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HeadteacherUpdate

As I approach the end of my first half-term as Headteacher of Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form it is nice to be able to see so many areas already moving forward. I want the Notley Newsletter to reflect the students' voice, and therefore moving forward they will take ownership over this publication as it evolves. I hope that you can see that this newsletter is a way of sharing with you a wide range of what is happening within the School Community. Please continue to follow our social media platforms as we are posting daily on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. We have worked with our catering team to refine the food menu and further changes will evolve over the Summer Term. We are also changing the structure of the lunchtime break and increasing the number of extra-curricular clubs. Please see a more definitive list of all of these within the newsletter. I look forward to seeing the students participate in many of these both at lunchtime and after school.

It is exciting to be able to announce that we will be having a School Production. Matilda has been chosen so if you are interested in performing Arts seize the opportunity to participate. After Easter we will be launching our Notley dance troupe too, which I am very excited about, and I know many students are too!

Our award assemblies for each year group have now taken place and it was exciting to finally appoint our new prefect team in each year group who will work with the Senior Prefects in Year 11. I was overwhelmed at the number of students who applied. It shows me that they do want to contribute to improving our School. I have also introduced an award for Headteacher Commendation for the first time at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. This is an award very close to my heart and one that provides an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful qualities of individual students who have excelled in different ways for a variety of reasons. The students wanted a non-uniform day at the end of the Easter term. Therefore, it was an opportunity to do just that and to raise money at the same time for the charities that are close to their heart. As a Headteacher it is nice to be able to start putting the fun parts of day-to-day school life back into Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form after the pandemic did not allow for this to happen previously.

As we move into the Summer Term, we will appoint our Head Prefect Team for the Sixth Form in the first few weeks. Over the Easter holidays there are various revision sessions taking place for year 11 and year 13. I wish them all the best in their continued efforts and plans for revision in the build up to the exam season which is imminent. I know that the different year groups are excited about their end of year assemblies, prom, and a day at the races leavers' event.

After Easter we will issue students with their specific exam timetables and ensure they know all the arrangements for their final examinations. As we have previously communicated to you, the school stops using SIMS and EduLink from 1 April. All of our records will migrate to our new system Arbor. All parent, carers, and students will receive details of how to log into the new system and access the parent APP/ student portals from 11 April. Arbor will become the homework platform for Notley moving forward.

Below is a list of key dates for your calendar:

Year 8 Parents Evening 28 April

Year 7 Parents Evening 12 May

Year 12/13 Revision session workshop on notetaking skills and mind mapping on 27 April

Year 13 Study leave 20th May for students who meet the published criteria

After Easter we will provide further details for how to make appointments with subject teachers for the upcoming Parents/Carers Evenings.

Thank you for supporting me in what has been a very busy first half-term and I look forward to meeting you at any of our future events at School. It is a partnership and I hope that you will continue to support me as I try to ensure all of the routines of school life are improving.

Miss Ryan
Headteacher

Headteacher Commendations

My first Headteacher Commendations are awarded to the following students:

Year 7

Lizzie always comes to school with a positive attitude, works hard in lessons and achieves well. She has a can-do attitude and approaches school with determination that is a joy to see in such a young member of our school community. Lizzie has a fantastic energy that she radiates to other students, she is always setting the standard when it comes to classroom expectation and no task is too big or small for her. This is evident as she achieved over 260 house points, representing how hard lizzie works in class and around school!

Lizzie has so much compassion for other students' welfare and has demonstrated empathy when discussing challenging topics during tutor time. She frequently approaches her tutor to talk about others' challenges and how to help them. Lizzie is an upstander and stands up for anyone who needs help and support.

Lizzie has recently joined the girl's rugby team and represented the school in the girl fixture, a sport she has very little experience in. Her resilience has been inspirational, and no challenge is too big for her.

Year 8

Noah has been nominated for fundraising for CLEFTS, a charity who are committed to help babies in the developing world with treatment for cleft lip and palates. He has carried out many charity walks and is planning on doing more fundraising in the Summer Term.

I look forward to working with Noah on scheduling a house competition for this charity.

Year 9

This terms Headteachers Commendation goes to Emily A. Emily is an active member of the year 9 Student Council and led conversations in our meeting earlier this term on a variety of issues. She is a positive role model in all areas of school life, consistently receiving positive feedback from her subject teachers and engaging in extra-curricular activities. Well done, Emily!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our year 9 students, parents and carers a safe and enjoyable Easter break, and look forward to seeing the students refreshed and ready as they return for their final term as KS3 students!

Year 10

Chloe has collected the highest number of house points in the year and always works hard despite having had some challenging times.

Well done Chloe!

Year 11

This term the headteacher commendation goes to Khola B. As a year group team we discussed worthy nominations and Khola was mentioned by many for being outstanding in every lesson.

She is not only always pushing herself to do better and being proactive in asking for extension work, she is a great role model for her optimism.

Well done Khola!

Governors Update



Notley High and Braintree Sixth Form Local Governing Committee Spring Term Update to Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another term, we thought it would be a good time to touch base and let you know what we have been up to as school governors this term. In a busy term with a blend of change and challenge, we have been delighted to welcome our new headteacher who is already making a big difference following a really positive start. We are pleased to see that she has clear plans to move our school forward, improve opportunities for students and foster stronger relationships with you and our local community.

Our ethos is to support the school to become a vibrant, engaging community, where every student feels valued, heard, and is provided with a range of opportunities (academic and other) to grow, develop and achieve. We provide this support by holding the school and its leaders to account and immersing ourselves in aspects that underpin the school's work to offer challenge and praise.

We triangulate the discussions had in meetings with senior staff, with visits to the school (including discussions with students and staff) and reviews of staff, parent, and pupil surveys. This Spring term we have had the delight of visiting the school on many occasions, to undertake monitoring visits in a range of different faculty areas, including, Maths, Creative arts, PE, Sixth Form and Science. We have

also looked at whole school provision in terms of SEND, Disadvantage, Culture and Ethos (including behaviour) and Safeguarding and continue to work with the school on improvements where needed.

The highlight is of course chatting to the fantastic students and seeing their hard-work and enthusiasm, both in lessons and extracurricular opportunities, like the spring music concert, theatre, or careers visits and sports events. We keenly follow the school's Facebook and Twitter feeds and love to hear about and celebrate the successes of the school and its students.

The school's motto of Working Together, Achieving Together isn't limited to students and staff; we hope you will join us in subscribing to this and would love to hear from you or your young people with any concerns, suggestions, or celebrations you have. Thank you for your continued support of the school; we hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to sharing a Summer term of collaboration and success.

Thanks,

Claire Hooks (Chair), Sarah Sanctuary (vice-chair), Ken Yap, Phil Redhead, Nichola Goodwin, Ha Cole, Trevor Parrott, Matt Ager, Alison Jezzard (staff) and Neil Bridgwater (staff).

Year 7

It has been a quieter term for year 7 as they have settled into the routine of high school and are finding their feet around the school. It has been brilliant to see them getting involved in so many clubs from the sports clubs and the school teams to eco schools and computing club, there has certainly been plenty of choice. Here are some of the highlights of the term.

In February, we were honoured to host graffiti artist, Sam Maslanka who came along to lead some creative sessions with spray paint and stencils for some of our year 7 students and teach them that art really can be anything you want it to be. The students involved loved the time they spent in their sessions and there were some amazing pieces of artwork to show for it at the end of the day

The library has continued to be incredibly busy with year 7s this term and is wonderful to see so many students making use of the amazing resources they have. March has been a busy one in the library with World Book Day and the Scholastic book fair, but the highlight of the month was joining a Zoom webinar with Dermot O'Leary, where he talked about his book and the students could ask about being an author. This was a wonderful opportunity, and the students enjoyed the experience.

The quieter lunchtime clubs have continued to be popular with year 7, computing club on a Wednesday and Friday club with Matt Ager both being well attended. Mrs Turner started up board games club this Monday and all 30 places went quickly.

The sports clubs have also been well attended and I am sure we have some future sports stars among year 7! Earlier in the year we had a great turn out for the District cross country and the students put on a good show, the boys' futsal team won their tournament and the boys handball team were comfortable winners in the District Handball competition. More recently, the U13 girls football team have been finding their feet as they started playing together this year and won their most recent match against Honeywood school. The boys football team have also got off to a good start and won their last match too. Well done to everyone involved and keep up the brilliant effort!



Mrs S Wallace, Year 7 Raising Standards Leader

The year 10 mentors have continued to drop into afternoon registration sessions to build relationships with the year 7s, so they know they have someone to speak to when they are having difficulties at school. The year 10 team have had training to support younger students and are available at break time for a chat in the intervention room. We are currently running a poster competition to advertise the drop ins to help the students remember they are there. Mrs Morton Brown and I are looking forward to seeing the wonderful creations, we know there are some very creative students in year 7!

Well done for all your efforts this term year 7, we are proud of all your good work and hope you will keep it up so we are still the best year group next term!

Year8

What a busy term we have had. I am proud of all our Year 8 students who have been involved in so many of the different events we have had throughout this term. The book fair, our new Eco Group and Science week to name just a few. I was hugely impressed by the amount of donations our kind students brought in for the Ukraine appeal. A special mention has to go to 8W2 who gave up their time to help us load the minibus full to the brim with all the donations ready to be delivered.

We have had lots of successes both in school but I also like to acknowledge and celebrate our students successes outside school. Congratulations to Noah B (8W2) for succeeding in his basketball tournament for Braintree and to Maddison G (8P1) successfully passing her grading in Karate with her next belt being black! I have also enjoyed hearing about Georgina R (8P1) and her up coming performance in the Ice Show of Beauty and the Beast. Please do let us know of any achievements and successes outside school as we love to find out and celebrate with the students.

In our final assembly, our tutors have nominated star students of the term. I am very pleased to name our star students of the term below and hope you'll join me in congratulating them.

8C1	Tom K
8C2	Joshua M
8F1	George N
8F2	Bradley M-B
8P1	Vesper H
8P2	Amelie S
8T1	Alex M
8T2	Annalese P
8W1	Hayden K
8W2	Taylor H-L

I hope you all have a peaceful and restful Easter break and enjoy some quality time with family and friends.



Miss K Murdoch, Year 8 Raising Standards Leader

Year9

The Spring term has been full of opportunities for our year 9 students to begin thinking about their futures both at Notley High School and beyond. They have engaged with several activities in preparation for making their options choices, including an assembly on vocational and careers pathways from Colchester Institute, and the Eyes on the Prize event delivered remotely by Anglia Ruskin University. All students have now confirmed their options choices and will have their subjects confirmed in May.

In addition, our year 9 students have been representing the school in several extra-curricular activities over the course of the term. I nominated 15 students to attend the first day of the Braintree Respect Project, which involved taking part in outdoor and adventurous activities at Layer Marney Outdoors. Four students continued with the next phase of the project and are currently preparing for a week-long residential trip to the Lake District in April; we wish them the best of luck! Our year 9 boys football team is also going from strength to strength, having won their last 4 matches! They are well on their way to becoming District Champions and the entire school community are incredibly proud of their commitment to training and the resilience they have shown both individually and as a team.

Every Friday during tutor time, year 9s compete as a tutor group in the weekly general knowledge House Quiz organised by Miss Romang. The competition for prizes is always close, and this term 9F2, 9T2 and 9W1 all came joint second. 9W1 were the overall winners this term and I am sure Mr Musson and his tutor group are delighted with their victory! The overall Tutor Group Achievement Award each term goes to the tutor group with the greatest number of achievement points combined. This term, 9P2 have stormed ahead with a whopping 3786 achievement points between them! Congratulations to 9P2 and their tutor, Miss Marboeuf; I am sure they will be celebrating this week!

As we reach the end of term, one student from each tutor group has been nominated as Star Student for their effort, achievement, and contributions to the school community since January.



Miss A McLean, Year 9 Raising Standards Leader

These 10 students have been commended in our celebration assembly this week and have received certificates and recognition from the Senior Leadership Team.

9C1	Abi J
9C2	Alex N
9F1	Rohan G
9F2	Jayden G
9P1	Charlie A
9P2	Lenny M
9T1	Jessica N
9T2	Cameron McP
9W1	Joe A
9W2	Andrea E

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Year10

During this term our Year 10 students have been involved in some fantastic opportunities, from participating in productions, trips and Mock Interviews.

Our students started the term off with some mock interviews from employers and were given some excellent feedback on how they conducted themselves and answered the questions posed to them, giving them some really useful skills for the future. Continuing the focus on careers our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to go on a trip to a local careers fair that was jointly organised by Braintree College and Colchester Institute, which a lot of the students found to be helpful with making future choices for colleges and job opportunities.

Following on from the success of the trip to the careers fair, some of our Drama students were able to undertake a trip to London to watch a West End Theatre show and following the success of this performed their own Drama piece as part of the school's DNA Drama group. This was a fantastic show and highly appreciated by family, staff and friends who came to watch and support the students. A number of our Year 10 students also took part in the Spring Concert, which again, was a huge success and was well attended by staff, parents and members of the school community. Our Year 10 Futsal team also experienced success early on in the term, winning their District Futsal competition!

Another massive success for our Year 10 students this term was the Jack Petchey Speak out challenge, 38 students took part across the two days with 6 being selected to represent the school in the final. Well done to every single one of you who took part and presented a speech in front of your peers.

Throughout this term Year 10 have been focusing on Revision techniques to support them with their upcoming Mock Exams and some of our students were able to take part in an 'Exam Busters' workshop along with our Year 11 students. In order to support our Year 10 students in the run up to their Mock Exams we are also going to be launching a summer challenge for them. This will involved being given raffle tickets for success and effort in class, with regular prizes given.



Mr A Harrington, Year 10 Raising Standards Leader

I am extremely proud of what our Year 10 students have managed to achieve. As a result of this there are a large number of students that have been invited to take part in a rewards trip to Jump Street to celebrate their excellent behaviour and attitude towards school.

Year11

This term has brought more certainty for our year 11s as the government finally announced that GCSE exams would go ahead and exam boards published how the papers would be modified in light of the pandemic and the disruption nationally to year 11 learning. However, with this certainty can come a new pressure and the reality of what is coming has hit hard for some. For additional support, all year 11s participated in an Exam Busters workshop during their mock week, which was a high energy, one hour session to remind them of efficient revision techniques. Having seen reams of revision notes, I know that many of the students are using the methods suggested – now the trick is to keep them organised so they can revise them before the exams (and not create new resources!)

Despite the focus of exams, I am proud that the year 11s remain a well-rounded group of young adults who surprise me daily with their opinions, wit, dedication and loyalty. Every term, I ask for tutor nominations for their star student of the term. The tutors always give a reason for their nomination, and I know the students would be mortified if I shared their individual circumstance. However, two recurring themes in these nominations are the resilience our students show in the face of sheer adversity, and the constant politeness towards all members of our school community.

Particular highlights for me this term include seeing our year 11 football team being able to play as a team again. They have won their matches which has earned them a well-deserved place in the semi-final of the district competition after Easter. I was also delighted to see the results of the year 11 food tech practical which demonstrates a huge amount of talent. Finally, the buzz around prom and seeing the girls' dresses and hearing their grand arrival plans has been such a positive boost to not only year 11 students, but also their tutors, who love hearing about this, and we are so delighted that prom is back for a grand celebration!



Mrs S Greatrex, Year 11 Raising Standards Leader

HeadPrefects

Becoming a prefect for Amy and I was an opportunity to engage with our whole sixth form and excite a sense of community again after being in lockdown and having lessons behind a screen.

Now onto the important bit, what have we actually done? In our opinion, Amy and I believe that our prefect team have been amazing. With only 6 months to work with, our team has managed to raise hundreds for charity such as our most recent pancake day where the profit was given to a local charity called PARC that provides play and recreation facilities for children and young adults with additional needs. We believe that our little sixth form pancake day actually had a difference and having one of our prefects, Kelsey (Mental Health prefect), work at PARC means we could be updated on the support we provided. Additionally, the ability to help our local area is truly fulfilling and we are so glad that so many of us got involved and everyone enjoyed the delicious pancakes. On a more global scale, the prefects have also had a hand in the Ukraine donations. Not to get too political, but we, as prefects, understood the grave situation in Ukraine and just being able to help a small portion of people not only helped us understand more of these issues but also, we connected with the lower school on this issue to truly enhance our impact.

We have had 6 prefects working with the main school. The contact with the Raising Standards Leaders was utilised as the prefects had a helping hand in assisting in rewards trips and other decisions. Furthermore, many of the prefects are part of the Pride Youth Network which believes in the celebration of oneself, and we had many meetings with younger students leading us to obtain the bronze medal award from the Educate and Celebrate organisation. This was a huge achievement. We are currently working towards the silver award for inclusivity and diversity with the younger students leading to justly ensure that our school and sixth form is a safe and inclusive space for people across different ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identity and race. Our diversity prefect Callum will be giving a presentation on diversity to the school after Easter.

Our Mental Health Prefects (Kelsey and Sam) alongside the mental health mentors were able to implement a support system in the sixth form where,



Molly and Amy, Head Prefects

every lunch time, there was a person available to talk to and to voice concerns to on issues of friendships, exams, or mental health. Our mental health prefects and mentors were exceptional at this and even received mental health training to ensure that they could truly help those who were worried or anxious about anything. Recently, there has been training on Suicide Awareness to equip our sixth formers and teachers for discussions on this. After the success of this at the sixth form, it was implemented into the lower school where many students have had the space to talk to older students who have been through what they are going through. This has been extremely successful, and we hope that this continues with the next prefect team.

Our environmental prefect, Ben, has also had a lot to do as he talked to Braintree County Council about recycling and how the sixth form can do better for the environment and climate change as a whole. Even if we as a sixth form change our ways hopefully, we can have a small impact in the wider scope of issues. Alongside our deputy head prefects Eloise and James, ourselves and Ben have been able to tackle the issue of rubbish at the sixth form by providing bins on the lunch tables to prevent litter and to help ensure that things are recycled properly. This was very important and there has definitely been a decrease in litter in the sixth form which is incredible. Moreover, Ben is also an avid member of the Eco group in the main school where he has been involved in reviewing the carbon footprint of the sixth form to guarantee that we are being as environmentally friendly as we can be.

Our amazing charity prefects, Caitlin and Alice successfully organised the pancake day and many successful bake sales alongside being able to organise for the whole sixth form to wear the specific colour for the causes that we were celebrating. For

example, for Young Minds Day, many of our prefects grouped together to create an assembly line to cut and string yellow bunting that we then hung up across the hallways in the sixth form and in the café. It was also great to see so many sixth form students and teachers wearing yellow and donating to Young Minds on this day. Another key example is when we all created red bunting for the 'Show Racism the Red Card' day when, again, many students donated and wore red to show support for the UK's biggest anti-racism charity, Show Racism the Red Card. It was great to see the sixth form all come together on these issues and especially great to see the prefect team working together as a collective.

We have also all worked as team when it came to our prom. Although Mickee-Grace and Ben took the lead on this event as our social prefects, we all had our

say in which venue, food, and dress code we should have for our prom. After missing our year 11 prom, we were all very excited to plan this event and many of the prefect team looked at a range of options before sending our surveys and questionnaires to the rest of year. We are all very enthusiastic about this and many of us helped Mickee and Ben to ensure we have the best prom ever.

Finally, our 6 months of prefecting has also included sport. Our incredible sport prefect Ellie single handily organised many netballs matches with competitive sixth forms and they were incredible to watch. Many turned up to watch the matches and it was great to see this support; we all were very passionate when Braintree Sixth Form won the last match against Colchester Sixth Form's A team!

Student Success

Photo: <https://www.ubs.com/>



Katie, in Year 12, has been accepted onto an academic residential course at Oxford University to be introduced to Experimental Psychology. This 4 day stay will have an intensive academic focus and will give Katie the chance to see what living in an Oxford college will be like. This is a really prestigious experience to have been offered and we are delighted for Katie.

We are so proud of Daisy in Year 13 who will be starting a degree apprenticeship for global investment bank UBS in Global Wealth Management in September 2022.

As part of the programme, she has a permanent job contract and will obtain a BsC degree in Applied Finance from the University of Exeter. She will also gain a number of professional banking qualifications too. She has had to complete a rigorous 5 stages of application, including a financial maths assessment and 3 rounds of interviews. Daisy has been extremely lucky to be given a place on this programme as investment banking is notoriously competitive.

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Daisy C, Year 13 Student



the **RESPECT** project

Braintree Respect Project

The Braintree Respect Project, run by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs, is aimed at 13-14 year olds and designed to help young people increase their ability to deal with life's problems and develop resilience. The project takes place over a four month period; some elements happen during school time and others are at evenings and weekends. All take place away from the school setting and are delivered by fully vetted and trained youth workers.

15 students from year 9 were selected by Miss McLean to attend the first day of the project, which was an outdoor activity day at Layer Marney Outdoors in January. These students were assessed on the way they approach physical and mental challenges and we received excellent feedback from Bruce, the project coordinator, on how they conducted themselves throughout the day.

Of these 15 students, 7 were selected to continue with the next stage of the project, and four chose to do so:

Elizabeth A
Harvey A
Salwator G
Ty A

They have been attending life skills sessions once a week during the evenings, where they have explored a variety of themes, including self-respect, personal challenges, relationship management, teamwork, leadership, communication skills, decision-making, drug awareness, healthy eating, and local opportunities. They are now preparing for the next

phase of the project, a week-long residential trip to the Lake District! This is the opportunity for them to use the personal and social skills they have built up to take on individual and team challenges. The experience of climbing mountains and living away from home in an alien environment will see them pushed outside their comfort zones and ultimately achieving more than they ever thought possible.

"I think it's good because it helps you communicate with others, show your feelings and helps you to become you. It helped me a lot and I feel like myself again" - Elizabeth A

"The Respect Project is good because we talked about important things such as consent, drugs, respect and other important topics. If you get the chance to go you should accept it!" - Harvey A

A massive thank you to Bruce and his team at Essex Boys and Girls Clubs for giving our students this opportunity.

Miss A McLean, Raising Standards Leader

Jack Petchey



Speak Out Challenge Finalists

Evey D and Amelia were the winners of our school's Jack Petchey Speak Out competition. They have been chosen to represent us at the Regional Final on Thursday 28 April, where they will compete against students from other schools in North Essex.

Both Evey and Amelia performed well-crafted speeches, about topics they feel passionate about, with enthusiasm and energy.

Congratulations to them both and we wish them all the best for the Regional Final!

Mind Fundraiser



On Friday 1 April, Braintree Sixth Form staff and students wore blue and white to show their support for Mind, the mental health charity.

Students recently voted for this to be the national charity they wish to support throughout the year. Donations were collected throughout the day; by lunchtime they had raised over £50.



Sports Roundup

Netball

Our netball team played against Colchester Sixth form's 1st Team on Wednesday 2nd March. This is Ellie's report:

It was a great performance from the girls this Wednesday, resulting in a 25-23 win against a very strong Colchester team! Our opposition proved their

strength through the end-to-end play in the game. However, we came out victorious with a close call in the 4th quarter, drawing 22-22 with 2 minutes to go! Braintree's resilience was shown, winning every quarter through our presence on court. Finally, a special thanks to Leah (our player of the match) for helping the team out at short notice.



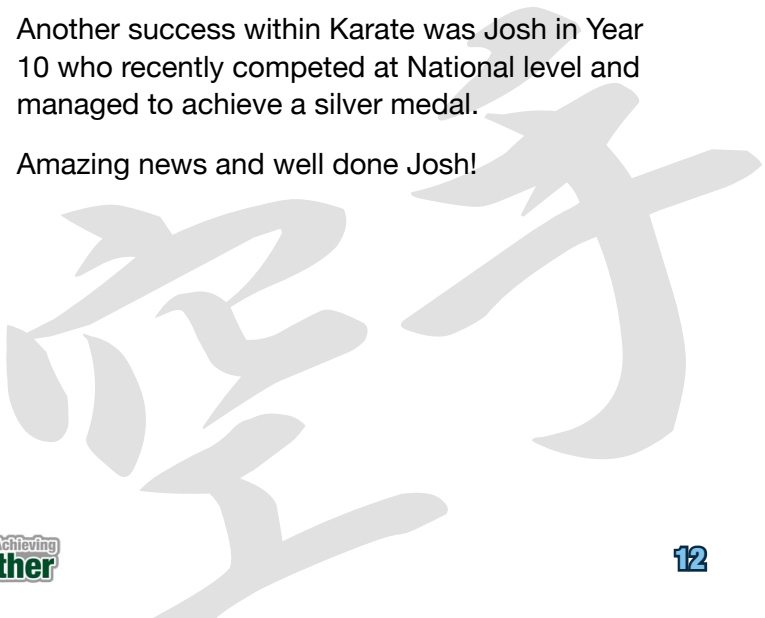
Karate

As well as success within school, some of our students have been successful within their own clubs and activities at home. Maddison and Teagan, pictured left, have both graded in Karate recently for their brown/double white stripe and passed. The next belt that they will be working towards is black.

What a fantastic achievement!

Another success within Karate was Josh in Year 10 who recently competed at National level and managed to achieve a silver medal.

Amazing news and well done Josh!





Futsal and Handball

This term has seen a large number of sporting events take place with a huge number of students taking part. In early January we hosted both the District Futsal and Handball competitions across a very busy two-week period. Each night saw a different age group compete with a huge amount of success coming Notley's way. Year's 7, 8 and 10 all ran out comfortable winners in the Futsal.

Pictures of the winning Year 7 and Year 10 teams shown above.

Following the success of the Year 7 futsal win, they then also went on to win the District Handball competition beating Rickstones comfortably in the final.

Winning team shown below.



Football Results



In more recent weeks, the PE fixture calendar has been extremely busy with fixtures taking place most evenings. The District Football competition has consumed most of these fixtures with Notley again being very competitive across all age groups.

The u13 girls football team, comprising of a mix of both Year 7 and Year 8 students, have had recent fixtures against Great Baddow and Honywood. These were the first games for girls playing together as a team. The first game against Great Baddow resulted in a good team performance but ended in a defeat. However, against Honywood, the girls put all of the hard work shown in training onto the pitch and ran out 7-1 winners, an excellent performance by all involved.

The Year 7 football team have played their first few games at Notley with some excellent performances. They narrowly lost to Rickstones 3-2 with Cory named as Man of the Match, then also falling to defeat against Ramsey 4-3 this time with Freddie being awarded Man of the Match.

They did manage to record a victory most recently against Helena Romanes 3-1.

An excellent start to their time here at Notley. (photos right)



The Year 11 team have also tasted success with 2 victories out of 2 and without conceding goal against Hedingham and Maltings, winning 7-0 and 1-0 respectively.

These two results should now see them through the District Semi finals.



Assessment Centre Information Session

Katie from the AIM group came into to give us all some helpful hints regarding assessments for jobs and apprenticeship applications. Katie began by detailing what sort of things we may experience if we get invited to an assessment centre and the sort of activities we may engage in. We practised one of these scenarios as we were placed in pairs and had to build towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. Katie gave us 15 minutes to complete the task, whilst walking around assessing our behaviour,

actions and how we worked with one another. At the end of the 15 minutes, Katie gave us some feedback on how we had done in the task and areas we can improve on when going into a real assessment centre scenario. She finished off by giving us some useful tips on how to stand out in a positive light, what not to do and what to look for. Overall, it was a really helpful experience and gave us a lot of useful information regarding assessment centres.

Ben B, Year 13 Student



The Orchard



Many of you might not know that we have a lovely space within our school used for garden therapy and well-being. We are renaming this area The Orchard. Look out for lots of fun House competitions and clubs to help support the running and design of this beautiful space.

This area has been cultivated (under the careful guidance of Mrs Isik and Mrs Walker) by many of our pupils who have taken ownership of their own area of this garden space. We have a pond, bird boxes, hedgehog homes, and lots of lovely fruit and vegetables being grown in this space. The wildlife and diversity of plants and animals here is

wonderful to see, and our school is very proud to work collaboratively to ensure The Orchard stays accessible for all.

Mrs Isik and students from Learning Support worked hard earlier in the year to plant some trees around our school's Orchard. We are carrying on her hard work by adding some more trees to the area around the Orchard with the help of our Eco Committee. Thank you to everyone who worked hard in the garden so far and all who came along to help plant the trees, supplied by Braintree District Cultural Education Partnership to help reduce our carbon footprint.





Eco-Schools Committee Launched!

Eco-Schools is a seven step framework that thousands of schools, nurseries and colleges around the world use to introduce, manage and complete environmental actions in their organisation and local community. Uniquely, the Seven Steps aim to place young people at the heart of these environmental actions. This approach engages, motivates and empowers young people to care for our planet now and throughout their lifetimes.

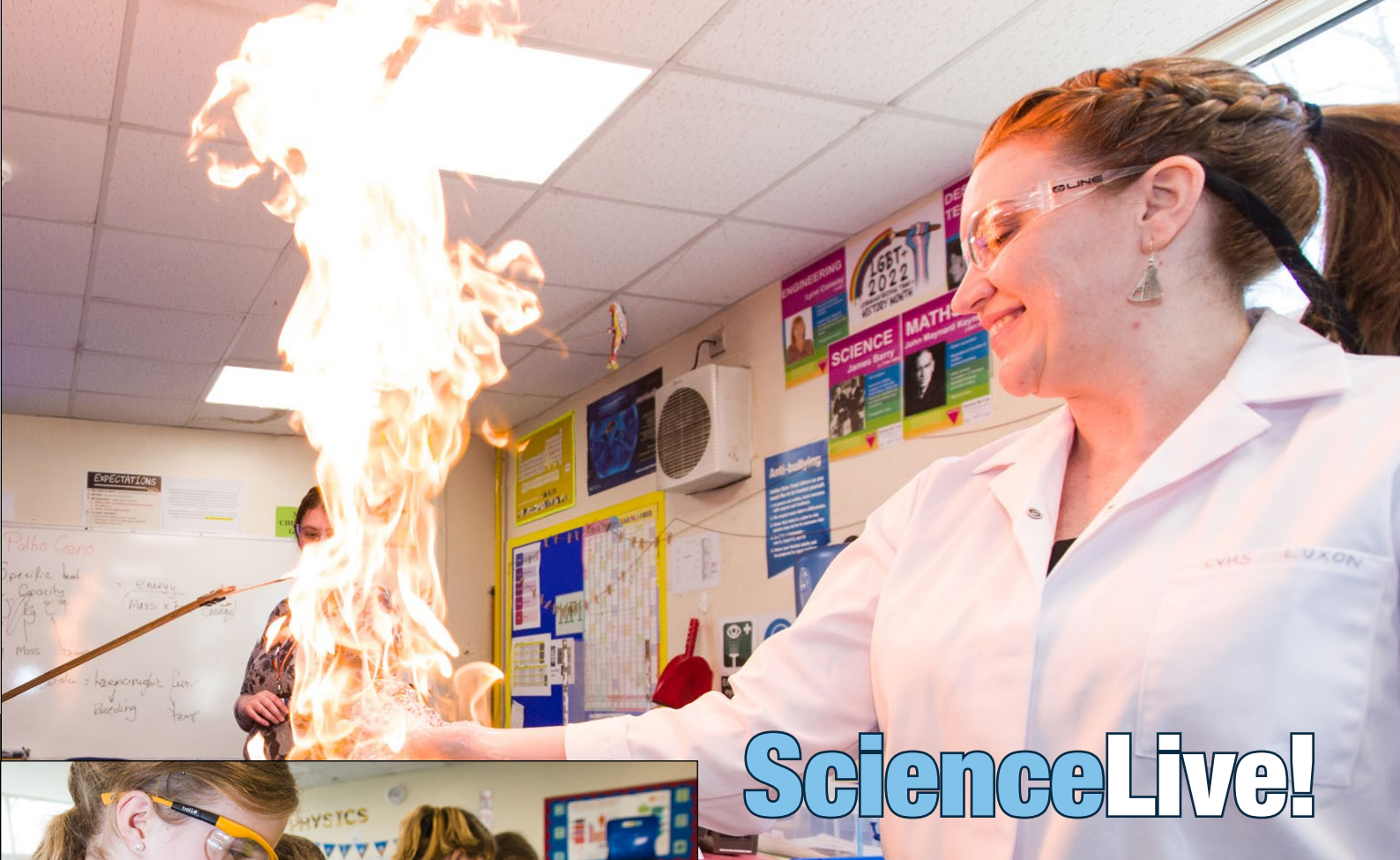
At Notley we now have a dedicated group of students who have given up their time to help work towards completing the Green Flag application for our school. We have split students into five different groups, all working towards helping improve our school's environment for now and in the future. I have been so impressed by all our Eco Warriors' ideas and passion for creating an environment we are proud of. Next term we hope to plant some wildflowers to brighten our school's outdoor spaces, as well as invest in some more recycling methods.

If you would like to read more about the scheme, then more information can be found here -

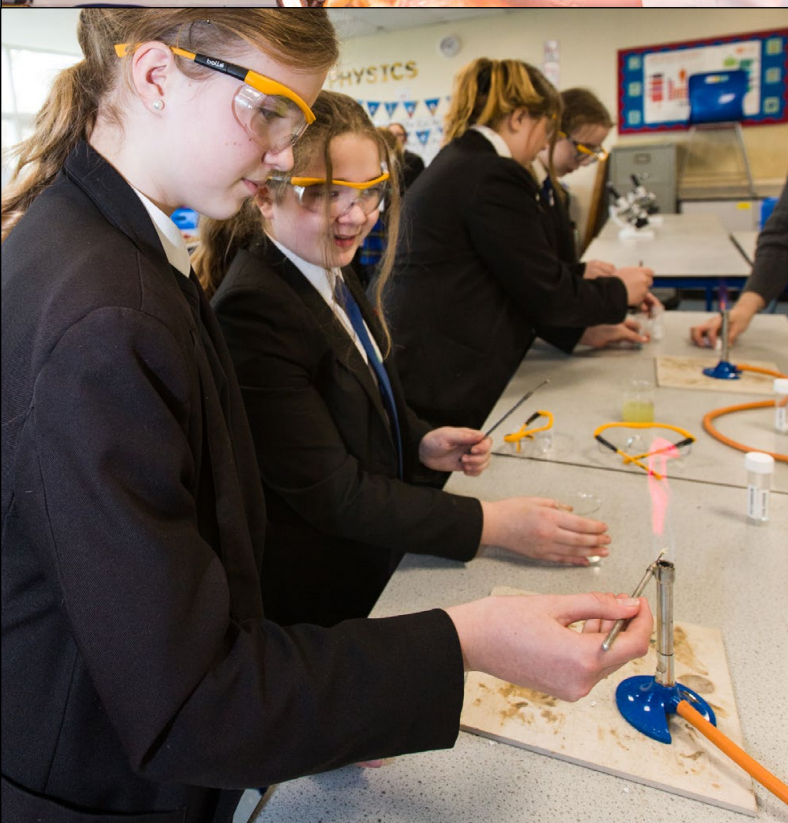
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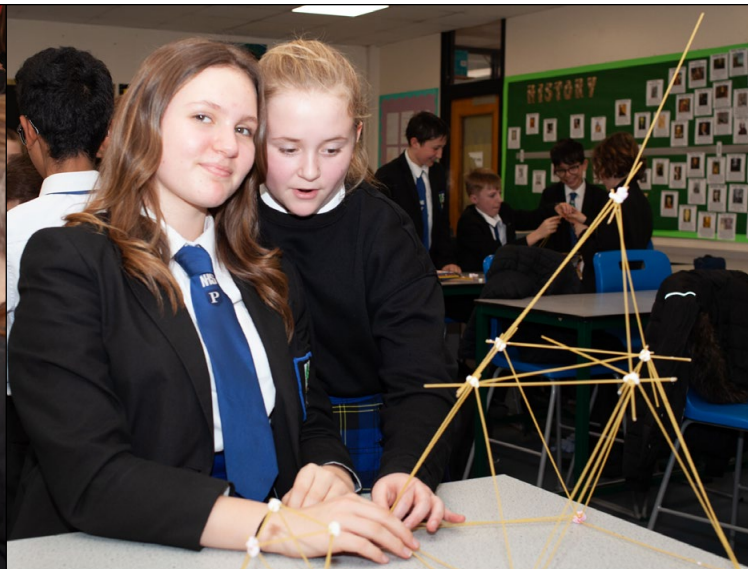
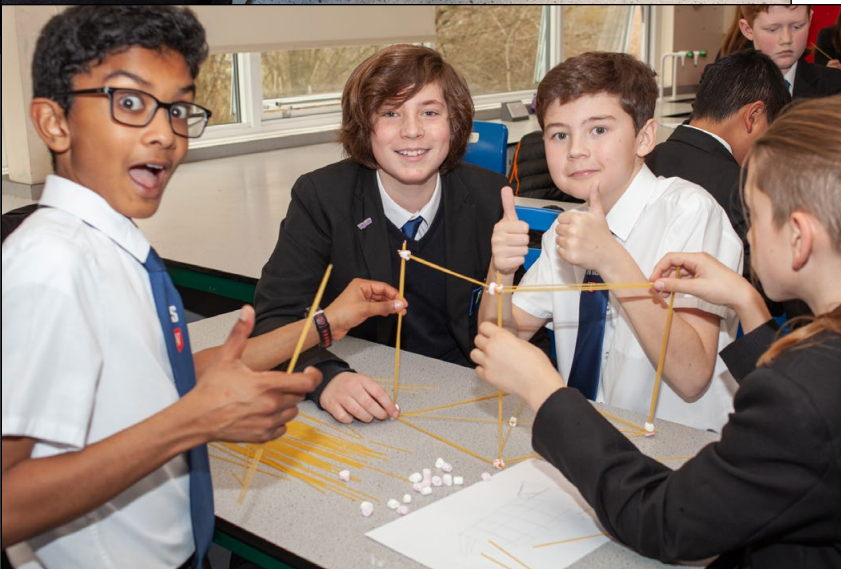


ScienceLive!



Students of Year 7 & 8 enjoyed the different Science lessons that we delivered during Science week. This year the theme was Growth and students designed and built towers out of spaghetti and mini marshmallows to see who could get the highest tower. They also planted a selection of seeds which have already started to sprout, we maybe having a glut of radishes and salads leaves for the Science teachers lunches!

During lunchtimes, students were invited to set methane bubbles on fire, experience flame tests, the wonders of polymorph, look through microscopes and investigate the internal workings of a pig pluck. We think they thoroughly enjoyed the week and we are hopeful we have encouraged some budding scientists for our future.



House Leaders

Thank you to students and staff for all your hard work and contributions to our house charities and competitions this term. The house point leaderboard currently stands with Parks in first place with 11,145 points! In second place with 10,742 points are Turing, and Winton are in third place with 9,986 points. Closely followed by Franklin and Cavell in fourth and fifth place respectively.

Each week students have been participating in tutor quizzes and competitions for the chance to win house points. Well done to all tutor groups for taking part.

Coming up in the Summer Term, we have many competitions to look forward to. Firstly, we have an exciting opportunity where we will be seeking designers and artists to work with one of our Senior Prefects to create and design a new school logo which will combine Braintree Sixth Form with the main school. We will also be enjoying Notley's Wimbledon, holding a celebration for the

Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and, of course, fundraising (and eating ice cream) at our annual Charity Fun event to finish the school year.

Head of House Franklin: Miss A Romang

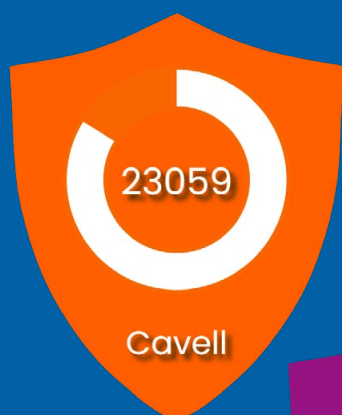
Head of House Parks: Mrs K Russell

Head of House Turing: Mr H Morbin

Head of House Winton: Mrs R Grant

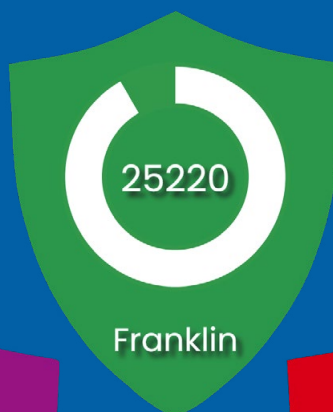
HousePoints

Notley's house competition runs across the entire academic year, with students earning points from a wide range of activities and achievements. These are the running totals for the year.



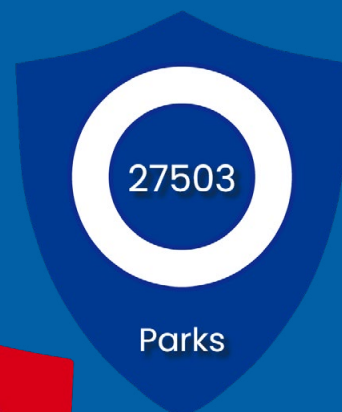
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Cavell



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Franklin



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Parks



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Turing



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Winton



Easter Break

We wish all students and families a relaxing Easter break.

We will return to school on

19 April 2022

Social Media

Below are the official social media sites for Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Please be aware that any other social media sites are not related to the school.

Notley High School

Facebook:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Ski Notley
- Prom Notley

Twitter:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

Instagram:

- NotleyHighSchool

Braintree Sixth Form

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Social Media

Performing Arts

These are exciting times for the Drama department, Miss Ryan has just given us the go ahead to get started with our next whole school musical! Our last musical, Rock of Ages, performed in 2019 was a great success, so we are very excited to dust off the theatre and get working with the fantastically talented students we have here at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Our next school musical will be a Roald Dahl favourite... Matilda! Auditions will take place before the summer holidays, with full rehearsals kicking off from September, to be performed early 2023. Our cast will also be working alongside our newly appointed dance troupe in the show! We look forward to taking all cast members on a trip to London to see the professionals at work in Matilda The Musical.

Drama students of the week are announced every Friday via our social media platforms, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Our KS3 Drama club will continue on a Tuesday lunchtime, with great support from our Year 10 leaders in Drama, taking over from our Year 11's who are now focusing all of their efforts on their upcoming exams.

We look forward to the months ahead and are thrilled to be getting back to performing!

Drama students of the week

Congratulations to our Drama students of the week. The following students have shown great focus and effort, resulting in excellent achievement, well done!

KS3 - Poppy B, Emmii S, Lizzie V-H

KS4 - Ella B, Milly L



ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.



NEW DANCE TROUPE!

We are delighted to announce our new Dance classes for years 7,8,9 and 10 students.

If you love to Dance, learn new routines and want to be a part of our new Dance Troupe then come and join us on Wednesday 20 April 2022 in the Drama Studio.

Our first class will run from 3:20pm - 4:20pm.

Please wear your PE uniforms and trainers for our first class.

We will be starting work on choreographing fantastic dances for our spectacular whole school musical!

For more information please do come and speak to Mrs Whitnell in Drama



ExtraCurricularClubs

Club	Day	Venue	Staff
Games club Year 7	Monday lunchtime	G21	Mrs Turner
Revision club for French	Monday afterschool	F1 and F10	Mrs Coxton
Chess club	Mondays from 3.15 – 4pm	Library	Mrs Holden
KS3 Drama club	Tuesday lunchtime	Drama studio	Miss White, Miss Lennox, Miss Whitnell, Miss Rowe
KS3 D&T Catch up sessions	Tuesday lunchtime	G4 & G5	Mr Pain or Miss Wallace
KS4 D&T Catch up sessions	Tuesday Break Tuesday afterschool 3:15-4pm	G4 G3	Miss Wallace & Mr Rose Miss Wallace & Mr Rose
Science Bronze Crest Award	Tuesday lunchtime	G27	Mr Goodwins
Revision club for Spanish	Wednesday afterschool	G15	Mrs Coxon
Dance Club	Wednesday afterschool	Drama studio	Miss Lennox
Book club	Wednesday 3.15 – 4pm	Library	Mrs Holden
Construction club KS3	Wednesday lunchtime	G8	Mr. Burge, Miss. Wallace, Mr Pain, Mrs. Currie
Computing club for year 7	Wednesday lunchtime	ICT2	Mrs Wallace
Science Club	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:20pm	G26	Mr Goodwins
KS4 Drama Club	Wednesday Afterschool	Drama studio	Miss White, Miss Lennox, Miss Whitnell, Miss Rowe
Basketball KS3 and KS4	Thursday	Sports hall	Mr Musson
Dungeons and Dragons club Yr10	Thursday lunchtime	G23	Mrs Grant
Dungeons and Dragons club Yr11	Thursday afterschool	G23	Mrs Grant
KS3 D&T Catch up sessions	Thursday lunchtime	G4 & G5	Mr Pain or Miss Wallace
Eco-School Committee Drop ins	Thursday breaktime	G5/G4	Miss Wallace
Basketball for KS3, KS4 and KS5	Thursday	Sports hall	Mr Musson
Basketball for KS3, KS4	Friday	Sports hall	Mr Musson
KS4 D&T Catch up sessions	Friday breaktime Friday afterschool 3:15-4pm	G4 G3	Miss Wallace & Mr Rose Miss Wallace & Mr Rose
TreeHuggers	Friday afterschool 3:15pm – 4:20pm	G28	Mrs Luxon
Friday Lunch Club	Friday lunchtime	F7	Mr Ager, Mrs Fouche, Mrs Burroughs

PE Clubs

	Lunch – 1.15-1.50	Afterschool – 3.30-4.30
Monday	Football – Year 8&9 – (Sports Hall) Futsal Year 7 – (Fitness Centre) Football – Year 10&11 – (Field)	Football – Year 9 Boys – (Field) Netball – Year 7 – (Netball Courts) Netball – Year 8 & 9 – (Netball Courts) Rugby – Year 10 & 11 – (Field)
Tuesday	Football – Year 8&9 – (Sports Hall) Futsal Year 7 – (Fitness Centre) Football – Year 10&11 – (Field) Rounders – KS3 (Field)	Rugby – Year 8 & 9 Boys – (Field) Rugby – Year 7 Boys – (Field)
Wednesday	Handball – Year 10 & 11 – (Sports Hall) Football – Year 8&9 – (Sports Hall) Futsal Year 7 – (Fitness Centre) Football – Year 10&11 – (Field)	Football – Year 8 – (Field) Rugby – Year 7, 8 & 9 Girls – (Field) GCSE Practical Club – Year 10 & 11 – (Sports Hall)
Thursday	Football – Year 8&9 – (Sports Hall) Futsal Year 7 – (Fitness Centre) Football – Year 10&11 – (Field) Rounders – KS3 (Field)	Football – Year 7 Boys – (Field) Girls Football – All years – (Field) Basketball Girls & Boys KS4 – (Sports Hall)
Friday	Football – Year 8&9 – (Sports Hall) Futsal Year 7 – (Fitness Centre) Football – Year 10&11 – (Field)	Football – Year 11 Boys – (Field) (3:30 – 5:00) Basketball Girls & Boys KS3 – (Sports Hall)

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