NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

SCHOOL BEACON

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YEAR 10 RESIDENTIAL TRIP



A group of 30 year 10 students started off this half term by enjoying a highly successful residential visit to Ilam Hall in Ashbourne, where they combined academic revision with personal development and team-building activities alongside their very own traitor's game.

Throughout the trip, students were extremely well behaved and always represented the school impeccably. Their positive attitude, respect for others and enthusiasm were a credit to both them and the school community.



During the residential, students participated in a range of engaging Maths, English and Science revision challenges, helping to reinforce key knowledge and build skills in preparation for KS4 curriculum. Alongside academic activities, students also took part in sessions focused on building life goals, aspirations and future visions, encouraging them to reflect on their ambitions, purpose of focus towards their GCSEs and personal development.



A particular highlight of the residential was an interactive game of The Traitors, which proved both exciting and memorable for everyone involved. After a series of tense banishments and dramatic revelations, the Faithfuls emerged victorious, successfully identifying the remaining Traitors. In a thrilling finale, the Traitors narrowly missed out on victory, with the final Traitor being voted out during the last banishment.



The residential was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their confidence, strengthen friendships and prepare for their future studies, while creating lasting memories along the way.

YEAR 7 WISEUP DAY

Yesterday, Year 7 were off-timetable for a team building day with WiseUp. The day consisted of several timed, competitive activities designed to test their logic, problem-solving and teamwork skills. Despite the cold, the students approached the activities with enthusiasm and resourcefulness, and showcased the BUILD qualities that we celebrate at NGA. Well done year 7!















STAR OF THE LESSON

⭐ Star of the Lesson Winners ⭐

Two-Week Challenge a Super Success!

To celebrate the end of last half term, Nottingham Girls' Academy launched a **Star of the Lesson Challenge**, giving pupils the opportunity to earn a special reward token for consistently demonstrating outstanding attitudes to learning and embodying our Academy values. Throughout the two-week challenge, staff recognised pupils for:

- 🌟 Showing the NGA Way
- 🌟 Working hard in lessons
- 🌟 Being polite and respectful
- 🌟 Making great progress
- 🌟 Showing improvement
- 🌟 Supporting their peers
- 🌟 Extending their knowledge
- 🌟 Demonstrating our BUILD values

🎟️ Reward Swap Shop

Pupils who collected a **Star of the Lesson ticket** were invited to our special reward event, where they could exchange their tickets for a prize of their choice.
The reward tables were packed with treats and prizes including:

🍬 Sweets and chocolates
✏️ Stationery items
🧸 Fidget toys

💜 Wellbeing rewards

The swap so far has generated plenty of excitement, and it was fantastic to see so many pupils celebrating their achievements and being recognised for their positive contributions across the Academy. We will be inviting Year 8's and 9's to join us next week for their exchange.

A Huge Congratulations!

We are incredibly proud of all pupils who earned a Star of the Lesson ticket during the challenge. Their commitment, effort and positive attitude have helped make our Academy community a great place to learn.

Well done to all of our winners. We look forward to celebrating even more success next half term!









UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

We have been delighted to welcome pupils back this week following their half term break.



This is a jam packed term. This week we have already had 30 Year 10 pupils at a Traitors-themed revision residential in Derbyshire, Year 11 had their careers morning on Wednesday, a selection of Year 9 pupils worked with Intu University on Tuesday, and all of Year 7 enjoyed a team building day on Thursday.

Enrichment

Today sees the start of our enrichment programme. All pupils get to swap tutor time for 30-minutes in a club or society where they can enjoy an existing interest or hobby or try out a potential new one. The list of opportunities is extensive:

KS3 Clubs

Board Games Club | Book Club | Card Games Club | Choir Club | Craft Club | Crochet Club | Dance Club | Debate Club | Debunk Club | Engineering Club | Fandom Multiverse | Film Club | FP Life Skills | Get Up and Go Club | Journaling & Creative Writing Club | Keyboard Club | Punjabi Club | Quiet Colouring | Ravens Flag Football | Sign Language Club | The Curiosity Hub | Walk Fit

KS4 Clubs

Board Games Club | Book Club | Bridge Club (SEMH) | Curiosity Hub | Engineering Club | Fashion Design | FP Life Skills | Keyboard Club | Musical Film Club | National Theatre Connections Club | Photography Club | Quiz Club | Ravens Flag Football Training | Revision Techniques | School Newspaper | STEM Mavericks | The Great Getaway Club | Year 11 & Post-16 Creative Space | Year 11 & Post-16 Film Club | Year 11 & Post-16 Walk Fit Club | Year 11 & Post-16 Wellbeing Club | Yoga, Stretch and Chill

Academy Parent Ambassadors

I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed 2 new Academy Parent Ambassadors. Please join me in congratulating Emmanuel Fianu and Aqeel Khan who will work alongside our existing Ambassador, Ioana Miron, in that capacity.

Darker Nights and Colder Weather

The clocks changing means that it is now getting dark really early. Please remind your children how they can stay near busy roads when it is dark. In particular they need to make sure they do not cross from between parked cars, have phones off, headphones out, and look both ways before stepping out into the road.