



Nottingham Academy Secondary

Weekly Bulletin—Friday 27/02/2026

Highlights of the week:

Year 7: We were delighted that some of our Year 7 students took part in the GAT Sports Tournament. As part of the event, our pupils represented the school in the 5-a-side football competition, showing fantastic teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and the positive spirit they brought to the tournament.

Year 8: Our highlight this week was the successful fundraiser held on Friday 27th February, organised by Mrs Gordon (Deputy Head of Year 8). Students from all year groups were invited to purchase sweet treats, with funds raised going towards the upcoming Year 8 residential trip to PGL. Thank you to all who supported this event!

Year 9: It has been wonderful welcoming our Year 9 students back to school this week. As expected after a break, the first few days came with plenty of excitement and high energy. Our team has been focusing on:

- Promoting punctuality and reminding students about the importance of being on time to maximise learning.
- Encouraging positive behaviour as we start the new term on the right foot.
- Discussing online safety, helping students understand how to protect themselves and make good choices in the digital world.

Year 10: One of the most memorable experiences this week came from our Hospitality and Catering students, who enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to a local dairy farm. During the trip, students had the chance to explore the full farming journey behind dairy production. They learned about the daily routines on a dairy farm, how milk is produced and processed, and the steps involved in ensuring high quality and safety standards. A particularly enjoyable part of the day was the hands-on butter-making activity. Students worked together to churn cream into butter, and once the butter was ready, they were able to taste their own creations with some cheese and crackers. It was a fantastic day that combined learning, teamwork and real-world understanding in a memorable way.

Year 11: November 2025 saw our Year 11 Football Team storm through the first phase of the county-wide tournament with an impressive win. This week, they kept the momentum going finishing 2nd in the second phase, securing their place in next week's county final! Venue details will follow soon, but for now, we say a huge congratulations to the whole squad. This is a tremendous achievement – huge well done, we are very proud of you all!

Sixth Form: Our female elite basketball team celebrated a fantastic achievement on Monday 23rd February 2026, winning the Northern Conference of the regular season. They now head into the post-season as one of the #1 seeds in the Women's Elite Academy Basketball League (WEABL)! Playoffs begin on Wednesday 4th March, and we will be cheering for them!

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



Year 7: Aqsa S – Aqsa has earned an outstanding number of house points for Hardwick. This achievement highlights Aqsa's continued dedication since September, her steady effort, and her excellent behaviour. Aqsa consistently arrives at school well-prepared, presents herself confidently, and sets a positive example for others. She is truly a valuable member of Year 7. Fantastic work, Aqsa. Keep it up!

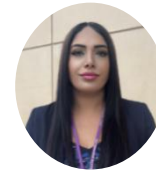
Year 8: Evie L and Connor L – Evie and Connor have demonstrated outstanding determination and resilience over recent weeks. Their significant improvement in attendance has been fantastic to see, and they also played a key role in helping to set up our recent fundraiser. Well done, Evie and Connor, we are very proud of you!

Year 9: Ayla G – Ayla has been our most prolific and consistent student this week. She has returned to the top step after a long absence, and we are incredibly proud of her hard work and commitment. Well done Ayla! Keep shining!

Year 10: Kavel D – Kavel has demonstrated a significant level of improvement in both attitude and engagement. Staff have been particularly impressed by his willingness to participate more actively in lessons, complete work to a higher standard, and respond positively to feedback. As a result, Kavel has earned many positive points, which is a testament to his hard work and determination to progress. Well done Kavel!

Year 11: Calum B – Callum stepped up in true team-player style. When our goalkeeper had to drop out last minute, Calum despite being an outfield player volunteered without hesitation to take on the role. This is teamwork at its finest. Brilliant attitude, Calum!

Sixth Form: Adnan S – Adnan is consistently working with focus and determination. He puts in sustained effort every day to maintain and continually improve his potential. Keep it up Adnan!



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

Nelson Mandela

Upcoming events:

Year 7: Thursday 5th March 2026 – “World Book Day”. See poster below. Students are warmly invited to dress up as their favourite book character for our World Book Day celebration. Costumes can be simple or creative, what matters most is celebrating the joy of reading.

To make the day even more exciting, we will also be awarding a prize for the best costume. Our judging panel will look for creativity, originality, and a clear connection to a book character.

Year 8: Thursday 5th March 2026 – Year 8 Progress Evening, from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

Please can all parent/carers enter via Rippon Road entrance.

This is an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet subject teachers and discuss how your child is progressing in Year 8.

Letters have been sent home explaining how to book appointments. Please ensure you book your slots as soon as possible, as we are keen to see as many families attend as we can. If you experience any difficulties booking via the Arbor app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for assistance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Year 9: National Careers Week is happening next week where we will be celebrating by exploring how different subjects link to real-world careers. Students will have opportunities to discover new pathways and think about their future aspirations.

Celebrating World Book Day. Preparations are underway for World Book Day, and we're hoping to see lots of creative, inspired costumes and attire on the day. More information will be shared shortly.

Year 10: This half term, selected Year 10 students will be taking part in intervention sessions for coursework-based subjects. These sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday and are designed to support students in improving their coursework quality and ensuring they remain on track with deadlines. A text message has already been sent home to notify the families of those who have been invited to attend. We encourage students involved to make the most of this opportunity, as the additional guidance and focused time can make a significant difference to their progress and overall grades. Staff will be on hand throughout the sessions to offer personalised advice and support tailored to each student's subject area.

Year 11: Thursday 9th July 2026 is our Year 11 Prom at Colwick Hall. The deadline to pay via ParentPay is approaching fast. Please make sure tickets are purchased before Tuesday 31st March 2026, we do not want any students to miss out on what is the main event of the year!

Sixth Form: Monday 2nd March 2026 - Year 13 will see a representative from the University of Nottingham who will be delivering an informative presentation on Student Finance. This session is for all students considering university, offering clear guidance on funding, loans, and financial support.

Wednesday 3rd March 2026 - Year 12 Work Experience Program. We will be launching our work experience program with work experience offers giving students the opportunity to explore possible career options and gain real world insight. Students will require a placement for w/c Monday 6th July 2026.

Whole School

Parent Padlet

A reminder of the link below or you can access via our school website:
<https://padlet.com/nottinghamacademy/parentpadlet>

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

