



## Connecticut Trainee Teachers make History at NGHS

The University of Nottingham has been running a Trainee Teacher Exchange Programme with the University of Connecticut in the USA for the past few years. As part of this programme, Nottingham Girls' High School takes two trainee teachers for two days a week in the autumn term to give them a taste of life in an English school. This year the trainees are with the History Department, and will also experience a two day placement at a museum.



The two current trainee teachers – Sean Rogers and Sarah Norman (seen seated here) – are the third pair to have taken up a placement at Nottingham Girls' High School. They have been teaching lessons alongside their English counterparts at the school and have also set up an American club during lunchtimes. Sean and

Sarah are impressed with the school and are enjoying their time, saying: "Becoming a part of Nottingham Girls' High School has been a wonderful experience. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming, which has made this transition very easy. We have never experienced teaching in a British school, as well as an all-girls school, however, these past few weeks have given us the opportunity to develop both professionally and personally. We have had a lot of fun gaining an understanding of British culture."

The pair will be at Nottingham Girls' High School for the remainder of the term, and look forward to being part of teaching and learning experience in the History Department, adding: "With the help of Head of History, Richard Mcfarlane, we have no doubt that we will grow as teachers and be able to go back to the United States with a new outlook on education. We are so thankful to the administration for giving us this opportunity. We look forward to getting to know the pupils and staff during our stay in Nottingham."

Richard himself is delighted to welcome the guests from overseas, and said: "The placement has been a great success for the past three years. Our students gain an understanding of US culture particularly through the American club that the student teachers organise. From our point of view it is always very informative to see a different approach to teaching and learning."

## **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 one of the largest schools within the group with over 800 pupils.

### **About the GDST**

The Girls' Day School Trust (GDST) 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.

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