NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

SCHOOL BEACON

15th October 2026

YEAR 11 DROP DOWN DAY

On Monday 12th October we were delighted to hold a full day of PSHE workshops for our students in year 11. Our expert facilitators held workshops on a variety of topical issues and statutory content such as social media awareness, the impact of misogyny, coping with stress, anxiety and exam pressures and sexual health, amongst others.

We also had a visit from the Navy to talk about careers, which saw the students being put through their paces trying out a military style admissions routine.

The conversations taking place in the sessions show that our students value these discussions, many of which are topics they are only being exposed to through unreliable online content.

Our next PSHE week for all years will take place w/b 15th March 2027.



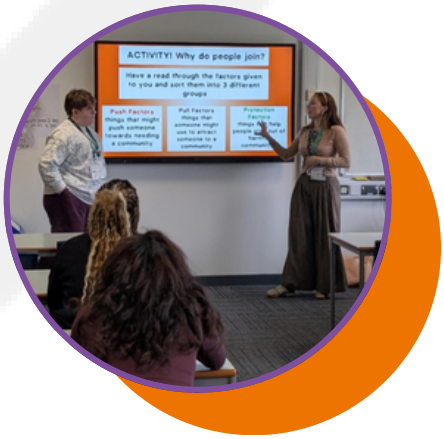
The amazing Vanessa from Mariposa RSE talking about healthy relationships and attitudes.



Nottingham University Hospitals sexual health outreach team delivering on Reproductive health.



The Navy outreach team learning about careers and life in the military, plus a taster of fitness tests.



Equation delivering on Misogyny

ADA LOVELACE CELEBRATION

Year 7 students from Nottingham Girls' Academy had an inspiring day at the Ada Lovelace Celebration at MediCity!

They took part in a range of STEM activities, from team-building challenges and designing marble runs to practising pipetting skills and growing bacterial cultures. A fantastic opportunity to explore the exciting world of science and innovation!









YOUNG FUTURES HUB

A new Young Futures Hub has opened in Sneinton, offering young people aged 10-17 (and up to 25 for those with SEND) a welcoming space to learn, connect and grow. The hub provides a range of opportunities, including mental health and wellbeing support, sports activities, employment readiness workshops, personal development sessions and music and digital media projects.



For more information, scan the QR code.

100% ATTENDANCE AWARD

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils who have achieved **100% attendance this half term**. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates their commitment, resilience and positive attitude towards their education.

To recognise this brilliant accomplishment, pupils with 100% attendance will be invited to a special **Just Dance celebration** during the first week back after the half-term break. Each year group will have the opportunity to enjoy an hour of music, dancing and fun as a well-deserved reward for their outstanding attendance.

Congratulations to all our 100% attenders. We are incredibly proud of you. Keep up the amazing work!

Thank you to all our parents, carers and pupils for your continued support and commitment to improving attendance. We recognise that the first half term can often be challenging as pupils settle back into their routines following the summer holidays. We greatly appreciate your continued partnership in helping pupils attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Half Term One Almost Completed

I think pupils (and staff) are looking forward to 3.15pm on Friday and the October half term break.

It has been a busy and enjoyable half term with many successes:

- Year 11s and 13s have had their first set of mock exams this year.
- We have received awards for our attendance last year, recognising that we were in the top 10% of all schools nationally. (And, at over 96% and well above national levels, our attendance continues to ensure your children have an advantage in their education.)
- Our Year 7 and Year 13 Open Evenings were very well attended and we expect to be oversubscribed again next year.

Please remember that it is a 2-week break. All pupils will return to school at **8.40am on Monday 2 November.**

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 16th October 2026 is a non-uniform day and the academy will be **OPEN** as usual to all pupils from 8.40am to 3.15pm.

Pupils are asked to pay a £1 'fine'. The proceeds will go back into school events and rewards.

It is essential that pupils still bring their bag, their books and equipment, and their PE kit (if they have PE or dance).

Our mobile phone policy will still be in operation - any phones seen or heard for any reason will be confiscated and will need to be collected by a parent or carer by 4pm.

Star of the Lesson

Well done to all of our Star of the Lesson winners over the last two weeks. You have been amazing and we are really proud of you!

Winners will be able to exchange their tokens for prizes on the first week back after the holiday.

Academy Parent Ambassador

You may remember that a couple of weeks ago, I wrote out to all parents and carers inviting applications to become one of our Academy Parent Ambassadors.

I am delighted to say that we have had some great responses and I will soon be sending out information to allow parents and carers to elect a new ambassador to our team.

Intolerant Behaviour

Nottingham Girls' Academy is a wonderfully diverse community and we strive to be an example of how people from different backgrounds and cultures and with different beliefs can exist together in harmony.

Throughout the year we organise events - such as our celebrations for Black History Month that have been taking place this month - that are designed to help our community learn about and celebrate each other.

Our expectation is that everyone is made to feel welcome and included in our community. For this reason, it has long been our policy that the following words are not tolerated at Nottingham Girls' Academy:

- The N word.
- The P word.
- Describing something as 'gay'
- Describing something or someone as 'retarded' or a 'mongol'.

This includes in online posts that other members of our school community may see.

For more information about this aspect of our behaviour policy please visit:
Nottingham Girls' Academy - Managing Intolerant Behaviour

Dining Room Etiquette

On a daily basis, almost all of our pupils use our dining room and everyone has a responsibility to leave it clean and tidy for the next person.

Furthermore, our kitchen staff work extremely hard to provide meals each day, and it is important that we show them respect by clearing our rubbish and taking care of the environment they work in.
We have asked all pupils to ensure they do the following, and would appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home:

- Clear away all plates, trays and rubbish when finished eating.
- Wipe up any spillages or report them immediately to a member of staff.
- Leave tables and seating areas clean and ready for others to use.
- Walk sensibly and behave appropriately in the dining room. This includes not creating unnecessary noise that disrupts others trying to enjoy their lunch such as singing, cheering, and shouting.
- Respect school property, including plates, cutlery and furniture.

Lost Property

If your daughter has misplaced a jumper, coat, water bottle or other item, there is a chance it has ended up in our lost property store.

All of the items in lost property have been placed out on display in the canteen corridor for pupils to look through before be break for the half-term holiday.

We recommend that you label items with your child's full name to help avoid lost items.

Water Bottles

As part of our drive to be more eco-friendly, we stopped serving drinks in plastic bottles 4 or 5 years ago. Instead we ask that pupils have a refillable bottle with them which they can top up at one of our refill stations. If they have lost theirs or have not got one, please make sure they have one for next half term.

A Message from our Academy Parent Ambassador

It Only Takes One to Make a Difference

There's a little story I've always loved.

One morning, a child was walking along a beach covered with thousands of starfish washed ashore. The child began picking them up, one by one, and returning them to the sea.

A passer-by stopped and asked, "Why bother? There are thousands of them! You can't possibly save them all!"

The child picked up another starfish, gently returned it to the water and replied, "But I saved this one."

The man stood quietly for a moment. Then he bent down and picked up a starfish himself. Soon, others joined in. And by the end of the day, every single starfish had been saved.

I've always found this story rather beautiful. Not just because one child made a difference, but because one small act inspired so many others.

And I think there's a lovely lesson in that for all of us.

As parents, teachers and students, we all have something to offer. Sometimes it's an idea, sometimes a little encouragement, and sometimes simply taking the time to listen.

That's what I hope Parent Voice can be: a little space to share our thoughts, learn from one another and perhaps turn a few small ideas into something wonderful.
After all, we don't always realise how much difference we can make in someone's life.

And perhaps the most wonderful thing we can do is inspire someone else to make a difference too.

Wishing everyone a lovely half-term break!

Ioana Miron
Parent Ambassador, Nottingham Girls' Academy