



Nottingham Academy Secondary

Weekly Bulletin—Friday 06/02/2026

Highlights of the week:

Year 7: This week we ran a special one-off pop-up reward to celebrate students who show a strong start and an even stronger finish to the week. Any student who had over 100 house points on Monday and Friday were entered into a prize draw. The hardworking, lucky winners were Aqsa S, Kayleb E-W, Amir A, Abdul A, Taman R, Isla F. Well done to the lucky winners, stay shining!

Year 8: Year 8 assembly, where students were introduced to the exciting opportunity of our PGL Residential Trip taking place this June 2026! The trip is a 2-night, 3-day residential designed for students aged 13 to 16, offering a full programme of adventure activities including: **Water sports // Climbing // Team-building sessions // Evening activities** and time spent bonding with friends. This residential is a reward for students who consistently make the right choices, maintain strong attendance, and demonstrate a positive behaviour record. Thanks to the hard work of staff, the cost of the trip has been significantly subsidised, making it accessible for many students.

Year 9: PSHE Focus: Personal Values in Relationships. This week in PSHE, students have been exploring personal values in relationships, reflecting on:

- Goals within healthy relationships
- Their own self-worth
- The values they bring into different aspects of their lives

These discussions have been thoughtful and mature, with many students demonstrating excellent insight.

Record Immunisation Participation

We are also pleased to report a record number of students receiving their immunisations this week. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community healthy.

Year 10: It was wonderful to meet so many parents at Progress Evening yesterday. The conversations were positive, supportive, and a real reflection of the great work happening across the year group. In addition, Mr Samples took 20 students to Loughborough University on a sports trip. The students had a fantastic time exploring the facilities and learning more about pathways into sport. It was a great experience for everyone involved.

Year 11: Our Year 11 students have been *exceptional* during their first week of PPEs. Each morning, the canteen has been buzzing with energy as students arrive early to revise for their 9am exams. It has been fantastic to see them fully engaged—revision books open, flashcards at the ready, quizzing each other, and making the most of the free bagels and juice available. Their hard work and positive attitude have shone through, and all mocks so far have been a huge success. A brilliant start—keep it up, Year 11!

Sixth Form: We welcomed brand new Sixth Form laptops this week, and our Sixth Form students have been making fantastic use of them. The laptops are already helping to boost productivity and support high quality independent learning. Students have been telling us how much they enjoy using them!

100% Attendance, 0 lates, most points for the whole site, 0 negatives



Year 7: Abdoulie J - Abdoulie has managed to earn well over 500 house points for Rufford this week. Earning himself a STRIVE award for resilience, 4 golden tickets from his Spanish, Science, Music and Maths lessons. And has been consistently organised with his full table service and uniform topping up his house points for the week. An absolute superstar, keep it up Abdoulie.

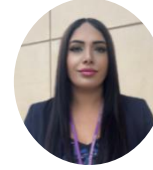
Year 8: Honour O and Fatou T - Both students did an exceptional job supporting the Administration Team on Wednesday as part of their role as Student Ambassadors. They assisted with a range of important tasks around school, including printing, helping staff prepare resources, and supporting with general organisation. Their maturity, willingness to help, and positive attitude made them a fantastic representation of the respect and responsibility we expect at Nottingham Academy. Well done to both—your contribution did not go unnoticed!

Year 9: Daniel P and Zainab R - Both students have been magnificent, earning the highest number of house points this week. They continue to be exemplary members of our academy community and fantastic role models for others. Well done, you make us proud!

Year 10: Kaiden M - Kaiden has been accepted onto an acting programme with the Royal Shakespeare Company. This is an incredible achievement, as only 24 students nationwide were selected. We are extremely proud of Kaiden and delighted to celebrate this success with him.

Year 11: Ben M and Raey A - Both have shown outstanding commitment in the lead-up to their exams. Ben M has consistently been one of the first students to arrive for the 8:00am revision sessions, demonstrating incredible dedication and focus. Raey A has shown equal determination, attending every intervention session available and making the most of every opportunity to prepare. Both students have set a fantastic example for their peers—well done to you both!

Sixth Form: Judah K and Ethan S - Both have been shining during their coaching module, where they have been leading sessions with a group of Year 7 pupils. Their teacher has been incredibly impressed, describing them as natural leaders and confident coaches.



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems."

Gever Tulley

Upcoming events:

Year 7: Friday 13th February 2026

Year 7 students will have a Live Celebration Assembly. This will be opportunity to celebrate fantastic achievements in their academics, effort, behaviour and attendance, along with some surprise recognitions.

Wednesday 11th February 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

A selection of year 7 student will take part in the year groups first residential trip this year. Students will be going to Ilam Hall in the Peak District. Students will be connecting to the outdoors through hands-on, mindful and creative activities.

Thursday 19th March 2026

Year 7 progress evening, further details to be sent closer to the date.

Year 8: Our Year 8 Progress Evening will take place on 5th March, from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

This is an important opportunity for parents and carers to:

- Meet subject teachers
- Discuss academic progress
- Review behaviour and engagement
- Talk through next steps for improvement
- Celebrate successes

We strongly encourage all families to attend.

Year 9: Year 9 Options Interviews:

Options interviews will take place next week:

- Monday: Period 4 & Period 5
- Tuesday: Period 1 & Period 5
- Wednesday: Period 1 & Period 2

Important reminder:

Please ensure students bring their options booklets with them to their interview. This will help guide discussions and support them in making informed choices for next year.

Year 10: Barcelona trip Tuesday 21st April 2026 –Friday 24th April 2026: We held a parent meeting this week to share important information and updates. If you haven't yet done so, please ensure that passports and any required visas are brought in as soon as possible to Ms Thomson/Mr Goodfellow/Ms Geary. We are very much looking forward to this exciting trip.

Year 10 pupils will be entering the Academy via Rippon Road from the 9th February.

Year 11: Next week, Year 11 students will continue their PPE journey with up to 13 more exams scheduled. We want to wish every student the very best of luck. With the focus, resilience, and determination they've already shown, we have no doubt they will continue to do amazingly well. All students are expected to arrive to school for 8:30am. Good luck to you all!

Sixth Form: Our Year 13 Pre Public Examinations (PPE's) start next week. Apart from the PE exam, they all take place at GC1, Greenwood Road.

Monday 9th February

Physics: 9:00am start
PE: 9:00am start
Sociology: 9:00am start
GCSE Re-sit English: 1:00pm start

Tuesday 10th February

Maths: 9:00am start
History: 9:00am start
Biology: 1:00pm start

Wednesday 11th February

English Literature: 9:00am start
Chemistry: 1:00pm start
Psychology: 1:00pm start

Thursday 12th February

Maths: 9:00am start
GCSE Re-sit Maths: 9:00am start
PE EAPI Talk: 9:00am start (*Official exam, takes place at GC2, the bridge*)
Physics: 1:00pm start

Friday 13th February

Criminology: 9:00am start
Chemistry: 1:00pm start
Psychology: 1:00pm start

Free Breakfast Club



Please remember that a free breakfast is available between **8.00am - 8.20am** School gates officially open at 8:20am where ALL Students need to arrive to school by **8.30am**