



Nottingham Academy Secondary

Weekly Bulletin—Friday 05/06/2026

Highlights of the week:

Year 7: It has been a fantastic start to half term six for our Year 7 students who have settled back into school routines exceptionally well and shown a positive attitude towards their learning. Earlier this week, we were delighted to celebrate the Year 7 winners from last half term's celebration assembly as they received their well-earned prizes, including gift vouchers, golden fast passes, and special break-time items. It was wonderful to recognise their achievements and to see their hard work rewarded. Overall, a great start to the final half term of the year, well done, Year 7!

Year 8: Our highlight this week has been welcoming all students back after the May half term holiday. It has been brilliant to see how quickly our students have settled back into routines, engaged in their learning and shown a positive attitude as they approach the final stretch of Year 8. We are excited to support students as they prepare for Year 9 and the next stage of their journey.

Year 9: A big thank you to all the students and parents who attended the PGL Residential Evening on Monday. It was great to connect, gather feedback and answer important questions about this highly anticipated trip. Please be aware that final payments are now overdue, and numbers for the trip have already been finalised. A special shoutout also goes to Ms Smikle, who has done an amazing job organising our Year 9 trip to Birmingham University on Friday. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain valuable insights as they begin to consider the next stages of their education and future pathways.

Year 10: This week, our Year 10 students took part in an engaging "Exam Busters" session delivered by an external company called "Positively You", which focused on building confidence, reducing anxiety, and equipping students with practical revision and exam techniques. The session was well received, with students gaining useful strategies to help them feel more prepared and in control during their upcoming PPEs. In addition, the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) delivered an assembly on exam stress, offering valuable advice on how to recognise and manage pressure in a healthy way. Our Supporting Success evening also provided students and parents with a range of revision resources and guidance, ensuring everyone feels well-supported as we approach the PPE period.

Year 11: This week has been our busiest exam period so far, with an impressive 15 exams completed and what a success it has been! Many students have taken on an incredible challenge, with some completing up to four exams in a single day. The resilience, determination and focus demonstrated by Year 11 has been truly outstanding. We are incredibly proud of each student, well done to all!

Sixth Form: As we move into week 4 of A-Level exams, we continue to be incredibly proud of our Year 13 students. It has been fantastic to see them maintain such focus and determination throughout this demanding period. Keep going, you are all amazing!

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



Year 7: Jhummana A – Jhummana has been recognised multiple times for showing excellent work, effort and attainment in her lessons being rewarded with several "caught being great" awards, as well as being prepared each day by consistently meeting full table service expectations. Jhummana has achieved Golden Tickets in her Maths, History, Spanish and Science lessons. What a brilliant achievement - well done Jhummana!

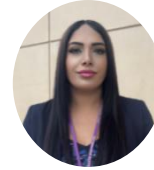
Year 8: Ashley S and Ollie R – Both students went above and beyond to support a new student who joined us from Bolton (over 100 miles away) for a fresh start on Tuesday. Ashley and Ollie made him feel incredibly welcome by showing him around the school and all key locations, supporting him in finding his classrooms and spending time with him during break and lunch. Their kindness, maturity and willingness to help ensured the student had a positive and confident start at Nottingham Academy.

Year 9: Cassidy G – Cassidy has made a fantastic return to the top podium this week, accumulating the highest number of House points. Well done, Cassidy - very well deserved! Please look out for your free breakfast item reward next week.

Year 10: Congratulations to all our Year 10 Community Languages students who have sat their GCSE exams in their home languages this week. This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are very proud of the dedication and commitment they have shown.

Year 11: Ahmed K – Ahmed has gone above and beyond this week, consistently arriving at 8:00am every morning to take full advantage of pre-exam revision time and often being the first student in the building. His commitment, discipline, and positive approach set a fantastic example for others. Truly outstanding effort, well done, Ahmed!

Sixth Form: Malaika S – Malaika is a First Story mentor, she supports younger students in building their confidence and creativity in writing. Last week she was nationally shortlisted in a 100-word story competition, receiving fantastic praise. This week, she has won the Academy of Real Assets competition with her piece "My Favourite Building". Her work will be published in print and online, and she has been invited to London for the July book launch. We are very proud of her.



Mrs Elbaz — Executive Principal

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

Joshua J. Marine

Upcoming events:

Year 7: Dates for your diary:

Thursday 11th June 2026 - Big Bang Fair Trip

Thursday 18th June 2026 - Y7 Rewards/Fundraising Day

Tuesday 7th July 2026 - Wollaton Park Reward Trip. A Selected group of Year 7 students will have the opportunity to go to Wollaton park to take part in some sporting activities as we celebrate the summer term. "Weather permitting".

Friday 10th July 2026 - Alton Towers Trip. Please ensure payments are made via parent pay to secure your child's place.

Thursday 23rd July 2026 – Culture Day. A special day for students as we celebrate our diverse student and staff body, students can attend in their cultural clothing.

Year 8: Key Dates for your diary:

Tuesday June 9th 2026:

Year 8 Boys & Girls Athletics Championships

Time: 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Location: Harvey Hadden Stadium

Wednesday June 10th 2026:

Assembly – "Year 8 Success Stories & Moving into Year 9"

Delivered by Mrs Elbaz (Executive Principal)

Wednesday June 17th 2026 – Friday June 19th 2026:

PGL Trip

(Please refer to the information previously shared for full details)

Friday July 10th 2026

Year 8 Alton Towers Trip

Year 9: Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 17th June 2026 - Loughborough University Trip

Another exciting university visit is planned for a different group of students this month.

Alton Towers Trip

Reminder: Payments are now due; please ensure you have paid to secure your child's place on the trip.

Year 10: Wednesday 17th June 2026 to Friday 3rd July 2026 - Year 10 PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) commence. A full timetable has already been shared with students and parents, with individual candidate timetables to follow shortly. In preparation, students are encouraged to make full use of the revision resources shared during the Supporting Success evening, including subject-specific materials and guidance from their teachers. Establishing a structured revision timetable, revisiting key topics, practising past questions, and using effective study techniques will all support success.

Year 11: The momentum continues next week with 16 more GCSE exams scheduled throughout the week.

It will undoubtedly be another demanding week for Year 11 students, but based on what we've seen so far, we are confident that students will continue to rise to the challenge and show the same exceptional effort and attitude as they have shown so far.

Sixth Form: Monday 8th June 2026 – Nottingham Trent University will be leading a presentation exploring higher education options and offering guidance on how to research the best pathways.

Official Examinations taking place at GC1 next week:

- Monday 8th June: 9:00am - Physics
- Tuesday 9th June: 9:00am - Chemistry
- Wednesday 10th June: 9:00am – GCSE Maths Paper 3
- Thursday 11th June: 1:00pm – Mathematics Paper 2
- Friday 12th June: 9:00am – Biology
- Friday 12th June: 1:00pm – Sociology Paper 3

OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT

Jessie Elbaz, Executive Principal (Secondary and 6th Form), at Nottingham Academy said:

"This inspection recognises not just where Nottingham Academy is today, but the journey it has been on. After a prolonged period of requiring improvement, strong leadership and high expectations have brought about real change in the quality of education, behaviour, culture and pupils' experience of school.

At the heart of this report is a clear message: pupils feel safe, supported and valued. While we are proud of the progress recognised by Ofsted, we remain ambitious for our children and determined to continue strengthening the quality of education we provide.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your trust, support and partnership as we continue this journey together."