



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

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skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with
confidence and ambition.*

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Dear parents and carers,

We are approaching the end of term, so I wanted to write to you to update you on arrangements for the end of term, GCSE and A-Level results days, the start of next term, some changes you can expect in our uniform and behaviour policies next year and some changes we are making to the structure of the school day.

End of Term

Monday 24th July – Sports' Day

- Pupils should wear PE kit or house colours.

Tuesday 25th July – Alton Towers Trip

- Pupils attending the trip should wear appropriate clothing for the weather and activities.
- Pupils not attending the trip will have a normal school day and will be expected to be in school uniform.

Wednesday 26th July – Celebration Assemblies

Thursday 27th July – Nations Day and Last Day of Term.

- Pupils are encouraged to wear clothing that represents their home nation or that of their family. Pupils may also bring their national flag.
- Pupils will leave at 1.20pm following the usual lunch break and afternoon registration.
- There will be no 77 or A2 service running from school, so pupils that catch these services will need to make alternative travel arrangements.

GCSE and A-Level Results Days

A-Level Results Day – Thursday 17th August 2023

- Students will be able to collect their results between 9am and 10.30am from the Hall.
- Sixth Form and Futures staff will be on hand to support students with university places and clearing.

GCSE Results and Sixth Form Enrolment Day – Thursday 24th August 2023

- Pupils will be able to collect their results between 9am and 10.30am from the Hall.
- Sixth Form staff will be on hand to help pupils enrol for September.
- Careers staff will be on hand to help pupils into other destinations.

Pupils or students unable to attend on either day should contact our Exams Officer Ms MacFarlane, to make alternative arrangements.

Changes to Uniform Policy

As we do each year, we have reviewed our uniform policy and we have made some small changes as follows:

- Hair will no longer need to be tied up, however in practical lessons (performing arts, creative arts, science, PE) students will be expected to tie hair back when requested.

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- Shoes must be plain black, waterproof, able to take black shoe polish and either flat soled or with a heel of less than 2cm. However, shoes with plain black logos will be acceptable.

Full details of our updated uniform policy will be available on the [academy website](#) from the end of term.

If you are unsure about whether an item will be acceptable or not, please call your child's pastoral team to check.

Changes to Behaviour Policy

As always, parents can keep track when their child is awarded a BUILD point, a negative behaviour point or a sanction (including a same-day detention) via the [ClassCharts app](#). Pupils will be sent home with log-in details during the first week.

We will still be operating Same-Day Detentions (SDD) next year, but we are changing the length of detentions and escalating non-attendance or more serious issues as follows:

15-minute SDD	30-minute SDD	30-minute Next-day Detention + loss of social time	45-minute Principal's Detention + loss of social time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D2. Late to school. As required following a red line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D3. Failure to attend a 15-minute SDD detention. Failure to attend homework club. As required following a red line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to attend a 30-minute SDD detention. As required following a red line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further failure to attend a 30-minute detention. As required following a red line.

Pupils will no longer automatically spend 3 periods in reflection if they receive a Red Line. Instead, a member of SLT will investigate the situation and apply an appropriate sanction. The aim will be to have pupils back in lessons as soon as is sensible and practicable, whilst underlining our high expectations and standards with appropriate sanctions when necessary.

Full details of our updated behaviour policy will be available on the [academy website](#) from the end of term.

Changes to the School Day

We are making some small changes to the structure of the school day.

The day will still begin at 8.45am (with a warning bell sounding at 8.40am) and will still finish at 3.15pm.

However, to increase the amount of time pupils have available to get and eat their lunch, reduce disruption to afternoon lessons with lunch over-running and to further increase supervision capacity, different key-stages will have lunch at slightly different times:

Key Stage 3

8.45 – 8.55	Tutor Time (uniform and equipment checks, attendance and behaviour records, notices)
8.55 – 9.55	Period One
9.55 – 10.55	Period Two
10.55 – 11.10	Break
11.10 – 12.10	Period Three
12.10 – 12.40	Key Stage 3 Form Time (PHSE, Current Affairs, Numeracy, Literacy, Assembly)
12.40 – 13.15	Key Stage 3 Lunch
13.15 – 14.15	Period Four
14.15 – 15.15	Period Five

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Key Stages 4 & 5

8.45 – 8.55	Tutor Time (uniform and equipment checks, attendance and behaviour records, notices)
8.55 – 9.55	Period One
9.55 – 10.55	Period Two
10.55 – 11.10	Break
11.10 – 12.10	Period Three
12.10 – 12.40	Key Stage 4 & 5 Lunch
12.40 – 13.15	Key Stage 4 & 5 Form Time (PHSE, Current Affairs, Numeracy, Literacy, Assembly)
13.15 – 14.15	Period Four
14.15 – 15.15	Period Five

Return to School Information

Following INSET days for staff on 31st August and 1st September, we will be looking forward to welcoming pupils back during the week beginning 4th September as follows:

- Monday 4th September – Year 7 pupils only including Year 7 pupils who are joining the AC3 Group.
- Tuesday 5th September – Year 10 and Year 11 pupils (including those in the AC4 group) return. Sixth Form students return.
- Wednesday 6th September – Year 8 and Year 9 pupils (including those in the AC3 group) return.

Please note: during the INSET days and days before their year group return, the SEND team will be offering transition visits to a small number of pupils with special educational needs. This will give pupils a chance to see their new timetable and where possible, meet new teachers.

I would like to finish by thanking you for your support over the last year and wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Tungate
Principal

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