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As we accelerate towards the summer holidays, it is a great time to highlight some of the fantastic work that students and staff have been involved with. Our provision has seen students participate in Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Excellence Evening, Music concerts, Art exhibitions, Careers events, Sporting activities, various trips and visits – and the Eco Committee has achieved 'Plastic Free School status'.

**PLASTIC FREE  
SCHOOLS**  
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

Next year is an even more exciting time for South Nottinghamshire Academy, with a new building under construction ready for use next year, a new House being introduced from September 2022, a new school logo and uniform due to be launched. All of this, we hope, will build on the pride we know our students and their families have for their school.



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Academy

Over the last few months, our Year 11 and Year 13 students have successfully completed their GCSE/A Level examinations. We don't believe that they could have worked any harder or been any better prepared and we are confident that will secure some exceptionally positive individual and cohort results.

In terms of site development, we continue to invest to ensure first class, fit for purpose facilities that also keep students safe and secure. Our new £2.6 million extension is on track and will be ready for us to move into in January

2023. Once this is complete, we have also gained funding to install a £100k outdoor shelter to accommodate approximately 150 students – this will help in any adverse weather conditions and support the management of students at break and lunchtimes.



February 2022



July 2022

In addition, we are soon to see work started on the refurbishment of our floodlit 3G pitch. The £300k project will begin imminently and will be ready for the school and wider community to use in September 2022. Finally, we have funded a second minibus that will support the amount of trips and visits that SNA continues to provide.

Can I thank you for your ongoing support of our great school and I hope that together, we can drive the school forwards to greater heights next year.

Mr D Philpotts  @Head\_SNA

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Equality and Achievement

## Amazing Adaptations!

Year 7 embarked on a trip to the Tropical Butterfly House and Falconry Centre in Sheffield on 21st and 22nd June, to learn all about how animals and plants have adapted to their rainforest environment.



The students enjoyed spending time seeing the adaptations in real life at the park, and listening to some thrilling talks from staff at the centre with up close and personal views of the adaptations. Over the two days, students got to handle and inspect stick insects, hissing cockroaches, royal pythons, and milk snakes, discovering the adaptations in real life. A fantastic two days was had by all with lots of positive feedback. The Year 7s were amazing ambassadors for SNA and should all be proud of themselves! Mr Farnsworth is already looking forward to next year's trip!



## Geography Field Trip in Derbyshire

Year 8 cohort walked the peaks in Derbyshire on the Longshaw Estate. The students conducted an investigation into rivers and completed an investigation into Moorlands.



## Library

**SNA book appeal - please help!**

Does your child have some suitable reading books at home which they have outgrown, but which are still in good condition?

Would you be willing to donate them, to add to our school library collection?

We would be very grateful for donations, which can be dropped off at Reception.

**Many thanks for your support.**

## SNA Library Book Amnesty

We are delighted that so many students use the library at SNA to choose from our wide range of reading books. Sometimes, they might forget to bring a book back on time...

We would like to declare a **book amnesty** - even if it is very late indeed! Every student who returns a book to the library staff at the Issue Desk between 4th - 22nd July will be able to enter their name into a prize draw. The prize draw will take place on 25th July, with a prize for the lucky winner.

Thank you for your co-operation in assuring that our students have books to use for many years to come.



## Diversity Week

The Academy celebrated Diversity Week from 20th to the 24th June. During this week, staff delivered a range of starter activities and lessons designed to highlight how wonderfully diverse our country is as well as celebrating subject specific role models from the LGBTQ community.





## DofE



The DofE season 2022 saw 75 students successfully complete their expedition section.

**Bronze students** in Year 9 navigated through their weekend expedition exploring the home of Robin Hood and navigating acres of mystical woodland.

**Silver students** in Year 10 completed the extra challenge of the peaks for their practice and qualifying expeditions, trawling up steep hills, rock hopping, dipping their toes in the rivers and being rewarded with some of the most spectacular views in England.



We are all extremely proud of all the students who have completed their expeditions this year and staff had a great time watching them develop their navigational, campcraft and teamwork skills.

They now need to complete the three sections (volunteering, skills and physical) to gain their full award.



Parents of students gaining their award in 2022 will be invited to a presentation evening in the Autumn term.

Current Year 8s and 9s please watch this space for the new Bronze and Silver cohorts starting in September 2022. More information to follow in the new term.

*Please follow Twitter @DofeSna*

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

## History

### Year 10 World War One Visit

As part of Year 10 History and the study of World War One, we visited Cannock Chase. In the morning, students got the opportunity to dress up in World War One clothing and handle weaponry. In the afternoon, we visited Staffordshire War Museum and explored a trench. The day was completed with a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum where students laid a wreath in remembrance of the lives lost, past and present, as a result of conflict.



CONGRATULATIONS

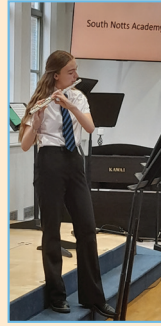
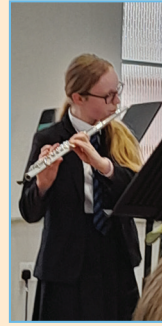
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SNA STAR  
★ May 2022 ★



CONGRATULATIONS

★ Erin Jones ★  
SNA STAR  
★ June 2022 ★





## Music

We have had a brilliant summer term and are really enjoying getting back to what we love most; performing in the community. Most of our musicians performed at the May Music Festival in Radcliffe, many of them performing at a community event for the first time. Feedback from the public was outstanding:

*“as well as performing really well, they were courteous, impeccably behaved and a real credit to your school”*



The samba band performed at the Radcliffe on Trent Infant School Fair and the Radcliffe Carnival. A rock band also performed at RadFest this year! Other events this summer included the Music Department Summer Concert and Picnic in the Park. Our Wednesday after school ensemble spent the day at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire rehearsing with other schools, similar to the event at the Royal Northern Academy of Music which was an amazing experience!

It has been a productive term in curriculum music lessons. Year 10 students have completed another internal unit for the Level 2 Music course achieving outstanding results. Year 8 students have composed their own popular songs and used music technology to create their own music. Year 7 students are challenging themselves in every lesson, learning to read sheet music and playing film music themes on the keyboard. Their determination has been admirable.

Finally, we congratulate the following students on their exam results from this year: Robyn Durst (clarinet grade 2), Emma Farnsworth (clarinet grade 2), Freya Hallam (flute grade 2), Bethany Henderson (clarinet grade 2), Henry Lee (drum kit grade 7), Josh Lee (piano grade 3), Jamie Palmer (clarinet grade 4) and Harriet Staniland (flute grade 1).

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



## Art

SNA Art exhibition was held on Thursday 30th June.

GCSE and A level students shared their incredible work with parents, teachers, children of the school and school associates.

Congratulations to all of our students who took part.

**@FineArt\_SNA**



## Careers

*It's been a jam-packed year for Careers! Here is an overview of the amazing opportunities that our students have enjoyed.*

**Year 7 Themed Week**, International Day, included 3 interactive and informative workshops, with a 'careers' focus - events management, journalism and international news and screen and film all contributed to student learning on this day.

**Year 8 STEM Week** focused on careers throughout the whole week, with a fantastic interactive and informative, whole school careers fair sandwiched in the middle! During the week, students built essential skills throughout the Tyre Challenge enterprise day, they worked with employers from the Public Services sector, we welcomed two inspirational speakers, Polar Preet from the Army and two guest Speakers from Making Gen R, all of whom focused on resilience, determination and achieving your goals. An insightful visit to the Holocaust Museum also took place.

**Year 10 careers Themed Week** will replace work experience this year. An action packed week of workshops and activities took place, focusing on Post 16 pathways, discovering HE and Understanding Values / self awareness, building essential skills and careers exploration, along with an exciting Enterprise Day competition, facilitated by National Careers Challenge. We cannot send students out into the workplace this year, but we welcomed the expertise of so many employers and universities into school throughout the week, particularly during the Mock Interview Day on 1st July. A chance for students to chat with an employer, have a mock interview and receive constructive feedback on their CV. Other workshops focussed on Becoming Work Ready, recruitment processes and money wise.

**Year 12** will be out on work experience this year. All our students are placed with an employer. We are so excited about face to face placements this year. It's been very challenging to get to this point following the pandemic and here's wishing our students a rewarding week in industry. An opportunity to build their confidence and essential employability skills, as well as enhancing their CV.

**Year 12** will also visit the University of Lincoln, take part in two days of UCAS opportunities, and attend a Mock Interview morning with employer volunteers from the world of work.

**Year 13** are awaiting their results. We are proud of our leavers, who have received offers from their first choice university applications. Sharing with you the success of Sophie Kitchener, who has been accepted into the Aston Martin Engineering Degree apprenticeship and Jack Taylor, who will be starting his career as a Chef with Hambleton Hall. In February, Year 13 enjoyed a collaborative Trust Moving On Day, where they networked with other like-minded students, universities and employers for bespoke workshops focusing on Post 18, healthy lifestyles, HE and apprenticeships.

Throughout this year, our employer engagement has been bigger than pre-pandemic, with inspirational speakers,

careers in the curriculum workshops, national careers week assemblies and activities, careers educational visits and workshops, inspirational visits to employers and universities and opportunities to link with new providers, who will continue to work with us next school year.

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

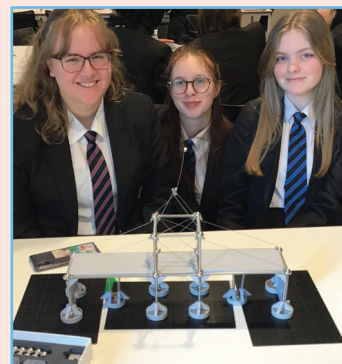


Year 12 students were ambassadors for the school at a recent career's hub South showcase. They became event assistants for the morning and sat on a panel of employers, discussing careers provision in schools and how that aligns to today's modern world of work and the support and skills development that young people need.



▲ National Careers week 2022

▼ Careers Fair 2022



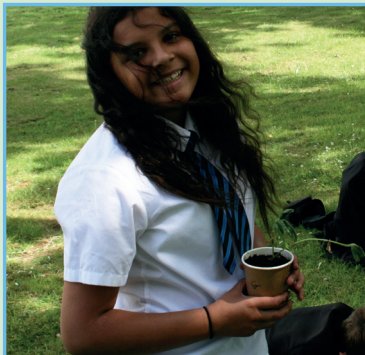
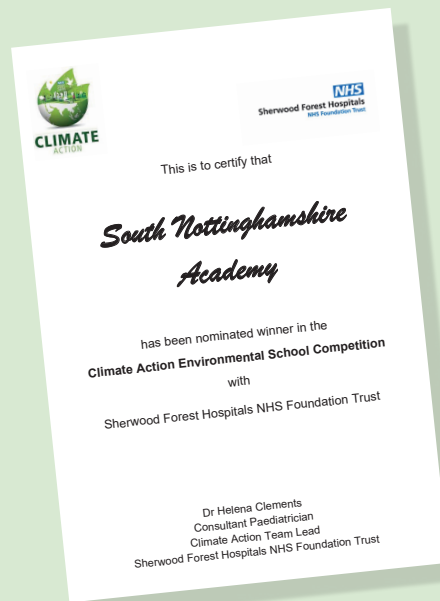
University of Nottingham ▲  
Women in Engineering event  
Year 10 students.





## Eco

The SNA Eco-committee have been working hard towards this year's action plan and were recently rewarded for their efforts with the Climate Action Environmental School Award, an NHS run competition. For the award, the pupils created an excellent presentation showcasing the biodiversity work they have done on the school site over the past 6 months. The pupils' great work continues this month when they will plant out sunflowers they have been growing with Mrs Chandler. Alongside this, the committee have been taking part in the Plastic Free Schools' programme. The school council and the eco-committee have been part of a campaign to change our canteen packaging to more environmentally sustainable alternatives. The pupils have been documenting the changes and the positive impact it is having on reducing single use plastics in school on their online portal.



## Maths

Recently our Year 7 and Year 8 students completed the Junior Maths Challenge and some did well enough to receive an award.

### Year 7

**Gold:** Hayden Matthews (Best in Year) and Will Plant.

### Silver

Sophie Baker  
Orla Simmons  
Aidan Hood  
Rory Lilley-Tams  
Charlotte Murray  
Joseph Wilson  
Joshua Lee

### Bronze

Harry Fensom  
Esme Hicks  
Caitlin Shiel  
Molly Alder  
Holly Powell  
Sonny Hackett  
Harriet Tyreman  
Noah Marr  
Dilwyn Aldridge  
Olive Southall  
Bethany Henderson  
Max Hyman  
Isla McArdle  
Jimmy Dexter

### Year 8

**Gold:** Noemie Horstwood (Best in School).

### Silver

Ella Danby  
Oscar Draycon  
Connor Johnson  
Esme Anderton

### Bronze

Will Detheridge  
Ben Baumber  
Jacob Price  
Daniel Dexter  
Nathan Randall  
Will Taylor  
Juliet Fry  
Libby Sadler  
Jasper Suttle  
Joseph Lang  
Joshua Boyd  
Louis Cook  
Evelyn Draycott  
Juno Bentley





## Sports

### SNA Golf

Congratulations to our SNA golf team who competed against Worksop College in a Stableford competition winning 146 points to 140 points. A great day of Golf all round with lots of smiles.



### Year 8 Jr NBA Team

The Year 8 Basketball team were drafted as the Sacramento Kings this campaign. They played some great Basketball against some tough opposition and narrowly missed out on making it to the knockout stages.



### Year 8 Netball

The Netball team took part in a local tournament this term at The West Bridgford School. Results for the tournament were SNA won 3, drew 1 and lost 2. Winning matches against East Leake, Toothill and Becket, drawing with West Bridgford C.

### Year 7 Dodgeball

Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys who won the Dodgeball competition at East Leake Academy. A great accomplishment and a clean sweep on games beating all schools on the night.



### Year 7 Dodgeball

Congratulations to our Year 7 Girls who won the Dodgeball competition at East Leake Academy. Well done girls for representing SNA in the best possible way.



### SNA Golf

Congratulations to our 6 SNA students who competed in the Nottinghamshire Schools Golf Association Stroke Play Championships. Incredibly there were 40 students in total competing on the day from Year 8-13.



### Year 8/9/10 Athletics

Congratulations to all 41 students who represented the school in the Rushcliffe Athletics Competition. Some excellent results all round, well done to our four students who have been invited to represent the County at the next Athletics competition.



### Year 8 Cricket

Congratulations to our Year 8 Cricket team who have now successfully beaten Nottingham High School B and Becket School to make it to the semi final of the County Schools Cricket competition.



### Year 8 Dodgeball

Congratulations to our Year 8 girls who won the Dodgeball competition. Amazingly getting a whole team out in just 2 minutes!



### Year 8 Dodgeball

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys who came second in the Dodgeball competition. Winning all their group games but unfortunately losing in the final.





## English

## Star Writers At SNA

We are very proud of the creative writing that has been produced this year by all year groups in English. Harriet in Year 7 wrote this descriptive piece as part of the 'Monsters' scheme of work and we think that it is so brilliant that everyone should get a chance to read it!

Enjoy!



## Dreadlock Alien Event

10 Year 7 students who have worked incredibly hard on their reading this year were selected to represent the academy in the Trust Dreadlock Alien event on Thursday 23rd June. The event was immensely entertaining and gave students the opportunity to turn their written poems (based on their favourite novels and characters) into spoken word performances. They did the academy proud and finished the session with an outstanding group performance.

## Well done to all involved!

Owen Clarke	Harry Gardner
Aidan Hood	Logan Young
Isabelle Lowe	Harriet Tyreman
Rueben Poulson	Cyra Gray
Evie Woods	Chris Morley-Tyson

## Creative writing in English by Harriet Tyreman, Year 7

*Night was stood with a powerful posture and the crows perched ominously, conversing with death. They were hired by him to watch, to listen, to wait: clovers caressed our bare ankles; the obsidian fog (which shielded the sun) elicited us a blind run; bats clad in ominous suits patrolled our moves like body-guards; the aged trees silhouettes with their gnarled branches stood tall in secluded corners, whispering words of fear, of hell! Then came the darkness. It wasn't just a representation of night, it was the state of the earth, that embraced every fear and fright. Then the day hid. Darkness now ruled. Patriarchal...*

*Trees held up the fog filled sky with aged, protruding fingers. The inescapable branches coiled and twisted, strangling all vitality that danced in the moonlit sky.*

*Obese*

*Aged*

*Aquiline*

*Secluded*

*Everything its trunk lacked in height, it made up for in width.*

*It was a meeting place for conspirators, and the enormous figure of wisdom and profusion knew all they had to say.*

*Nothing: no-one was acknowledged as safe. Unguarded ....*

*Crows (clad in obsidian from head to toe) possessed an aura of weariness and enigma as they let out strangled cries of pain and convulsive motions. The scent of carcasses awoke them from their slumber. Frustration is an emotion these creatures of death voice most; the ability to explain their feelings, however, is a skill they lack. Arguing, crying, shrieking, cacophonous shrieking. Cacophonous shrieking encased all other noises in a prison of misery, as it reverberated through the whispers. Tumult had arisen. Anarchy...*

*Night is so black, so eerie, it wasn't seen until it was too late. Cascading swiftly, day was enveloped by a dark, gloomy night. Enigmatically, the day was snatched away, as if time had been sped up. The dark was coming closer, like death nearing the fatefully ill. Was it omniscient? Was it oblivious? Opaque and dark and infinite: the air – the neglected night air-shrouded the sun.*

*Impetuous...*

## 2022 Autumn Term

Monday 5th September	First day of the Autumn Term
Thursday 22nd September	Inset Day
Monday 31st October	Return from Autumn Half Term Break

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