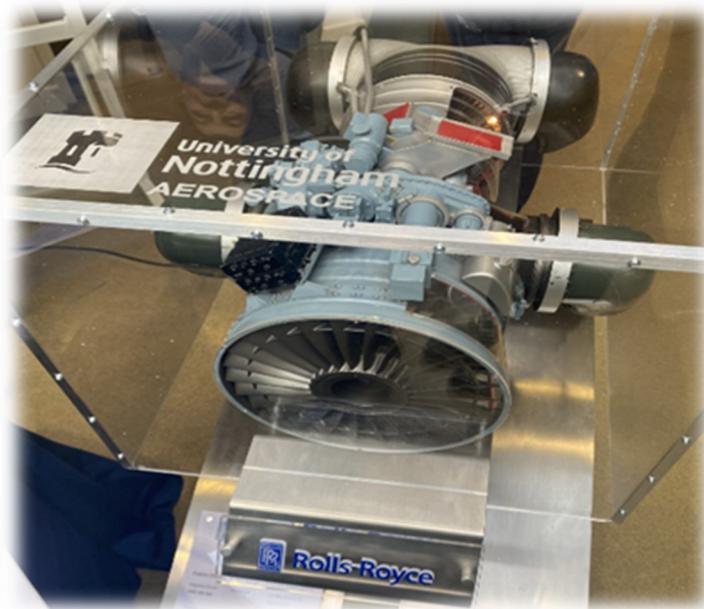
By Miss Mahmood, STEM Coordinator

Pupils from year 8 attended a trip to the University of Nottingham to watch the annual Christmas Lecture. This theme was the future of transport. The pupils took part in many different activities from rocket launching to virtual reality.

Engineers from Rolls Royce showcased their work in designing propellers and engines for rockets.

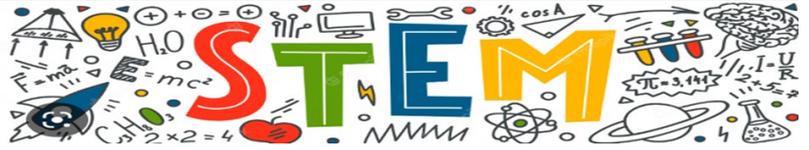
The pupils also looked at a 3D printer and were able to use a 3D printer pen to design their own key chain. They also looked at how engineers are trying to solve problems with climate change by using carbon capture.

After the activities, pupils attended an interactive lecture, took part in quizzes and listened to a talk about the development of transport delivered by James Bonnyman (Professor of Engineering Education and Assessment), Professor Ed Lester (The Lady Trent Professor of Chemical Engineering) and Sarah Sharples (Professor of Human Factors at the University of Nottingham and Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department for Transport).



Solar Panelled Car Project with the University of Nottingham and IGNITE

By Miss Mahmood, STEM Coordinator



The University of Nottingham racing team has chosen NGA to take part in a project looking at solar panelled cars. Like us, they want to encourage more uptake amongst schoolgirls in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). With these activities, they aim to help demonstrate the many ventures this path could lead one to, such as help build more environmentally sustainable vehicles!

The STEM Club pupils are currently taking part in a 4-week project where they will be using solar car kits to design their own solar panelled cars.

On Monday 30 January 2023, The UoN racing team had brought their student model car to showcase to pupils. They had explained what they do as engineers and how the car works, as well as having a Q&A session. Pupils loved the model and sat in the racing car.



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