



Nottingham Girls' High School Pizza Oven – Topping off Outdoor Learning

Nottingham Girls' High School's impressive outdoor learning area received a boost on Tuesday with the official presentation of a pizza oven donated by parents and friends of the school.

The outdoor learning area in Upnah Wood at the school already boasts an impressive array of recreational apparatus and climbing equipment and a hugely popular firepit. Outdoor learning is of great importance at the school which recognises its character building properties and how beneficial it is to girls of all ages from Reception to the Sixth Form. The school is also working hard on its home/school partnership involving parents in as many ways as possible, and the pizza oven has been completely funded by charitable donations through fundraising events organised by parents of girls currently in Year 7 at the school.



Head, Julie Keller, said: "I'm so grateful to our amazing parents; they're so supportive of everything we do and really love to get involved. They've seen how much the girls enjoy spending time in the outdoor learning area and wanted to contribute something to this fantastic facility."

The supportive parents have already helped to provide climbing harnesses so that more girls can enjoy scaling the heights of the climbing wall. The pizza oven, built by [Thomas and Sons Construction Ltd](#), proved a highlight at the school Open Day on Saturday 4 November with many families joining in the fun.

Tuesday saw the Year 7 girls braving the rain and making their own pizzas to say "thank you" to

the parents who supported the initiative, and to the team who built the brick structure, represented today by Andy and John who tucked into their own creations.





Head of Outdoor Learning at the school, Jen Lynn, said: “The pizza oven is amazing and I can’t thank the parents enough for their involvement, and the guys for putting it together. There’s something special about the girls enjoying the fresh air and physical activity outdoors, followed by preparing and cooking their own food; they love it.”

The parental engagement in this project is just one of the ways in which the home/school partnership is flourishing. Parents over the years have participated in various events, some of them academic, some social and some fundraising, and the plan is to expand this involvement even further in the future.

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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