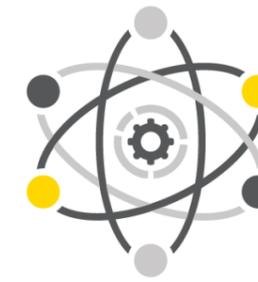


# The Head of Sixth writes...



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## Oxbridge

I am delighted that we have a total of six students who have received offers from Oxbridge Universities (four from Cambridge, two from Oxford). This is an excellent offer rate from 7 interviewees and 9 applicants and means that, pending results, around 10% of our year group will go to the top two universities in the country.

Subjects include Natural Sciences, Physics, Psychology, Mathematics and Computer Science.

This comes after a year of hard work by students and staff, which began with a visit to Oxford University last March. Students have had a programme of preparatory lessons on the application process, including guidance on personal statements and admissions tests as well as mock interviews. These young people are now doing everything they can to ensure they meet their offers to take these outstanding opportunities.

## Results

We are once again very happy to be the most successful sixth form college in the city of Nottingham and one of the most successful in the country. Our validated Value Added score of 0.42 is considered "well above average" (the highest rating) by the DFE. Only 5% of schools nationally fall into this category. In addition, we were the highest state-funded sixth form in Nottingham for average points (34.8). We also had the highest percentage of students achieve AAB in facilitating subjects (43.5%) of any school of any type in the whole of Nottinghamshire.

This underlines NUAST as the best performing state Post-16 provider in Nottingham for the third year running.

## DANCOP Day

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Collaborative Outreach Programme (DANCOP) invited our Year 10 & 11 students to Nottingham College to inform and inspire them about their options for next steps.

Our students were a fantastic credit to NUAST as they threw themselves into the different activities and spoke confidently to a range of different educators and employers. Students met with representatives from a variety of universities, the Armed Forces and Rolls Royce, to name a few.

Students came back to school with a real buzz of enthusiasm about their future ambitions.



# NUAST News

February 2019

## Message from the Principal

This has been a relatively short but busy half term. Students returned to NUAST following the long Christmas break and have quickly settled back into their studies. Year 11 and 13 students have now taken part in mock examinations and they will be busy over the next few months preparing for GCSE, A level and BTEC assessments. Year 11 and Year 13 parents' evenings were very well attended and I would like to express my thanks to you for attending these important evenings.

To support our older students as they prepare for employment, further or higher education we have arranged for ideas4careers to deliver independent careers advice sessions. A number of companies are also contacting us directly with apprenticeship vacancies. These will be communicated to students via subject staff.

I am delighted to say that six of our Year 13 students have secured offers from Oxford and Cambridge Universities for October 2019. This is a remarkable achievement and I offer my congratulations to them and the other sixth form students on their successes in securing University offers.

To support examination achievement, intervention sessions have begun to take place after school and on Saturdays. Please support your child in attending these sessions as these will enable them to significantly improve their performance in this summer's examinations. Subject staff will contact parents/carers via letter or telephone to inform them of the intervention sessions which will be available.

Both our VEX Robotics teams have achieved great success this year and have qualified for the UK Final. We wish them every success in their bids to represent the UK in the World Finals in the USA.

Parking reminder - please only park in the 'on road' designated spaces and do not park on single or double yellow lanes or in resident parking.

I would like to wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to the start of the new term on Monday 25th February.

-Mr White



VEX Robotics Team



### Safeguarding & Preventing Radicalisation

 Mrs Fountain	 Mr White	 Mr Tapp		
 Mrs Actie	 Mr Edwards	 Mr Cox	 Mr Wood	 Mrs Turgoose

If you have concerns about your safety, the safety of other students or any extreme behaviour, please speak to one of the pictured members of staff.

Work hard, be kind

# City Cross Country

13 students across Year 7 and Year 10 entered the first round of the City Cross Country event at Wollaton Park. It rained constantly and the fields were very muddy, but all of our students performed brilliantly. Every single student kept going all the way to the finish line even though the running conditions were very tough and for a couple of our runners it was the first time they had ever tried cross country. They supported each other throughout the whole event; their sportsmanship qualities were outstanding!

Three of our students made it to the finals of the City Cross Country Championships. It was a beautiful day with excellent running conditions. The competition was extremely tough, however our students showed brilliantly positive mental attitude and absolute determination to keep going on a longer and tougher course. Our two Year 10 students were competing against a large majority of Year 11 students. However they didn't let that worry them and they started and finished their races with big smiles on their faces.

Brandon in Year 7 crossed the finish line in 20<sup>th</sup> place.

Tavonga in Year 10 achieved 32<sup>nd</sup> place.

Nassr in Year 10 finished in 19<sup>th</sup> place.

Congratulations on a fantastic achievement!

-PE Department



# Reading Buddies

As a STEM specialist academy, not all of our students find reading easy and even many of our very successful sixth form students admit that they needed help when they were younger to gain confidence with their reading. Welcoming the arrival of Year 7 to NUASt this September we have capitalised on a strong and vibrant community spirit amongst our sixth form body, and our older students have wanted to play their part in helping others to succeed. We currently have seventeen Year 12 and 13 students buddied with a Year 7 student to spend 40 minutes each week reading together. The students make their own choice of reading material and it has been a pleasure seeing the shared fun of finding a book to enjoy together. One pair (James and R'Amarnai) are now even sharing their love of superheroes by working on writing a story together! Our sixth form students have proved themselves to be fantastic role models to their younger peers and the Year 7 students really look forward to their buddy time each week. A big thank you and well done to all involved.

-Mrs Barr



# Year 7 Disco and Pantomime

Year 7 students celebrated the end of the Autumn Term with a disco in the school hall.

Students were invited to party the night away with dancing and games courtesy of a local DJ. Students earned a place at the disco by collecting house points throughout the term for attitude to learning and strong attendance. Those with the most house points were invited to a pizza party too! The fun didn't end there, as fifty of our highest scoring students were also invited to the local Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime, Robin Hood.

Mr Wood, Head of Year 7 commented: "it was great to see students celebrating the end of their first term here at NUASt. Students have worked really hard in their lessons and it is great to reward this".

We are looking forward to celebrating with students again this term as we enjoy a trip to the Ice Centre.

Keep collecting those house points!

