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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?

Autumn Term 2023/2024

20th October 2023 - INSET Day.

23rd October 2023 - 3rd November 2023 - Half Term Holiday.

6th November 2023 - Pupils return to school.

1st December 2023 - INSET Day.

20th December 2023 - last day in school before the festive holiday.

4th January 2024 - Pupils return to school.

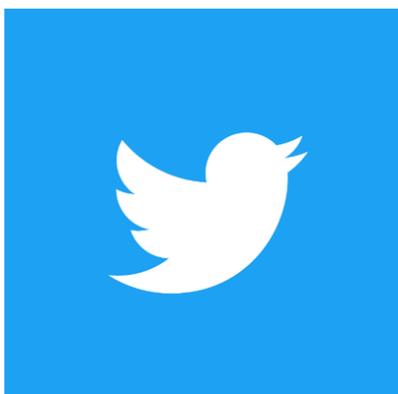
Free School Meal Vouchers for the half-term holiday

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



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



Walesby Trip - Year 7

By Miss Castledine-Casey, Head of Year 7

On Monday 18 September 48 Year 7 students visited Walesby; an International Outdoor Adventure Activity Centre set in 250 acres of forest. The students showed exceptional resilience, courage and high levels of teamwork throughout the day as they rotated around 4 activities:

3G Swing- This high adrenaline activity encouraged our students to set their own goals whilst building trust with their team mates. The group worked together to hoist two participants in a harness up in the air on our 3G swing, as high or low as they like. When they were ready, the students pulled the ripcord to release themselves and felt the G-force as they swing back and forth.

Laser Tag- The students felt their adrenaline pumping as they worked in teams, blasting their way through to conquer the other side and become victorious.

Indoor Climbing- Attached to ropes, the students chose a variety of routes to attempt to scale the 45ft high indoor climbing walls.

Cave Maze- The aim was to escape the dark gloomy maze, with every turn getting you deeper and darker within the cave.

Chioma- "I loved crawling in the dark trying to escape the maze. We all worked together so no one was left behind."

Kira- "The staff really encouraged me to challenge myself. I achieved things that I didn't realise I could actually do."



Baltimore Ravens

By Miss Henderson, Head of P.E.



The partnership with the Ravens has come about as part of our NFL Flag programme we run in school as part of our extra curricular timetable. The NGA Ravens are growing week by week and all pupils are welcome to join the flock. Training for the club is on Wednesdays after school, with potential for further sessions to be arranged.

On Thursday 12 October 2023 Nottingham Girls' Academy was turned even more purple by the Baltimore Ravens Cheers quad, Marching band and team mascot Poe. The visit took place in the morning where all students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 watched a fantastic performance in the hall followed by year 7 and 8 receiving expert coaching clinics on the new NGA Ravens flag football pitches on our field, where all pupils in the clinics were given a Ravens Flag T-shirt to take home with them.



Ada Lovelace

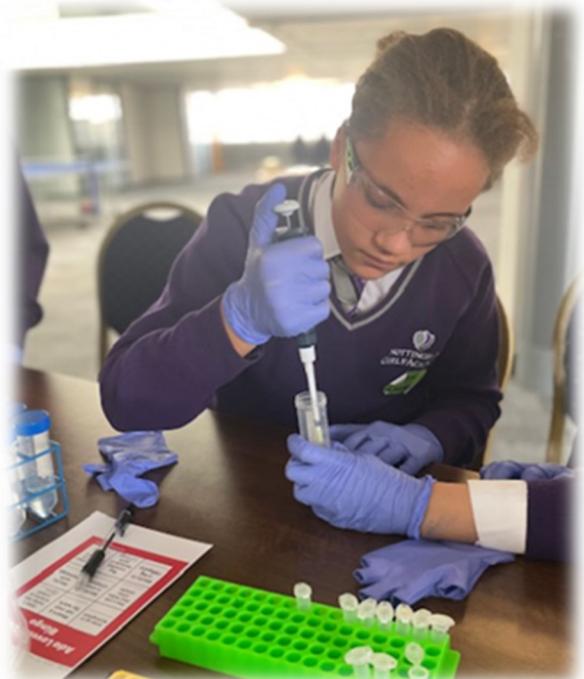
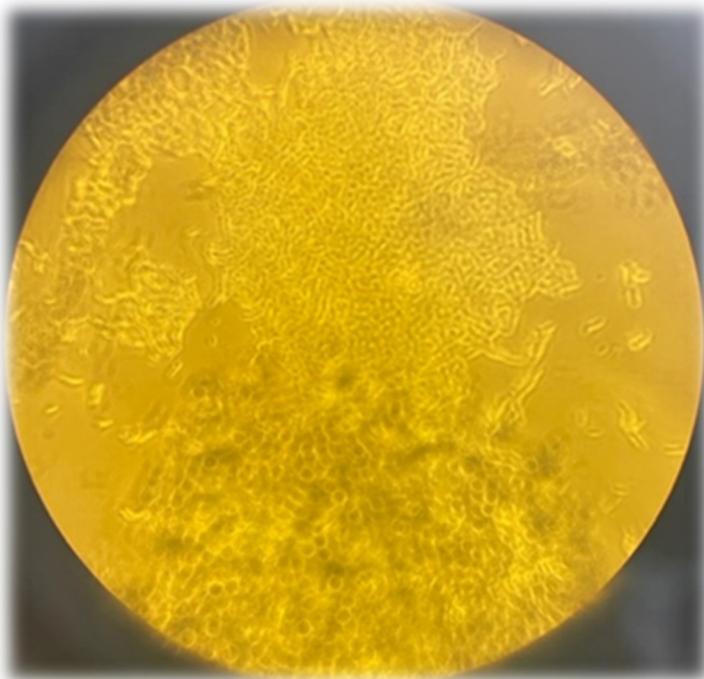
By Miss Green, 2nd in Science & STEM Coordinator

Trip to MediCity - Ada Lovelace, women in STEM and careers event.

On Tuesday 10 October 14 year 7's and myself attended the Ada Lovelace event at MediCity to celebrate Ada Lovelace Day. Ada Lovelace Day is an international celebration of the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering, and maths. The aim of the event was to increase the profile of women in STEM and create new role models for girls studying STEM subjects.

The students had the opportunity to attend 4 workshops, working with female scientists trying their hand at a range of activities from having a go at using graduated pipettes, learning how amnion cells can be used to repair damaged eye cells to using a microscope to view live bacteria.

It was a great event in which the students fully enjoyed themselves. Hopefully it has inspired some students to consider a future career in the STEM field.



We strive to fulfill everyone's learning potential

Biology Week

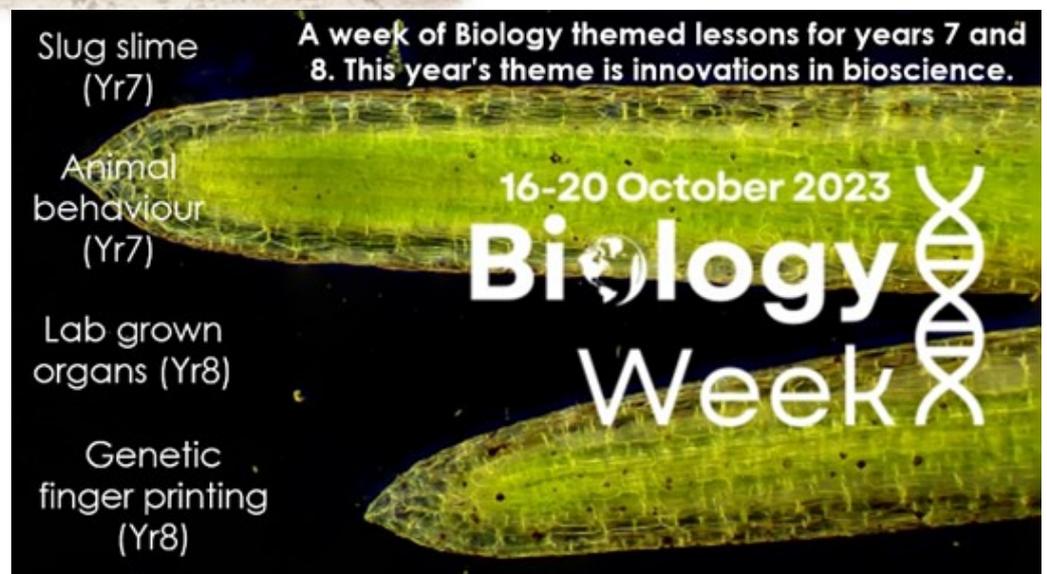
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Biology week 16- 20 October

To celebrate National Biology week students in years 7 and 8 had a week of biology themed lessons. This year's theme is innovation and research in bioscience. Students in year 7 researched into the properties of snail and slug slime. They had a go at making their own slime and related it back to the survival of snails and slugs. They also researched into the behaviour of worms and linked how this could be related to other organisms.

Year 8 students applied their knowledge of human organs to organs of a rat and how organs can be grown in the lab. They also tried their hand at using genetic fingerprints as a method of identification.

Whole school Bio bake competition challenged students to make a biology themed bake. The sale of the cakes will go to charity, and I will send picture of the cake entries in the next newsletter.

Slug slime (Yr7)
 Animal behaviour (Yr7)
 Lab grown organs (Yr8)
 Genetic fingerprinting (Yr8)

A week of Biology themed lessons for years 7 and 8. This year's theme is innovations in bioscience.

16-20 October 2023
Biology Week

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SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form

By Mrs Griffiths, Head of Sixth Form

On Thursday 28 September, our Year 13 students attended a trip to Nottingham University with representatives from Into University. This trip was a first-hand experience of what it would be like to attend a University. We departed the school in the morning and took a coach to one of the halls of residence. The students had the opportunity to look around the entire building – they saw an apartment shared by four students with a shared living space and kitchen. The apartment had separate bedrooms and bathrooms. The halls also contained a laundry room, communal games area and gym which the students have unlimited access to.

“We really enjoyed looking around the apartment, it was great to see what a halls of residence looks like, having the gym onsite is great”.

We then walked across to a campus, this took us around 10 minutes – this allowed the girls to experience the daily route and commute of a Nottingham University student.

An Into University workshop allowed them to discover what it would be like to live with other people in an halls of residence, or a shared house and discuss what this might be like.

A second workshop allowed them to learn about student finance and how to manage money whilst at University.

“Understanding exactly what the finances will be like whilst studying was really helpful and it has allowed me to understand what costs I may come across”.

The students met a student ambassador and had a tour of a campus to see what typical resources and amenities there are at a University.



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IntoUniversity The logo for IntoUniversity, consisting of the word 'iu' in white lowercase letters inside a red arrow pointing to the right.

NGA Sixth Form

By Mrs Griffiths, Head of Sixth Form



Year 12 + 13 Sports Studies visit London

- Where did they go?: Tottenham hotspur stadium
- Students went on this trip as an opportunity through Sport Studies to develop their skills within flag football.
- Students were coached on how to play and lead flag football
- They had the opportunity to watch a flag football game
- Students and staff had a fantastic day out!

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