

Nottingham Girls' Academy

Newsletter
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Y11 GCSE Artwork

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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

Key Dates

What's coming up?

Last Day of Half Term: Friday 24 May 2019

Pupils return on Monday 3 June 2019

Y10 Work Experience: Week commencing 10 June 2019

Y11 and Sixth Form Prom: Friday 14 June 2019 - 7:00pm-10:30pm, Crowne Plaza Nottingham

Erasmus exchange pupils visiting: Week commencing 17 June 2019

Y11 Final Assembly: Monday 17 June 2019—students arrive 10:30am, depart 12:00 noon

Music Showcase: Thursday 20 June 2019 at 6:45pm

Y10/12 Mock examinations: Weeks commencing 24 June and 1 July 2019

Y8 Parents' evening: Wednesday 26 June 2019 between 3:30-6:30pm

Y6 Transition Days: Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July 2019

Intake Evening for Y6 parents/pupils: Wednesday 3 July 2019 at 6:30pm

Y12 Work experience: Week commencing 8 July 2019

Multi-Cultural Street Party: Thursday 18 July 2019 between 4:30-6:30pm

Sports Day and Y10 Careers morning: Friday 19 July 2019

End of term celebration assemblies: Monday 22 July 2019

Rewards Trips: Tuesday 23 July 2019

Last Day of Term: Wednesday 24 July 2019

This is a non-uniform day. We ask pupils and staff to donate £1 which will go to a chosen charity.

*Pupils will be dismissed from school at **1:10pm***

Exams results days

Thursday 15 August 2019: A-level results day

Thursday 22 August 2019: GCSE results day between 10:00am and 12:00 noon and Sixth Form enrolment

Autumn Term 2019/20

All pupils in Y7-11 return on Wednesday 4 September 2019

Sixth Form students return on Monday 9 September 2019

Please see the NGA website for term dates for the full year 2019/2020

Open Evening for Y5/6 parents/pupils: Monday 23 September 2019 - 5-8pm

Class Charts

By Mrs Turner-Ramadan, Assistant Principal



The Academy is no longer using SIMS for recording behaviour and homework. We have introduced a new system called Class Charts. It is an online system which teachers use to track achievement and behaviour throughout the school day and homework. The Academy believes in working closely with parents/carers and one of the key benefits of using Class Charts is that we are able to securely share your child's achievement and behaviour with you, keeping you up-to-date in real-time.

Two weeks' ago I sent a letter home with all of the information regarding the Parent App and the necessary details of how you are able to log in with your access codes. If you haven't already done so, we would appreciate your support in taking the time to download the ClassCharts Parent App (free) onto your mobile phones so that you can see the live stream of information coming through for your child/children. If you have more than one child in the Academy, then you can enter additional codes once you have created an account and are logged in.

If for some reason you didn't receive these letters from your child, please contact their Head of Year as soon as possible for the information. At this point I would like to thank you for your continued trust and support in the decisions that we make to ensure each child upholds our high expectations and that we strive as a community to ensure every child reaches their potential and beyond. We will all do that by working together to make sure the environment that we create is conducive and inclusive.

Prison Me! No Way!

By Mrs Saunders - PHSE, Employability and Careers Co-ordinator

On 29 March we had a company in to raise awareness about students' choices and how sometimes poor decisions can lead to serious consequences such as prison. Y9 students were all off timetable to take part in a Prison Me! No Way! day. The girls took part in the following workshops: Street Scene, Choices, Red Cross, Real Life Prison Cell and Fire Awareness. Students felt that the choices workshop was really personal and it gave them time to reflect on some of the decisions that they make with their friends; guilty by association was discussed at length. Days like these allow students to learn and develop different life skills and promote the understanding of some of our British values, such as tolerance and respect for the law.



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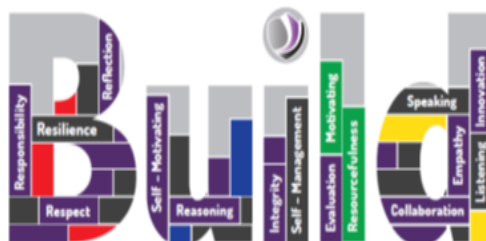
BUILD Rewards

By Mrs Turner-Ramadan, Assistant Principal

This year we have developed our behaviour system even further. BUILD is our reward system and students can be awarded BUILD points for developing their character, showing resilience, going above and beyond and random acts of kindness. BUILD points also contribute to rewards such as trips and attendance at celebration assemblies and other events.

End of term rewards this year have included a pizza and movie afternoon and an Easter egg hunt. At the end of the year the students in the top 10% of the year group with the highest BUILD points will get to take part in the BUILD inflatable bonanza too.

The Student Council will be meeting on 6 June to discuss the impact of our BUILD reward system. We always like to reflect on our initiatives to see if there are any improvements that we can make and adapt for next year. Therefore, if you have any comments or feedback, please pass them onto your child and we will endeavour to make any recommended changes.



NGA House Games Results

NGA House
Games
2019

OVERALL
KS3
WINNERS
RADCLIFFE

YEAR 7
WINNERS
RADCLIFFE

YEAR 8
WINNERS
ENNIS

YEAR 9
WINNERS
RADCLIFFE

Y7 Condover Hall residential

By Mrs Kotze, Head of Year 7

Twenty-five Y7 pupils went to Condover Hall in Shropshire to learn more about themselves, develop their leadership and team building skills whilst having fun. This is what a few participants had to say about the residential.

'I liked trying new activities that I have never tried.'
Kari

'Condover was amazing. I made new friends and found my strengths and weaknesses.'
Hannah

'Overall, Condover Hall was really fun; I think we should go on more of these trips.'
Adriana

'The teachers were very kind and helpful. The activities were fun. It was like an adventure. Fencing was the best activity.'
Samia

'The trapeze was amazing. It was huge but we still had a go; some even managed to jump off and reach the swing bar.'

Ellie-Mae

It is an amazing opportunity to have and take because there are many activities to do. I loved it too!
Romaissa



We strive to fulfill everyone's learning potential

PHSE and Careers events/Reward trips

By Mrs Turner-Ramadan, Assistant Principal

There are lots of events, workshops and trips lined up in the weeks ahead:

Half term 5 events

National PSHE days

- ▶ 6-10 May – Sun Awareness Week and Deaf Awareness Week
- ▶ 13-19 May: Mental Health Awareness Week
- ▶ 13 May – Foster Care Fortnight
- ▶ 20-26 May: Dementia Action Week

Events here at NGA

- ▶ 13-17 May Year 10 DHL Trip
- ▶ 13 May – GAT review KS5
- ▶ 14 May – Performing Arts performance
- ▶ 22 May – Year 9 Into University workshops
- ▶ 22 May – Year 7 Parents Evening
- ▶ Friday 24 May – Break up for half term. There will be **not** be a non school uniform day due to exams.

Half term 6 events - June

National PSHE days

- ▶ June – Pride Month
- ▶ 3 June – Child Safety Week
- ▶ 4 or 5 June – Eid
- ▶ 10-16 June – Carers week
- ▶ 20 June World Refugee Day
- ▶ 17-23 June Learning disability week
- ▶ 24 June National School Sport Week
- ▶ 24 June International Women in Engineering Week

Events here at NGA

- ▶ 10-14 June year 10 work experience week
- ▶ 10 June – Lets Pitch It – Year 9's
- ▶ 14 June year 11/13 Prom
- ▶ 17 June P1/P2 - year 10 work experience reflection morning
- ▶ 17 June 10.30am Year 11 Leavers assembly
- ▶ 19 and 21 June – Tomorrow's engineers with Year 9
- ▶ 20 June – Year 12 Into Uni workshop
- ▶ 24 June – 5 July Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams
- ▶ 26 June – Year 8 Parents Evening
- ▶ 28 June – Energy Quest Year 8

Half term 6 events - July

National PSHE days

- ▶ 1 July – Talk to us 2019 Samaritans Day

Events here at NGA

- ▶ 24 June – 5 July Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams
- ▶ 3/4 – July Transition Days
- ▶ 8 July – Year 12 work experience week
- ▶ 9 July – Year 10 Into University workshops

Events here at NGA

- ▶ 12 July – Year 7 PSHE Day
- ▶ 18 July – Multi Cultural Street Party 4.30-6.30pm
- ▶ 19 July Sports Day 19
- ▶ 19 July P1-3 Year 10 Careers Morning
- ▶ 22 July – All day for different year groups the BUILD Inflatable Bonanza
- ▶ 23 July – Reward Trips
- ▶ 24 July – Last day, non school uniform and an early finish

Dance Showcase

By the Performing Arts Department

The Dance Showcase planning and rehearsals began back in January and featured over 60 students, ranging from Y7 to 12. This year's theme was 'Rise and Fall', which linked with the examination brief for Y11, providing them with the opportunity to perform their own choreography, which was a particular highlight. The show was a celebration of our extensive extra-curricular activities and also featured some curriculum assessment work for key stage 4 and 5. G13, NGA's gifted and talented dance company, performed throughout the show, performing work choreographed by staff, as well as a piece created by ex-pupil, Jadel McFarlane. The show was a resounding success; all who took part did an excellent job and performed with style, confidence and professionalism.



Kyra's trip to Morocco

By Kyra Marie Winfield, Y10 Student

On 7 April I met 16 wonderful people and we prepared to go on our trip (with World Challenge) to Morocco. We met at the Nottingham Trent University and then we got on the coach to go to Gatwick Airport. This was my first time going abroad and I was going with people who I had only met once, so it was a really interesting experience to go on a plane and meet new people who I'd be virtually living with for the next 10 days.

On Monday when we arrived we went to a place called Hotel Ali and we stayed there overnight and discussed what we were going to do and the jobs we'd have to do. On Tuesday we travelled to a place called Ourzazate where we met our host for the next few days, Baali, and we got ready to do our project. On Wednesday morning we got a bus and we travelled to a school. When we got there some local builders were already there and we started planning what we were going to do and got started right away. Our project was to pave a courtyard area, to plant a nice garden and to paint one of the school walls for the kids. We used pickaxes to dig up concrete and we played with some of the kids, learning some French and some Arabic along the way too. The next day we carried on with the project and we also started to buy some plants for the garden and we planned what paints we were going to use to paint the wall. At this point I had become really close to some of the people there and became really good friends and it was becoming quite an enjoyable experience. On Friday we finished our project and got ready to say goodbye to Baali. We went out for a meal and all the girls sat together on the table. We had a really enjoyable time; we gave Baali his gift and spent our last night at his place.

Saturday we spent all day travelling once again to go to a place in the mountains and this was a starting point for a 26 km trek. On the Sunday we got up early and we all got our bags ready to go on the trek; we started off quite positive today. We were doing 16 km in 10 hours; we had a few breaks along the way and saw some amazing sights. I got really close to two people called Tenzin and Jamie on the trek (and to this day we still have a really good friendship). We got to our next stop and we stayed there for the night. The next day, the same as before, we got up again and set off for a second part of the trek. Today, I was leader and it was quite an interesting experience; I had some doubts thinking people weren't going to listen to me and ignore me but, actually, everyone really cooperated with me and helped me out. We finished our trek with no problem and got to the third stop. It was an amazing place and we played some games and watched some kids mess about on the cliffs nearby, scaring the life out of us.

The next day we travelled back to Marrakesh and, unfortunately, this was our last day in Morocco. Today, we went to the market and experienced some street food from Morocco; it was quite interesting actually. For a few hours, we could do what we liked back in the Hotel Ali so we had a pillow fight (the pillows were rock hard so they hurt a lot). In the evening we had a celebration meal and we said goodbye to Marrakesh. The next morning we woke up quite early and got on our coach to the airport, which arrived late. We got on the plane and waved goodbye to Morocco, coming back to England on 17 April. When we got back to Gatwick airport, we said goodbye to our World Challenge leader and got a coach to come back to Nottingham. When we got back we stopped for a moment and kind of built up the suspense; our DANCOP leaders were asking us if we were ready to see our families again; obviously, none of us said no. The trip was an amazing experience overall and the people I met there were just simply incredible and I wouldn't change them for the world. Those memories will stay with me for life and I took pictures and purchased souvenirs that I bought back to keep with me.

By Ms Bates, Deputy Principal



House Captain Leaders

By the Physical Education Department

Our House Captains are very busy over the next couple of months leading Primary School Sports Festivals. The girls will be leading, officiating and supporting five competitions taking place across the city, where over 15 different primary schools will be attending. They started off their first event at the Nottingham Tennis Centre on 13 May and did an incredible job! Some had never even played tennis before, but they were impeccable role models for the primary students and showed resilience in their leadership skills. Watch this space to find out how they're getting on in the future. The girls will also be helping to lead the Year 6 Transition visits on 3 and 4 July for our newcomers!



NGA Music Showcase



The Music Showcase is all set for **Thursday 20 June 2019** at 6.45pm in the main hall. Tickets will be £2 for adults and £1 for concessions. You will see NGA's musical stars including performances from GLEE, Harmony, NGA's first ever SAMBA Band, Strings Ensemble and the Keyboard Club. All pupils having instrumental lessons are featured, including piano, singing, guitar, clarinet, violin, viola, cello, trumpet, trombone, baritone and drums.

Tickets go on sale on **Monday 10 June 2019** in the Music Room.

Hope to see you there!



Future NGA Olympian

By Mrs Budding, Head of Year 8

Some of you may remember our wonderful Deputy Head Girl from last year, Kiarra Francis. What some of you may not know is that Kiarra is a keen sportswoman, her strongest discipline being the shot put.

Since Kiarra left NGA she has taken part in many athletics competitions around the country and has had tremendous success which resulted in her being selected to represent Bermuda during the Easter break.

Kiarra managed to throw a whopping 12 metres which now means she is ranked 6th in the Women's under-20 shot put in the Caribbean islands.

This is a fantastic achievement and Kiarra is determined to represent Bermuda again and throw an even bigger distance which will then hopefully enable her to compete in the Olympics!

I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the luck in the world and we look forward to following all of her successes.

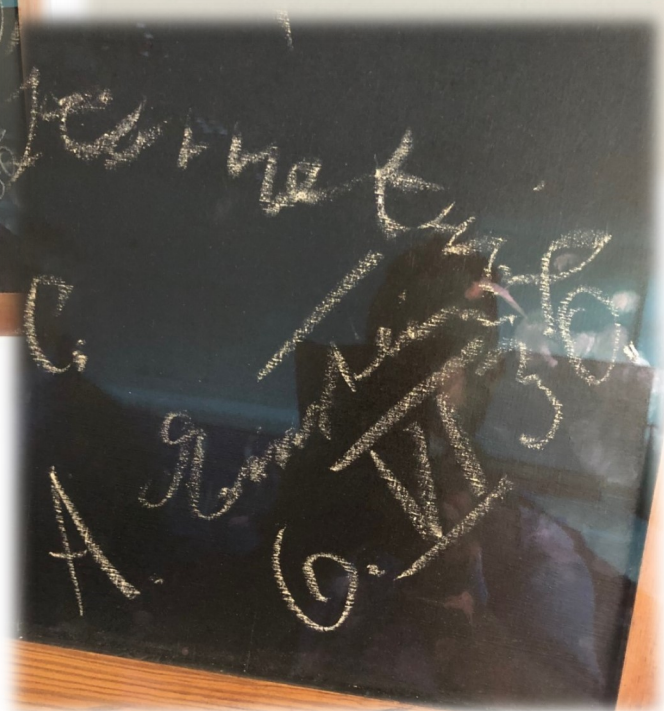
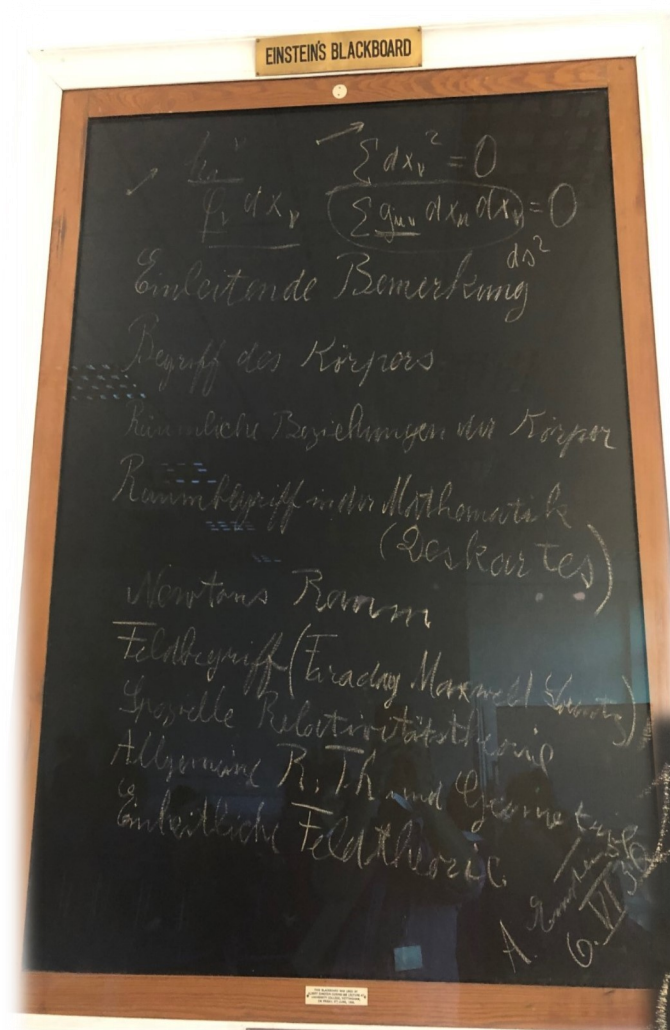


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Y8 Spring into Science trip

By Mr Marshall, Head of Science

Y8 students recently attended the Spring into Science lecture at The University of Nottingham. We were then treated to a special visit to the Einstein blackboard. Einstein gave a lecture, in German, in 1930 where none of the scientists understood the German, and none of the German speakers understood the maths/physics!



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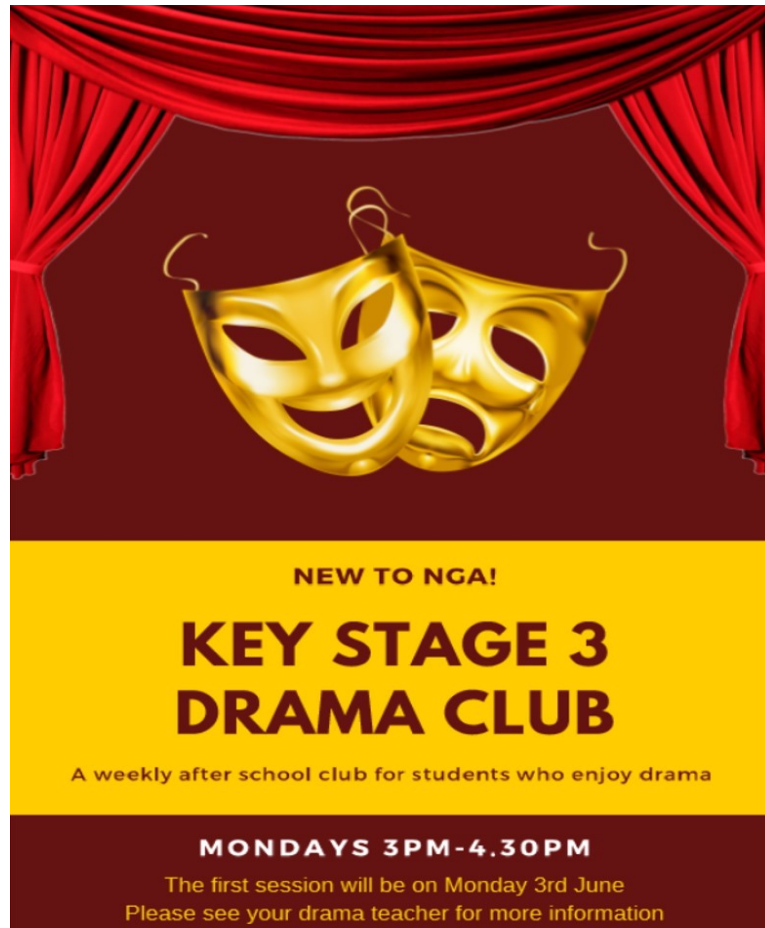
Harry Potter trip

By Mr Gaskell, Head of Computing & Business

This month saw Mr Gaskell, Mr Glover and Mrs Asher take a group of Y10, 12 and 13s to the Warner Bros Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter, as part of their business and film/media studies courses. They had a great time looking around the props and sets and both subject groups had a one-hour lesson put on by the studio that will help them with their coursework and exams. It was a long day and a lot of walking but it was a great experience, with one student exclaiming that it was the best trip they'd ever been on!



KS3 Drama Club



ParentPay

By Mrs Brierley, Regional Finance Manager

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be changing to a new supplier, ParentPay, for online payments of dinner money, school trips and other items.

ParentPay can be accessed on smartphones, tablets and desktops to top up your daughter's account and view transactions.

Look out for more information in our next newsletter!



*We enjoy the
journey together*

A decorative banner of colorful triangular flags in various patterns (stars, stripes, polka dots) hangs across the top. To the right is a bright yellow sun with a spiral center and radiating lines.

Nottingham Girls' Academy presents...

Multi-Cultural Street Party

18 July 2019 - 4.30pm-6.30pm

NGA will be holding a special event to celebrate the diverse cultures in our school with a huge street party; this will take place outdoors in our courtyard - weather permitting!

To be opened by Miss D Harvey and special guest. Pupils, parents/carers and staff to enjoy the various fun and creative activities. Sample a plethora of delicious foods from around the world with a street party atmosphere.

A local DJ will create the vibes!

There will be performances by G13 and Harmony as well as our very own Samba band.



There will also be a short quiz on entry to take part in - prizes up for grabs are some beautiful gifts of jewellery and accessories!



Tickets on sale from 24 June

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