



South Nottinghamshire Academy



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NEWSLETTER

*Pushing our boundaries to achieve more*

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With less than a handful of school days left until the summer holidays, it continues to be a pleasure to share our summer newsletter with you so that we can highlight some of the fantastic work our students and staff have been involved in. You will also see a page dedicated to our response to the 2025 parental survey. We take all feedback incredibly seriously because we have a relentless drive for improvement and a passion for ensuring the best possible provision for every student. On reflection, this has been another incredibly successful year for SNA. Amongst the many highlights of the year, we recently hosted four annual House Award Evenings and Excellence Evening; these celebrations enabled us to reward many of our students for their academic excellence and wider contributions to SNA life. We know that these students will contribute so much to society later in life.



Our students and staff continue to commit to our SNA Way. The SNA Way describes the set of core values that underpin our daily work and we are proud to live and breathe a set of values which will develop our students as positive contributors to the community as well as at school. SNA Way house points, SNA Stars and SNA Way commendations help us to recognise and reward students who do the right thing every day. We are lucky to teach so many students who fall into this category. The relaunch of pledges and our continued commitment to our co-curricular programme will help ensure our students develop into well rounded members of society as well as outstanding learners.



Our recent Year 11 Prom day and evening event were fabulous celebrations. During the evening, the students celebrated at the Nottinghamshire Golf Club and remained SNA ambassadors throughout.

There is a lot of information being shared around the dangers of Smartphone addiction and we communicate regularly with agencies and support groups to review our approach. Whilst mobile phones are not an issue at SNA, we do feel strongly that we need to take even greater steps to protect the learning environment for our students, as well as demonstrating a moral investment into the wellbeing of our students. Therefore, from September, we will be trialling a new scheme with incoming Year 7 students where their phones will be locked in pouches for the entirety of the school day. Students will still have access to their phones before and after school to ensure students can be contacted, but restricting any access during the school day will make a big difference to the overall school experience for our students. We will reflect on the trial to determine how we roll this initiative out to older year groups as we progress through next year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your ongoing support of our great school. The positive partnership between school and parents has never been so important, and these relationships can make a big difference to the success of our students. SNA prides ourselves on the inclusive school community that we are, and we are very proud of the relationships that we have built.

Finally, we wish you a restful, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

**Mr D Philpotts** Executive Headteacher @Head\_SNA  
and **Mr M Siviter** Head of School

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**Golden Ticket Winners**

Congratulations to all our lucky winners, selected at random in our attendance draw in the spring term! Well done to all students who attended school every day this half term - remember the link between great attendance and great outcomes!

*Attendance Matters!*

On Tuesday 22nd July 2025, SNA Art department showcased this year's GCSE and A level student artworks in a private viewing exhibition from 6pm - 8pm.

The student exhibition featured creative works from various personal starting points and areas of interest - showcasing diverse mediums such as portrait paintings, hyper realistic drawings, 3D sculpture and mixed media.

This exhibition highlights the importance of supporting arts in education and is a must-see for art enthusiasts and the local community.

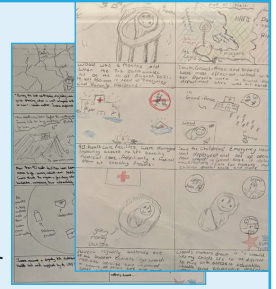
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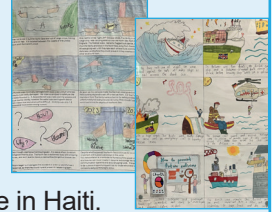
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**KS3 Geographers**

KS3 Geographers have been exploring the theme of 'Stories of the World'. Students were challenged to connect recent global events in the news to the topics they've been studying in class. Their task was to research these real-world events and creatively present their findings through a visual storyboard.

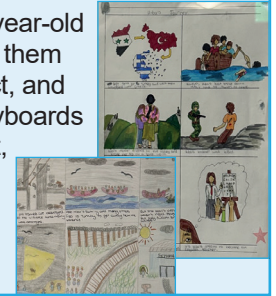


**Year 7** investigated the North Sea cargo ship crash, using their understanding of trade and transport to examine the environmental and economic impacts of the incident.



**Year 8** focused on the recent earthquake in Haiti. Having already studied the devastating 2010 quake and the 2021 disaster that was followed by a tropical storm, students were able to place the latest event in a broader historical and geographical context, while considering the challenges the nation faced in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Year 9** explored the story of Hiba, a 14-year-old Syrian refugee. This case study allowed them to delve into themes of migration, conflict, and resilience. Through this project, the storyboards created reflect both empathy and insight, showing a strong grasp of the human and environmental processes shaping our world today.



**Food Technology**

In a lively Year 7 food technology class, students eagerly roll up their sleeves and dive into the art of pastry making. The photographs show Year 7 future chefs learning the art of rubbing in and rolling out pastry. Learning in action.

**Houses Class Charts Points**

Logan  
**47293** Points

Robson  
**44393** Points

Waddington  
**45007** Points

Keele  
**45792** Points



SNA would like to extend our deepest thanks to Honeybee Farmacy, Severn Trent, The Jeffery Limmer Trust and SNAPS for their generous donations towards the development of our new school garden, which is thriving and looking fabulous! Students are now picking the fruits (and vegetables) of their labour. Some of the produce will be used in the school canteen/cooking classes and some will be donated to local charities/food bank. Look out for our stand at the Village Show in September.

**Eco club finale** Eco-club students have been awarded the prestigious, internationally recognised Green Flag accreditation with Merit (2025-2026) for their exceptional efforts focusing on promoting biodiversity across the school.





The DofE team have been very busy this half term with lots of successful expeditions.

Our massive group of Bronze students successfully navigated Sherwood forest and surrounding areas with determination and resilience. A great first award for our Year 9s which was executed safely and with great humour. Well done.

Silvers completed their practice and final expeditions on one of the hottest weekends this year. Students were nagged by Mrs Hawksworth and Mr Richardson to wear hats and sun cream. All students completed successfully having an absolute blast on the way. What a super group of Year 10s.

The 6th form Golds are out towards the end of July on the practice in the peaks, getting prepped to use their compass skills on the moorland before tackling the lakes head on in September. Bring it on!



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



## Splendid Theatre Visit **Drama**

We were thrilled to welcome Kerry Frampton Creative Director of the twice Olivier nominated theatre company Splendid Theatre to work with our Year 10 students for a full day focused on developing their devising skills. The workshop was an incredible opportunity for students to explore creative techniques and collaborative theatre-making, offering valuable insight and inspiration for their GCSE Drama coursework. It was a fantastic, high-energy experience that left students buzzing with ideas!

### Drama Student Success!

We are incredibly proud of our talented drama students who are taking the next exciting steps in their performing arts journeys. Congratulations to Zoe, who has secured a place at Expressions Academy, Freya, who is heading to the Midlands Academy of Dance and Drama (MADD), and Brennan, after two unconditional offers will be joining KTCollge. Their dedication, passion, and hard work have truly paid off, and we can't wait to see what they achieve next!





## Parental Survey 2025

Thank you to everyone who took time to complete our parents survey (summer term 2025). In total, 376 parents completed the survey, and we have reviewed the feedback carefully. We are thankful for the many positive comments we received, and have reflected on constructive feedback to help us to try and make further improvements to our great school. Less than 10% of parents feel that SNA does not have high expectations for their children and only 6% of parents disagreed that their child can take part in clubs and activities after school. Our parent survey results continue to remain positive, and we are proud of the positive relationships and partnerships that the school maintains with our parent community. However, as we continually look to improve our school, we have identified the following 5 areas where we believe we can enhance our work:

### Co-curricular Sports Activities:

- To review our current offer and explore ways to enhance and expand our extra-curricular sports provision
- Carry out a student voice activity before the end of term to gauge student feedback and requests for sports opportunities
- To develop our sports offer for students in Key Stage 5

### SEND Provision:

- Continuing a comprehensive SEND training programme for school staff
- Converting pen portraits to Class Charts, giving real-time access to school staff
- Embedding a whole-school provision map to ensure students are placed in appropriate, evidence-based interventions
- In KS3, all students who require additional time will now have additional time built into their assessments

### Student Well-being:

- Additional tutor groups allocated to build relationships and support
- Additional pastoral staff recruited to help student progress and wellbeing
- Inclusion area opening earlier at 8am daily
- Introduction of academic mentors to offer more targeted support for students
- Increased access to counselling

### Parent awareness of what their child is learning:

- To release a regular curriculum newsletter for all KS3 parents to outline what learning is taking place in their subjects across the academic year

### Teaching Culture:

- All Year 7 students to trial securing mobile phones in pouches to reduce distractions in school
- Ensure the highest quality KS3 curriculum to better prepare students for future success
- To embed quality first teaching for SEND students, supporting the success of all students at SNA
- To improve the effectiveness of homework to better support learning beyond the classroom



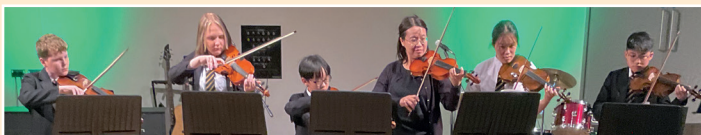


Our year 11s celebrated their Prom day and evening with a procession at school watched by our whole school community followed by a party full of fun and dancing at The Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club. **The very best of SNA students.**



# Music

**We have had a brilliant summer term in the music department, it is always our busiest time of year!**



The samba band performed at the official opening of the all-weather pitch at Bingham Road Playing Fields in May and they look forward to performing at Radcliffe Carnival. Our musicians also performed at the Excellence Evening, three pianists provided welcome music during the drinks reception and some of the Legally Blonde cast members performed 'So Much Better' during the evening.

parents and the contribution they make to the success of these events.

Our musicians perform in several events at this time of year. Tune Up Live (24th June) was a huge success with four rock bands performing as well as three solo/duos. It is a delight to see the progress students make in only a year. Music events this summer included the annual Music Department Summer Concert, performing in our feeder primary schools and our swing band will be performing at Picnic in the Park again this year. A new event took place this summer, organised by our leaving Year 11 students: West End Night for our talented vocalists to perform solos and in small groups. We always appreciate the support of students and

It has been a productive term in curriculum music lessons. Year 8 students have been learning to play popular songs in groups and Year 9 students continue to develop their performance skills. Year 7 students are challenging themselves in every lesson, learning to read sheet music and learning to play Wallace and Gromit on the keyboard. Year 11 GCSE Music students completed their final Year 11 exam and we wish them lots of success for the future.

Finally, we congratulate the following students on their exam results from this year: Eliza (Grade 1 Clarinet), Emily (Grade 1 Flute), Lily (Grade 1 Piano), Logan (Grade 1 Piano), Amos (Grade 2 Piano), Lola (Grade 2 Trumpet), Hayton (Grade 3 Piano), Eva (Grade 3 Piano), Robyn (Grade 4 Clarinet), Esme (Grade 5 Clarinet), Emma (Grade 5 Clarinet) and Annabelle (Grade 5 Musical Theatre for Actors and prestigious awards at Derby Arts Festival).



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

# Sports

## KS3 Trust Summer Games at Tupton Hall



On 18th June, Miss Roach and Mr Coleman took some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students to the Trust Summer Games at Tupton Hall. Students took part in either Athletics, Rowing, Tug of War or Rounders – for many of our students this was the first time they have represented the school. We were so impressed with their effort, engagement and commitment. They were a credit to the Academy! Well done all!



## U16 Boys County Cup Success

Following the completion of their GCSE exams, our Year 11 boys were in action against Carlton Academy in the County Cup. The Boys battled to a 1-1 draw against a strong side with the game going to penalties. Max saved three spot kicks and calmly slotted home the winner himself. A true team performance full of heart, determination, and unforgettable moments. What a way to sign off their time at SNA! We are very proud of you!



## England Handball National Finals

On 24th and 25th June, our Year 8 and Year 10 Boys Handball Teams were in action at the Handball National Finals against the top school teams in the country. Both teams were successful in the group stages and managed to qualify for the quarter finals – the Y10 boys even managed to win all their matches to finish top of the group! Reaching the quarter finals is an outstanding achievement - this means they are in the top 8 teams in the country! Well done to all involved and a special mention to Mr Duffy for all his hard work with the Handball teams this year!



## Trust Handball Cup

The Trust Handball Cup on 2nd April was a brilliant day of sport, with our students giving strong performances across all year groups. The Year 7/8 girls impressed with their determination and skill, securing a well-earned second place. The Year 9/10 girls also finished in second place after some closely contested matches, and the Year 9/10 boys matched this result with confident and composed play throughout the tournament. The Year 8 boys were drawn into a particularly tough group but battled hard in every game, finishing in 4th place and gaining valuable experience. It was a fantastic day overall, and all teams should be proud of their achievements and the way they represented the school.

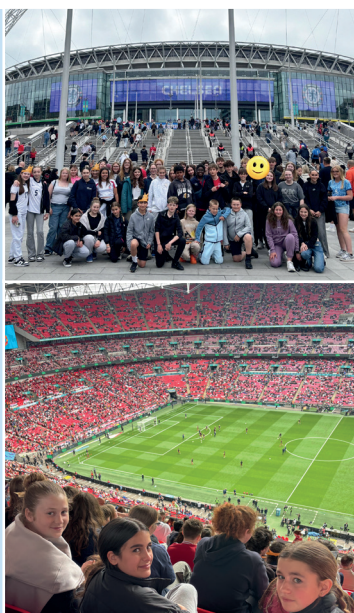
## U14 Girls Football Success

A big congratulations to our amazing U14 Girls' Football team for making the semi-finals of both the County Cup and South Notts Cup this year. We are looking forward to seeing them progress in the cups next academic year to see what they can achieve!



### Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley

Lots of our students were lucky enough to attend the Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 18th May. The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was a close game. In the end, Chelsea managed to take home the title and secured a domestic Treble, remaining undefeated in the Women's League Cup, Women's FA Cup, and Women's Super League! A great experience for our students with memories made that will last a lifetime.



### Trip to watch Nottingham Forest Netball!

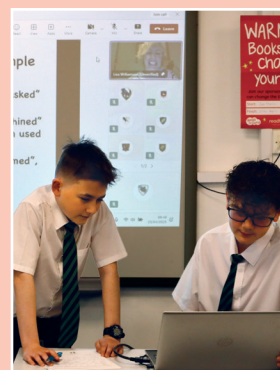
As Nottingham Forest Netball embarked on their first season in the Super League, we were lucky enough to take students to watch their first game at the Motorpoint Arena. It is amazing for our students to be able to watch elite Netball in our city!



# Reading

It's been an extremely busy term in the library at SNA.

On Friday 13th June, our team competed against the nine other secondary schools in the Trust in the Redhill Academy Trust Big Quiz. After a nail biting wait, we discovered that SNA had won again! Well done, Aanya, Lucy, Mirabelle, Meredith and Thomas, who won their own individual trophies, certificates, a £20 Waterstones book token apiece, and a posh glass trophy to keep in school.



On Tuesday 17th June, Cameron, Noah, Ruth and Saskia took part in the last of three inspirational writing workshops with the author Lisa Williamson, an alumna of Redhill who is an inspirational Patron of Reading for the Trust.



Our Library Book Club has continued to meet each Monday, and our students have read and voted for their favourite book nominated for the national Carnegie Awards. On Thursday 19th June, we met in the library to watch the live stream of the Carnegie Awards Ceremony, where the winners were announced. We have been pleased to welcome new members this term and are delighted that you have come to join us in celebrating the joys of reading. If you would like to join the Library Book Club, come and see Mrs Hall for more information.



On Thursday 3rd July, the author Kate Mallinder came to spend the afternoon running a highly engaging workshop with the Library Book Club and with students from Year 7 who were nominated by their Literacy teachers for showing great enthusiasm for reading this year. In particular these students have been hugely successful on the Accelerated Reader programme. They

have consistently engaged in literacy lessons and read countless books. We are excited to be able to offer them this opportunity as a way of celebrating their reading success this year. A huge well done from all of your teachers at South Nottinghamshire Academy.



### Summer Safari

We will run our Summer Library Safari again this year, with students encouraged to use their local libraries and / or the online library at <https://nottinghamshire.borrowbox.com/> over the summer. Participating students will be awarded 5 house points for using the local library during term time in July, and can also earn 5 house points in September if they use the local library in the holidays. We look forward to awarding lots of House Points – keep on reading!

Have a great summer holiday

## SUMMER Library Safari

Over the summer, we'd like to encourage you to use your local library.

As a reward, everyone who participates will be given 5 house points when we get back to school in September!



Library details are on the other side.

Either send me a screen shot of your library loans from the online library, keep the receipt from the machine which issues your books over the summer, or ask the librarian to date-stamp in the box below to confirm that you have been reading.

Mrs D. Hall, SNA Library  
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# Careers

## Year 12 Work Experience 2025

This term we are celebrating our fabulous employer partnerships.

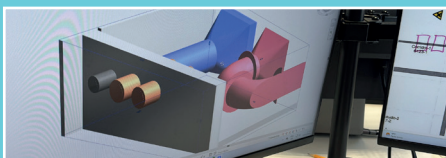
Our Year 12 students have been collaborating with Mrs Caunt throughout the last six months, to discuss ideas for their work experience. With an offer of 80+ placements available, there was a lot of choice for most students, and some used their own networks to find an opportunity.

During w/c 30th June all students embarked on their placement week. A chance to be face to face with employers, whilst building essential transferable skills and learning about an industry sector.

Our students flourished! Their confidence and self-belief massively increased and many tried new things that pushed their boundaries and encouraged ambition.

Take a look at some of the evidence through our work experience celebration gallery.

*Well done, Year 12. Great futures ahead!*



Students in Year 12 went on to visit Sheffield Hallam university and took part in a range of subject tasters, presented by academics.

**Year 10 careers week** helps our KS4 students with planning for the future. We are very fortunate to have such amazing support from our external links and the mock interview day on 17th July has attracted support from over 50 employers!

We are very proud of our business partnerships and would like to encourage parents and other stakeholders to speak with Mrs Caunt if they would like to find out about supporting our careers programme.

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

### 2025 Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September

Whole school return

Friday 19th September

**Inset Day**

Friday 17th October

Break up for half term



Enjoy the summer break

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