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It's been another whirlwind spring term and it's hard to believe that Easter is nearly upon us. In this newsletter, you can read about students' participation in SNA's reading festival and World Book Day, National Careers Week and the Duke of Edinburgh, as well as a host of opportunities in Sport, Art, Music and Leadership.



In January, we moved into our brand new £2.65 million extension – the building is a two-storey block design which meets the educational needs of both current students and future generations. On the ground floor, 5 classrooms have been allocated to the Humanities faculty. The first floor provides 3 classrooms (2 for ICT), 2 smaller seminar classrooms and a Common Room area for the Sixth Form. The building has two stairwells, toilets on each floor and office spaces designed for passive supervision.

As well as the new extension, we have managed to continue to invest in our facilities which has included the refurbishment of the 3G artificial floodlit sports pitch, a new school minibus and an outdoor shelter big enough to protect 150 students from the elements.



The development of our facilities is to try and ensure that we can accommodate catchment students. On National Offer day (1st March), many families opted for SNA as their first choice preference and subsequently, we are once again oversubscribed. Our Published Admission Number (PAN) is 150 students and we received over 450 total applications. Over the next few months, we'll work with our feeder schools and NCC admissions to try and ensure that catchment students secure a place at SNA for September 2023.

### South Nottinghamshire Academy Parents and Staff (SNAPS)

We have been really fortunate for many years that we have had so many parents continue to support the school in raising valuable funds that we can invest in students. However, we are in desperate need of a new volunteer base as the existing team will be finishing at the end of the school year, at the same time as their children leave the school.

Over the years, SNAPS have provided valuable additional funds for outdoor furniture, authors / artist visits, DofE equipment, Sports kits, Musical instruments, Careers events, Leadership activities, School Magazine and many more invaluable opportunities and support.

So, we are looking for enthusiastic parents and carers who would like to get involved in the planning and execution of events to ensure we can continue to raise the much-needed additional funds to enhance the daily life of the students.

Everyone is welcome to support organising and helping at events. If you are interested in getting involved or would simply like more information about what we do, please email: [main.office@snacademy.org.uk](mailto:main.office@snacademy.org.uk) (FAO SNAPS) or contact us via the SNAPS Facebook page (@SNAPS4Fundraising).

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## Year 7

It was wonderful to reward and spend time with some of our finest Year 7 students who really do embrace **The SNA Way**. With their wonderful attitudes, there isn't anything that they cannot achieve.



## Year 7 Awards Assembly

Well done to Year 7 students who received certificates for their amazing attitudes to learning in lessons and for following **The SNA Way** everyday in school.

You should all be very proud of yourselves, continue working hard and making the right decisions every day. We look forward to seeing you achieve **GREAT** things in the future.

For those students, who missed out on awards this time, we would love to celebrate your successes at the next awards assembly. **Keep working hard!**

Annabelle Black won Platinum, the highest achievement certificate.



# Sports

### Rushcliffe School Competition



The Year 8 netball team took part in the Rushcliffe School Competition finishing in second place only losing to East Leake.

### U13 Girls Football

Well done to our school team who beat Magnus 4-1 in the County Cup.

### Year 7 Boys Football

Well done to the team who reached the quarter finals of the County Cup, narrowly missing out on the semi final in a dramatic 3-3 game after extra time. With the penalty shootout ending 9-8 to Rushcliffe. An incredible achievement to reach this round, the boys should be very proud.



### Sports Hall Athletics

Incredible team effort from all involved in the Rushcliffe Schools Athletics competition.

Year 7 - Girls finished fourth and the Boys finished third overall.

Year 8 - Girls finished third and the Boys finished sixth overall.

### Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders

Well done to all our amazing SNA students who supported Mr Ballard with the Primary School Sports Hall Athletics competition. It was a fantastic effort by all involved.

### Inclusive Festival

SNA students represented SNA in the Inclusive Festival at the Lee Westwood Sports Centre. Well done you are all amazing!

### Year 7 Girls Football

Well done to our school team who beat The South Wolds Academy 6-3 in the South Notts Cup. They go on to play Carlton Academy in the next round!





SNA hosted our annual awards presentation evening for The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze and Silver Awards 2021-22 cohort.

These students have worked extremely hard volunteering

in our school and local community, learning a new skill, keeping themselves physically active and completing expeditions.

We are all proud of their successes. #TheSNAWAY

The DofE team are looking forward to the 2023 expedition season and are very excited to take our first Gold Cohort through.



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**See [www.dofe.org.uk](http://www.dofe.org.uk) for more information.**



**Houses Class Charts Points**

Waddington <b>20959</b> Points	Robson <b>20797</b> Points	Logan <b>20790</b> Points	Keele <b>19545</b> Points
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# Art

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This past term has been extremely busy and full of creativity. Starting off with Year 7, they have been creating clay cupcakes, mark making and learning about colour theory in depth. Year 8 have been completing assessments based on mythical beasts and creatures and have just started their new topic 'Human Made'. Year 9 have been experimenting with new printing techniques whilst also preparing for their GCSE through researching artists. Lastly, Year 10, 11 and 12 have been working on their personal projects and really pushing their boundaries by experimenting with new materials. Students are excelling in art and there is more exciting work on the cards for next term too!



# Careers We have been celebrating all that is great about careers!

National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week took place this term and STEM Careers Week will be in April! There are lots of great things happening on the careers landscape. Here are some of the highlights:

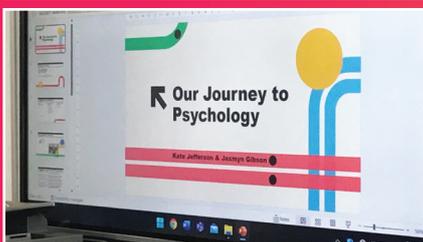
National Apprenticeship Week - SNA hosted Nottingham College and Work Pays to talk to students about Apprenticeships. Year 12 IT students visited Ideagen for an insight into their business and Year 10 Maths students spent the day at Capital One for their employability programme.



**We Are Celebrating**  
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National Careers Week, welcomed Psychology experts from Nottingham Trent University and Kate Jefferson, who is one of our parents and a PhD and Master's expert from the University of Nottingham. The experts shared their expertise and took questions from the students.



Year 9 Business students joined Mrs Caunt and Mr McLaughlin at PwC Nottingham, for a business insight and engagement with ambassadors at the firm.



Year 12 attended the Launch Your Career event at Derby University, where they attended masterclasses and listened to insightful speakers from industry and networked with employers.

The University of Football and Business shared expertise with our A level PE and BTEC Sport students.

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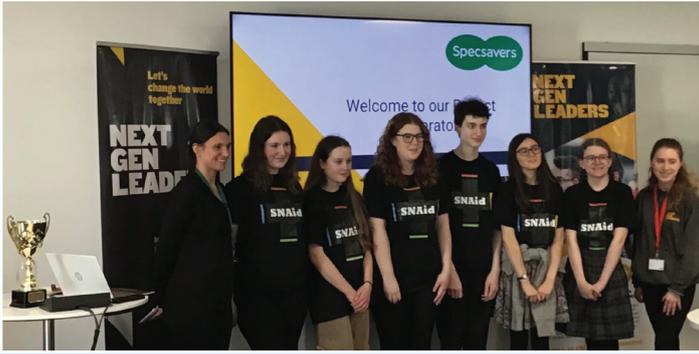
**Start your journey**



The session was fantastic - really engaging! Students loved hearing about the roles within Channel 4, particularly the younger employee's pathways into employment and their predictions about the changes the industry will undergo over the next five years.



Year 8 ECO group and others from Year 8, were able to visit the Hockerton Project in Southwell and learn about sustainable housing and Green Careers. It was a fun time in the snow and a chance to see a fully eco-friendly house and hear from project organisers.



The next phase of the SNAid journey will be when the team host a range of providers for a Have a Go careers experience morning. SNAid have sourced SEND friendly providers and will peer mentor their students throughout the event as well having their own stand with an engaging job matching activity.



SNAid are working towards the regional finals on 3rd May, where they will present to a judging panel and compete against other regional schools. Keep following their journey with Mrs Caunt and the team of Year 9 and 10 students via our social media.

Our annual careers and aspirations fair is now scheduled for 26th April. A great range of providers have signed up and students from all year groups will be invited to come into the event.

If you wish to support our careers programme, please email Mrs Louise Caunt [L.caunt@snacademy.org.uk](mailto:L.caunt@snacademy.org.uk)

Careers Newsletter

All the information you need and quick links to understand the careers landscape. Totally dedicated to nationwide careers news from employers, universities and other interesting topics around the world of work. This is emailed out to parents on a monthly basis.



We are keen to inspire students to study languages to a higher level. Mrs Caunt's son, was zoomed in live for a virtual presentation to Year 9 French students. A French and International Relations degree student at the University of Leeds, Ted was able to demonstrate how you can build your degree around a passion for languages.

# Eco

The Eco Project group and other year 8 students visited the Hockerton Housing Project, a fully sustainable community, which was very impressive.

This was offered to us after the Eco group won the NHS Go Green competition and we met the paediatric doctor who set up the competition, along with her husband who manages the Hockerton estate. They have lived there since its opening in the late 90s.

Such an insightful experience and lots of discussion around Green Careers and sustainability. The students also did some planting!



# Music

The Spring term has been a very busy time for the music department. Year 7 students have spent time developing their composition skills by composing in the style of Beethoven and they have recently started to use music technology to create their own contemporary songs. Year 8 students have been working extremely hard to develop their keyboard skills by practising video game themes. Their progress has been phenomenal. Year 9 students have worked hard to develop their composition skills this term and Year 11 students have recently performed their final pieces in the hall in front of a small audience. Their dedication and resilience this term has been commendable.



What a great experience we had with the British Army Band Colchester who are on tour in the East Midlands visiting schools and communities to inspire and encourage young people to enjoy music and to provide a wider understanding of the British Army and the many different faces of it.



Colchester Army Band performed to Year 7 and 8 students. Each performance lasted approximately 10 minutes and the band played while marching around the tennis courts. Year 8 students had the opportunity to march behind the band which was led by Year 8 student Kyan Morroll.



Our extracurricular ensembles continue to grow with more Year 7 students joining. It is great to see our older and more experienced musicians inspiring the younger students. The clarinet ensemble has almost doubled in size, we now have two rock bands rehearsing regularly after school on Fridays and the samba band and vocal workshop has also welcomed new students.

We are now preparing for our summer music events and we look forward to performing at annual community events such as Radcliffe Carnival in July as well as the Music Department Summer Concert at SNA. It's never too late to get involved! It looks like next term is going to be equally busy and exciting!

Some of our musicians took part in a rehearsal after school including a Q&A session. This provided an insight into the music the band plays, what their rehearsal schedule includes and the various countries the musicians have performed in.



The Royal Corps of Army Music are steeped in history and tradition. Their role is to deliver musical support to the Army and the wider Defence community. Through music, the Service Bands sustain and develop the moral component of fighting power, support State Ceremonial events, and achieve influence in order to further Defence and National interests.

If you would like to know more about the British Army and the Band, you can use the VR code.



Follow us on Twitter @Music\_SNA and / or Instagram @Music\_SNA2 for regular updates, photos and videos.

# Reading at SNA

At SNA, reading is at the heart of everything we do. SNA students have continued to show exceptional engagement and enthusiasm for reading.

**So far, we have read 54,202,349 words!**

*Keep up the amazing work SNA!*

## SNA READING FESTIVAL AND WORLD BOOK DAY 2-3 March 2023

Every year, SNA holds its own Reading Festival to celebrate reading and offer students the opportunity to find new and exciting books. This year, we have gifted students over 300 World Book Day books and given all our pupils £1 World Book Day vouchers to use in stores across the UK. We have also run a serialised read to all pupils in Year 7-10 where teachers have read parts of *The Hitchhiker* by Antony Horowitz in their lessons.



As part of our reading festival, we have also held a number of competitions and activities for students to take part in. Below are some of our amazing SNA pupils who have been involved in our competitions over the festival period.

### Six Word Story Competition

All our pupils were set the challenge of writing a six-word story as inspired from the Ernest Hemingway short story. Below are just some of our favourites:

***His heart raced! Then it didn't...***

Isobel Wright

***Resurrected! This was the method used.***

Dylan Ratcliffe

***Darkness: and then there were none.***

Gaia Velluti-Di Bonito

***I wish I could warn others.***

Elinor Thompson

### Create a Bookmark Competition

Well done to the winners of our library bookmark competition:

Mirabelle Cripps • Mason Wells • Molly Alder  
James Saunders • Lucy Turner



A huge congratulations to Logan and L7 for winning the House Reading Quiz and to R3 for winning the Get Caught Reading challenge where students had to correctly guess the teacher hiding behind the book.

### 'Read for Good' Readathon

As part of the festivities, SNA and the Redhill Trust also use this time to raise money for Read for Good UK, a charity that raises money to buy books for children in hospitals. Last year, SNA raised £875 for the charity. All Year 7 and 8 pupils are involved in this year's Readathon and have been tasked with reading as much as they can to raise money for the charity. A special well done and thank you to our Readathon Champions who launched the Readathon last week by reading for two hours in the library:



Jack Coulson • Esme Brown • Esme Hicks • Archie Harrison • Flynn Pape • Florence Townsend • Isla Morris  
Bruce Crowder-Barnes • Mirabelle Cripps • Lucy Turner • Daisy McKie • Owen Clarke



A final thanks to everyone who took part in our Book Appeal and donated books to our library. We are overjoyed to have new books to add to our library collection.



# Reading Events

As well as our SNA Reading Festival, we have also held several events and competitions so far this year.

## Poetry by Heart

All our Year 7 and 8 pupils have had the opportunity to enter the Poetry by Heart 2022-23 competition where they had to record themselves performing a spoken word poem. We were thrilled to have such inspiring entries and are extremely proud of pupils' efforts. A huge well done to our entrants this year and we wish you the best of luck with the national competition.

## Trust Book Awards

A number of our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils were involved in the Trust Book Awards where they voted for the best book for KS3 and KS4 pupils. A special thanks to this year's participants:

Sophie Giles • Zach Humble-Wright • Millie Power  
Toby Palmer • William Taylor • Owen Clarke • Edie Mountain  
Joshua Rich • Oscar West

### The winners of the Trust Book Awards were:



All the books featured in the posters are available to loan from the library. See Mrs Hall if you would like a copy!

## Upcoming Events

We still have a number of exciting events and competitions coming up this year. If you would like more information please see your English teacher or visit Miss Mees.

- Young Writer's Competition
- Carnegie YOTO Awards
- Lisa Williamson Creative Writing Workshop
- Dreadlock Alien Trip
- Redhill Trust Big Quiz

## Reading at SNA

Year 7, 8 and 9 continue to read challenging and thought-provoking books in DEAR time every day and we continue to reward pupils who are caught reading outside of lessons. **Congratulations to Rachel Yiu who won last terms Get Caught Reading raffle.**

At SNA, we also use comprehension strategies across our curriculum to ensure that students are aware how to read well, and be successful readers in individual subjects.

Our staff continue to promote a love and enthusiasm for reading; all teachers display what they are currently reading in their classrooms and offices, and reading is promoted in tutor time and around the school throughout the academic year.

We also deliver reading interventions to ensure all students reach their full potential.

## Reading at SNA

Well done to the following for reading over a million words!

**Emma Farnsworth - 1,646,890**

**Sam Peel - 1,299,685**

**Meredith Hopper - 1,144,270**

## 2023 Summer Term

Monday 17th April	Return from Easter break
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term
Monday 5th June	Return from half term

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