



Nottingham Academy Secondary

Weekly Bulletin—Friday 13/02/2026

Highlights of the week:

We have had a fabulous **LOVE your Attendance Challenge** this week which has seen a whopping increase in attendance and punctuality compared to this time last year! Whilst completing and dropping off their love heart tokens during tutor time, students and staff have been treated to a daily song dedicated to showing love and kindness and have absolutely embraced it. There have been so many smiles and laughter throughout the week and really brings home how lucky we are to work with such wonderful young people. Well done to all of our winners! There were many but especially to Subhan and Kerie in Y8 who won the enormous Valentine's teddies - very well-deserved with their excellent attendance both this week and throughout the year. We can't wait for the next **EGGCELLENT Attendance Challenge** coming soon!

Year 7: 30 of our students spent three amazing days on the residential trip to Ilam Hall, exploring nature and taking on new challenges. A magical night hike wowed everyone, and a longer daytime trek led to plenty of muddy moments and laughter. Students had an unforgettable time connecting with the outdoors and each other.

Year 8: Our Year 8 Celebration Assembly, held on Friday 13th February 2026 which was also streamed live to all form groups via Teams. Students received awards from Mr Samples and Miss Gordon in areas such as: Positive behaviour / Attendance / Subject excellence / Contribution to academy life and many other achievements. A huge well done to every student who received an award—you have shown commitment, resilience, and dedication throughout the half term.

Year 9: It's been a very busy and productive week for our Year 9 students. They have taken part in their options interviews—an important first step in planning the next phase of their educational journey and shaping the pathways they may follow in the years ahead. We also welcomed Into University, who delivered workshops designed to inspire and inform students about further education and future opportunities. Additionally, the Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity paid us a virtual visit. A games developer led interactive sessions throughout the day, showcasing what can be achieved in the world of technology and sparking curiosity among our budding scientists.

Year 10: This week has been full of energy, creativity, and student engagement across the school: Our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students took over the kitchens with an impressive practical session focused on preparing delicious homemade pancakes. The classroom was filled with the smell of freshly cooked batter as students experimented with toppings, presentation, and flavour combinations. Their enthusiasm and professionalism were fantastic to see, and their culinary skills continue to grow with every practical lesson.

Year 11: This week marks the final stretch of the Year 11 PPEs, and our students have been outstanding. The canteen has been buzzing from 8:00am every morning with students fully engaged in revision, it has genuinely been inspiring to see their dedication. The Year Team have no doubt that this hard work will translate into some fantastic grades.

We've also sent off our Leavers' Hoodie order, and we're excited to see the finished products when they arrive!

Sixth Form: Our Year 13 students have shown great effort and resilience during their Pre Public Examinations (PPEs). We are proud of how positively they have engaged with the process. Keep up the hard work, one more week of exams to go!

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



Year 7: Muzamil S – Huge congratulations to Muzamil for earning nearly 600 positive points. A great contribution to Rufford House. He has managed to earn 6 golden tickets for his hard work and dedication to learning - Muzamil, we are proud of you!

Year 8: Vanessa M and Iqra H - Both students have shown outstanding commitment, teamwork, and positivity by supporting our *Love Your Attendance* campaign for Valentine's Week. They were instrumental in preparing resources for tutor groups across the whole school, helping ensure our attendance message reached every student. Their enthusiasm, reliability and willingness to help others truly embody the Nottingham Academy values - we are incredibly proud of you!

Year 9: Daniel P and Zainab R – Both students were our top house-point scorers this week within the whole year group. They have both had an exceptional term and continue to be fantastic ambassadors for the school. Well done to both of you!

Year 10: Daniel I, Sidney B, Eva F, Sadiq S, Dawid G and Smith W - We are incredibly proud to celebrate a fantastic group of students who have demonstrated outstanding mathematical ability and dedication. They have all achieved Bronze or Silver Awards in the International Maths Challenge, placing them among high-achieving students from across the globe. The International Maths Challenge is a prestigious worldwide competition designed to stretch students' problem-solving skills, logical reasoning, and mathematical creativity.

Year 11: Mohamed M - Mohammed has truly stepped up this week. He has shown what it means to be a supportive, reliable friend choosing not what is easy, but what is right. It has been wonderful to see his maturity and kindness shine through.

Sixth Form: Sanha Z and Ameenah A – Both of these students have been absolute stars this week. They stayed after their studies to help refresh displays and tidy the student common areas. We are grateful for their contribution to our Sixth Form community. Thank you!



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"There are no mistakes in life, only lessons. There is no such thing as a negative experience, only opportunities to grow, learn and advance along the road of self-mastery."

Robin Sharma

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break!

Upcoming events:

Year 7: Year 7 Progress Evening on Thursday 19th March 2026.

We are pleased to let you know that our next Progress Evening is approaching. This event will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's learning, celebrate their achievements, and explore how we can continue to support their progress. Further details including timings and booking information will be shared soon. Please keep an eye on upcoming communications.

Year 8: Year 8 Progress Evening on Thursday 5th March 2026.

This is an important opportunity to speak with your child's subject teachers, review progress, and discuss how we can work together to support continued success. Booking information has already been shared—please ensure you secure an appointment via the Arbor App.

Year 8 PGL Residential on Wednesday 17th June 2026 – Friday 19th June 2026. This is an exciting opportunity for students to take part in outdoor adventure activities designed to build confidence, teamwork, and resilience. Further details have been previously shared, and we will continue to send reminders as the date draws nearer. Students have received a letter with all the details on

Year 9: Next week, our students will have the chance to rest and recharge after a hardworking term. To those celebrating Ramadan, we wish you a blessed Ramadan Mubarak. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd February 2026.

Year 10: Barcelona Trip – Final Preparations before the trip date.

A reminder to all students attending the Barcelona Trip: Please ensure that all signed consent forms, medical information sheets, and any additional required documents are returned to school as soon as possible. We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable trip.

Year 11: Year 11 Prom will be on Thursday 9th July 2026 at Colwick Hall, Nottingham. A reminder to all parent/carers that all payments are made by the deadline. We have booked lots of exciting things for the evening that students will enjoy, we can't wait to celebrate with our amazing students creating lots of memories.

Half Term Interventions – please see letter attached.

Sixth Form: Our Year 13 Pre Public Examinations (PPE's) continue after half term. They all take place at GC1 Campus, Greenwood Road.

Monday 23rd February 2026

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

Tuesday 24th February 2026

- History: 9:00am start
- Sociology: 1:00pm start
- GCSE Resit Maths: 1:00pm start

Wednesday 25th February 2026

- Biology: 9:00am start
- Chemistry: 1:00pm start
- Psychology: 1:00pm start

Thursday 26th February 2026

- English Literature: 9:00am start
- Maths: 9:00am start
- PE: 1:00pm start

Friday 27th February 2026

- Biology: 9:00am start
- GCSE Resit Maths: 1:00pm start

Whole School:

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

Celebrate "World Book Day" on Thursday 5th March 2026. All students are allowed to come to school dressed as one of their favourite characters from their favourite book.