



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

WC: 16/10/2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week at NUSA:

Our assemblies focused on our 'House system'. Historically, our house system has really focused on sports events, however we wanted to roll it out across the school to develop a culture where everybody is committed to their house and want to be champions.

I apologise profusely for any issues caused by us having to close to Y7-9 today. We would only normally close as an absolute last resort, but unfortunately, due to the storm, areas of the school flooded meaning we had to section off large chunks of the school to ensure it was safe. We will be open as normal on Monday and will be having works completed to ensure that if we receive heavy rain like this, this doesn't happen again.

We want to launch a new plan with Y11 to ensure that in their final days and weeks at NUSA, they are receiving as much support as possible. I will be writing to Y11 parents separately on Monday with details of this plan once it has been shared with students during an extra assembly on Monday morning.

We held our Sixth Form Open Evening last night and it was great to see so many parents/carers in attendance. We offer a wide variety of courses and I would encourage you to get in touch with Miss Strawson if you would like to enquire about a place in our wonderful Sixth Form – lstrawson@nusa.org.uk

Half term food vouchers:

Free School Meal Vouchers October Half term

Nottingham City are sending to us a voucher of £15 for each student, that is currently eligible for free school meals. This will cover October half term.

For all of those that received free school meal vouchers for the Summer 2023, you will receive another voucher for Huggs, to cover the break and will be sent to the same email address, you do not need to do anything else, relax. Completing the form again where you have received vouchers during Summer 2023, will cause a delay in receiving vouchers, as it impacts the vouchers being processed. So please refrain from doing this.

For those that are eligible, that **did not** receive vouchers, have had additional children join our school since the last vouchers were sent, or that have questions, please read the below.

Q&A

My child is not entitled to free school meals – should I complete the form anyway?

No – the data is checked against that received from the local authority and your response will be deleted and reported.

I received vouchers for Summer 2023, from NUSA – should I still complete the form?

No, please do not apply again where you received vouchers for Summer 2023, you will automatically receive them for October 2023. Reapplying **will** cause a delay in receiving your voucher(s). Rest assured, where you received them for October, you will be included automatically for October. **Unless** you have a child now at NUSA, that has joined year 7 for example. In this scenario you should complete the form, but just for the child you need to add.

My child is eligible for Free School Meals, but I did not receive them from NUSA over Summer 2023, how do I receive them for October 2023?

Please [click here](#) and complete the form. Ensure you input all of your information carefully.

If I need to complete the form, when must I do this by?

Midnight on Monday 23rd October 2023

What is the value of the vouchers?

£15 per week, per eligible child.

I did not receive a voucher previously; can I receive my other vouchers now?

No, vouchers that were available for previous holidays have now expired. We only have vouchers relating to the upcoming break.

When will I receive the vouchers?

Vouchers will be issued before 4pm on Thursday 26th October 2023.

Consultation on NUSA Admissions Arrangements from September 2025:

We have made some proposed amendments to our admissions arrangements and you can view a copy of them by [clicking here](#). If you have any comments on our proposed arrangements, please kindly complete the form [available here](#). You are able to read and make comments on the proposal until Friday 1st December 2023.

Attendance:

I understand that most of Nottingham have a two-week holiday from today. However, we don't and can't wait to welcome your children next week.

For every week missed of school, students in KS3 lose out on:

250 minutes of English
200 minutes of Maths
200 minutes of Science
100 minutes of PE
100 minutes of Spanish
100 minutes of DT
100 minutes of History
100 minutes of Geography
50 minutes of Art
50 minutes of RE
50 minutes of PSHE
Plus, social time with their friends.

Revision guides:

If your child is currently studying for GCSE exams (year 10 or 11) and would like to purchase revision guides at a reduced cost, they can do so by completing the order form and taking it, along with the correct amount of money to Vera in A119. Order forms can be collected from tutors, Mrs Huskisson-Moore or Vera. Revision guides are available for a range of subjects including maths, English, Science, drama, Spanish, sport, history, geography, psychology and catering and are an invaluable tool to support students maximising their progress.

Uniform reminder:

Girls should not be coming to school with long fake nails. They prevent them from being able to participate in PE and DT and this is not acceptable. Please ensure all long nails are removed.

SEND Drop ins:

We offer a number of 'SEND drop ins' throughout the year for parents/carers. These are open to any parent/carer who may want to discuss their child's SEND needs further or parents/carers who have concerns that their children may have SEND needs that are yet to be diagnosed. If you wish to book an appointment in one of the slots below, please contact reception.

Wednesday SEND Drop in dates:
25/10/2023
08/11/2023
29/11/2023

Coming up at NUSA:

Date	Event
27/10/2023	Final day of term. 3pm finish.

Safeguarding corner:

This week, safeguarding corner provides you with information about the HAF offer from Nottingham City in October half term.



OCTOBER HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

STARTS

23RD OCTOBER

TO

2ND NOVEMBER

RUNNING

MON, TUE, WED THUR

3PM - 6PM

YOUTH AND PLAY
BULWELL RIVERSIDE
NG6 8QH

FREE FUN & FOOD



DISHES FEATURING
AFRICAN AND
CARIBBEAN FLAVOURS
TO CELEBRATE BLACK
HISTORY MONTH



MUSIC & DANCE

SPORTS



ARTS



Eligible for Free school meals? If so, check out our FREE Fun and Food offer this half term!

Parents of children in receipt of free school meals can book places using their e-voucher codes which have been distributed directly to parents by E-Vouchers (Wonde).

To book a place, scan the QR code or visit app.holidayactivities.com

Not eligible for FREE School Meals? You can still visit www.asklion.co.uk to find out sessions near you. Some extra places will be available on a first come first basis.

Book on using
The QR Code





Support available for Young people in Nottingham
 These services are really friendly and they will help you!

ITS OK TO NOT BE OK!
CAMHS help with mental Health..
 To get help:
 Text: 07860 002 131
 Phone: 0115 876 4000
 For more info and self-help, find us on
 Instagram: [camhs_nottinghamcity](#)
 YouTube: [CAMHS Nottingham City](#)
 Website: [nottinghamcity.gov.uk/camhs](#)

JIGSAW
 JIGSAW - Nottingham is a support service for young people and families affected by drugs or alcohol. Follow or contact them at:
 Instagram: [cgljigsaw](#)
 Facebook: [CGLJigsaw](#)
 Email: jigsaw@cgl.or.uk

ChildLine 0800 1111
 Childline is for all young people up to 18 years. You can contact them about anything. Whatever your worry - big or small.
 Call FREE on 0800 1111 (Open until 3:30am every night)
 Chat Online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support

Nottingham City Council
 Our Youth Provisions delivers fun activities / Programmes to develop and support young people. We offer 1:1 support and small group sessions.
 To find our centres and our partners provisions, please search www.asklion.co.uk
 Email: playandyouth@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Food Banks
 Visiting a food bank isn't something to be worried about - they are here to help.
 To find your nearest food bank visit www.asklion.co.uk/food
 Or call the families Information Service FREE on 0800 458 4114

kooth
 Whether you're feeling sad, anxious, or finding life hard, know that you are not alone. Kooth provides free, safe and anonymous support.
 Check out
 Instagram: [Kooth_uk](#)
 YouTube: [Kooth_uk](#)
 Facebook: [KoothUK](#)
 Email: info@xenzone.com

HashtagNG
 If you or someone you know is involved or at risk of violence or exploitation, you should confide in someone you trust. It could save a life! Check out www.hashtagng.co.uk or follow:
 Instagram: [_hashtagng](#)
 YouTube: [HashtagNG](#)
 Facebook: [Hashtagnotts](#)
 Snapchat: [hashtagng](#)

Futures
 Futures support young people to explore options and find opportunities like apprenticeships, sixth form, college, university and work.
 Website: futuresforyou.com
 Phone: 0800 858520
 Email: talk@futuresforyou.com

Nottingham Youth Justice Service
 Nottingham Youth Justice Service (YJS) is looking for committed, caring people representing the diverse communities throughout Nottingham who are willing to give their time to challenge youth crime in the city, in the role of a Volunteer Panel Member.
 To find out more about the role and for an application form, please go to
 Phone: 0115 9159400
 Website: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/VolunteerForYJS
 Email: YJS@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Nottingham City Council
 To find out what support you can access from Early Help
 Please search www.Asklion.co.uk or contact your local Family Hub where support and guidance can be offered as appropriate.
 Southglade Access Centre - 0115 8761890
 Broxtowe Family Hub - 0115 8763888
 Meadow's Family Hub - 0115 8761320
 Email: CityWideEarlyHelpTeams@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

NHS Nottingham University Hospitals
 Nottingham University Hospitals and Health Promotion clinical services are set up for young people aged 13 - 19 to get free, confidential, help, support and advice about sex and relationships, resisting peer pressure, sexuality, contraception, STIs, pregnancy testing and emergency contraception
 Phone: 07814 678 460
 Website: aycnottingham.co.uk

Have a wonderful weekend
 Emma Howard
 Headteacher