



# Nottingham Girls' Academy

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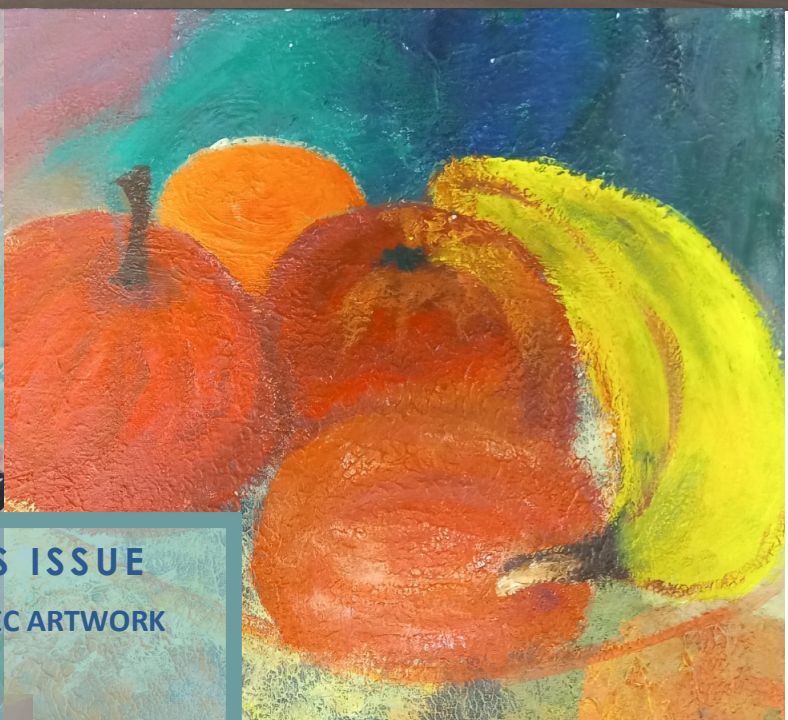
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*We believe in creating a community empowered with the qualities, skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with confidence and ambition*

## Key Dates

*What's coming up?*

Last day of Autumn Term—Tuesday 20 December

Staff INSET Day—no pupils in school—Wednesday 21 December

### **Spring Term 2022/2023**

Pupils return—Thursday 5 January

Year 9 Options/Parents' evening at NGA —Wednesday 11 January

Year 10/12 Parents' evening via SchoolCloud—Wednesday 25 January

Last day of half term—Thursday 9 February

Staff INSET Day—no pupils in school—Friday 10 February

Half term holiday—Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

Pupils return—Monday 20 February

Year 7 Parents' evening via SchoolCloud—Wednesday 8 March

Last day of Spring term—Friday 31 March

## Free School Meal Vouchers for Christmas holidays

*By The Admin Team*

The Nottingham City Council is providing funding for free school meal vouchers during the Christmas holiday period. Parents/carers of each eligible pupil will receive a £30 supermarket voucher for this period which will be sent electronically by Edenred.



## Twitter/Facebook

Keep up to date with all the news and exciting events happening at NGA via our Twitter feed and Facebook page by following: @NottmGirlsAcad





## A LEVEL FINE ART VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

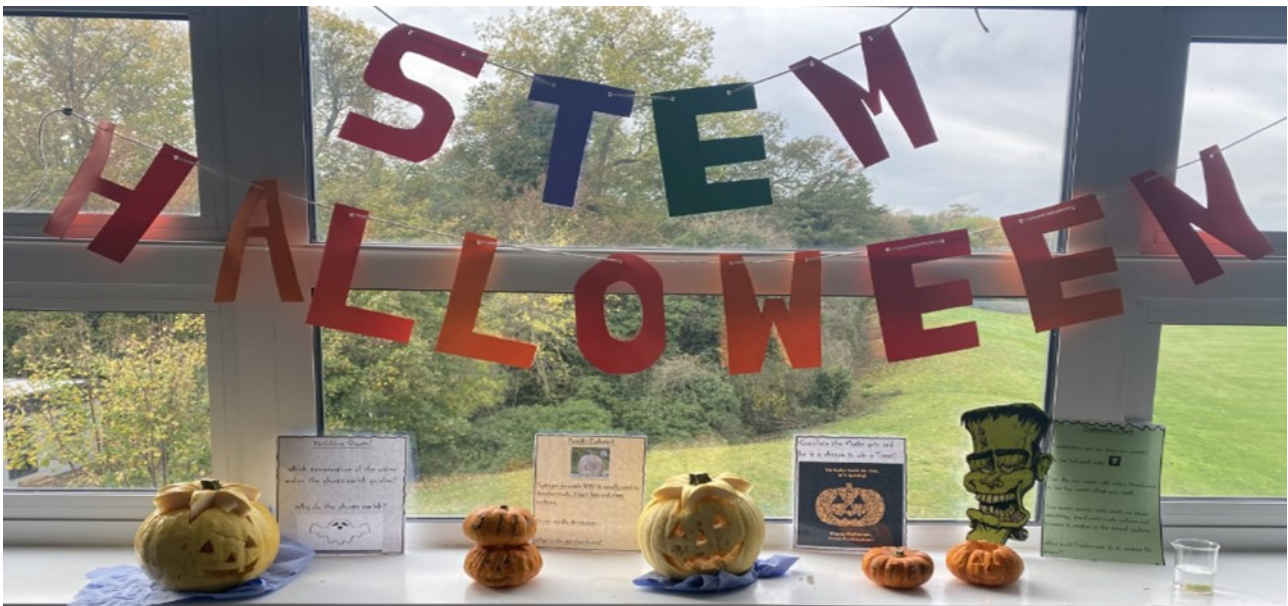


We had an amazing day in Birmingham thanks to the Staff at BCU. We were invited to The Parkside Building and took a look around the Fashion & Textiles as well as the Photography & Media Faculties...then on to 'Fine Art' at Margaret Street, the oldest purpose built Art College in Britain. We ended the day at the School of Jewellery, where we took part in a practical workshop, under the watchful eye of Dauvit Alexander, the Programme Leader for Jewellery Design: he showed us how to make a silver ring...which we were allowed to keep!! :-)

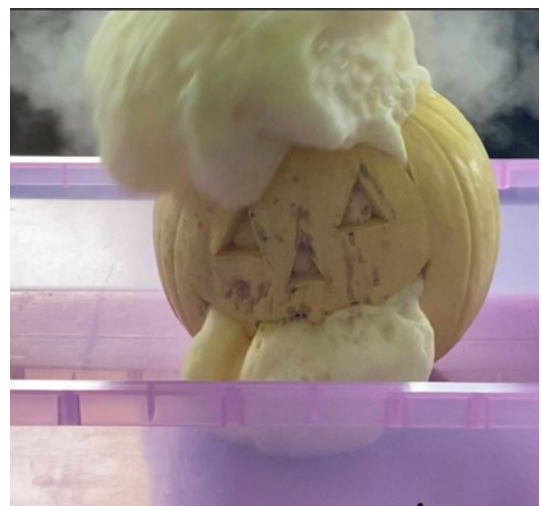




By S Mahmood



On the 31 October (Halloween), pupils took part in a lunch time activity which involved maths challenges and science experiments. They looked at how sour sweets affected Frankenstein's teeth and how to prevent them from rotting. They also attempted maths challenges for prizes and they saw a pumpkin explode!





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Five skeletons arrive at the party, then two zombies join.

Two of the skeletons had to leave, but luckily another zombie turned up.

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How many skeletons and zombies remain at the party?



A witch is flying her broomstick at a speed of 8 m/s over a distance of 7.5 km.

How long did she fly for?

By S Mahmood

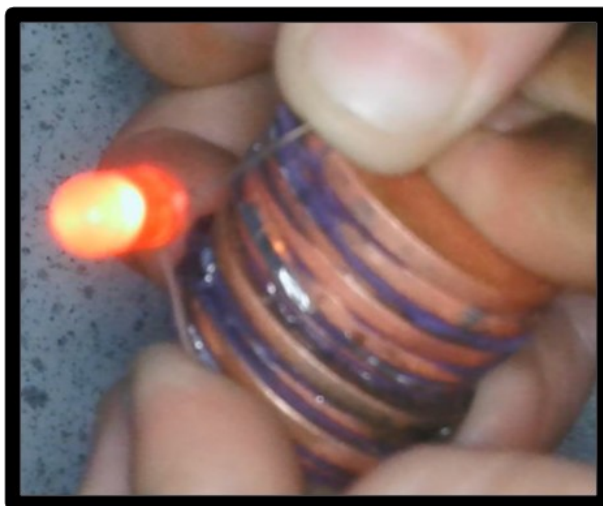
# NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November

Year 7 and 8 pupils had chemistry themed lessons on sustainability. Year 7's made batteries using coins and then fruits and vegetables. They also took part in the global battery experiment.

Year 8's designed a project on irrigation to help solve issues on climate change. They researched ways in helping people in Sudan grow crops during times of drought.

Pupils had participated in many activities at lunch time during this week. The themes for each day were playing with fire, growing crystals, pH fun, making a tornado and food chemistry .





We strive to fulfill  
everyone's learning  
potential

## Books of the Term

By S Allsopp

**Key Stage 3  
Book Of The Term**

**A Kind Of Spark**  
by Elle McNicoll

A KIND OF SPARK tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown.

Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers.

Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?

A story about friendship, courage and self-belief.

Addie's story was born from Elle's own experiences of neurodiversity.



**Key Stage 4  
Book Of The Term**

**Clap when You Land,**  
by Elizabeth Acevedo

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic.

But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people...

In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash.

Separated by distance, and Papi's secrets, the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered.

And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other.



**Key Stage 3  
Book Of The Term**

**While The storm Rages,**  
by Phil Earle

September 1939.

The world is on the brink of war.

When the government advises people to have their pets put down in readiness for the chaos of war, hundreds of thousands of people do as they are told.

As his dad marches off to fight, Noah makes him a promise, to keep their beloved family dog safe.

But not Noah.

He's not that sort of boy. With his two friends in tow, he goes on the run, to save his dog and as many animals as he can.

No matter what!



**Key Stage 4  
Book Of The Term**

**You've Reached Sam,**  
by Dustin Thao

How do you move forward when everything you love is on the line?

17-year-old Julie has her future all planned out: move out of her town with her boyfriend Sam, attend college in the city, spend a summer in Japan.

But then Sam dies. And everything changes.

Desperate to hear his voice one more time, Julie calls Sam's mobile, just to listen to his voicemail.

But Sam picks up! Neither of them understand how the calls are happening. All they know is at one point, they both have to say goodbye. It's an emotionally journey, one that explores the complexities of grief and moving forward. You are likely to shed a tear or two.



**Lanes  
Book Of The Term**

**Agent Zaiba Investigates,**  
by Annabelle Sami


Determined to be the world's greatest detective, Zaiba is always on the lookout for a crime to solve.

She knows everything there is to know about running an investigation - in theory!

At her cousin's Mehndi party, Zaiba gets her first challenge: to discover the identity of the VIP staying at the same hotel.

With the help of her best friend Poppy and brother Ali, Zaiba puts her sleuthing skills to the test.

And when the celebrity's precious dog disappears, along with its priceless diamond collar, it's up to the trio to save the day!



## Investigating heritage at Nottingham Girls' Academy

By P Coole



The data we collect as schools, governments and even at international level organisations can sometimes tell us very little about the true nature of our heritage, our cultural identity, and the countries that we identify with. Nottingham Girls' Academy, like many schools across Nottingham, has an amazing mix of heritages and to better understand this, the Geography Department has begun the process of investigating this further.

The initial results are giving incredible insight and detail of just how international our school truly is. We have a high Pakistani population, with people who identify with countries such as Afghanistan, Ghana, Jamaica, Kurdistan, Libya, Nepal, Nigeria and Sudan much more common than we would perhaps have thought had we not conducted this research. The aim is to develop a series of lessons in Half Term 6 of Year 9 where the geographies of these countries will be explored, so that by the end of their KS3 journey pupil's have a foundation of understanding of the amazing geographies that make up this brilliant school!



Figure 1: Word cloud generated from the different countries and places students at NGA identify with. These will go into the Year 9 Geography Curriculum.

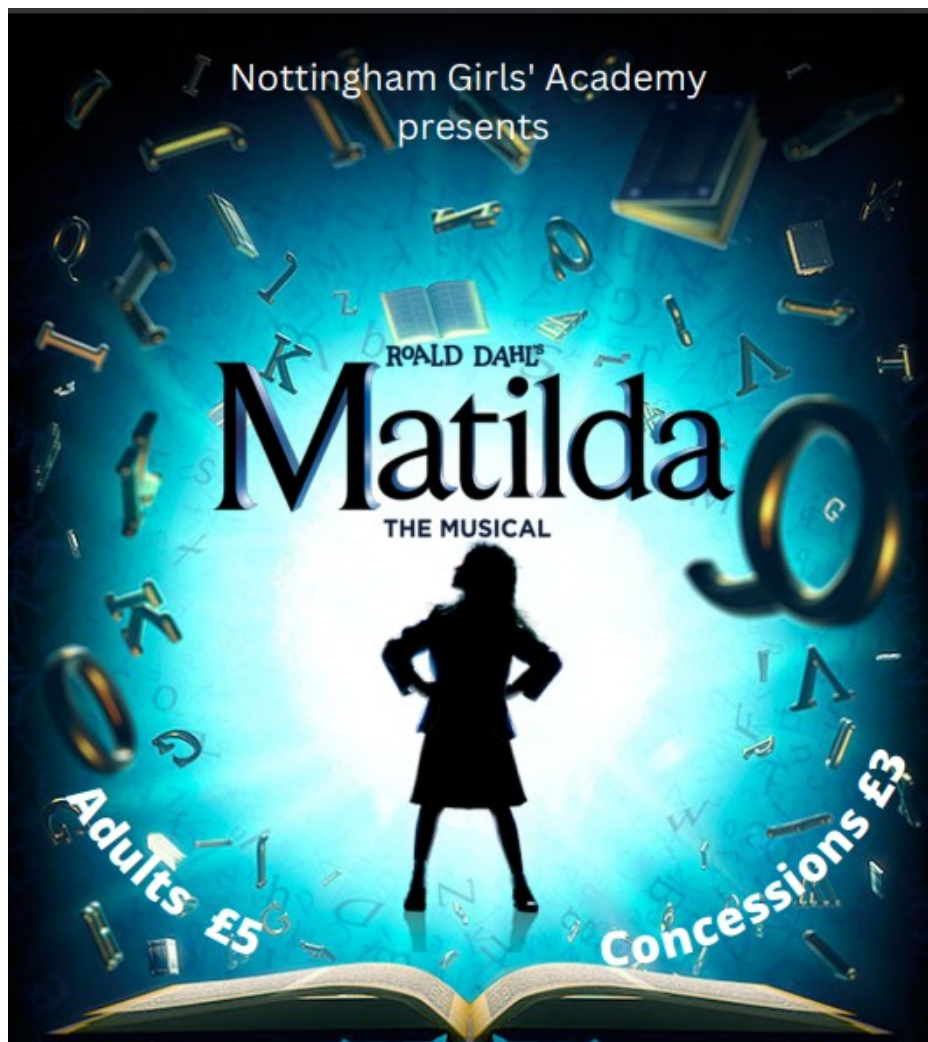


## Matilda Performance December 2022

Thank you to everyone involved in our fantastic show Matilda. A considerable amount of hard work and energy goes into delivering a production of this quality! I look forward to reading the write up in the next newsletter.


I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable festive break, and a healthy and happy 2023.

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