NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

SCHOOL BEACON

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YEAR 7 GOLDEN TICKET CHALLENGE A HUGE SUCCESS!



Our new Year 7 pupils have made a brilliant start to life at Nottingham Girls' Academy, and throughout September we wanted to celebrate the positive attitudes, hard work and kindness we have seen across the year group.

To welcome pupils into the Nottingham Girls' Academy community, we launched a special **Year 7 Golden Ticket Challenge**. Pupils could earn one of just **100 Golden Tickets** by demonstrating our Academy values, working hard in lessons, showing respect to others and making a positive contribution to school life.

With only **100 tickets** available, earning a Golden Ticket was a real achievement. Staff were delighted to recognise pupils who have embraced the move to secondary school and have gone above and beyond during their first few weeks with us.

The lucky winners were then invited to visit our **Golden Ticket Swap Shop**, where they could exchange their tickets for a reward of their choice. Pupils enjoyed browsing through a range of prizes, including stationery, sweets, fidget toys and wellbeing items before choosing their favourite reward.



The event created lots of excitement and was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our newest pupils. It was wonderful to see so many Year 7 students being recognised for their effort and positive attitude as they settle into Academy life.

We are incredibly proud of how well the Year 7 cohort has adapted to life at Nottingham Girls' Academy. They have approached new challenges with enthusiasm, made new



friendships and shown a real commitment to our Academy values.

A huge congratulations to all of our Golden Ticket winners. We look forward to celebrating many more successes throughout the year!

Welcome to the Nottingham Girls' Academy family, Year 7. What a fantastic start you have made!

SIXTH FORM UPDATE

A reminder that our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on **Monday from 4:30pm to 7:00pm**. This is a great opportunity for students and their families to learn more about our Sixth Form, explore the courses available, and speak with staff and current students. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you discover what our Sixth Form has to offer.

CREATIVITY AT NGA

We thought we'd give you sneak peek as to what students create in the art room. Have a look below!









UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Crossing Patrol

As I have mentioned previously, myself and other senior colleagues act as a crossing patrol before and after school. You will see us wearing NGA branded high-viz vests.

We do this not only because we do not believe the road is safe enough, but also because too many of our pupils seem to lack basic road safety awareness.

We will tackle that issue in assemblies, but I would ask that you also help us by making sure your children follow these basic simple principles:

- Stop, look, listen - this means put your phone away and take your headphones off.
- Never cross between parked cars
- Only cross with the assistance of the crossing patrol.

I would also appreciate it if parents and carers followed these guidelines:

- Never stop on the yellow zig-zag lines to drop off or pick up your child. It is an offence to do so.
- Please only stop on the road when the crossing patrol has asked you to.
- When dropping off or collecting your child on foot, please only cross with the assistance of the crossing patrol.

Fairness

A small number of pupils (and parents/carers) have taken to arguing about punishments received for breaking our school rules. There are three frequent arguments I hear:

- I didn't know the rule.
- Other people were breaking the rule, why am I getting the punishment?
- I broke the rule yesterday and nobody said anything so why is it an issue now?

Although we explain the rules to our pupils, the expectation is that parents and carers have also been through our behaviour policy with their children. Our rules are published in our behaviour policy: www.nottinghamgirlsacademy.org/behaviour. Ignorance of the rules will not be an adequate excuse for breaking them and will usually still result in a sanction being applied.

We also try our best to make sure our rules are enforced consistently, evenly, and fairly. However, with over 950 pupils on roll, it is common sense that some rule breaking may not get spotted or dealt with as we would like.

I therefore want to be clear. Sanctions will be applied in accordance with our behaviour policy whenever a pupil is found to have broken the rules. We take context into account and we may make adjustments for a pupil's special educational needs.

The example I give to pupils in school is that the speed limit on the motorway is 70mph. If I exceed that speed I may or may not get caught. If I do get caught, it will not be an excuse to argue that other people are doing it and so it is not fair to punish me.

Nor will I be able to argue that I did it yesterday and got away with it so I should be let off today as well.

Very simply, if I break the rule, and I get caught, it is fair that I get an appropriate punishment.

I would be grateful if you would explain this principle to your children and continue to support us in trying to ensure the academy environment remains a safe, kind, nurturing and inclusive environment.