



# NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Nottingham Girls' High School appoints Katrina Handford-Smith as Deputy Head

Nottingham Girls' High School has appointed Katrina Handford-Smith as Deputy Head, the position recently vacated by new Head, Julie Keller. Katrina will assist in all aspects of leading the school forward academically and providing excellent pastoral support, both areas in which she has gained considerable expertise during her roles as Deputy Head of the Sixth Form since 2012, and more recently as Pastoral Assistant Head.



Katrina joined the school from the University of Birmingham at which she graduated in Economics and Social History, going on to complete her PGCE and Master's Degree in Education. Initially a History teacher in the Humanities Faculty, Katrina was quick to spot not only the academic abilities of the girls but also their potential in other life skills, which led her to set up the successful Young Enterprise Scheme which is still going strong today, providing girls with know-how in the business world.

Looking forward to working with Julie Keller and other members of the school's Senior Leadership Team, Katrina said: "Working as part of the Senior Leadership Team, where the priority is to ensure the happiness and well-being of the girls, is fantastic and I love being part of making girls' experiences here at NGHS the very best of their lives."

Katrina is keen to help implement the school's vision of making NGHS a progressive, dynamic and fun place to be where girls are happy, successful and able to compete and succeed in male dominated professions.

Reflecting on her own educational experiences Katrina said: "I am really privileged to have been educated at Saint Martin's School for Girls in Solihull and have benefitted hugely from a single-sex education where I gained confidence and was encouraged to be the best I can be. Having experienced first-hand the benefits of an all-girls environment, I am delighted to be able to offer our girls a similar experience to help them develop into the leaders of the future."

Nottingham Girls' High school is Nottingham's only independent day school for girls aged from four to 18.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **About Nottingham Girls' High School**

Nottingham Girls' High School is an independent day school for girls between the ages of 4 – 18. Part of the GDST (Girls' Day School Trust) Nottingham Girls' High School is the largest school within the group with more than 1,000 pupils.

### **About the GDST**

The GDST (Girls' Day School Trust) is the leading group of independent girls' schools in the UK, with nearly 4,000 staff, and 20,000 students between the ages of three and 18. As a charity that owns and runs a family of 24 schools and two Academies in England and Wales, it reinvests all its income in its schools. Founded in 1872, the GDST has a long history of pioneering innovation in the education of girls. For a list of GDST schools go to [www.gdst.net](http://www.gdst.net)