



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' SIXTH FORM

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WELCOME TO NGHS

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

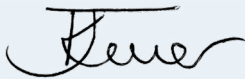
Leadership - NGHS is a modern, dynamic, forward thinking school. We are at the cutting edge of education, and specialise in equipping girls for extraordinary futures.

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

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

Wellbeing - we are proud of our diverse community, where every person is valued. Our students and staff are supported to be themselves, so that they can thrive in all that they do.

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.



Mrs Julie Keller
Head



*Julie Keller is proud
to lead NGHS*



A MESSAGE TO OUR PROSPECTIVE SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

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

We are delighted that you are considering 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. We 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 people.



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.

Maddy Sommers.

Mrs Maddy Sommers
Head of Sixth Form

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At NGHS our academic results are phenomenal.

We encourage students to choose subjects around:

- their passions and talents
- their career aspirations
- the entry requirements for their university of choice

Most students at NGHS choose three A Level subjects, however some will decide they want to do four A Levels, such as Further Maths. AS Levels are no longer taken at the end of Year 12, but there will be a thorough internal examination period to monitor progress in each subject. Students often choose to do an EPQ or MOOC in Year 12 to complement their A Level studies.

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



A LEVEL SUBJECTS AND RESULTS

2023 A LEVEL RESULTS

After a turbulent three years, this cohort of Year 13 students who didn't sit their GCSEs in exam conditions back in 2021 have done exceptionally well, and we are incredibly proud of them all. They have remained unfazed by the disruption they've had to endure and shown outstanding maturity and positivity, resulting in well-earned success with a 100% pass rate. We are so proud of our students in achieving 49% of grades A* to A, 80% of grades at A* to B and 97% of grades at A* to C and also EPQ grades were 100% A* or A.

2022 A LEVEL RESULTS

After two unusual years, NGHS Year 13 students have achieved true academic excellence with a wonderful set of A Level results. We saw a 100% pass rate with 34% at A* and 96% A* to C.

2020 AND 2021 A LEVEL RESULTS

2020 and 2021 exams were not taken due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 Pandemic. Centre Assessed Grades were issued in 2020 and Teacher Assessed Grades in 2021 and we remain immensely proud of all of our students for the positivity and resilience they showed during those unprecedented times.

2019 A LEVEL RESULTS

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

A LEVEL SUBJECTS

Art and Design: [Fine Art](#), [3-dimensional design](#) and [Textile design](#), [Biology](#), [Business](#), [Chemistry](#), [Classical Civilisation](#), [Computer Science](#), [Drama & Theatre Studies](#), [Economics](#), [English Language](#), [English Language and Literature](#), [English Literature](#), [French](#), [Geography](#), [German](#), [Government and Politics](#), [History](#), [Latin](#), [Mathematics](#), [Further Mathematics](#), [Music](#), [Philosophy](#), [Religion and Ethics](#), [Physical Education](#), [Physics](#), [Psychology](#), [Spanish](#).

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Extended Project Qualification
- German for Business
- GCSE Classical Greek
- Practical Cooking Skills
- Gold Arts Award
- MOOCs
'Massive Open Online Courses'
- Fitness - The Sixth Form Sport Offer
- GDST Space Technology Diploma

CAREERS SUPPORT

We equip students for exceptional success during their time at school and beyond. With the expertise of our dedicated Head of Careers and the help of our extensive GDST alumnae network, students 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 everyone, whatever their 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
UCAS Parents' Evening
Preparing for Results Day
Oxbridge preparation

SUMMER TERM

University Open Days
'Secrets of Successful Applications'
GDST Oxbridge Conferences



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FUTURES



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 100,000 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.



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.”

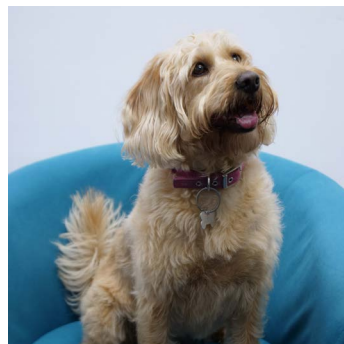
PASTORAL SUPPORT

As our Head, Mrs Keller, often states “A happy girl is a successful girl.” We work on a preventative basis, in partnership with students, staff and parents to ensure every girl feels happy, healthy, comfortable and cared for in mind as well as in body.

We focus as much of our energy and resources on pastoral care as we do on academic excellence, as we understand that without daily, dedicated support for health and wellbeing, our students will not thrive as well under the pressures of the academic rigour that comes with A Levels and university choices.

Our holistic approach to Pastoral Support includes:

- Our School Nurse, Mrs Brenda Williams, is an experienced paediatric nurse who joined us following a long career at Great Ormond Street Hospital.
- Our Head of Educational Support, Mrs Jan Maxted and her four dedicated Teaching Assistants develop bespoke strategies for any pupils (existing or prospective) with an identified need.
- A dedicated Wellbeing hub offering a peaceful, multi functional space for students to relax and unwind
- “Wellbeing Wednesday” is firmly embedded into the school calendar, organised and run by our Wellbeing Co-ordinator, leading a Weekly Wellbeing Club, and a termly Wellbeing breakfast which is open to all.
- Regular 1:1s with tutors to check in with students’ emotional wellbeing
- A trained staff team of Mental Health First Aiders and regular training for all staff on MHFA England Mental Health Awareness
- A Mental Health and Wellbeing Google site, regular online and in person seminars and a fortnightly newsletter for students and parents.
- Annual audits of our school community to ensure that everyone’s needs are met
- Dedicated celebrations of diversity and inclusion throughout the school year
- We must not forget to mention our school dogs, Delilah in the Junior School and Saffy in the Senior School who are on hand to provide furry four-legged support if required. Saffy also attends lessons and students sign up to take her out during break and lunchtime, or free periods.



HEALTHY BODIES = HEALTHY MINDS

Whilst our academic results have always been fantastic, our pastoral care and enrichment programmes play an equal part in making an NGHS education so special.

Sport has been and always will be a key part of our offer, both in terms of sporting excellence and, more importantly, health and wellbeing. Our students have historically always excelled in hockey and netball, but in recent years this has expanded to include cricket, football, archery and rowing, amongst many other activities.

Research shows that teenage girls in particular often give up sport altogether due to the stigma and shame of puberty and their changing bodies, and as a leading girls school this is something we tackle head on.

Investing in state of the art facilities, like our new 1875 Sports Centre, is a vital part of encouraging students to stay active for life – building confidence, team work and resilience and good health, both physical and emotional.

As well as physical activity, we try to ensure our students are nourished with a varied and healthy diet, catering for all dietary requirements. Our on-site catering team cooks all our meals from scratch, offering a variety of menu choices including Meat Free Mondays, a hot and cold breakfast bar, a two course hot lunch (meat and vegetarian/vegan options), a salad and fruit bar, homemade soup, cakes and biscuits. Our Sixth Form snack bar also sells a smaller selection from the dining hall's main menu.



COMMUNITY

PARTNERSHIPS

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.

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 student'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 and mentoring Year 5 and 6 girls through the Big Sister Little Sister programme. 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.

ASPIRING YOUNG LEADERS

Two of our Sixth Form students took part in Nottingham's first ever TEDx event, hosted at NGHS.

Titled "What can our humanity bring to the greater good", we heard from staff, alumnae and Year 13 students on topics challenging societal expectations to create a more diverse and inclusive society.

As one of our Diversity Prefects, Feizah began working with our fully supportive English department to "decolonise" their curriculum and campaign to change the language used in English teaching.

Through her role as a Wellbeing and Feminism Prefect, Ela learnt that there is still a huge taboo around menstruation especially among our younger girls, so she decided to tackle it by creating a year-long dedicated Period Awareness campaign.

As part of their involvement, they were named Finalists in the Rising Star category at the Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2023.

You can watch both their talks on [YouTube](#).

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.



Aya was the first recipient of the Peggy Mason Sixth Form Bursary. Peggy, a donor and alumna of the school left a bequest to NGHS which has created an extraordinary future for Aya.

"I was nervous to start at a new school, but everyone made me feel welcome; from the first day my teachers made me feel at ease. I've had the opportunity to grow, academically and as a person, and build resilience. I took part in a debate club and was a member of the Law Society. I'm now thrilled to be studying Law with International Relations at the University of Plymouth."

Aya Targoni, NGHS Class of 2022
LLB (Law) Law with International Relations

ONE OF A KIND, PART OF A FAMILY

Our network is our superpower - a family of 25 schools collaborating and sharing expertise to help girls learn without limits and, after school, a 100,000 strong alumnae network.

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The GDST alumnae network is one of the largest of its kind - a community of women from all walks of life and around the globe, who are there to support and inspire each other. It offers a host of opportunities to its members including one-to-one and app-based mentoring programmes, business networking, self-development and social events - a professional network unlike any other.

COURSES

A selection of short courses offering a chance to broaden and/or deepen the A Level programme, from leadership and archaeology to journalism and law.

They include:

GDST Lead (a leadership and enterprise advanced diploma)

GDST Mini-MBA

University preparation - Oxbridge on Track, a residential weekend at an Oxford college, workshops on the American college system and seminars on presentation and interview skills.

Career Start



GDST OPPORTUNITIES

GDST Student council where you can share your views and effect change

GDST Visits - Connect with fellow GDST students at student-led conferences on topics including sustainable fashion, psychology and medicine.

Compete for a range of prizes in poetry, creative writing, modern foreign languages, all round achievement and more.

Apply for scholarships for help with university courses and gap year or summer travel.

Join GDST Societies where you can make your voice heard around environmental activism, wellbeing, active citizenship and more.

These cross-school societies include:

UNDIVIDED SOCIETY

What is my part in ensuring an undivided community? How can we work for change that will have a lasting impact on social harmony?

ECO SOCIETY

How can I make an impact as an environmental activist? How can we use the scale of the GDST to amplify our voices and bring about positive change?

ACTIVE CITIZEN SOCIETY

The world feels like it is breaking: where do I even start to make a difference? How can we influence decisions, improve communities, and solve problems together?

WELLBEING SOCIETY

Mental health is increasingly in the spotlight. How do I keep my head in the perfect storm of current challenges? And how can we best look after and support each other?

PLATFORMS

RUNGWAY

Rungway is the GDST's bespoke mentoring app where every Sixth Former can connect with our 100,000-strong alumnae family to ask the key questions they have. Rungway ensures they are never alone when making big decisions about their study life, career and future.

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 since 1875 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 connections that last a lifetime.

Every alumna 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 ALUMNAE NETWORK

The GDST Alumnae Network on [LinkedIn](#) brings together alumnae working in a diverse range of professions to network, share expertise, collaborate, seek advice and recruit.

www.linkedin.com/in/alumnae-network-033064a0

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. Our catering team also aims to source 50-60% of our produce locally (Nottinghamshire and the surrounding counties) including beef, poultry, pork and lamb, broccoli, strawberries, potatoes, carrots and eggs.



NEXT STEPS

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

Existing NGHS Year 11 students will experience life in the Sixth Form during our dedicated Experience Week in November. External candidates can book to attend one of our Sixth Form Experience Days, also held in November, and throughout the year. Interviews will take place from December onwards, with places offered shortly afterwards.

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**



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:

⑦ 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.

ART AND DESIGN:

FINE ART ⑦

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

3-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN *

TEXTILE DESIGN *

BIOLOGY ⑦

Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics plus Grade 7 in GCSE Biology and Chemistry (or Grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science).

BUSINESS *

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

CHEMISTRY ⑦

Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics plus Grade 7 in Chemistry (or Grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science).

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.

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 and Grade 6 in GCSE English Language.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ⑦

At least grade 7 in GCSE English Language

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE ⑦

At least grade 7 in GCSE English Literature.

ENGLISH LITERATURE ⑦

At least grade 7 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.

FRENCH ⑦

GEOGRAPHY *

At least Grade 6 in GCSE Geography or Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

GERMAN ⑦

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 ⑦

MATHEMATICS ⑦

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 ⑦

Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics plus Grade 7 in Physics (or Grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science).

PSYCHOLOGY *

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

SPANISH ⑦

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES 2023 - 2024

Registration fee: £50

Deposit: £500 payable on acceptance of a place

Senior School and Sixth Form:

£5,243 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.

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. If you are interested in a bursary, please contact the school before applying for a place.

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

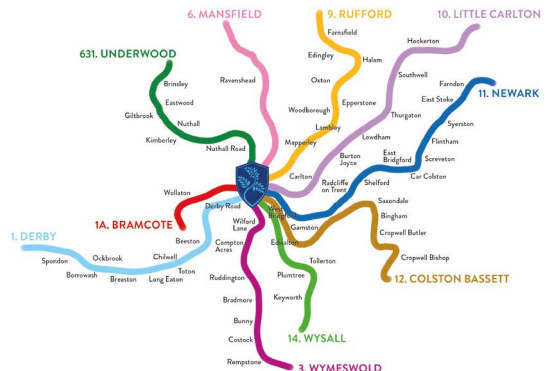
High School is the nearest NET tram stop and we are a short walk away down Waverley Street and then into Arboretum Street. The tram links directly with Nottingham Train Station. For further information on tram times and fares telephone 0115 824 6060, or visit www.thetram.net.

BY TRAIN

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

SCHOOL BUS

School buses operate across Nottinghamshire and further afield.



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