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### **Nottingham City Pupils Present Trains fit for the Future to the Transport Select Committee at The Houses of Parliament**

Ten young representatives from the Nottingham City Primary Parliament presented evidence to the Transport Select Committee's inquiry into 'Trains Fit for the Future'.

Eight city primaries were represented: Djanogly Northgate, Dovecote, Haydn, Middleton, Rufford, Snape Wood, Sneinton St Stephen's and Victoria.

In Committee Room Number 5 in the Houses of Parliament, overlooking the River Thames, the students gave an extremely impressive account of themselves and their schools, in front of six MPs and select committee staff.

Committee chair Lilian Greenwood MP was effusive in her praise and thanks for the quality of the presentations and discussions, and recognised the hard work that had gone into the preparations by fellow Primary Parliament students. [Read more](#)

Primary Parliament returns to The Council House this November. You can reserve your school's place now. [2019/20 Dates and booking](#)

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### **Urgent and important stories...!**

**Welcome to all teachers joining Nottingham Schools** - If you are an NQT working in a maintained, academy, secondary or special school in Nottingham we would like to invite you to a free welcome event at Nottingham Conference Centre on Wednesday 18th September. [Event registration & more info](#) This event will introduce you to working in Nottingham and how the local [Appropriate Body](#) can support you. Please note if you are a Headteacher or Induction Tutor, it isn't too late to [register your NQT](#) for this year's induction programme.

**Staff Absence Insurance** - Nottingham City Council have been through a tender and to seek best value staff absence insurance for schools and academies. As of 1st September 2019 the tendered supplier is SAS (Schools Advisory Service). By using the NCC contracted supplier you meet your financial regulations without getting multiple quotes. Frances will be outlining the structure of this new contract at the next school and academy administrative meeting on 24th September at Loxley House. If

you have questions contact:  
frances.rowland@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

**Keeping children safe in education** - New statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment. [more info](#)

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## Important but not urgent stories...!

**School Zig Zag Parking** - A vital aspect of encouraging children to walk is their safety. An important part of this is to keep the School Zig Zags clear from all vehicles during restricted hours. The hours of restriction across Nottingham City Schools are 8:30 - 9:30am and 2:30 - 4:00pm. Between the restricted hours of 8:30 - 9:30am and 2:30 - 4:00pm No vehicles are permitted to load/unload or park on the zig zags.

**Anti-Idling Legislation** - To help protect you and your child's health Nottingham City Council will be enforcing 'anti-idling' legislation and issuing fixed penalty notices to drivers that idle their vehicles' engine whilst parked/waiting at the kerbside anywhere in the City. Please park considerately and remember to switch off your engine.

**Air Quality Reports** - For more information about air pollution and its health effects please see: [Nottingham JSNA Air Quality and Health Report 2019](#) [2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report](#)

**GDPR Compliant Blue Bags** - Lockable bags should be used when colleagues need to transfer/transport hard copies of personal data securely. They are lockable and have the facility for you to label your return address in case of loss. We now have some new stock which are £12 each plus postage. You are welcome to pick them up from us to avoid paying for postage. Please email frances.rowland@nottinghamcity.gov.uk to place your order or ask questions.

**GDPR overview training for all staff** – Your school has an obligation to give all staff GDPR training annually. One of our data protection specialists can visit your school and give an overview of this legislation. Most schools and academies opt for the one hour overview at £250, this covers the basics but doesn't give any time for Q&A. For more in depth you can choose two hour GDPR overview at £450 or three hours at £700. If you would like to book or enquire about a session in this next school year contact frances.rowland@nottinghamcity.gov.uk 8764601.

**HR Advisory Service: Autumn Term Training Courses** - The Schools' HR team have put together a suite of workshops for the autumn term looking at key HR policies and processes, designed to support Headteachers to fulfil their people management roles as smoothly as possible. [more info](#)

**Educational Visit Coordinator Training** - For Nottingham City Council Children and Adults establishments, Educational Visit Coordinators (EVC) must be nominated by the Head of

establishment. Every establishment must have a nominated EVC. It is recommended, by DfE, that Academies follow this best practice. Training available on 17th and 19th September. [more info](#)

**Emotional Health and Resilience Network - Autumn Term Meeting** - Thursday 3rd October, 4:00pm-5:30pm, College Street Centre (no charge). Staff from City Primary, Secondary and Special Schools welcome. Those wishing to attend need to confirm attendance by email to: [claire.trott@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:claire.trott@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

**DAISI: Support for new Ofsted Inspection Framework** - The new framework starts in September 2019. DAISI have created a [video guide](#) to the new inspections and a [blog post](#) exploring the changes. There are also free video training courses from DAISI covering [ASP](#) and [IDSR](#).

**Nottingham Citycare 0-19 Health Improvement Support: RSE for Primary and Secondary Schools** - A reminder of the ongoing offer of free Relationship and Sex Education support for pupils. This support is ongoing and is free for all Nottingham City schools. [more info](#) or email [vanessa.mcfarlane@nhs.net](mailto:vanessa.mcfarlane@nhs.net)

**FAO Heads of Science** - Inspired by the annual Spring into Science event for Nottingham city schools and academies at Nottingham University would like to see if there is value in providing something for teachers in schools. This would be free in-school physics subject workshops for non-physics specialist teachers. We are particularly interested in helping teachers improve their subject knowledge and confidence in their non-specialist areas. [more info](#)

**Funding for International School Exchanges** - Schools in England can apply for grants of up to £15,000 to take pupils aged 11 and above overseas. The funding is aimed at schools with a high proportion of pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and with above-average numbers of pupil premium students. The funding is being made available through the British Council's International Exchanges programme and the visit can take place any time up until 19th April 2020. [more info](#)

**HPV Vaccine could prevent over 100,000 cancers** - Estimates suggest that the HPV vaccine programme will lead to the prevention of over 64,000 cervical cancers and nearly 50,000 non-cervical cancers by 2058. From September this year, boys in school year 8 will be offered the HPV vaccine for the first time. [more info](#)

**DfE Press Release: New drive to continue boosting standards in schools** - New measures announced to continue raising standards in schools, including lifting the exemption on outstanding school inspections and more support for struggling schools. [more info](#)

**Ofsted Guidance: Inspecting schools: guide for maintained and academy schools** - This guide gives a summary of what

schools should expect and what they need to do as part of an Ofsted inspection. [more info](#)

**Ofsted Guidance: Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills** - Guidance for Ofsted inspectors to use when inspecting safeguarding under the education inspection framework. [more info](#)

**What's changing at Ofsted in autumn 2019?** - You may notice some changes to some of the Ofsted services and GOV.UK pages. Here's a round-up of these changes. [more info](#)

**Ofsted Newsletter: Schools** - A copy of information for schools from Ofsted's monthly newsletter. [more info](#)

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**Equation GREAT Project** - This project enables primary school children to gain knowledge about healthy relationships, to explore what domestic abuse is and to know where to go for help and support. It is delivered in an age appropriate, fun and interactive way. [more info](#)

**Council for Learning Outside the Classroom Conference 2019** The conference draws together the diverse range of people leading in the practice and provision of the full breadth of learning beyond the classroom across the UK. [more info](#)

**Ofsted Parent View toolkit for schools** - This updated toolkit explains Ofsted Parent View. Schools can use it to encourage parents and carers to share their experiences of their child's school. [more info](#)

**Inter Faith Week 2019** - Inter Faith Week is a great opportunity for pupils to explore inter faith issues and for schools to build relationships with faith groups in their community. [more info](#)

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### Welcome from John Dexter, Director of Education

Welcome back colleagues, hope you had a good break and can still just about feel the benefit. Here at NCC we wish you a successful year ahead in your schools and continue to thank you for all you do for Nottingham City children. We look forward to working together in partnership and meeting with you, doing our best to overcome the challenges facing us.

There were various sets of results into schools over the summer and we can discuss these as we meet together, to challenge and support each other, just as you will have pored over them and tried to find out what has worked well and what needs improvement.

In the summer I visited the Yorkshire sculpture park and saw this display... "All Schools should be.....Art schools". It made me think what would be our ambition and wish? "All Nottingham schools should be....." and in true twitter fashion answer in a couple of words... [read full message](#)

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## Urgent and important stories...!

**Congratulations Victoria Primary School** - Victoria Primary School in the Meadows is celebrating starting the new school year with a new Ofsted rating! The former Riverside Primary School which was rated inadequate by Ofsted in 2014 received a "Good with Outstanding Features" following inspection on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June. Head of School Russell Gray is delighted that the dedication and effort of the staff team has created something the community can be genuinely proud of.

Cllr Nicola Heaton said "This is excellent news for Victoria Primary and the Meadows. It reflects the hard work of the Head of School and all the staff. I'm thrilled that OFSTED have recognised the excellent education that Victoria pupils are receiving, and hope this will provide the children and school with a strong launching pad for the future."

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**New RSE Support for Schools in 2019-20** - RSE Consultant Catherine Kirk has developed a wide ranging programme supporting colleagues to deliver effective RSE at primary and secondary, free of charge for Nottingham City schools. [more info](#)

**Robin Hood Energy Free Oak Trees** - As part of their commitment to helping Nottingham become the first carbon neutral city in the UK by 2028, Robin Hood Energy want to give local schools free English Oak Trees to help absorb CO2 and make Nottingham greener. If you would like 1 or a few Oak Trees they can bring the trees to you and help you and your pupils plant them. If you are interested please email: [RHEMarketing@robinhoodenergy.co.uk](mailto:RHEMarketing@robinhoodenergy.co.uk)

**Teaching and Learning Support for Schools in 2019-20** - The training programme from Primary Teaching and Learning is designed to enhance subject knowledge in key areas of the curriculum, with our first course of the year taking place on 19th September. [more info](#)

**Youth Mental Health First Aid** - These 2 or 1 day nationally accredited courses continue to be popular and very well received. Due to local subsidy they are offered without charge to Nottingham City school staff. [Course dates & booking](#) or contact EHWB  
Consultant [Jane.Hyland@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Hyland@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

**New EAL Support for Schools in 2019-20** - The central training programme from IDEAL provides school with the expertise needed to support EAL pupils' learning. [more info](#)

**Post 16 Funding** - Many of our schools with Sixth forms locally have been using the Pro16plus team to help them with issues over the post 16 funding. Their CEO Paul Hanks is running a free workshop for schools at Ashfield school if colleagues are



interested in attending contact their admin Julie on  
Admin@pro16plus.com [more info](#)

**Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019** - The final version of KCSIE was published last week and is now in force. [more info](#)

**Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills 2019** - A new version of Inspecting Safeguarding in early years was published by Ofsted last week in order to reflect the new KCSIE. : [more info](#)

**Headteacher Briefing** - The next Headteacher Breifing take place on 26th September 2019 at Nottingham Racecourse, 8.30am to 09.45am. There will then be a meeting for NST members from 10.30am-1.00pm. Please confirm attendance by emailing TLbookings@nottinghamcity.gov.uk [agenda & info](#)

**Invitation to nominate for Young Diverse Achievers' Awards 2019** - Awards are given to children and young people who have excelled either at school or in their communities during an awards ceremony on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. [letter to schools](#) [nomination form](#)

**Ofsted School inspection update: academic year 2019 to 2020** - Updates for inspectors and stakeholders with the latest information and guidance about Ofsted's inspection work in schools. [more info](#)

**Ofsted: Inspecting schools: guide for maintained and academy schools** - This guide gives a summary of what schools should expect and what they need to do as part of an Ofsted inspection. [more info](#)

**Teachers Forum: The Assembly** - We would love to welcome you to our Teachers Forum, whether you know us already or are new to Nottingham Playhouse, this is a fantastic chance to find out more about our plans, and to tell us lots about your own ideas and needs as a teacher and as a school. Thu 26 Sept at 6pm. To book your place email rebeccah@nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

**Nottingham Playhouse: Offer for Schools** - Private Peaceful By Michael Morpurgo 27th March - 11th April 2020. The Peaceful brothers, Tommo and Charlie, have a tough rural childhood facing the death of their father, financial hardship and a cruel landlord. Their fierce loyalty to each other pulls them through, until one day they both fall for the same girl, then the Great War comes. Schools tickets are £12 each; one teacher goes free with every 10 tickets purchased, with post-show interactive Q&As. [more info](#)

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**Teacher Development Fund Opens for Applications** - Through the TDF, primary schools working in partnership with other primary schools as well as arts / cultural organisations can apply for grants of up to £150,000 to develop the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to support the delivery of effective arts-based teaching and learning opportunities in the classroom, and to embed learning through the arts in the curriculum. The closing date for applications is 29th November 2019. [more info](#)

**Caterpillar Engineering Taster Day** - This event is specifically aimed at Gifted and Talented pupils in Science and Maths who will participate in a kit building session in our Electronics lab which they will be able to take home! Suitable for Year 9-10, on 20th November 2019 & 29th January 2020. [more info](#)

**CREST Bronze Award - Chemical Engineering Day** - School students will take part in an interactive workshop in our Chemical Engineering laboratories to fulfil the practical element of a Bronze Crest Award from the British Science Association. Suitable for Year 8, on 20th November 2019, 22nd January and 11th March 2020. [more info](#)

**Engineering Christmas Lecture 2019: The 50th Anniversary of Engineers Landing People on the Moon** - This year's annual Christmas lecture will be presented by Jez Turner and Tom Westby and entitled "The 50th Anniversary of Engineers Landing People on the Moon". Suitable for Year 8-10 on 18th December 2019. [more info](#)

**Holocaust Educational Trust's 'Lessons from Auschwitz' Project** - Since 1999, over 39,500 students and teachers have taken part in the Holocaust Educational Trust's ground-breaking *Lessons from Auschwitz* Project. Based on the premise that 'hearing is not like seeing', this four-part course - which includes two seminars and a one-day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau - explores the universal lessons of the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance. Thanks to generous Government support, we are able to offer places at a cost of just £59 per participant. [more info](#)

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**Whitemoor Academy Accredited as an Artsmark Gold Award School** - Congratulations to Whitemoor Academy on their recent accreditation as an Artsmark Gold School.



Artsmark said: "By seizing on every opportunity available to you when it comes to the Arts, you have improved the arts and cultural experiences for your pupils. The employment of specialist teachers in the Arts and the sharing of your work with other schools demonstrates your commitment to provide rich experiences for your pupils."



Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. Artsmark provides a clear and flexible framework for teachers and schools leaders to embed creativity across the whole curriculum and address school improvement priorities. [Find out more](#)

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## Urgent and important stories...!

**Funding Changes: Eligible 2 year-old funding and 3 and 4 year-old Nursery Education** - The LA is making changes to the system for processing eligible 2-year-old funding and 3 and 4-year-old Nursery Education funding (15 and 30 hours) claims for all schools (Headcount). During autumn term 2019 we will be holding briefing sessions to ensure all schools are fully aware of how to submit claims through the Portal and will trial the new system in a small number of schools. [more info](#)

**NQT Welcome Event Reminder** - A reminder for NQTs that *Welcome to Nottingham: The Essential Guide to the Induction Programme* takes place tomorrow (September 18th) at 9am at Nottingham Conference Centre and is free to attend. [more info](#)

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**Inspiring EYFS training opportunities for 2019-20** - The Early Years 19 -20 training programme supports those new to the EYFS to those looking to improve on areas such as F1, F2 and Year 1 Phonics, F1 and F2 Maths and/or Interaction. They have sourced and commissioned new courses that will explore how practitioners can support their diverse local communities and develop children's confidence. [more info](#)

**Breaking The Cycle** - Designed as an early intervention tool for 9 to 17-year-olds. Culminating in the production of a Positive Behaviour Action Plan the course addresses the myths and stereotypes that create prejudice and encourages participants to think about the effects of their behaviour on themselves, the victim and others. [more info](#)

**How to look after your mental health** - It's important to take care of yourself and get the most from life. Below are 10 practical ways to look after your mental health. Making simple changes to how you live doesn't need to cost a fortune or take up loads of time. Anyone can follow this advice. Why not start today? [more info](#)

**DfE Consultation: Mandatory minimum per pupil funding levels in 5-16 school funding** - The DfE is seeking views on how local authorities should implement the national funding formula's mandatory minimum per pupil funding levels in local funding formulae. [more info](#)

**DfE Launches Character Awards** - In recognition of the work in schools to help young people build character and resilience, the Department for Education will be relaunching the Character Awards, which highlight innovative or outstanding programmes that develop a wide variety of positive character traits. Schools will be able to enter in October, ahead of the awards ceremony in March 2020. [more info](#)

**School Grants to Promote Physics** - UK schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £600 for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and engineering to pupils aged 5-19. Grants can support a wide range of projects such as school-based science weeks, extracurricular activities, science clubs, careers event or a visit from a working physicist or engineer. [more info](#)

**Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas** - Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational work with children and young people in disadvantaged areas. The British & Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) normally makes grants for educational projects totalling about £600,000 in any one year. The closing date for applications is the 31st December 2019. [more info](#)

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**Ancient Egypt Talks in Schools** - Would you like to have The Society for the Study of Ancient Egypt members attend your school and give a talk about Ancient Egypt? [more info](#)

**Schools Ice Skating Programme at The National Ice Centre** - This 1-week taster is available to all schools that have not taken part in our 6-week schools ice skating programme before at the National Ice Centre - all you are required to do is cover the cost of the transport. There is no cost to the school for the ice skating and coaching element of the visit. [more info](#)

**Nottingham Contemporary Exhibition Launch** - From mod fashion, to electro music and club culture - you might be surprised by how the Bauhaus art school has influenced British Pop Culture. [more info](#)

**New Art Exchange Learning Programme Launch** - On 3rd October 2019, New Art Exchange invites teachers, young people, artist educators, and anybody else with a passion for art education to attend the launch of the new Learning Programme. [more info](#)

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### **Let The Sheriff's Challenge 2019/20 Commence!**

The Sheriff's Challenge is a series of activities for primary school-age children encouraging them to walk, run, swim and cycle. Each academic year different challenges are set which will encompass 'joint goals' for schools to cumulatively reach; but will also include individual pupil targets.

Every year, more than 40,000 people run the 26.2 mile London Marathon. Schools have been set the challenge to cumulatively walk or run 40,000 miles this academic year! [find out more](#)

Pupils are set the individual challenge to walk or run 26.2 miles ...& logging activity on the MyChallenge App will work this all out for you!

#### How do we record progress?

Download and use the free *MyChallenge App* for iOS or android to record laps on your phone or tablet.

The *MyChallenge App* is available to download from:

- The App Store
- Google Play

- Web App - [here](#)

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**National Poetry Day 3rd October** - National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry taking place every October. Each year there's a different theme and in 2019 the theme is Truth.

National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. 2019 is the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Day – expect the celebrations to run all year long.

National Poetry Day isn't bounded by just one day: it's a storehouse of ideas and activities free to use all year round. Explore the site below for ways to celebrate with poetry in school. [more info](#)

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**Emotional Health and Resilience Network** - The next Emotional Health and Resilience Network takes place on 3rd October at College Street and is free to attend. [more info](#)

**NQT Registration Deadline Reminder** - The deadline for NQT Registration is 5pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. There will be an additional charge for any registrations received after this date. [register here](#)

**DfE Guidance for schools on leaving the EU** - The purpose of this letter is to make sure that you have seen the published Brexit guidance for schools, and to highlight the key actions that local authorities, academy trusts and schools need to take before the UK leaves the EU on 31 October. [more info](#)

**DfE Guidance: Statutory policies for schools and academy trusts** - Guidance on the policies and documents that governing bodies and proprietors of schools must have. [more info](#)

**Ofsted Research and Analysis: Knife crime: safeguarding children and young people in education** - Ofsted carried out a research project on knife crime in education. This report sets out our findings and recommendations. [more info](#)

**Teaching Grammar in Years 1-3** - On 2nd October *Teaching Grammar in Years 1-3* unpicks the National Curriculum grammar expectations for the early primary years, equipping teachers with the subject knowledge they need to teach grammar with skill and confidence. [more info](#)

**Number Fact Fluency at KS1** - According to the National Curriculum, pupils in Y1 should 'memorise and reason with number bonds to 10 and 20 in several forms'. As many children rely on counting on approaches for additive root facts, which research tells us is associated with low attainment, this course will offer practical ideas for ensuring children develop strategies for deriving facts more efficiently on 8th October. [more info](#)

**EAL Coordinator Training 2nd October** - Part one covers the role and responsibility of the EAL Coordinator. It will provide delegates with the ability to develop a policy managing induction, assessment, strategies and resources to support EAL learners. [more info](#)

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**Celebrate and inspire your students at WE Day Community: Nottingham** - Join us on Tuesday 5 November at The Royal Concert Hall Nottingham for a free day of inspirational speeches and live music performances. See how other Nottingham schools have benefitted from *WE Day* in this [short video](#). [Register your school](#) now for free tickets

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