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At this time of year, SNA students continue to consider those individuals who are less fortunate than themselves. As part of our Christmas charity and food bank collections, our community has been collecting for:

- 'Framework' who support homeless people
- 'Nottingham Central Women's Aid' who support women / children fleeing domestic abuse
- 'Clifton Foodbank' who provide emergency food and support to local people

These charities were all democratically selected by our students and charity ambassadors. On 9th December, we also raised £137 by taking part in the annual 'Save the Children' Christmas jumper day.

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CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTION

Help provide much needed items for local families this Christmas. **Donate what you can** in aid of local charities by Monday 12th December 2022.

Please check the list of suggested items.

Collecting for Nottingham Central Women's Aid and Framework

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REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST

FESTIVE FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Help put food on the table for local families this Christmas. **Donate what you can** in aid of your local Food Bank.

REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST
Equality and Achievement

CHECK THE LIST OF SUGGESTED ITEMS...

collecting for Clifton Foodbank

When we return after the festive break, we will have the luxury of our new £2.6 million extension and the new £120k outdoor student shelter. Having recently invested £300k into refurbishing our floodlit 3G pitch and as we wait for the delivery of a new second class minibus, you can see how we continue to develop first class, fit for purpose facilities that keep students safe and secure. Our new extension is truly amazing and we cannot wait to have this in full use.



Just as a reminder for students and parents:

- The Academy will close for the Christmas period at 12.10 p.m. on Wednesday 21st December 2022. School buses will collect at this earlier time and drop students at their normal bus stops. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please contact us and a cold packed lunch will be provided which can be collected at morning break. If this is required, please let us know as soon as possible.
- We re-open for students after the Christmas holidays on Thursday 5th January 2023. Please remember that Wednesday 4th January in an INSET day.
- As always, when we return we will continue to monitor uniform and jewellery to maintain our high expectations and to ensure students continue to look their best.
- We're hoping that this won't happen but in the event of any enforced school closure, parents will receive a text / email message. In addition, it will feature on BBC Radio Nottingham; the SNA website; and on twitter @Head_SNA.

At Christmas, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Pollard and Mrs Marshall who have both worked at SNA for a considerable period of time, as well as Ms French. We wish them all the very best.

I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight the brilliant work of Miss Houten who has developed marketing and promotion at SNA, including the fantastic new design of this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And as always, thank you for your continued support of our great school.

Mr D Philpotts @Head_SNA

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Equality and Achievement

Transition

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening was held on the 22nd September. The evening was a great success and very well attended. The feedback that we received was incredibly positive and subsequently the number of parents who have selected SNA as their first-choice secondary school preference for Year 7 in 2022 has increased. Overall, we have 150 places available – we received over 480 total applications and over 170 first choice preferences. We remain full and oversubscribed in all Year groups.

Year 7



Year 7 completed their theme week in November with the focus on being a global citizen. This exciting week included presentations on safety from the Police, Fire Service, RNLI and Via Transport. Students explored how to make SNA more sustainable and plan positive actions during Eco Day.

Remembrance activities took place and the week concluded with International Day. Students completed workshops on humanitarian assistance with the British Army, travel television production with Channel 4, conversational Russian with the University of Nottingham as well as Samba drumming and salsa dancing.

This term, PSHE has been delivered to Year 7 as a timetabled lesson as well as in tutor time. They have focused on relationships as new members of the school community followed by equality, diversity and multi cultural Britain. All statutory requirements for PSHE continue to be met through whole school assemblies, ICT, Health and Social Care, Food and Nutrition, Physical Education, Year 7 PSHE, Year 9 Citizenship, Year 9 and Year 10 RE and also tutor time sessions.

Anti-Bullying week was marked with odd socks day and house assemblies covering the theme of reaching out for help. PSHE in tutor time was devoted to anti-bullying.

Success Evening

Year 7 parents were invited to attend a success evening in school in October as part of the ongoing transition provision. Three workshops were provided, on data and Class Charts, supporting success in Maths, and supporting success in English. This event had an increased attendance on previous years.

Charity and Community

The 6th form leadership team organised fundraising events for Children in Need and collected an amazing **£810**, congratulations.



SNAid

In addition, the SNAid group are fund raising to supply career support to disadvantaged young people.



CONGRATULATIONS

Louis Mugaseth
SNA STAR
October 2022

Equality and Diversity Group

The equality and diversity group has met again this term. Activities in progress include a display board and student voice. Mr Peyton is undertaking Diversity, Equality and Inclusivity CPD with the Redhill Trust.



The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award is well underway this year with many students signed up for Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The Silver practice expeditions have taken place this term in the Peak District. The students had a practice walk around Matlock, learning about how to use a compass and to experience hill walking. The weather was kind apart from an hour-long downpour.

There are 20 students working towards Silver and 67 working towards Bronze. 8 Year 13’s are completing their Gold awards this year, this term they have been completing their residential elements in diverse locations such as Portugal and Bali.



Please follow us on Twitter @DofeSna
See www.dofe.org.uk for more information.

PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education

It has been a very busy term for PSHE and RSE. Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 have completed SRE days covering statutory topics such as consent, contraception, LGBTQ+, positive relationships and sexual health. These days have been delivered by the NHS Sexual Health Team. SRE day is planned for Year 11 during the academic year.

Year 9 theme week took place at the start of October on the theme of healthy lifestyles. Each day focused on a different aspect covering healthy bodies, relationships and mental wellbeing, students participated in mindfulness and yoga to end the week.



Houses Class Charts Points

Competition between the new houses has begun this term. House point and attendance league tables are shared weekly with students. Year 7 participated in an inter house sports, literacy and numeracy day with Logan and Keele fighting out to secure first and second place.

Waddington	12909	Points
Logan	12749	Points
Robson	12438	Points
Keele	11767	Points



Music

What a great term we've had in the music department!

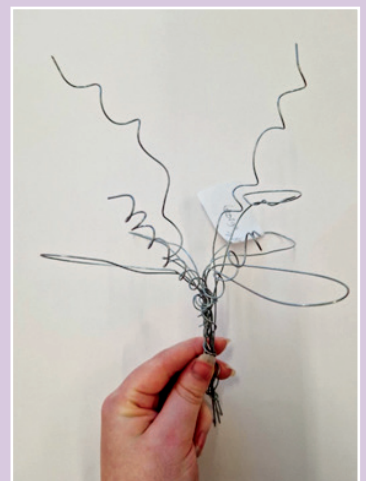
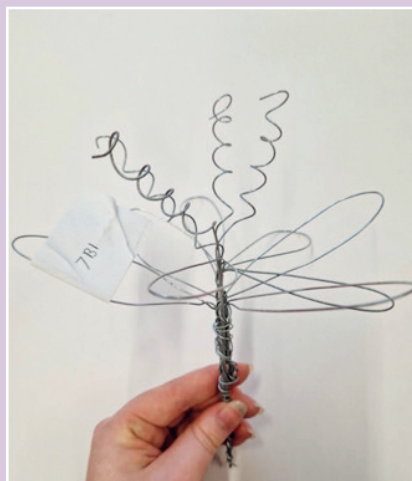
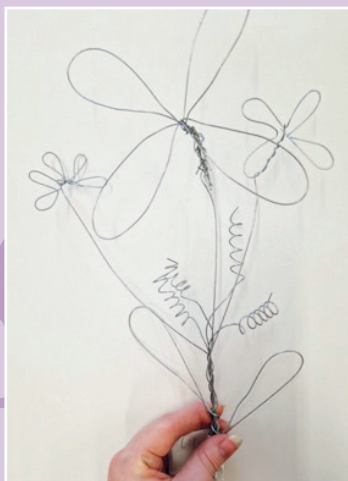
In September we were nominated by Nottinghamshire Music Hub to be a Music Mark School for 2022-23 due to our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value we place on music. We continue to work closely with the Music Hub which enabled 28 Year 8 and 9 students to attend a Music Conference at the Albert Hall in Nottingham. We also gained discounted tickets for some concerts at the Royal Concert Hall. On 1st October students, parents and staff had the opportunity to watch the BBC Concert Orchestra and Guy Barker's New Jazz Concert along with solo saxophonist Lakecia Benjamin at the Royal Concert Hall for only £2.50! The whole concert was incredible and students came away feeling inspired.

Our extra curricular and instrumental / vocal lessons provision continues to expand with 37 Year 7 students having one-to-one lessons and more set to start after Christmas. Some of our students attended a vocal workshop led by the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and they performed at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham in An Inspired Christmas Concert on 6th December! We are also planning for small groups of students to perform in the local care homes towards the end of term. There will also be a Christmas Concert in the Hall at SNA on Monday 19th December at 6pm.

Follow us on Twitter @Music_SNA and / or Instagram @Music_SNA2 for regular updates, photos and videos.



Art



Year 7 students have excelled in their first few months of secondary school. They have been learning new techniques and using different mediums to really broaden their skills. One technique they have particularly excelled at, is wire sculpture. The students had the task of creating a bouquet of flowers using twisting techniques and really using their creativity through observation. The students thoroughly enjoyed this task and the outcomes were truly spectacular. Students have more exciting tasks coming up such as making cupcakes out of clay. I look forward to sharing these with you later on in the academic year. *Follow us on Twitter @FineArt_SNA*

Careers



The first half term saw us getting out of school and into universities and businesses. We are very fortunate to receive amazing support from our education and business partners. Here's a snapshot of what's been happening in the world of careers at SNA so far this year.

Lincoln university hosted Year 12 for the day in October. The group learnt more about the benefits of a degree, took a tour around the campus, heard from keynote speakers and pushed their boundaries and enjoyed a few giggles, when they visited the media team for a radio drama afternoon.

The university focus continued, when Year 13 visited the U.K. Uni and Apprenticeship fair, at King Power Stadium. Students networked with over 70 universities and employers, which was particularly useful for their current research and applications to UCAS.

Our partnership with Capital One continues to grow and we secured 3 business insight trips to this top Nottingham employer. Year 12 enjoyed a careers insight visit before half term. A chance to look inside, meet business associates and take part in the pathways employability programme, which aligns to Skills Builder. Students learnt about the diversity of roles, skills and personal development, positive networking benefits and marketing of a product.

On 8th November a group of 30 Year 10 Maths students visited Capital One, as part of our careers in the curriculum programme. Similar to the Year 12 trip, but focusing on where the study of maths can take you within the world of work. Feedback from both visits has been outstanding and Mrs Caunt will be organising more opportunities for younger students to visit the prestigious Nottingham HQ, in the new year.

SNAid are back! The Uni of Nottingham Next Gen Leaders schools programme has relaunched, after their Covid pause.

Mrs Caunt is working with a new group of students, this time from Year 9 and 10. Next Gen leaders empowers young people to think about world issues and what's important to them and to develop the skills required to lead and manage a project. It forms part of a competition across the East Midlands region.



SNAid have a new project partner - Ash Lea SEND school, Cotgrave. The team are working with the school to provide support with their careers programme, from a strand approach. They are very excited about a Career in a Box project for national apprenticeship week in February 2023 and a SEND Careers Festival in March.

Our new YouNG Ambassador is **Noah Hunt** from Year 10!

Each year, we open up applications for the young entrepreneur programme, which is funded by Rushcliffe Borough Council. YouNG recruit a Year 10 ambassador from each of the Rushcliffe Schools each year.

YouNG is an initiative which gives people between the ages of 13 and 21 the chance to gain entrepreneurial skills and become equipped for their future career. Noah is also the project manager for SNAid, both of which add value to our careers programme.

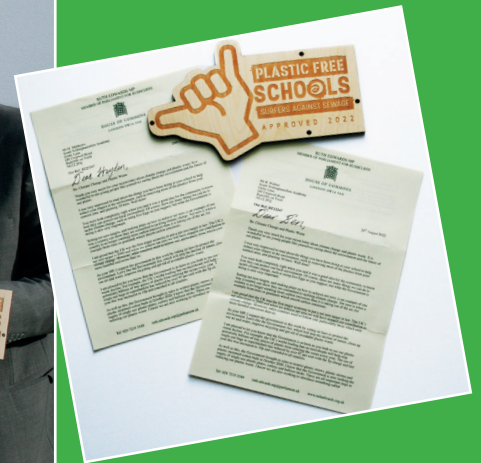
Our external partnerships continue to grow, post pandemic. Over 60 employers have offered to support our 2023 Year 12 work experience and the March 2023 Careers and Aspirations Fair has already attracted 58 providers in just one week! 14 of which are universities! Employer engagement is a strength of the school and forms part of the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks. We are extremely fortunate that so many want to share their expertise and help to raise aspirations!

During the recent Year 7 Themed Week, the International Day was supported by Channel 4, JM Events Management, The Desert Rats and Uni of Nottingham Languages under graduates. All of them provided workshops which showcased the global careers landscape and the benefits of learning a language.

If you wish to support our careers programme, please email Mrs Louise Caunt L.caunt@snacademy.org.uk

Eco

Well done to Hayden Matthews and Ben Walker for their inspirational letter to Ruth Edwards MP challenging our government on their Environmental protection and sustainability policies. The boys were delighted to both receive letters in response which in turn congratulated them and the Eco-committee for their sustainability initiatives in school including our recent Plastic Free Schools accreditation.



SNA recently were awarded a grant from Veolia's Nottinghamshire Reduce, Reuse, Recycling Fund for new paper recycling bins throughout the Academy. Thank you to the Eco-committee for their help in publicising the bins and getting them set up around the school.

The Eco-committee have reconvened this term with the objective of retaining Eco School accreditation. The committee led the participation in switch off fortnight in November. They encouraged all staff and students to make behavioural changes to reduce their carbon footprint and energy bills this winter.



Willersley Castle

Year 8's residential trip was for the first time to Willersley Castle in Derbyshire. Students and staff spent 3 days enjoying adventurous activities in the beautiful (but cold!) Peak District. Students developed trust and confidence while navigating a blind trail, overcame fears while climbing and hit the bullseye at archery and axe throwing. Year 8 were incredible and threw themselves into all the activities with enthusiasm. Get ready Year 7 because in November 2023 it's your turn!



Sports

Our new pitch looks amazing and is open for students and our community to use. Without doubt, one of the best facilities around.

Key Stage 3 Trust Games

Pupils from across Key Stage 3 came together to represent SNA at the Trust Games held at Redhill Academy. Pupils participated in netball, tag rugby, badminton and football.



The event is designed to increase participation and give those an opportunity to compete against other schools that wouldn't normally get the opportunity.

Schools Cross Country

'Otto Johnstone - Year 7' won the second race of the Nottinghamshire Schools Cross Country League on Saturday 19th November at Berry Hill Park in Mansfield. Otto made his debut and competed against a high-quality field. In tough conditions under foot, Otto saw off his rivals and earned a fantastic first place.'



Ruschliffe Schools Inclusive Festival of Sport

The inclusive sports team made their debut at the Ruschliffe Schools Inclusive Festival of Sport. The teams competed in Boccia, Indoor Curling, Sports Hall Athletics and an adapted invasion game. The team showed great sporting skill, resilience and high levels of determination to overcome opponents in many of the different sporting events.



Year 7 Boys Football

Year 7 boys football team have started the year in great form, winning two out of two games in all cup competitions. They defeated Kimberly School 3-1 in their first game and defeated Alderman White School 5-1. There have been some fantastic individual performances from the lads, however their work rate and togetherness as a team has really been a strong point, which we hope to build on throughout the competitions.



Year 8 Boys Football

The Year 8 Boys football team have kicked their season off with a win. On a cold and wet evening, the new look 11-a-side team travelled to Kimberley in the South Notts Cup. Year 8 is often a difficult transition year for football as they progress from 9-a-side on a small pitch and smaller goals to a full 11-a-side set up. South Notts instilled a high level of dominance from the very start of the game maintaining possession in dangerous areas of the pitch as well as showing quick decision making and fast pace on the counterattack. Despite the home side showing a little resistance midway through the game, the final result was never in doubt. A dominant display saw a 1-5 win for the Year 8 Boys team.



Year 7 Girls Football

The Year 7 girls made a fantastic start to the South Notts competition. Playing against Colonel Frank Seely the game ended 1-1. After a period of extra time the final score had to be decided in a penalty shoot-out. Some great saves by our keeper meant the final score was 3-2 to SNA. They go on to play George Spencer or East Leake in the second round.

Reading at SNA

At SNA, reading is at the heart of everything we do. We are extremely proud of what the students have done so far this term, and we have lots of exciting events ahead of us!

So far this year we have:

- Read 15,133,80 words
- Taken 551 quizzes!

Keep up the amazing work SNA!



DEAR Time and Get Caught Reading

A huge well done to the Year 7, 8 and 9s who have made an exemplary start to DEAR this year. Every week, students (Year 7-9) read for 15 minutes every day and have been reading some challenging and thought-provoking books.

We will also be launching 'Get Caught Reading' this term. If students are 'caught' reading outside the lesson they will be awarded a post card and house point. Students will be entered into a termly raffle to win a prize.

Star Students

Most Quizzes Taken

Alfie Webster / Toby Harding

Most Quizzes Passed

Emma Farnsworth

Most Words Read

Emma Farnsworth

Well done Emma, and SNA, for a fantastic start!



Upcoming Events

We have a number of exciting events and competitions coming up in the next few months. If you would like more information please see your English teacher or visit Miss Mees.

- Young Writer's Competition (Date TBC)
- Redhill Academy Book Awards (October-3rd March 2023)
- Poetry by Heart Competition (End date: 1st March 2023)
- World Book Day / Readathon (Thursday 2nd March)

Year 8 Heroic Speeches Performances

At the end of the summer term last year, students from across Year 8 spent time in their English lessons studying a variety of speeches delivered by heroic individuals before crafting their very own speech on a 'heroic person.' Twenty students volunteered to perform their speeches in front of the majority of the year group and did a fabulous job! Speakers were confident, engaging and delivered well-researched and beautifully crafted pieces. Well done to all involved! Please see below a lovely example of a speech, delivered by Mia and Freya on the topic of pollution.

*Good morning L and G and those who don't identify as such.
How do you want our future to look?
The weight we'll hold.
In shaping the futures mould.
Held in the hands of this generation.
To be fixed or destroyed by our aspiration.
Years of pollution,
and for once we need a solution.
How can we fix the problems we've caused.
For one moment.
Let's pause.
We are the ones who will take over the country.
With more than just wealth on fame in this game.
The people who have led us carried us this far.
Are getting too old too weak to keep holding on to their crowns.
As we burn through the ground.
Make them listen to our sound.
Take a stand,
and march loud and proud with nothing to choose,
and sure as a star we don't come this far to lose.*

Other students who performed were:

- Brooklyn Nkhalamba – Ryan Reynold
- Ben Baumber – King George VI
- Ryan Whitehouse – Muhammad Ali
- Georgia Stocks-Hallam – Martin Luther King
- Toby Palmer – Ronaldo
- James Kennington-Whitt – Winston Churchill
- Junior Hayden – Jordan Pickford
- Ava Hudson – David Attenborough
- Ashton Ward – Marcus Rashford
- Freddie Peters – Charlie Heaton
- Harrison and Jasper – Raheem Sterling
- Oscar, Abdul and Yassen – Topic of poverty
- Noemie and Leah – Marcus Rashford



2023 Spring Term

Wednesday 4th January

Inset Day

Monday 20th February

Return from half term break

Friday 31st March

Break up for the Easter holidays

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