

Djanogly City Academy Spotlight

Issue 7 - December 2025



Message from the Principal

As the autumn term draws to a close, I write to you with a tremendous sense of pride in our school community. This term has been marked by both exceptional academic achievements and a vibrant array of extracurricular activities that highlight the dedication and talent of our scholars and staff.

We began the year celebrating last summer's outstanding GCSE and A Level results, which not only represented a high point in scholar attainment but also paved the way for our highest ever numbers entering the sixth form. We are particularly delighted that a record number of the ‘class of 2025’ students have progressed to esteemed red-brick universities, a testament to their hard work and our rigorous academic support.

The term's academic life has been rich and varied. Our Year 11 and 13 scholars have diligently prepared for and completed their mock exams, crucial stepping stones towards their final qualifications. We have hosted successful Year 11 and Year 7 meet the tutor evenings and a Year 11 progress evening, fostering strong home-school partnerships. Academic trips have included a memorable Year 11 English trip to see the powerful production of Blood Brothers, a Year 11 visit to the National Justice Museum, and essential Year 11 geography fieldwork. Our sixth formers broadened their horizons with a cultural trip to Berlin, while our Year 12 geography students undertook a challenging residential field-trip to Snowdonia. Our Year 7 also engaged in their first piece of geography fieldwork.

We are delighted to have welcomed prospective scholars to the school through our successful taster sessions for Year 6 pupils and popular Year 6 open evening, as well as a dedicated sixth form open evening for those considering their post-16 options with us.

Scholar leadership remains a cornerstone of our ethos, and we were proud to inaugurate our new scholar leadership team, who have already begun to make a significant impact. We also congratulate our Year 13 scholars on completing their challenging Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition.

Beyond the classroom, the performing arts have shone brightly. Scholars benefited from inspiring drama masterclasses delivered by West End actors, honing their performance skills. The social calendar was rounded off with a lively Year 7 disco, and the term culminated in an amazing Christmas concert, showcasing the incredible talent within our school.

As we look forward to the new year, I wish all our families a restful and joyful Christmas break.

Andy Smith
Principal

Spotlight on Year 7

Year 7 have had another productive half term of learning, building relationships and finding their feet at secondary school!

Scholars enjoyed exploring the surrounding areas architecture as part of their Geography fieldwork trips, analysing the historic factories nearby and creating designs and plans for what they could be repurposed as to serve the local community. Their conduct in the community was excellent and their creative solutions to unused buildings ranged from hotels, community centres, shopping areas, schools and much more!

Many year 7 scholars also worked hard with the drama and music department to create acts for the Christmas Concert! Hours of preparation, rehearsals and creativity went into an excellent evening showcasing their talents on the stage.

The students have also engaged with a wide range of enrichment clubs, with scholars learning French, practising their acting skills and finetuning their boxing. Chess club has become our most popular enrichment club ever with an incredible turnout every Thursday, so much so that it is offered at both lunch-time and after school to accommodate for the amount of scholar interest!



We have also been working hard with the student committee to plan our Christmas Disco in the final week of term. Scholars will be supporting us to decorate the theatre for our theme 'Starry Night' and we are looking forward to seeing everybody's dance moves!

Overall it has been an incredibly successful period for the year group and we are very proud of the hard work they are putting into their learning, as well as the friendships they are building and the extra skills they're developing.

We wish all of your families restful festive break and are looking forward to seeing our students again in 2026!













Year 7 Team
Mrs Stephenson- Lynch and Miss Walledge

Year 7 GRAD Day





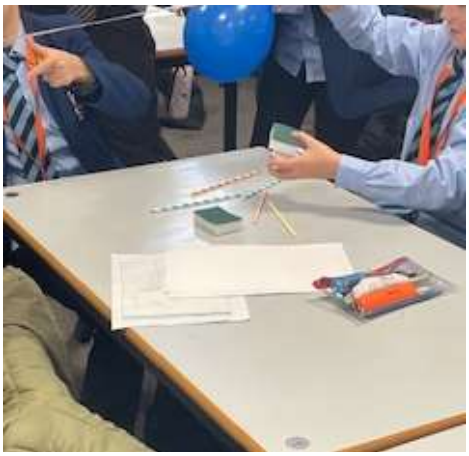
On 8th December 2025, our Year 7 cohort took part in their first GRAD Day at Djanogly City Academy—a day designed to deepen scholars' understanding of our GRAD Values and strengthen the fantastic relationships they've begun to form during their first term with us.

Throughout the day, scholars took part in four exciting activities: Cargo Egg Drop, Spaghetti Bridge Building, Paper Plane Design, and Multi-Sport. They spent the day working within their values groups alongside their values teacher. As these groups are the first people they see and work with each morning, having the chance to collaborate with them for a full day was a wonderful experience for our scholars!

As scholars remained in their values groups, they were also able to compete in a house competition, earning valuable points for their houses. The winners of the Multi-Sport activity—and overall champions of the day—were Sherwood House. **Well done, Sherwood!**

We ended the day with a lively and joyful awards ceremony, celebrating the winners from each activity. Across the whole day, scholars developed a wide range of skills that they will carry forward throughout their lives.

We are already looking forward to our Careers GRAD Day in April, when scholars will have the opportunity to meet a variety of employers from across the public sector!













Spotlight on Year 8













I am pleased to say Y8 have settled into Gregory boulevard amazingly. You have displayed maturity, kindness, manners and exceptional standards, myself and Ms Tarry are so proud of you all, well done!

What has been happening to make you all so great?
For starters, let us celebrate our blue and red ties winners, well done. Our stars of the week selected by the values tutors and the zero negatives. You are all amazing!



We then have our lunchtime activities, developing on from Y7, football has expanded from two small courts to the wonderful astro allowing more of you to get involved which is wonderful to see. Y8 with their own referees, Ashir, Lawand and Krystian, along with our game organisers and daily players, Halim, Numan, Nameer, Abel and David, just to name a few from the 12-aside on each pitch.

Table tennis is now popular with the scholars and Basketball is on the increase. All of this is great to see as a PE teacher as well as their Achievement Lead!



Continuing on the sporting theme we have the success of Tuesday and Thursday Interhouse football led by Mr Aldsworth and Mr Imran, thank you both!

The results table at present has Newstead in the lead followed by Clumber, joint third Attenborough and Wollaton, followed by Highfields and final all on the same score Rufford, Sherwood and Thorsby.

There are still many more games to play so anything can happen with these results, well done to all the scholars getting involved.







Spotlight on Year 8

And its not just me and Ms Tarry that think Y8 are the BEST…here are just a few shout outs from other staff.



- *'A huge shout out to my top gardeners Aditya and Saimon who have been to every garden club this year. Between them, they have planted many plants, painted garden furniture, raked up the leaves and more. Well done!' (Ms. Boaler)*
- *8P Drama '… consistently amazing, thrown themselves into every task sent their way. The work they have produced has been absolutely brilliant. They are always respectful, ask great questions and work incredibly hard. Honorable mention for the emerging directors in the group: Millie, Ianis, Nameer, Daisy, Renad & Faith. Their leadership skills have been so impressive. I have also really enjoyed Sefora's prop designing skills! (Ms. Kean)*
- *'8R Science has been amazing, and my 8H values group' Mr. Ikokwo*
- *'… 8MA/D for settling well into Y8 and for the consistent progress they've been making. They've approached new maths concepts with determination, resilience and a positive attitude, and it's been great to see their perseverance.' (Ms. Hussain)*
- *'Y8 have been an absolute pleasure to teach this term, and I wish them all a happy holiday and a well-earned break'.' (Mr. Johnson)*



Final message from the Y8 Team…
Have a fabulous break, be safe, happy and kind and see you all in January 2026
Merry Christmas, from **Ms. Fewkes & Ms. Tarry**

Spotlight on Year 9

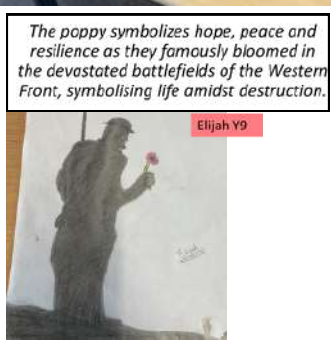
Once again, we celebrate the wonderful work, attitude and culture of our year 9s at Djanogly City Academy. We are immensely proud!






An amazing new start to their new year with the launch of 'Oliver' auditions, where many of the main parts have gone to our very talented year 9 scholars, through to the 'Hockley Hustle' musical event, which also saw many of our talented year 9s performing on stage.





Our scholars have represented the academy remarkably with their tributes for Remembrance Day. They have produced excellent pieces showing their respect. Well done!

This term we saw our finest top 30 scholars having gained the highest GRAD coins celebrating their success and winning an extra sports session for Fire Sale week and we are looking forward to our top 6 scholars enjoying a trip to the ice rink as a well done for all their hard work this term.




We look forward to a fantastic new year where we can continue to grow, develop and succeed.

Year 9 Team
Miss Devi and Mr Moran

Spotlight on Year 10

Our year 10 scholars have been leading the way at Gregory Boulevard as the oldest scholars on site - their continued hard work and positivity around the Academy has helped provide a strong learning environment that the younger year groups can also enjoy, learn in and continue to progress and flourish.

The scholars have all started their GCSE Options courses and have been working through them since we returned in September. There have been some amazing and wonderful examples of the exceptional talent the scholars possess.

In Art, they have been creating outstanding portfolio work on Monsters and Mythical creatures, producing new recipes and dishes in Catering and Hospitality, Photoshopping and learning new techniques in Photography, studying Psychology, Sociology, History of Britain - including the Battle of Hastings, Climate change in Geography, Debating Ethics in Religious Studies, Reading A Christmas Carol and creative writing in English, Rates of reaction, Bioenergetics, Electricity and Forces in GCSE Science and super complicated equations and Algebra in Maths, learning to play new musical instruments, write music and create dramatic performances and scenes to then perform in front of live audiences and much, much more!!
Our Year 10 scholars also represented the academy exceptionally well in Football and Basketball tournaments.

We all look forward to having a nice break and rest over Christmas, ready to re-energise and return in the new year to carry on the fantastic work the scholars have done this term.

Year 10 Team
Mr Daviesand Miss Blake

Spotlight on Year 11

Year 11 have taken part in a range of activities throughout this term and have consistently shown the qualities of responsible, mature young adults.

We began the term with a visit to the Theatre Royal to watch Blood Brothers, a core text in their GCSE English Literature studies. The behaviour of our scholars was exemplary, and we received numerous positive comments about both our school and the year group.

The entire cohort has also completed their first round of Year 11 mock examinations. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, discipline and determination they demonstrated - attending afterschool interventions, revising hard, and giving their full effort during this important milestone on the road to their final exams.

All scholars took part in our Post-16 Marketplace event! Representatives from local colleges, apprenticeship providers and our own DCA Post-16 were on site. Scholars had the opportunity to gather information, speak with current students, and explore the options available to them as they plan their next steps.

With the festive season approaching, we encourage Year 11 to balance well-earned rest with continued commitment to their studies. The next few weeks are crucial, and maintaining good routines will ensure that students finish the term strongly.

We hope all Year 11 scholars and their families have a wonderful and restful break. We look forward to seeing you in 2026!

Year 11 Team
Mr Arnold and Miss Ray



Year 11 Dates to Remember

Mock exams 2
Monday 26th of January 2026
to Friday 6th February 2026

Official exams
Monday 4th of May 2026
to Friday the 19th of June 2026

DCA House Update



Firstly, We would like to again say congratulations to **Newstead House** for being the first ever Djanogly City Academy House Champion last year! Their consistency across all areas of Attendance, Punctuality, GRAD, Enrichment and House Competitions was excellent but were pushed close towards the end, especially by Rufford House.

So far this year it's been great to see other houses take the spotlight in the early stages of this year's competition.

- **Sherwood House** have been the best for attendance and punctuality to school.
- **Highfields House** have surged ahead in terms of GRAD across the entire year, but with Attenborough House very close.
- **Wollaton House** has come out on top in Sport Competitions with them winning both competitions at Sherwood Rise and Gregory Boulevard.
- **Highfields House** and **Rufford House** are very close in who has the most scholars attending an enrichment or academic intervention afterschool.

A special mention to all of Year 11 here who had the most of any year group in attendance to these opportunities, showing how serious they are taking the preparation for next summer's exams. We will all be hoping 2026 is a very successful year for all our year 11's!

The final category is House Competitions, one house is massively in first place, **Rufford House**. The reason for this is their Year 7's and 8's won all the Reading and Spelling Bee competitions in the first half term, apart from one which **Thoresby House** won.

Below are the current Top 3 but there is a long way to go and many points to be won!

1st = Highfields 131 points
2nd = Sherwood 130 points
3rd = Rufford 125 points



Spotlight on DCA Scholar Attendance

Top Attending Scholars Win Vouchers for Goose Fair

Working alongside the City Council and Showmen's Guild, we have been able to, for a second year running, run our 'Attendance Fire sale' for the duration of Goose Fair 2025.

This is an exciting time of the year for Nottingham, we managed to pull together to be able to show further understanding to our scholars, recognising their interests, and providing them with an incentive to attend school, whilst closely linked to the well-known event.

Scholars were in receipt of the following incentives to ensure their attendance and punctuality expectations were met.

Each scholar achieved 25 grad coins for the week and received our special attendance postcards for attending school every day and being on time
Free Goose Fair Ride Tokens!
Scholars' were also entered into a raffle to stand a chance of winning Goose Fair tokens which were provided by Showmen's Guild.

Well done to all scholars, for the 2nd year in a row we have seen an increase in both Attendance and Punctuality over the week, all whilst working towards Recognition, in the form of Grad coins, Postcards, and – for the lucky 50 below, A Free Ride!



If you missed out this year on a Free Ride, don't panic – We will be back again with more tokens for Goose Fair 2026!

DCA Attendance Mentoring Programme Supporting Scholars

Djanogly City Academy are proud to be working alongside Etio, supporting our scholars to improve their attendance by attending school more regularly, ensuring collaboration and communication is at the heart of our Academy and the programme relationship.

etio Attendance Mentoring Pilot Expansion (AMPE)
Delivered on behalf of Department for Education

Absence from school can significantly impact the attainment and life outcomes of young people, which is why we are so passionate about this programme and our ability to contribute to the breaking down of barriers to attendance by working with persistently absent pupils through a targeted, one to one mentoring approach.

Since starting with us at DCA, our lovely Attendance Mentors, Becky & Rachel, have provided support to 64 of our wonderful scholars already! A huge well done to those who have engaged in the programme so far. All have been rewarded with a small prize and a certificate at the end of their 'Wave' for taking part. We have a further 64 scholars about to begin their journey with Becky & Rachel following the return in January 2026!

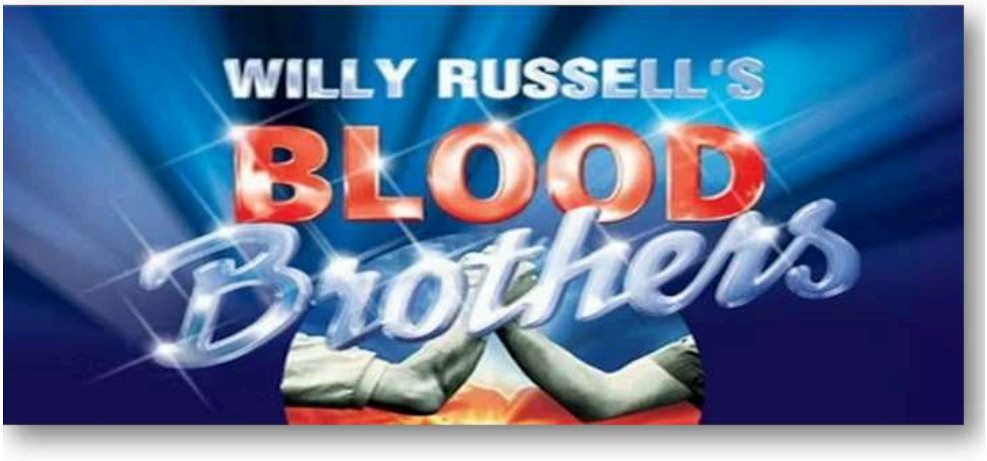
We have this support in place for young people until 2027 – 2028, so many of our scholars will have the opportunity to work with the mentors and reap the benefits. Once scholars have been carefully selected to take part in the programme, an email with further information is sent to guardians – so please keep an eye on your inbox. 😊

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like any further information, or feel that your child would benefit from this support package.

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Spotlight on English

DCA Scholars Visit the Theatre



In September, our Year 11 students visited the Nottingham Theatre Royal to watch a performance of Blood Brothers.

This powerful musical by Willy Russell offered a rich and immersive experience that both captivated the audience and enhanced their understanding of key English Literature themes such as social class, education, nature versus nurture, crime and gender.

The trip gave our scholars a wonderful chance to experience the energy and emotion of live theatre. The compelling portrayal of the tragic story of twins separated at birth, combined with powerful performances and poignant storytelling, left a lasting impact on everyone who attended. Many scholars commented on how seeing the play performed helped them connect more deeply with the characters, context and themes they had studied in class.

Beyond entertainment, the experience served as an invaluable extension of their learning - bringing literature to life and inspiring a genuine enthusiasm for theatre. For several scholars, it was their first time attending a live performance, making the evening particularly memorable.

Theatre staff and members of the public praised our scholars for their behaviour and engagement throughout the event. The Blood Brothers trip was a resounding success, demonstrating the transformative power of the arts in education. The excitement and thoughtful discussions that followed will undoubtedly support Year 11 as they continue preparing for their upcoming exams. Well done to all for representing the school so exceptionally!

Spotlight on Languages

DCA Scholars Engage in a Languages Exchange Programme

We have recently set up the Djanogly Language Exchange which allows students to meet up and teach one another their own language or a language they know well.
We have had a huge interest in this and have had just under one hundred students sign up! Being the most multicultural school in Nottingham, we are committed to celebrating the diversity of our school and our amazing talent!



Some pairings include: Romanian and Bulgarian, Sign Language and Polish, French and Italian, Urdu and Arabic and much more!





Thank you to all involved.

Spotlight on Geography

Year 7 Scholars Investigate the Future of Basford's Guy Birkin Factory

A few weeks ago, our Year 7 scholars took their learning beyond the classroom with an exciting fieldwork trip to Basford, Nottingham. Their destination was the historic and now abandoned Guy Birkin factory which is an iconic local landmark that provided the perfect setting for their Geography fieldwork unit on urban regeneration.

During the visit, pupils carried out a range of geographical enquiries. They began with an **Environmental Quality Survey** (EQS), carefully assessing the conditions around the factory site, from noise and air quality to the overall appearance and safety of the surrounding area. This helped them build a clear picture of the current environment and the challenges the site presents. Next, they completed a **land-use survey**, exploring how the surrounding neighbourhood is organised and how the old factory fits within the wider urban landscape. Scholars recorded shops, homes, green spaces and industrial buildings, using this information to understand how the area has changed over time. Finally, the pupils also created a **field sketch** of the Guy Birkin building. This allowed them to focus on specific features, signs of decay, and the opportunities the space could offer if redeveloped.

By collecting this data, the Year 7s are now well-equipped to think creatively about how the abandoned factory could be repurposed. Their findings will feed directly into their fieldwork project, where they will propose future uses for the site that could benefit the Basford community. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for our scholars to practise real-world geographical skills while engaging with the local area—and they returned full of ideas for how the Guy Birkin factory could be transformed.





Spotlight on Art

Year 10 Artists Dazzle with their Creative Artwork

Our Year 10 Art cohort has made an outstanding start to their GCSE journey, setting a high standard for the year ahead. From the very first lessons, scholars have shown remarkable enthusiasm, focus, and creativity as they embarked on their Monsters project. This theme has already sparked some imaginative concepts, with students exploring a wide range of influences - from mythology and folklore to monsters from popular culture .

What is particularly impressive is the strength of the foundational skills scholars are demonstrating so early in the course and many scholars are pushing themselves to experiment with new techniques and materials. We are excited to watch this talented cohort continue to grow, refine their ideas, and take creative risks.



You can see here a few examples of the fantastic work produced so far - an inspiring glimpse of what is to come.

Spotlight on PE

DCA Scholars Undefeated in Sports

Year 7,8, 9, and 10 Football:

During this term, all years have been competing in football fixtures against a variety of schools from all over Nottingham.

The football enrichment at DCA is massively popular, so getting the opportunity to compete against other external schools is great. Although winning is great, all teams showed great effort, resiliency and grit throughout all games. All the boys involved represented the school's core values fantastically, conducting themselves with respect and showing great kindness. Both Mr Aldworth and Mr Imran are extremely happy with how the boys have got on during these fixtures.

A second set of fixtures is due to be played after Christmas, so hopefully the boys can replicate the Yr 9 boys' successes last year getting all the way to the city school finals!

The Year 7 boys this year went undefeated during their fixtures which is a tremendous way to get their sporting journeys with DCA started. The PE department are looking forward to how all scholars develop and improve over the year during all sports fixtures.

Year 10 handball:

During November, a group of Yr10 Scholars headed to Harvey Hadden Sports Village to compete against another 5 schools in the city.

Handball is a sport that scholars regularly complete in core PE lessons and put in a huge amount of effort into improving on. Seeing scholars' hard work pay off with their gameplay was great to see. Although results may not have always gone DCA's way, all involved always conducted themselves with respect and discipline, and kept working extremely hard until the final whistle.

Scholars will be taking part in more fixtures both internally for house competitions and externally against other school throughout the year, so gaining this experience will be a good place to build on. Massive thanks to all involved! It is greatly appreciated.









Year 10 Basketball Success

We are proud to announce that our Year 10 Boys Basketball team has made it through to the County Finals Tournament this month. Over two nights of highly competitive matches, our team has been able to finish second in our pool meaning a trip to Nottingham Trent University to represent our academy and more importantly themselves against the best Nottinghamshire has to offer. Their dedication to training every week on a Thursday afterschool and support of each other has been amazing and we all wish them well when they travel to Clifton on Tuesday 16th December during the holidays to see where they can finish.

A huge well done to the Year 10 Boys Basketball Team:

Moris, Jesayah, Valentine, David, Kamsy, Jason, Kordian, Keandre, Bryan, Mate



Spotlight on PE

DCA Scholars Undefeated in Sports

Year 11, 12 and 13 Rugby:



Well done!

Captain Abdourahman led his Djanogly City Academy rugby team to be crowned Nottingham City Champions when they were in Year 11. He displayed an example of his enjoyment of rugby when he tackled a Bilborough opponent so hard that he sent him backwards by 10 metres.

Now in Year 13, the rugby team joined forces with Year 11s and Year 12s.

Bilborough College were victorious due to their rugby experience as all of their players play at local clubs across Nottingham.

Djanogly relied on athleticism and power. Typified by attack from Haneef, Gideon, David. Defence being dominated by Raied, Yousuf and Kyle.

Djanogly did have the luxury of some club rugby experience from Luca and Year 11s Hugo and Sean.

Man of the match went to Zeph, not only because it took 5 players to tackle him, but because he typified the positive and encouraging nature the whole game was played in.

Djanogly City Academy Sixth Form - 25

Bilborough College - 65

@Haydn Road

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Spotlight on Performing Arts

DCA Scholars Showcase their Talents in Electrfying Perfomances

This has once again been an incredibly busy start to the academic year for the Performing Arts Department with a variety of different events happening throughout the term:

National Theatre Dear England Workshops - Wednesday, 1st October 2025

In May 2025, Mr Potter took 40 scholars to see Dear England at London's National Theatre. On Wednesday, 1st October, DCA welcomed artists from the National Theatre into school to run a series of workshops based around the themes of the play with the scholars who attended, as well as an assembly for Year 7 scholars. This included scholars writing a letter in groups to the future and some even submitted a contribution for consideration in a national audio time capsule – capturing students' hopes, dreams and visions for 2105 to be showcased on the National Theatre website. Watch this space for further updates about this!






Young Hustlers Festival - Sunday, 19th October 2025

This term, DCA have once again collaborated with Hockley Hustle for our third consecutive year. They ran a series of five workshops with Year 9 and 10 scholars, who were taught about the history, legacy, and cultural significance of the Chinese Erhu and the West African Djembe. They were also taught how to write and perform music for these instruments, under guidance from renowned instructors, Ling, Milla, and Chai.

This culminated in a performance on Sunday 19th October at Young Hustlers Festival. Due to the number of scholars from DCA who took part, we had to move at the last minute from the originally scheduled venue of Blend, to the larger Fisher Gate Point.

Some of our Year 11, 12 and 13 scholars also took to the stage performing solo items. These included Fedora (Year 11), Psalms (Year 11), Shanaye (Year 11), Devontae (Year 11), Amina (Year 12), Oren (Year 12), and Nadia (Year 13) all singing, as well as Shiloe (Year 11) on bass and vocals, with Connor (Year 11) on drums.

All scholars performed fantastically. They loved the opportunity and are eager to do this again.





Spotlight on Performing Arts

Young people celebrating global cultures with giant tapestry

FAMILIES across Nottingham are taking part in workshops to create a giant 'around the world' tapestry for the Young Hustlers festival on October 19.

Young Hustlers, the music and art festival for children and families, is celebrating global cultures around the world through art, music and food when it returns to the streets and venues of Sneinton this year.

The tapestry is part of the community outreach programme for children and families with workshops coming up in St Ann's and Hyson Green. As well as taking part in the free creative workshops delivered by Freedom Arts, all the families will be offered free festival tickets to come along and see the finished piece.

Saziso Phiri, festival director, said: "The festival received a 130 percent funding uplift from Arts Council England this year as testament to its positive engagement activities. This has made us even more ambitious to engage with families and bring communities and cultures together for a wonderful day of creative fun and music.



Free workshops for families with Freedom Arts

"Being able to offer free workshops is a great way of getting people involved and we found in previous years that for many it was the first festival they had ever been to, and hopefully it opens the door for togetherness in the city."

The Free 'All around the World' Family Workshops invite families to have a go using sewing machines to produce a piece of artwork that represents their identity and culture. The pieces will then be sewn onto the tapestry to be displayed at the festival.

Upcoming workshops are at:

Chase Neighbourhood Centre, St Ann's, tomorrow and Saturday September 27, 2pm-3pm;

New Art Exchange, Hyson Green, Saturday October 4 and Saturday October 11, 1pm-4pm.

The festival is also working with Djanogly City Academy for the third year running with several workshop sessions to help pupils create their own music using different instruments from around the world.

Led by renowned artists Ling Peng, Milla Hanna and Chai Larden, the Year 9 and 10 pupils will be taken on an explorative musical journey around the world, from the enchantment of the Chinese Erhu to the thundering beat of the West African Djembe.

The series of music workshops at the secondary school in Forest Fields will culminate in performances at the Young Hustlers showcase at Blend in Sneinton.

Christine Katerere, the community and learning lead for Young Hustlers, said: "Working with Djanogly City Academy over the past three years has been deeply gratifying. I've seen students embrace new experiences, through the DJ workshops led by DJ Fever in 2023, express their identity through songwriting and performance with Jah Digga last year, and this year learn about tradition and cultural expression. We even have the alumni of previous years, now brimming with confidence, returning to perform at our Blend venue at the festival. I'm so proud of the beautiful relationship we've managed to cultivate with this school."

Tickets for children and young people (2-17) are £4 plus booking fee. Adults are £11 plus booking fee (adult wristbands can be used for Hockley Hustle). There will also be a number of Hockley Hustle venues accessible to Young Hustlers during the day.

For more information and tickets, go to www.younghustlers.co.uk

Sing City Vocal Workshops - Wednesday, 12th November 2025

Sing City is an annual singing competition run by Nottingham Music Hub. Prior to this years competition, which begins in January 2026, interested scholars took part in a vocal workshop at DCA with professional singer/songwriter Davina Songbird who is one of the mentors and judges this year. This was a very practical workshop, including advice on improving confidence, technique, personalisation, and performance.

Christmas in the City - Tuesday, 2nd December 2025



Mr Potter had the absolute pleasure of taking a number of our singing scholars to perform at Christmas in the City last night in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's in the Lace Market.

The scholars performed a group rendition of Billie Eilish's Ocean Eyes, and did this wonderfully. They even did this in three-part harmony (which is very difficult to do, and is their first time attempting this). Teachers from the other schools were very complimentary of them, and it was really nice to see our scholars be incredibly supportive of the other young people performing too.

DCA Christmas Concert - Thursday, 4th December 2025

The Christmas Concert this year took place on Thursday, 4th December, and once again demonstrated the breadth and diversity of music within our school, with over 60 scholars involved.

Highlights included vocal group performances of ‘Ocean Eyes’ by Billie Eilish and ‘Die With A Smile’ by Bruno Mars and Lady Gaga, a Year 7 performance of ‘Tequila’ and various solos and duets. There were many scholars who performed in a concert for the first time, including Adelaide (Year 9) who sang ‘Freeze Your Brain’ from the musical, Heathers, Sienna (Year 9) who sang Laufey’s ‘Falling Behind’, Ayat (Year 9) with ‘Santa, Baby’, Daniella (Year 10) singing ‘Watch’ by Billie Eilish and Jonathan (Year 11) who sang ‘Cars Outside’ by James Arthur.

A huge thank you to all of those who took part and those behind the scenes, who made such a wonderful occasion possible. It was a lovely evening, and the scholars did themselves proud, giving some incredible performances.

Oliver! - Wednesday, 11th February 2026 - Friday, 13th February 2026

Rehearsals are well underway for our school production of Oliver! This is gearing up to be our biggest production yet, with over 60 scholars involved. The production runs from Wednesday, 11th February 2026 - Friday, 13th February 2026.

Tickets are available now from https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/djanogly-theatre-dlt

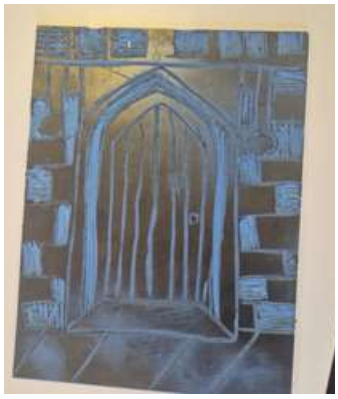
Spotlight on Inclusion

Scholars showing Resilience and Exemplying GRAD

This term has witnessed remarkable grit and focus among scholars in the Hub, particularly those who have demonstrated exceptional resilience.

Among them, Charlie, Habib, CJ, Takki, and Kaleb stand out as prime examples of personal growth and discovery. Despite having only just started the course this term, Charlie, in year 10, has demonstrated a real strength and has shown his talent for cooking, where he has developed impressive skills that showcase his ingenuity and passion.

Similarly Habib has shown remarkable resilience, especially in art, in which he continues to produce outstanding pieces of artwork!






Spotlight on the DCA Gardening Club

DCA Scholars Show Off their Gardening Skills

Despite it being November, the flowers are still blooming in our little garden! We have recently been planting trees, lavender, wild daisies, pansies as well as plants that Miss Boaler has grown from seed in her garden at home. Thanks to the rain, our plants are as happy as ever. Our cauliflower and parsley are looking very strong. We have also been raking up the leaves and have been painting chairs.

A huge thank you to the members of our Gardening Club, especially Saimon and Aditya in Year 8 who have been to every Garden Club so far!

We are aiming to fill the garden with more plants in preparation for the Spring. We are looking for planters, planks of wood, garden chairs, tyres, seeds and compost. Please feel free to donate any unwanted items you may have.










Spotlight on Enrichment

Our scholars enjoy a range of enrichment opportunities each day!

Please see below the enrichment clubs on offer to scholars.

Clubs at our Gregory Boulevard Site

	Club	Room	Year Group
Monday	Poetry	190	All Years
	Chess Club	195	All Years
	Crochet Club	26	All Years
	Football	Astro	All Years
Tuesday	**Club**	**Room**	**Year Group**
	Homework Club	187	All Years
	Girls Mulfi Sports	Sports Hall	All Years
	Football	Astro	Year 8
	Oliver Rehearsals	Drama	All Years
	Girls Tech Bloom		All Years
	Reading	Library	All Years
Wednesday	**Club**	**Room**	**Year Group**
	Trampolining	Sports Hall	Year 11
	Warhammer	22	All Years
	Dungeons & Dragons	186	All Years
	Spanish Film Club	187	All Years
	Rainbows	172	All Years
	Backgammon	197	All Years
Thursday	**Club**	**Room**	**Year Group**
	Music Production	Music Room	All Years
	Gardening Club	Garden	All Years
	Fabric Painting	26	All Years
	Spanish Revision Club	188	Year 8
	Maths Club	195	All Years
	Film Club	175	Year 10
	Netball	Netball Court	All Years
	Basketball	Courts	All Years
	Debating	176	All Years
	Handwriting	121	All Years

Clubs at our Sherwood Rise Site

		Club	Room	Year Group
Monday		Art Competition & Art Skills	S105	Year 11
		Film Club	Intervention Hub	Year 7 & 11
		Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 11 & 13
	GCSE Interventions	Product Design	S005	Year 11
		Hospitality & Catering	S009	Year 11
		Science Intervention	S112	Year 11
		Music Intervention	S124	Year 11
		Drama	S124	Year 11
		PE GCSE and Sports Studies, Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 11
		Psychology	S121, 122	Year 11
		History	S120	Year 11
		English Intervention (Invite Only)	S134	Year 11
Tuesday		**Club**	**Room**	**Year Group**
		Drama Club	Theatre	Year 7 & 11
	GCSE Interventions	Maths - Invite only	S120	Year 11
		English Open	S131	Year 11
		Spanish	S026	Year 11
		Product Design	S005	Year 11
		Religious Studies	S121	Year 11
		PE GCSE and Sports Studies Coursework	S111	Year 11
		Hospitality and Catering	S000	Year 11
Wednesday		**Club**	**Room**	**Year Group**
		Reading	Library	Year 7 & 11
		Handwriting Development	S021	Year 7 & 11
		French Club	S024	Year 7 & 11
		Boxing	Sports Hall	Year 7 & 11
		Rainbows	6th Form Area	Year 7 & 11 & 6th Form
		Cooking (6th Form)	6th Form Area	6th Form
	GCSE	GCSE and Sports Studies	Sports Hall	Year 11
		Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 11
Thursday		**Club**	**Room**	**Year Group**
		Girls Coding	TBC	Year 7 & 11
		Axiom Maths	S030	Year 7 & 11
		House Plant Club	Year 11 Area	Year 7 & 11
	GCSE Interventions	Maths Open	S120	Year 11
		Geography	S134	Year 11
		Product Design	S005	Year 11
		Hospitality & Catering	S009	Year 11
		Biology	S127	Year 11

	Club	Place	Year groups
Friday	Running Club 7:25 – 8am	At GB Outside canteen doors	All





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DCA Students visit Berlin

This term the Djanolgy Sixth Form was pleased to complete it's first overseas residential trip to Berlin!

Eleven Year 13 students from subjects ranging from History, Philosophy, Art and Sociology spent three days exploring the German capital, learning about the city's changing landscape and exploring how political upheavals during the Twentieth Century had such significant influences on the German people.

The students were supported on this trip by Mr O'Byrne-Lynch and Miss Wynne who accompanied on visits to the Topography of Terror, the German Reichstag and Sachsenhausen concentration camp to learn about the city's more darker past.

Throughout the trip, the Sixth Form students also had opportunities to explore the shopping district of Alexanderplatz, sample Berlin's famous donor kebab's and enjoyed some down time playing pool and table tennis at the accommodation. The trip was an excellent success and will be something we are hoping to run again in the future!








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DCA Students Receive the Prestigious Stoneygate Scholarship

On Monday 15th September the four winners of the Stoneygate Scholarship were informed that they would be receiving £15,000 of sponsorship during their three years at university. At first, the students were stunned into silence! However, as conversations continued, both the students and their families shared how life-changing this support would be.

Izabela, who is going to Durham University to study psychology, said: "I feel so proud of all my achievements and so thankful to the entire sixth form team for always supporting and encouraging me.

“This makes a massive difference because it gives me more financial security at university. Before finding out about this, I was worried about how I'd fund my time at university. This will allow me to fully immerse myself in my studies and participate in extra-curricular activities at university."

Stefanija, who is progressing to University College London (UCL) to study law, added: “I am incredibly grateful for such an opportunity to not worry as much about my financial situation and be able to dedicate that time to my studies and preparing for a career.

“This has given me hope that the work was not in vain by having this recognition. Studying in London is very expensive. However, with this money I might be able to find a good place in a satisfactory location thereby not having to worry about my living situation. Thank you.”

Amelia, who is going to the University of Sheffield to study psychology, commented: “I feel amazing about the scholarship because it has made me re-think my university life and allowed me to move out instead of commute.

“I didn't believe it at first but I'm so glad I was chosen – it feels like the last memory from Djanogly City Academy, very memorable. With the money, I'll be able to stay in Sheffield instead of commuting every day from Nottingham.”

Shova, who is going to study law at the University of Birmingham, said: “I feel elated and honoured to receive this scholarship. I can't fully express my gratitude and disbelief.

“It means to me a security in my future that I did not have before. I can feel secure in going to university knowing that I do not have to worry or struggle about the financial burden.”



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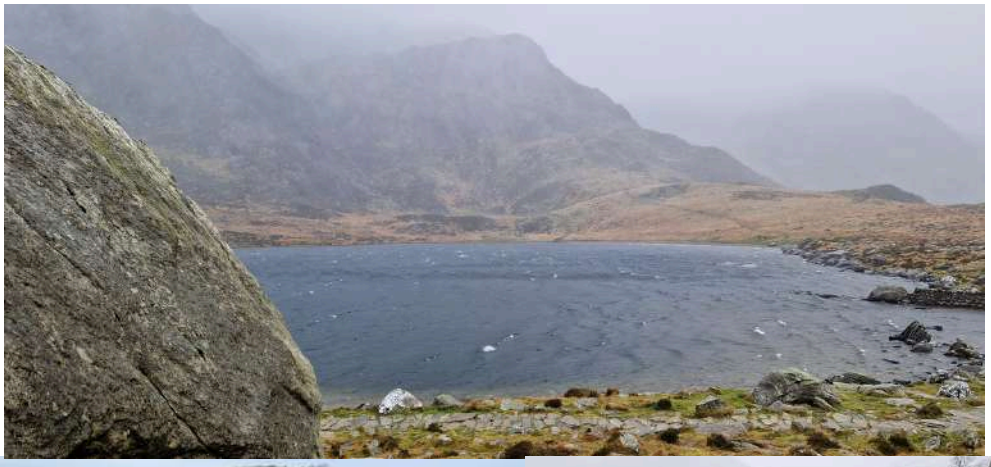
DCA Students Journey to Wales

On Monday 24th November the A level geography students embarked on a week-long trip to North Wales to design and collect data for their A level geography project.



During the week our students experienced rural north Wales in all its glory. We stayed in a Field Studies Centre in Betws-y-Coed and from there explored Snowdonia National Park and Llandudno.

The Scholars learned about the water and carbon cycles, glaciated landscapes and coastal environments. The weather was suitably Welsh at times but as you can see our day in the Mountains was spectacular. Overall, the week was a great success with our students having taken a massive step towards completing their project work but more importantly, made some great memories!











Spotlight on Careers

DCA Aspiring Lawyers and Engineers in Action

The National Justice Museum in Hockley, Nottingham City Centre hosted an “Experience Law” day on Tuesday 30th September.

In attendance were students that are part of the Aspire to Law Pathway from Years 11 and 12.

Participants were privileged to be able to gain courtroom experience of a criminal law case with prosecution/defence barristers and a judge, solicitor session on the impact law has across life from birth to death, barristers session on the elements of law including Commercial, Criminal, Immigration, Family, Environmental and Personal Injury.

Culminating in a careers fair with the chance to speak to HMP Nottingham Prison Officers, Notts Police and the 3 Law Schools in Nottingham - University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University and University of Law.



Nottingham Trent University hosted an “Experience Engineering” day at their new facility at Clifton Campus on Wednesday 26th November.

In attendance were students that are part of the Aspire to Engineering Pathway from Years 11, 12 and 13.

Participants were privileged to be able to design a lego brick using software and melt metal using a soldering rod to create their own NTU circuit board keyring.

The day culminated with a tour of the Engineering facilities where they were able to experience wind tunnel, environment chamber in temperatures of -40 to +40 degrees Celsius, driving simulator, drone flying, flight simulator and robot wars.





