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WELCOME TO NGHS

Here at Nottingham Girls' High School our girls dream big and aim high. We fire up their imaginations and unlock their talents with an energy driven by our inspirational and expert teaching. A top 100 school with superb academic results and a huge array of extra-curricular opportunities on offer, NGHS girls are confidently able to be whoever and whatever they want to be.

Leadership - NGHS is a modern, dynamic, forward-thinking school with a young and vibrant Senior Leadership Team, and leadership opportunities for girls from the word go.

Academic success - a selective school with expert teaching and learning provision means our girls achieve excellent results across the board.

Extra-curricular opportunities - sport, music, performing arts, outdoor learning... the opportunities here are as exciting as they are endless.

Wellbeing - we know that a healthy girl is a happy girl is a successful girl.

GDST - as part of the Girls' Day School Trust family of 25 schools, we share an expertise in girls' education and a vision of learning without limits.

I hope you have enjoyed your visit to NGHS and we look forward to welcoming you again. Our doors are always open.



Julie Keller
Head



THE SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE

“Sixth Form life at NGHS strikes the perfect balance between academic excellence, innovative opportunities, fun and bespoke guidance, helping every girl to become a leader of tomorrow.”

We are delighted that you are considering study in the Sixth Form at NGHS for what promises to be an exciting and challenging two years of aspiration, inspiration and growth.

We fundamentally believe in a bespoke ‘pathway’ approach to your A Level study, aiming to give you the widest possible choice of subject and enrichment combinations. You will be encouraged to develop deep thinking, maximise your intellectual curiosity and harness your potential. As a member of the Sixth Form at NGHS, we encourage you to make the most of the opportunities we offer you and also be forward-thinking and innovative in the opportunities you create for yourself. Being a member of the Sixth Form at NGHS will give you the opportunity to become leaders and role models in an environment where you will be at the pinnacle of the student body; the ultimate expression of all that is achievable as ambitious, intelligent and successful young women.



NGHS Sixth Form is the stepping stone to your future. Whether you want to be a surgeon, a poet, or an international sportswoman, you will be encouraged; your failures will be learned from and your successes will be celebrated. You are the leaders of tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Skelton".

Mrs Erin Skelton
Head of Sixth Form

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We fundamentally believe in a bespoke 'pathway' approach to your A Level study. We aim to give you the widest possible choice of subject and enrichment combinations, and encourage you to choose your subjects around:

- your passions and talents
- your career aspirations
- the entry requirements for your university of choice (If you are unsure whether a university will accept a particular A Level or combination of A Levels, you should discuss this with our Careers Advisor / Head of Sixth Form)

Most girls at NGHS choose three subjects to study at A Level, however some will decide they want to do four A Levels, particularly those who

study Further Maths. Girls do not sit AS Levels at the end of Year 12, but there will be a thorough internal examination period to monitor progress in each subject. Girls often choose to do an EPQ or MOOC in Year 12 to complement their A Level studies.

Option choices are finalised and the option scheme built late in the spring term before you enter the Sixth Form, this ensures that the timetable is tailored to your individual course choices. Any changes you decide on after that will need to fit into the options scheme.



A LEVEL SUBJECTS AND RESULTS

2020 A LEVEL RESULTS

2020 exams were not taken due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 Pandemic. Centre Assessed Grades were issued and we remain immensely proud of all of our girls for the positivity and resilience they have shown during these unprecedented times.

There are no limits or stereotypes to what NGHS girls achieve. They have attained exceptional success in STEM subjects once again, and girls are going on to top universities, including Oxbridge, to study subjects in which women are often under-represented.

Our Head, Julie Keller, congratulated the girls saying:

“I never had any doubt that the determination, resilience and positivity of my NGHS girls would shine through during this challenging summer. I’m so impressed with their incredibly high results. They’re a reflection of the academic excellence they have displayed throughout their A-Level courses. Just as importantly, I am also delighted to congratulate them on all of their other achievements during their time at NGHS, from Duke of Edinburgh to sporting achievements and artistic awards. It is the combination of academic results, attitude and leadership skills that will grant them the extraordinary futures they so deserve.”

2019 A LEVEL RESULTS

2019 saw a 100% pass rate, with 92% at A* to C, 55% A* or A and 25% A*. Nottinghamshire’s top school for A Level A*s.

2018 A LEVEL RESULTS

In 2018 our girls achieved a 100% pass rate, with 94% at A* to C and 42% A*.

CAREERS SUPPORT

We equip girls for exceptional success during their time at school and beyond. With the expertise of our fully qualified Head of Careers and the help of our extensive GDST alumnae network, our girls receive unparalleled careers guidance throughout their time at NGHS.

We run inspirational careers talks, mock interviews, specialist university sessions and parental seminars. We've got something to inspire and support every girl, whatever her plans may be.

Some examples of the activities our Careers department run include:

AUTUMN TERM

Personal Statement and UCAS advice
'Inspiring Alumnae' speakers
Mock interviews
Study Abroad
Forming Med Soc: Applying for Medicine/Vet Med/Dentistry

SPRING TERM

Themed Careers Evenings
Biennial Careers Fair
Year 12 UCAS & Employment: Planning for the Future
'Reach Back' Alumnae talks
UCAS Parents' Evening
Careers speakers Q & A
Year 13 Preparing for Results Day
Oxbridge preparation

SUMMER TERM

University Open Days
'Secrets of Successful Applications'
Year 12 'Careers at Speed' networking event
GDST Oxbridge Conferences



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

“Being a senior prefect has enabled me to take more responsibility and cultivate leadership qualities.”

Whilst your courses are important, you will not make the most of your time in the Sixth Form unless you take up opportunities outside the curriculum to have fun, to stretch yourself, or to give back to the school community.

During your time in the Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to:

- celebrate your creativity through sport, music and drama
- have fun in clubs, societies and Sixth Form social events
- grow as a leader through the wealth of leadership opportunities like Form Reps, the Senior Prefect team and working with younger girls in clubs and House activities
- push yourself to develop new abilities through the Young Enterprise and Duke of Edinburgh schemes
- reach out to the Nottingham community through our dedicated Sixth Form volunteer programme including charity and volunteering projects and the National Citizenship Service
- make contacts through networking opportunities with our alumnae and the National Council of Young Women
- expand your skills and experience through a range of exciting work experience opportunities
- explore the range of university and course options that are available to you for your Post-18 study

Wherever your interests lie, our enrichment and leadership programme will offer you an opportunity to be extraordinary!



“D of E is not just a qualification, it’s taught me to work well in a team and strive to achieve my goals.”

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Emotional wellbeing is such an important issue for young people, and it's something we invest in heavily. We know that emotional health and success are inextricably linked. We have the best team possible to support our girls throughout the school. Our School Nurse has a background in Senior Management at Great Ormond Street Hospital, and we have a dedicated Educational Support practitioner and an on-site School Counsellor. We must not forget to mention our school dogs, Delilah at the Junior School and Saffy at the Senior School, always on hand to provide furry four-legged comfort if required.

Of course, physical health is of paramount importance too, and we have all the expertise and support your daughter would ever need here at NGHS, including fabulous food provision in our state of the art dining hall, with a range of freshly prepared healthy food choices on offer every day.



ALUMNAE AND THE GDST

CONNECTIONS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

We believe that women supporting women is an important part of the world's success. We have created a passionate community of inspirational women who hand down the ladder to the next generation of female leaders and support each other with the expertise, time and guidance.

Our alumnae and former staff share memories, support and friendship with each other throughout their lives. Our alumnae network are a diverse network of individuals with a lifetime's connection.

Every girl has a story to tell. We want to hear as many as we can, and celebrate the successes of women who are doing extraordinary things in their chosen area.

GDST LIFE

GDST Life is there for you from the moment you join the Sixth Form, enabling you to connect with students from across the GDST who share your interests. You can get involved with new groups and societies, join GDST-wide events, access a wide range of resources through the digital library and link through to Rungway, our mentoring app, to ask GDST alumnae the questions you have about future study, career options and life after school.



COMMUNITY

PART OF THE COMMUNITY

As a passionate member of the Nottingham community, we have strong relationships with many local organisations. We support our local community and also enrich our girls' education through many activities, opportunities and partnerships.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We run an outreach and partnership programme called Reach Out, that is highly reputed across our local primary school community. We have an ongoing programme of activities designed to inspire a love of learning in children and young people. We work with our partners to raise children's attainment by providing extraordinary, innovative workshops led by NGHS staff. We enjoy seeing children's confidence grow in a range of skills including key STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics), computing the arts, outdoor learning, business, teamwork, negotiation and listening.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR GIRLS

Our community programmes give NGHS girls the opportunity to enjoy leadership roles as ambassadors for the school. Our Year 5 and 6 girls support our regular Tots activities and our Senior and Sixth Form girls enjoy working with children from partnership schools. They develop their own skills and confidence by working with children, encouraging a love of learning and by displaying exemplary behaviours to be good role models.

CHARITIES AND VOLUNTEERING

We support a number of charities each year. Girls and staff work together to support important causes through fundraising and volunteering. Our girls learn leadership, commitment and teamwork throughout our charity and volunteering programmes such as the School Leaders project and Service Learning programme. They are recognised with awards including the vInspired certificates of recognition.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Facilitated by our Head of Careers, we help our girls secure work experience with a range of interesting and exciting business. The GDST network of 70,000 women is a huge support to us in providing work placement and mentoring opportunities for our girls. Placements help girls to experience modern working practices and technologies, to build their knowledge of career paths and form positive networks.

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE



Delilah the miniature Dachshund joined the Junior School in February 2017 and Saffy the miniature Labradoodle joined the Senior School in September the same year.



Having studied the positive impact that having a school dog could bring, from providing a calming effect on anxious pupils or those with autistic tendencies, to aiding motivation and learning in pupils who are sometimes not engaged; we knew the dogs would be a great addition to the school community. Both of our dogs belong to members of staff and live at home with them, but spend their days at school.



Delilah has hugely influenced teaching at the Junior School, fitting nicely into their 'RECIPE for Success', especially the 'empathy' element of the mantra 'resilience, empathy, creativity, initiative, positivity and excellence'. She's been a big hit, bringing calm and excitement in equal measure, when and wherever needed.

Saffy, the Senior School dog, resides mostly, in the Admissions Office, where the girls can see her as they go about their journeys to and from lessons. Saffy also attends lessons and is even a bookable resource, with girls signing up to take her out during break and lunchtime, or free periods.

Girls have learned about care and responsibility with our dogs and have really enjoyed having a communal pet at school. They bring girls together and get them to spend time outdoors and be more active and engaged than they may otherwise be during their breaks. Both dogs are adorable, great fun and beneficial assets to the school community.



PHILANTHROPY

Across the GDST, we believe in the extraordinary potential of every girl. We have a thriving bursary programme that helps us to offer a GDST education to bright girls regardless of their financial situation. Our Bursary Fund enables bright girls with financial constraints to benefit from an NGHS education by covering their school fees. The Opportunities Fund supports our Bursary Fund by providing extra help with incidental expenses such as equipment for Outdoor Learning trips or enrichment clubs. We know that these opportunities have a positive impact on each girl's development, building her confidence, resilience, teamwork, creativity, the list is endless. All incredibly important attributes for the leaders of the future.



ECO CONSCIOUS

As a modern, forward thinking school, we take ecological issues seriously. Our girls are passionate social citizens and take care of the world around them. We have “Green Teams” across the Junior and Senior Schools, and one of the important Sixth Form leadership roles is that of Eco Prefect. Supported by staff, girls develop and implement eco projects including litter picking in the local park areas, Swap Shops to educate girls about the impact of fast fashion, tree planting, our own NGHS bee friendly garden, vegetable growing, recycling food waste commitments. We enjoy Meat Free Mondays in the dining hall every week and work hard to raise awareness of pollution issues with our whole school community.



NEXT STEPS

We are looking for girls with a passion for learning and the potential to succeed at NGHS.

If you have any questions or would like further information about any aspect of the admissions process, please get in touch:

0115 935 4444 or
admissions@not.gdst.net

Apply online: **[nottinghamgirlshigh.gdst.net/
admissions/how-to-apply](https://nottinghamgirlshigh.gdst.net/admissions/how-to-apply)**



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to join us in the Sixth Form, we require an average of grade 6 across eight GCSE subjects, including English and Mathematics, and the following requirements for subjects to be studied at A Level:

† Grade 7 at GCSE required to take this subject at A Level

* It is not necessary to have studied this subject at GCSE in order to take it at A Level.

More information for individual A Level subjects is available on our website and for even further details, please visit the AQA, Edexcel or OCR websites.

ART AND DESIGN †

Students joining us in the Sixth Form are asked to bring a portfolio of their work to their interview.

BIOLOGY †

At least grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Chemistry.

BUSINESS *

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

CHEMISTRY †

At least grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry or at least grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science, plus at least grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION *

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

At least grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics or at least grade 7 in GCSE Computer Science.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 3-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN * **TEXTILE DESIGN** *

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES *

At least 6 in GCSE Drama or, for those who have not studied Drama at GCSE, some experience in performance.

ECONOMICS *

At least grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE †

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE †

At least grade 7 in GCSE English Literature.

ENGLISH LITERATURE †

At least grade 7 in GCSE English and English Literature.

FRENCH †

GEOGRAPHY *

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

GERMAN †

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS *

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language or History.

HISTORY *

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language or History.

LATIN †

MATHEMATICS †

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

At least grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics. Additional Mathematics is desirable.

MUSIC *

Capable of operating at a level of practice and understanding equivalent to GCSE music. Proven ability in performing on one or more instruments or voice to at least grade 5.

PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND ETHICS *

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION *

PHYSICS

At least grade 7 in GCSE Physics or at least grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science plus at least grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.

PSYCHOLOGY *

At least grade 6 in GCSE English, Mathematics and Biology.

SPANISH †

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES 2020 - 2021

Registration fee: £50

Deposit: £500 payable on acceptance of a place

Senior School: £4,672 per term
(inclusive of examination entry fees)

Fees are inclusive of non-residential curriculum trips and activities, all curriculum resources and a wide selection of clubs and enrichment activities.

Fees are subject to change from January 2021.

BURSARY INFORMATION

Nottingham Girls' High School, like all Girls' Day School Trust schools, is committed to providing a consistently high standard of education in a supportive, caring environment, which allows academically able, well motivated pupils to develop to their full potential.

The GDST Bursary Scheme aims to ensure that Nottingham Girls' High School continues to be accessible to talented girls who would benefit from a GDST education, but who cannot afford to do so without financial help. The scheme is available to new students joining Years 7 and 12.

TIMINGS OF THE DAY

Start time is 8.35am and finish time is 3.45pm. The Library is supervised until 6.00pm Monday to Thursday and 5.00pm on Friday.

HOW TO GET TO US

Visitor parking is available on site.

BY PUBLIC BUS

There are a number of buses that stop close by. Please visit www.nctx.co.uk for information on bus timetables throughout Nottingham.

ON FOOT

We are ten minutes walk from Nottingham City Centre.

BY TRAM

Nottingham High School is the nearest NET tram stop and we are a short walk away down Waverley Street and then into Arboretum Street. The tram links directly with Nottingham Train Station. For further information on tram times and fares telephone 0115 824 6060, or visit www.thetram.net.

BY TRAIN

The tram stops directly outside Nottingham Train Station and is just a 16 minute journey.



Visitor parking available behind the school buildings



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