



# NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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## Junior School girls at Nottingham Girls' High School raise a staggering £6K for the Royal British Legion

Concluding a remarkable series of events commemorating the Armistice Centenary this year, Nottingham Girls' High School Junior girls have raised a staggering £6,200 for the Royal British Legion through their sponsored 'Great Silence' at the school.

This was the final chapter in the story which began in April with the 'Armistice 100' competition devised at the Junior School by teacher, Mr Mark Cox. Girls of ages ranging from eight to eleven, had to submit portfolios of evidence demonstrating three of the NGHS Junior School's core values - Resilience, Positivity and Empathy. Their deeds and accomplishments were wide and varied, and included charitable fundraising, sports and fitness, community work, helping out with home chores, acts of kindness, researching WW1 and composing poetry with the themes of war and peace.



Eight runners up then visited The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on 5 November with Junior School Head, Laura Fowler. The six winners joined NGHS alumna and acclaimed mezzo-soprano singer, Emma Brown, to take part in possibly the most poignant school excursion ever as they represented the school at Armistice Centenary events across France

and Belgium, which included performing at ceremonies in Ypres, Arras, Thiepval and Tyne Cot. The girls were incredible and were complimented by everybody they met, even catching the attention of The Times who reported that *"the most beautiful, haunting, moment of the ceremony of remembrance at Thiepval on the Somme came when Amelia Stephenson, a nine-year-old pupil at Nottingham Girls' High School, sang Amazing Grace on the steps of Sir Edwin Lutyens's magnificent memorial."*

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The Great Silence followed an initial stunning festival of remembrance at the school, along similar lines to the Royal Albert Hall, complete with poppies dropping from the ceiling. It was a sponsored two-hour silence (no mean feat for a large number of Junior School children) which raised this phenomenal amount for the Royal British Legion.

Junior School Head, Laura Fowler, is incredibly proud of the whole Armistice project, saying: "Our girls never cease to amaze me with their dedication to everything they do. Representing the school at these events will be a memory that lasts forever."

Referring to the money raised through The Great Silence, Laura added: "I'm so proud of this achievement and so grateful for the support we've received from parents and friends. The girls learnt so much and are really happy to have contributed to such a great cause."



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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 one of the largest schools within the group with over 700 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 23 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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