

# Notley News

Issue 011  
July 2025



**Year 10 Work Experience**

**Reward Trips**

**Duke of Edinburgh**

**...and much, much more**

# 4G Pitch Completed!



Mon - Sat  
8.30am -5.00pm  
Sun  
10.00am-4.00pm  
Coggeshall Road,  
Earls Colne,  
CO6 2JX

# **Olivers Plants**

## **Your Local Plant Specialists.**

### ***Dedicated Grower Retailer***

From Houseplants to Summer Bedding, Trees to Vegetables we have it all.

Our friendly knowledgeable team are here to help, whether it's shopping at the Plant Centre in person or via our online ordering service.

We grow the majority of our plants on our Coggeshall Nursery in Peat-Free compost

**Great quality plants, great prices, great for the environment.**

**Sign up to our newsletter for subscriber only offers**

[www.oliversplants.co.uk](http://www.oliversplants.co.uk)

Trade enquiries welcome



**THE PLANT SPECIALISTS**  
**DEDICATED GROWER RETAILER**

01787 220281

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX, CO6 2JX

[WWW.OLIVERSPLANTS.CO.UK](http://WWW.OLIVERSPLANTS.CO.UK)

[INFO@OLIVERSPLANTS.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@OLIVERSPLANTS.CO.UK)

# Contents

Headteacher Update .....	2	Student Work Experience Article.....	22
Year 7 .....	4	Scouts .....	23
Year 8 .....	5	Netball Trip .....	24
Year 9 .....	6	PE Update .....	26
Year 10.....	7	Thorpe Park.....	28
Year 11.....	9	Brilliant Club .....	29
Years 12 & 13.....	10	Careers Trip .....	30
Governors' Update .....	11	Women's Euros Competition .....	32
Year 10 Football .....	12	Adventure Island.....	33
Year 9 University Visit.....	13	BAT Book Awards.....	34
EPQ Trip .....	14	Open Morning .....	35
JFK Trip .....	15	Forest School .....	36
Science .....	16	Astronomy Club.....	37
Football Tournament .....	17	Social Media / House Points .....	38
Work Experience .....	18	Year 7 Rewards Trip.....	39
4G Pitch.....	19	Term Dates .....	40
Duke of Edinburgh.....	20		



Except where individually credited, all photography is by Notley staff photographers: Chris Rowe and Lisa Oldroyd

# HeadteacherUpdate

Welcome to the final edition of Notley News for this academic year. As we approach the summer break, it's a perfect time to reflect on the many successes, celebrations, and changes that have shaped our school community over the past term.

## Celebrating Student Achievement

This has been a term of energy, excellence and pride. From the enthusiasm of our Year 10 and 12 Work Experience Weeks to the determination and school spirit on display during Sports Day, our students have once again shown what makes Notley such a positive place to learn and grow.

We are incredibly proud of the individual sporting success achieved this year:

- William (Year 7) placed 14th nationally at the English Gymnastics Championships, including 8th on Parallel Bars and High Bar.
- Felicity (Year 11) earned a regional bronze in synchronized swimming and will be competing at the national finals.
- Finley (Year 7) impressed at the ASB Futsal Costa Daurada Tournament in Spain, competing among 32 international teams.
- Neve (Year 7) was recognised for her performance in karate at the Sentoryu Martial Arts Tournament.
- Amalie received a Jack Petchey Award after her outstanding 800 m run at the Essex Schools County Championships.
- Kimara L (Year 7) won the 100m at District Sports.
- Frankie C (Year 10) set a new school record in the 300m.

## Team Triumphs

Our school teams have also flourished:

- - District Champions – Football (Year 10), Futsal (U12–U16), Handball (U14, U16, and both Year 7 teams Girls and Boys)
- - U16 Girls Football – Essex Cup semi-finalists
- U12 Netball - Essex Cup Semi-finalists



*Mr M Barrow, Headteacher*

- Year 7,8, 9 and 10 Girls Rounders – District Champions, rounding off their season in style
- Our choir has gone from strength to strength
- Girls District Champions in Athletics

## Across the Year...

Whether through Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, academic showcases, Science Week, university trips, or drama and music events, our students have truly embodied our values: Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire.

**Staff Farewells** This term, we say farewell to two highly respected and long-serving members of staff:

After fifteen years of dedicated service, Mrs Melanie Townsend will be leaving Notley High School at the end of this academic year. Mrs Townsend, Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead, has been a stalwart of the school and will be known to hundreds of families as either their teacher or someone who has supported them pastorally.

During her time at NHS, Mrs Townsend has been an Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form, English Faculty Leader and 'A' level teacher of both English and Spanish.

On your behalf, I would like to thank her for all that she has done for our students, both present and past, and to wish her well in her future endeavours.

We also say goodbye to Mr Jon Burge, our Head of Faculty and Raising Standards Leader for Year 11, who has been part of Notley since 2005. Mr Burge has supported countless students over the years with dedication, care, and professionalism. We wish him and his family every happiness as they begin their new life in Northern Ireland.

## Senior Leadership Team Updates

Looking ahead to September, we are delighted to welcome Mr Woodley as our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Sadler as our new Assistant Headteacher and Mr Sainsbury as our new Head of Sixth Form

We're excited for the experience and fresh perspective they will each bring to the school.

Thank you to all our students, staff and families for your hard work, support and positivity throughout the year. I hope you enjoy reading about our many highlights in this edition of Notley News, and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.



Mr Woodley  
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Sadler  
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Sainsbury  
Head of Sixth Form

# Year7

It's hard to believe that we've reached the end of Year 7 – the year seems to have flown by! It's even harder to imagine that this wonderful group of students will soon no longer be the youngest in the school, as they take their next step into Year 8. With this transition also comes a change in leadership, and as I take a moment to reflect, I do so with mixed emotions. I am incredibly proud of this year group for their enthusiasm and engagement in lessons, their commitment to getting involved in extra-curricular activities across the wider school, and their everyday kindness, politeness, and positivity. Working with them has been an absolute pleasure. It has been a privilege to get to know and support Year 7 during their first year of secondary school, and I will genuinely miss working with them so closely. That said, I'm not going anywhere and will always be a familiar and friendly face around school for them all. Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support throughout the year. It has been truly appreciated.

Some highlights from the Summer term include:

- It was a pleasure to see so many Year 7 student's participating in their first sports day this year. They did so with great enthusiasm whether they were taking part in an event of cheering their class mates on. Well done to 7.1 who won Sports Day.
- Our first Parents Evening was held this term. Staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many supportive parents and carers and being able to share positive and productive conversations about the progress of our students.
- Throughout the term a number of Year 7 students have been recognized for fantastic sporting achievements outside of school. We are very proud of these students.
- I was delighted to see the amazing efforts Year 7 students put into their Geography Rainforest projects. They should be extremely proud!
- Big Bang Trip and Adventure Island Trip – Many of our Year 7 students enjoyed taking part in these two exciting day trips. The students were a credit to the school.
- BAT Book Awards – We are very proud of Lucy B who won the creative writing prize for her short story. Well done Lucy!

Each term our Year 7 tutors have the difficult job of



*Mrs R Swan, Year 7 Raising Standards Leader*

nominating one student for the student of the term award.

7.1 – Tilly P. For being such an involved student in lessons and across wider school, taking part in many extra – curricular activities.

7.2 – Charlie B. For consistently showing high levels of effort & focus in a range of subjects, meeting high expectations with excellent contributions and showing kindness both in and out of lessons.

7.3 – Piper M. For her thoughtful and enthusiastic contributions to her lessons and for being a kind and polite member of Year 7.

7.4 – Amelia R. For being a polite student who works so hard she always strives to achieve her absolute best! She has produced fantastic work this year!

7.5 – Maye A. For always being polite, helpful and a great friend. For growing in confidence throughout the year and becoming an active member of the class.

7.6 – Jesse C. For always getting it right and for being super helpful and kind. He says Good Morning and Thank you every day and it has been a pleasure to have in my tutor group this year.

7.7 – Gabriella S. - For always showing the Notley Habits and for working hard in school to be the best she can be.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 7 students and their families an enjoyable well deserved Summer break.

# Year8

Year 8 – A Remarkable Year of Growth, Excellence and Achievement

As we approach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the truly outstanding year our Year 8 students have had. It has been an exceptional year for the smallest year group in the school – a group that has consistently punched well above its weight in every area.

One of the most remarkable achievements is that Year 8 have earned the most HEART points of any year group in the entire school. This is a phenomenal accomplishment and a real testament to their dedication, positive attitude, and commitment to our school values. The students have shown, time and again, that effort, kindness, and a desire to do well will always lead to success. They are shining examples of what it means to be part of this community.

Beyond their outstanding HEART point total, Year 8 have also demonstrated a consistently high level of focus and engagement in lessons. Their drive to learn, willingness to participate, and determination to improve have been recognised across all subject areas. Staff have repeatedly commented on how motivated, polite, and thoughtful the students are – something that makes them a joy to teach and work with.

Throughout this year, and especially in the second half which I have had the privilege of leading, Year 8 have risen to the challenge of being the best year group in the school. They have taken this responsibility seriously, setting a strong example for others to follow and continuing to develop themselves as excellent young people. Whether in the classroom, the corridors, or in social times, they have shown character, resilience, and enthusiasm.

It has truly been a pleasure to work with Year 8 over the past two terms. Watching them challenge themselves, grow in confidence, support one another, and strive for excellence in all areas has been one of the highlights of my time at the school. Their maturity, curiosity, and kindness have stood out time and again. They are a fantastic group of students.

I would also like to take this moment to sincerely thank all parents and carers. Your ongoing support



*Mr N Wilcox, Year 8 Raising Standards Leader*

and the strong relationships we have developed have played a vital role in the success of the year. Working together in partnership has made a real difference, and I'm incredibly grateful for your trust and collaboration.

As I prepare to leave the school at the end of this academic year, I do so with great pride and confidence. The school is in a strong position to continue delivering excellent outcomes for its students. Year 8 have developed strong habits, positive behaviours, and a clear sense of identity. I am certain that the future is bright for this year group – both next year and beyond.

Thank you once again for your support. I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things the year group will go on to achieve.

# Year9

As we approach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey that we have had together since I took over the cohort at Easter. This year has been filled with growth, achievements, and unforgettable memories.

I have thoroughly enjoyed popping into lessons to see engaging classroom discussions, or exciting extracurricular activities, such as the trip to Southend. Not to mention the sporting achievements that some of our pupils have been part of this year. It has been a pleasure to have watched your child contribute to our school's vibrant community and embracing challenges with a positive spirit.

Year 9, as you move forward on your educational pathway, I hope that you will remember the lessons that you have been taught, academically and personally. I am delighted to still be working with all of you when you return in September. I have no doubt that you will tackle the next challenges ahead with the same dedication and passion as I have seen from you this year.

Thank you to the students and parents for welcoming me into the Notley community. I wish you all a relaxing summer holiday, and I cannot wait to see our new year 10's back at Notley High School in September.



*Miss Roberts, Year 9 Raising Standards Leader*

# Year10

As we wrap up another busy and rewarding term, it's a great opportunity to reflect on the achievements and highlights of our Year 10 students. Please enjoy the moments below in chronological order, but first, we begin by celebrating our Students of the Term and Headteacher's Commendation Award recipient.

## Students of the Term Nominations:

10.1 Lara.A In recognition of her outstanding academic performance and her valuable contribution to school life.

10.2 Abbie.P For her exceptional work ethic, positive attitude, and approachable nature. She's a true role model who brings warmth, dedication, and positivity to everything she does!

10.3 Amelie.L For being a model student who is both diligent and hardworking and she has a mature approach to her studies.

10.4 Bella.L For consistent hard in all lessons, showing compassion and empathy this year, demonstrating a maturity and kindness towards others, students and staff alike.

10.5 Mae.H For excellent behaviour and conduct across the school and her dedicated approach to her studies.

10.6 Maja.N Demonstrated respect by going above and beyond in welcoming Mr Pryke, a new member of staff, and supporting him in navigating the school day and understanding form expectations.

10.7 Jack.W For hard work in school and service within the community.

10.8 Faith.G For hard work, great attitude to school and for her resilience.

## Headteacher's Commendation Award

This term's Headteacher's Commendation Award goes to Alex W. (10.4) for his outstanding commitment to education, resilience during challenges, and exemplary character. Alex consistently shows a positive attitude towards staff and learning, kindness to friends, and a willingness to support his peers. Congratulations, Alex—you richly deserve this award.



*Mr H Morbin, Year 10 Raising Standards Leader*

## Year 10 Boys Crowned District Champions!

Since our last update, the Year 10 boys' football team played the Braintree District Schools Final at Halstead FC. Showing determination and resilience, they overcame a strong Alec Hunter side to claim the title. Archie H.'s Player of the Match performance, along with goals from Harry P. and Archie H., sealed a deserved victory. Huge congratulations to the team, and thanks to everyone who supported them. We look forward to seeing if they can defend their title next year!

## Year 10 Work Experience – Valuable Insights and Inspiration

Congratulations to Year 10 students for their professionalism during recent work experience placements. We received glowing feedback from local and wider community businesses praising their enthusiasm and commitment. Many found inspiration—some discovering career paths to pursue, others learning what might not suit them. Both outcomes are valuable for their future planning. A brilliant effort from all involved!

## **Year 10 Taster Day – Exploring Further Education**

Recently, Year 10 students visited Braintree College or Braintree Sixth Form to get a real taste of life beyond secondary school. The day provided a valuable opportunity to explore a wide range of post-16 courses, including both academic and vocational pathways. Students took part in a carousel of engaging subject sessions, from science and creative arts to engineering and business. The experience helped many clarify their plans for after Year 11, with several students now feeling more confident about their future choices. Feedback from staff and students alike has been overwhelmingly positive—it was an inspiring and eye-opening day for all

## **Year 10 Reward Trip to Thorpe Park – A Well-Deserved Celebration**

The Year 10 reward trip to Thorpe Park was a fantastic success and a well-deserved break for students after a term of hard work. Blessed with sunny weather, students enjoyed the thrill of rollercoasters, water rides, and time to relax with friends. Their positive behaviour, respectful attitude, and support for one another throughout the day were a credit to the school. It was a memorable trip and the perfect way to celebrate their efforts this term.

## **End of Year Exams – Moving Confidently Towards Year 11**

Year 10 students approached their recent exams with dedication and maturity. Throughout revision and exam periods, they maintained excellent behaviour and a positive, can-do attitude despite natural nerves. Now that results and feedback have been shared, many students are proud of their achievements. Their hard work has paid off and given them confidence as they prepare for Year 11. Well done to all for staying focused and on track!

## **Sports Day – A Memorable Finale**

Sports Day was once again a huge success, with an atmosphere possibly the best in recent years. Year 10 spectators created a lively and supportive environment that encouraged athletes to perform

at their best. Well done to all Year 10 competitors across the two days of track and field events. It was a fantastic way to mark their final Sports Day at Notley, with Miss Roberts' MC skills adding plenty of fun. A brilliant end to the term!

## **GCSE Drama Performance: “THE IT”**

It was a real pleasure to see our GCSE Drama students perform “THE IT.” Year 10 performers delivered a confident, engaging show for friends, family, and staff, bringing the story vividly to life. Congratulations to all involved—their hard work truly shone through!

## **Farewell Message from Me**

As the term ends, I want to thank all parents and carers for their support during my three years as Raising Standards Leader for this wonderful year group. It has been a privilege to work with these students from Year 8 to Year 10 and witness their growth. It has been a pleasure working with families and students, and I look forward to celebrating their GCSE successes next year. Wishing everyone a fantastic summer!

# Year11

As another academic year draws to a close, we say a fond farewell to our Year 11 students, who have now completed their final GCSE examinations and are preparing to take their next steps into the wider world. The past few weeks have seen them navigate a challenging and demanding exam season with resilience, maturity, and determination. Staff across the school have been impressed by the way Year 11 have handled themselves — supporting each other, staying focused, and rising to the challenge with a quiet confidence that bodes well for their futures.

The last day of exams brought with it a mix of emotions — relief, joy, nostalgia, and for many, a touch of sadness as they began to realise this chapter of their lives is coming to a close. The corridors certainly feel a little quieter without them, and their absence has already been noticed by staff and younger students alike. It's a clear reminder of the special presence this year group brought to our school community.

Of course, no farewell would be complete without a proper celebration — and the Class of 2025 prom did not disappoint! Held at The Essex, the evening was a glittering success. Students arrived in style, dressed to impress in everything from classic tuxedos to elegant gowns. It was a night full of laughter, dancing, and joyful memories as students celebrated not just the end of exams, but the friendships, milestones, and experiences that have shaped the last five years of their school lives. From heartfelt speeches to unforgettable moves on the dance floor, the prom was a perfect send-off for a group of young people we will truly miss.

It's been a privilege to watch you grow — not just academically, but as people. You've overcome challenges, supported one another, and shown real strength of character, especially over this final year. Whether you're moving on to college, apprenticeships, or heading straight into the world of work, remember this: your future isn't something that just happens to you — it's something you shape. Be bold. Be kind. Keep learning, and don't be afraid to fail — because every setback is just another step toward success. You've made us proud, and I know you will continue to make your families, your communities, and yourselves proud too.



*Mr J Burge, Year 11 Raising Standards Leader*

To all our Year 11 students — thank you for the contribution you've made to our school. You leave behind not just empty classrooms, but a legacy of spirit, humour, and perseverance. We wish you all the very best in whatever comes next, and we hope you'll carry your memories of Notley High School with pride.

Congratulations, Year 11 — your next chapter starts now.

# Years 12 & 13

The end of the academic year is suddenly upon us and what a term this one has been. We wished our Year 13 students all the best of luck in early May as we celebrated the completion of their sixth form experience with our leavers assembly. Congratulations to all students that received subject and tutor awards and a huge well done to all our Year 13 students for their positive and dedicated approach to their examinations. We all look forward to celebrating with them on results day in August.

Year 12 also had their last set of mock examinations this term, which has enabled staff to assess their progress as well as use their grades to help inform UCAS and predicted grades. This term has focused on next steps, whether that be employment, apprenticeships or university and students have had personal statement workshops and attended a higher education fair to help them make decisions about the best progression for them. Students also had the opportunity to spend a week on work experience, giving them vital insights into different types of employment, as well as development key skills. During the work experience week, we welcomed our new cohort into the sixth form who will be joining us in September for some taster lessons. We finish the term this week with the Year 12 BBQ which is always a fantastic way to celebrate the year.

It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying goodbye to Ms Shepherd who is leaving Notley High School and Sixth Form to start a new leadership role in another sixth form. On behalf of all the students and staff in the sixth form, we wish her all the best in the future. We welcome Mr Sainsbury in September, who will take the role of Head of Sixth Form and also Mr Buttle, who will support Mr Sainsbury in the Deputy role.

I hope everyone manages to relax and take some time to unwind away from academic work during the summer in order to hit the ground running when we return in September.



*Mrs S Howells, Head of Sixth Form*

# Governors' Update



As we close another academic year at Notley High School and Sixth Form, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff, and families for their continued commitment and hard work.

It has been a year of ambition, progress and pride, with so many successes—academic, sporting, creative and personal—across all year groups. The Governors have been privileged to see first-hand the dedication of our staff and the energy and enthusiasm of our students.

## Improving Together

One area that has particularly impressed Governors this year has been the continued drive for greater consistency across classrooms. The leadership team's focus on developing shared expectations, routines, and quality teaching has had a visible impact. Students are engaged, calm and focused—and there is now a consistent climate for learning across the school.

It has also been fantastic to see increased opportunities for students beyond the classroom, from the launch of the school's new 4G pitch, to the football partnership with FC Evolution, as well as a wide range of academic and enrichment activities across all key stages.

We also extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to Mrs Townsend and Mr Burge as they move on from Notley after many years of exceptional service.

Their contributions have helped shape the lives of countless students, and they leave with our gratitude and very best wishes.

Looking ahead, we warmly welcome new members of the senior leadership team, and we remain fully committed to supporting the school's continued growth and success. As ever, our focus as Governors is to ensure that every student is safe, supported, and able to thrive.

On behalf of the Governing Committee, I wish you all a restful, safe, and happy summer.

Dr Hooks



# Year 10 Football



## Year 10 Boys Football Final

On the 19th of May the Year 10 Boys Braintree District Schools Football Final took place against Alec Hunter, we won 2-0, goals scored by Harry P. and Archie H. There was really good effort and determination from the team to get the win. Good

attitudes and hard work paid off as they also enjoyed their McDonalds delivery to school as their reward! Furthermore, they are confident that they could be two-time champions for next year.

*Mr Harrington*



# Year 9 University Trip



## Year 9 Students Experience University Life at the University of Essex

This term, all Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Essex for a firsthand look at what life is like as a university student. The trip was both educational and inspiring, giving students a glimpse into their potential futures.

The day began with a warm welcome from university staff, followed by interactive taster sessions in two academic areas: Media and Film Studies and Linguistics.

As part of the visit, students also had discussions around key university terminology. They learned the meaning of words such as “undergraduate,” “lectures,” “seminars,” and “campus,” and talked about the differences between university degrees and degree apprenticeships. Many were surprised to learn that degree apprenticeships allow you to earn a salary while working towards a degree, combining practical experience with academic study.

A highlight of the day was a guided tour of the university’s campus. Students saw the library, lecture halls, student accommodation, and social areas, giving them a real feel for the environment. Many were excited by the idea of studying in such a vibrant and independent setting.

The visit helped students understand that higher education is more accessible than they may have thought. It sparked curiosity and ambition among many Year 9s, who left the campus feeling inspired and better informed about their future options.

Overall, it was a valuable and enjoyable day, planting the seeds for future aspirations in higher education.

*Mrs Robb*



# Year 12 EPQ Trip



On Friday 6th June Year 23 year 12 students went to Essex University for a study skills day.

The day included four sessions:

1. Developing research skills and research questions
2. Academic writing
3. Referencing
4. Library session

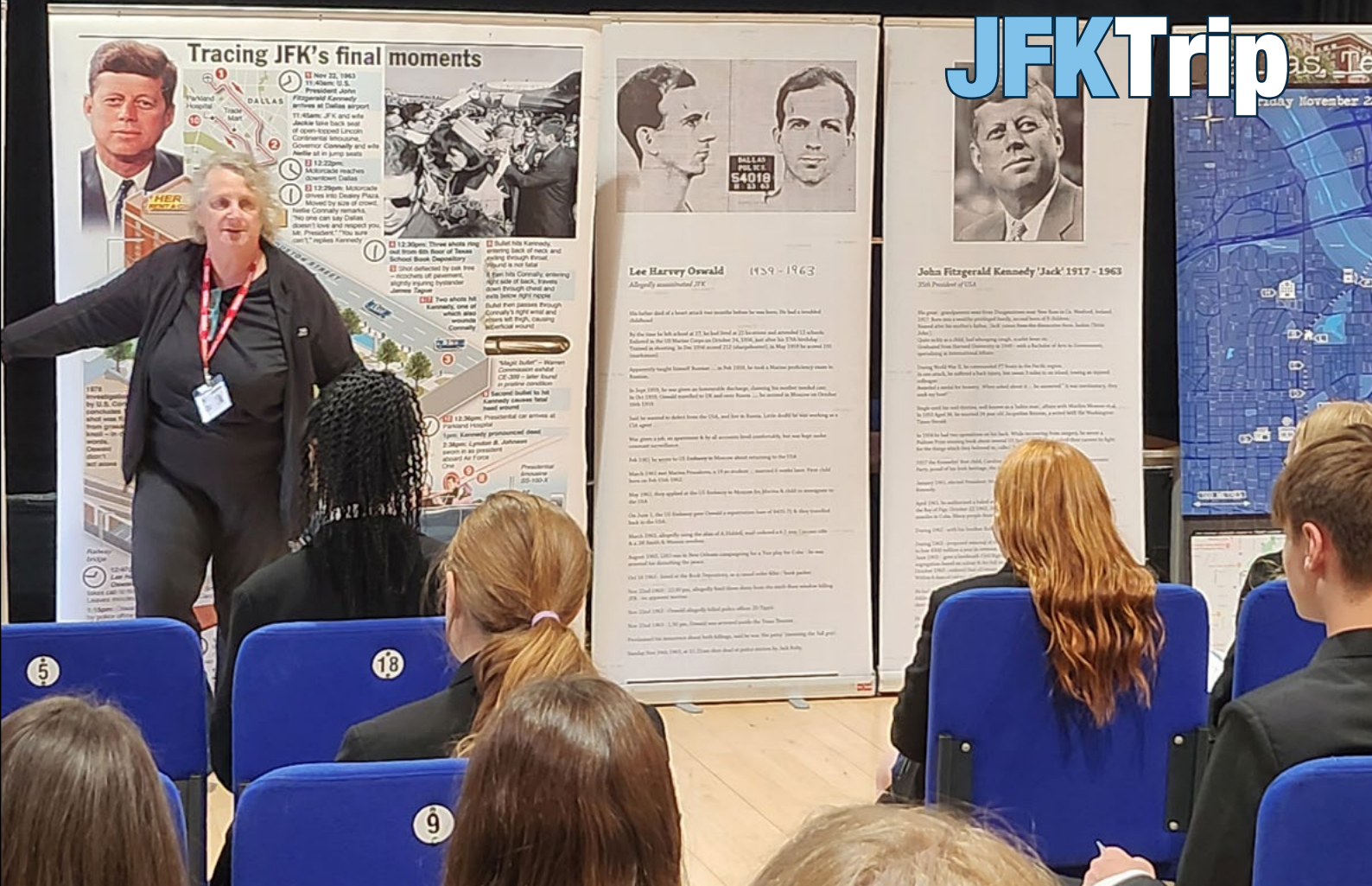
The sessions were all led by a PHD student and staff at Essex University. The day provided an excellent opportunity for the students to develop their study skills techniques, preparing the way for both their Extended Project Qualification and University level study in general. The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a qualification that students in year 12 can opt to take. It is worth half an A-level and is an independent project on a topic area of their choice and is highly regarded by universities.

Below are thoughts about the day from a student who attended:

“I really enjoyed my time at the EPQ day and exploring Essex University as a whole. I found the research methods presentation particularly helpful, as by finding a ‘literature gap’ in my chosen field, I can direct the trajectory of my report to fill a little-known or hotly debated niche. The advice on methods of referencing and citation along with writing formally and structuring the report have also helped me better prepare for the language I’ll need to use when I write.” Oscar P, year 12.

The students will be completing their EPQ projects alongside their other A-level subjects throughout year 13. Each year the students produce some fantastic final pieces, and we are really looking forward to seeing the final outcomes of this current cohort.

*Ms Shepherd*



On the 9th of June, the History Department welcomed *Forensic Fun* to Notley for a special event. They delivered an engaging, hands-on, and interactive workshop for 60 students from across all year groups.

The session focused on the assassination of John F. Kennedy, giving students the opportunity to examine historical evidence and piece together the facts of this famous case. Using VR headsets, students explored footage from the event and even tested replica weapons linked to the investigation. The workshop challenged students to apply their analytical skills to uncover the truth behind the assassination.

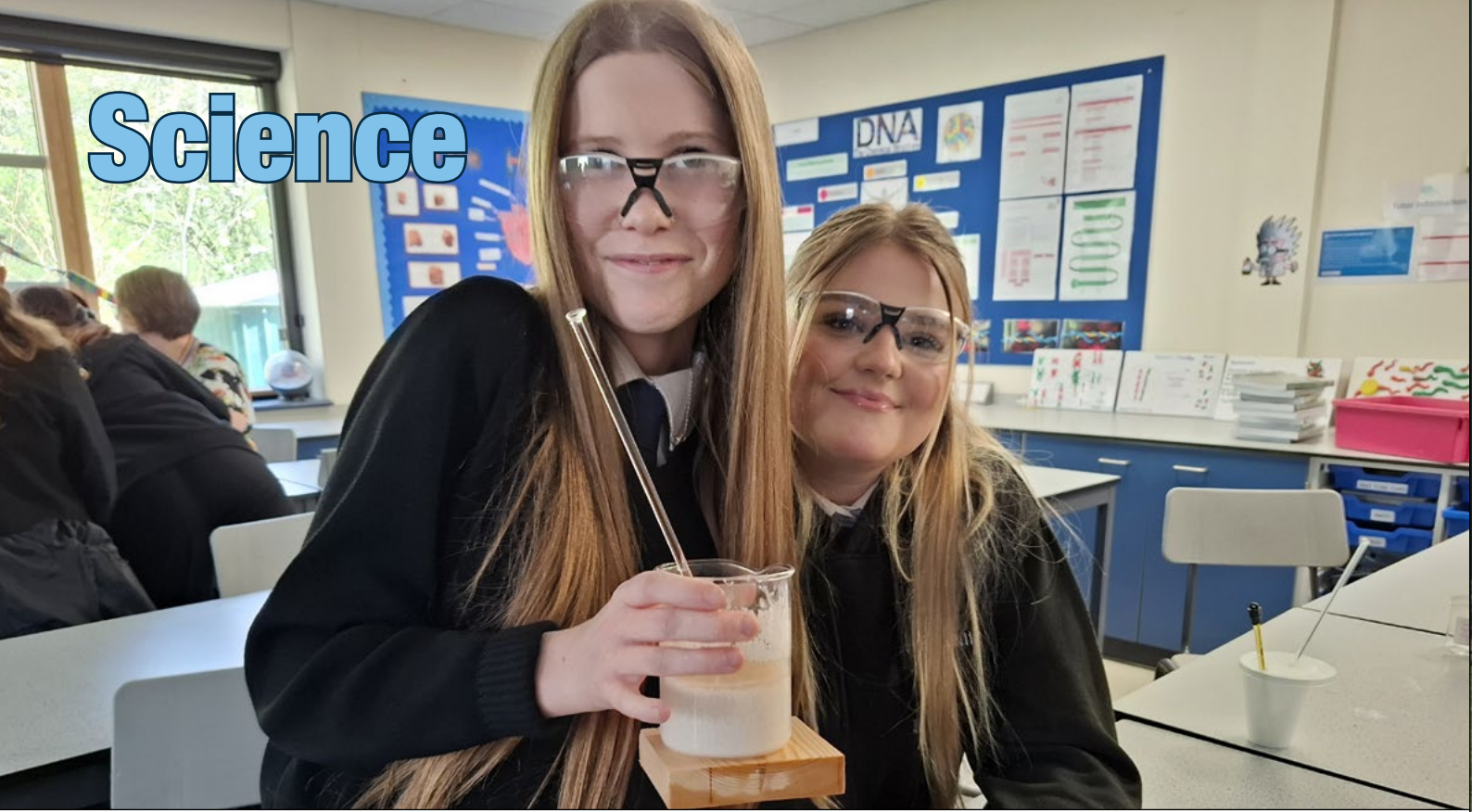
This workshop was part of *Notley Aspire*, a programme designed to reward students who consistently meet our high expectations of respect, teamwork and effort in their History lessons. The students thoroughly enjoyed the session, which sparked lively discussions and debates about the evidence and potential cover-up theories.

The event was led by Alison Leck from *Forensic Fun*, who praised the students for their enthusiasm and positive attitude throughout the session.

Mrs Cheung



# Science



Two Year 11 students created their own ice pack in a beaker during a science lesson. By dissolving a chemical in water, the reaction takes in heat from the surroundings (called an endothermic reaction),

freezing the layer of water between the glass beaker and the block, so sticking the block to the beaker.

*Miss Johnson*

Secondary  
Teacher  
Training  
Specialist

MID-ESSEX I T T  
INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

Ofsted  
Outstanding  
Provider

## A foundation for teaching excellence since 1994



Could you inspire the next generation with your passion for your subject?

We are an Ofsted-outstanding school-centred teacher training provider placing trainees in schools in Essex.

Talk to us to find out how you could take that first step into teaching!

) 01376 556398  
www.middlessexteachertraining.com  
admin@middlessexteachertraining.com

## Working in partnership with schools across Essex

# Football Tournament



On Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th the sun shone down on a fantastic day of sport as local schools came together for a community football tournament organised by Essex Police. Our school proudly entered two teams, a boys' team and a girls' team, who showed incredible determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Both teams faced tough competition from a variety of local schools, but they rose to every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience. It wasn't just about winning matches, it was about learning, growing and supporting one another, both on and off the field.

Passes were sharp, communication was constant, and every player gave 100% for their team. Even when things didn't go their way, the teams stayed positive, bounced back quickly, and kept their heads held high. Many students talked afterwards about how much they had learned, not just in terms of football skills, but also in managing nerves, handling disappointment, and staying focused under pressure. The boys team managed to secure a hard earned third place.

Mr Wilcox, who helped organise the teams, said he couldn't be prouder. "What impressed me most

was their attitude. They looked out for each other, showed real maturity, and represented our school brilliantly. Their effort and behaviour, both during matches and between them, was something every student can be proud of."

Well done to everyone who took part, you did Notley proud! A big thank you to Ben Andreos from Michael Richardson Football Academy for his support and wisdom during the day.

*Mr Wilcox*



# Year 10 Work Experience



Photo by fauxels:

## Work Experience Week: Year 10 Students Step into the World of Work

Our recent work experience week gave students across Year 10 a chance to step into the real world of work – and what an experience it was! From councils to construction companies, private investigation firms to veterinary practices, our students took on exciting placements, explored different careers, developed vital life skills, and discovered a lot about themselves along the way.

For many, the chance to rotate through different departments gave them a unique perspective on how workplaces function. “During my placement I went round each department in the workplace and learnt what different roles they play in the construction industry,” one student shared. “It really opened my eyes to how much teamwork and communication goes into every project.”

Confidence was a common theme in students’ reflections. One student shared how they overcame their nerves to participate in a high-level business meeting: “I am most proud of attending my first meeting which was very nerve-wracking for me, but I asked loads of questions and was very confident.” Another used their voice in a different way: “During my placement I used my courage to phone customers and ask about their site visits and ask if they were shown samples and treated well by the sales team. It was a daunting task, but I managed by making a script to follow.”

Many students had placements in primary schools, where they worked with children and supported teachers. “After the first day I began to feel more confident with speaking to both adults and children and ended up being able to take groups off to read or create DT projects without needing the support

of an adult,” said one. Another student reflected, “At the beginning of the placement I wasn’t as confident and didn’t know how to get involved, but I finished the placement with confidence, and I know how to create a relationship with the children while helping them with learning – which I’m proud of.”

Work experience also gave students the chance to take initiative and make real contributions. One student conducted market research and presented their findings: “At the end of the placement, I did a report about the competitors to the business and presented it to the boss. The boss said I made some good points and they might implement some of my ideas into the company.”

Adapting to new environments was a big achievement for many. “I’m proud of how quickly I learnt to adapt to their rules, jobs and systems that they have in place, because this shows how well I can get on easily and follow instructions – being resilient.”

The week finished on a high for one student who was included in a key team meeting: “At the end of placement I was involved with an important meeting where everyone shared their different opinions. The people were very welcoming and made me feel comfortable enough to share my opinions and thoughts in a room full of people I did not know.”

We are incredibly proud of all our students for embracing this opportunity with maturity, positivity and courage. Their stories show just how much can be achieved in a single week. Well done to everyone involved!

*Mrs Robb*

# 4G Football Pitch



Over the half term, the 4G football pitch has been finished. This facility will be used by students taking part in PE and for break and lunchtime use. Students look forward to using the pitch, participating in various sporting activities and events to occupy the school outside of lessons. This field can also be used for competition which showcase skill from our school and visitors which is an amazing way for our students to meet new friends and become more diverse as a team. As a result of Notley's Year 10 boys winning the finals, everyone in the school has become more supportive and welcoming to the idea of participating in competitive sports which will benefit their PE lessons and interests as well.

*Aimee H & Emma P, Year 10 work experience students*





## Duke of Edinburgh

Some students participated in a two-day expedition, over the half term. This gave students a chance to test their navigation skills as they travelled to numerous checkpoints. Before that however these students had to complete other requirements, these could fall under the categories of physical, skills or volunteering for three months.

Prior to this, students took part in a practice expedition, which gave them the chance to independently navigate their way to checkpoints which made the group feel a lot more assured in their co-operation skills.

Duke of Edinburgh inspires students to grow confidence in themselves and explore who they are.

We spoke to some participants of this and asked them what skills they had learnt from this experience. Alexander F. said he learnt many skills such as cooking, navigating and being well equipped for activities. For Duke of Edinburgh, he suggested getting a good pair of sunglasses, a hat and lots of food and water! He recommends Duke of Edinburgh because he obtained communication skills in an environment he never would have otherwise and learnt how to be independent and take initiative. He passionately recommends sticking to your own path and overcoming the challenges.

We also talked to another student about the other parts of Duke of Edinburgh and said that they have applied these skills outside of this experience. They pursued archery and first aid and have discovered they are good skills to learn. These parts of Duke of Edinburgh take 3 months, and they also said as a word of advice to work hard on these elements as they are transferable and beneficial for the future.

Additionally, Students Sophie P. is volunteering at rainbows and developed her skills in cooking and biking. She thought that Duke of Edinburgh was a good learning experience and despite some navigation problems, the expedition went well and now she knows how to put up a tent and use maps. She recommends Duke of Edinburgh as she gained a lot of new skills plus, she learned more about herself. Her favourite parts were getting to camp and she found that getting lost was funny.

Sophie B. told us she was working at animal shelter, in the expedition, she found the walking to not be too bad and said the expedition was good she also advised to be prepared but not pack too much. She also recommends Duke of Edinburgh because it was fun experience and something new to do.

*Aimee H & Emma P, Year 10 work experience students*



# Work Experience



Photo By: Kaboompics.com

From the 2nd-6th June, the year 10s have been completing their work experience. Most students had placements outside of school, but the remaining students stayed in school to complete online experiences. Work experience plays a vital role in helping students build the employability skills and learn about the workplace. Through this opportunity, students can identify their strengths and areas for improvement, gaining an idea of their future career paths. Some students also remain working in their chosen field after school. We are using Unifrog to manage the work experience programme, the students seem to be doing well in their placements. The students completing online work experience must fill out tasks and watch short videos set by companies to gain an understanding of what these employees do.

Thoughts of a student doing online work experience

We spoke to a student taking part in online placements and they seem to find it interesting learning about the different career options. They want to be a surgeon, so they watched the informative videos about what doctors and surgeons do in their job. They also was reading about the qualifications needed for the job and what skills would be necessary.

*Aimee H & Emma P, Year 10 work experience students*



A celebration took place here at Notley high to honour St George's day, several hundred Braintree district scouts gathered to renew their promises and commemorate being a scout. Here, activities took place rock climbing and various sporting events, on the field, we had a bouncy castle, a rock-climbing wall, food stalls and much more.

We have spoken to some students who were involved in scouts. Student Q has said that they love learning new skills, that scouts help to them out of their comfort zone. They believe that the skills you learn in scouts are transferable to regular life. Alexander F said that scouts are "challenging and tiring in a good way", he also passionately recommends buying a good pair of walking boots! Scouts seem to be the perfect way to unite youths and keep them entertained. Scouts also provides community service and benefits young people with the idea of helping the community and being useful.

*Aimee H & Emma P, Year 10 work experience students*





## Disneyland Paris Netball Tour 2025 – What a Trip!

What an unforgettable netball adventure, and what a tour it was! Our 25 incredible girls made us proud every step of the way — not just with their talent on the court, but with their energy, spirit, and attitude throughout.

### Day 1: Game On... and Parisian Glamour!

The tour kicked off with our girls diving straight into action — playing their first game to determine their competition pool. With strategy, teamwork, and serious determination, they set the tone for an exciting few days. And what better way to follow up than exploring the fashion capital of the world? The girls hit the shops in Paris, soaking in the culture, and, of course, enjoying a little retail therapy.

### Day 2: Masterclass Magic & Tournament Time

Our second day was full of growth, grit, and fun. The girls took part in an elite netball masterclass — and although it was intense and exhausting, they showed incredible resilience and took on every challenge with enthusiasm.

Post-session, they refueled with a delicious lunch featuring pizza vans and fresh crêpes (a definite





highlight!). Then it was time for the real competition — and they absolutely smashed it! Their energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship were second to none, leaving Miss Thomas, Miss Marboeuf, and Mr Leeke completely blown away.

That evening, back at the hotel, we enjoyed a taste of French cuisine — some girls stepping out of their comfort zones and trying new foods. Later, laughter filled the room with board games and bonding.

#### Day 3: Disneyland – A Dream Day

The final day was nothing short of magical. Disneyland Paris brought joy, excitement, and a whirlwind of fun. From the Tower of Terror to Avengers Assemble, the teacups to ride after ride — the smiles were non-stop.

Lunchtime saw our reward ceremony — a moment to reflect on how far the girls had come. Big congratulations to:

Aurora – 5th place

Rapunzel – 3rd place

Belle – 1st place

The cheering could be heard across the park! A special mention goes to Emilie, who was chosen as Best Player by the umpires — a truly well-deserved recognition!

We wrapped up the day with fireworks, thousands of photos, and memories to last a lifetime. Then, it was back to the hotel for one last night before heading home.

A huge thank you from Miss Thomas, Miss Marboeuf, and Mr Leeke — we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of our girls.

Bring it on, 2026!

*Miss Marboeuf*





# PE Update

Over the course of this term, we have seen a lot of changes and successes across the PE Department. We have seen our partnership with Tottenham Hotspur end and our new one with FC Evolution begin to take shape. Our new Astro Facility has been built and students have been able to start using this during lunchtimes. These are exciting times for PE at Notley High.

Throughout this term we have seen a range of Sporting successes, some of which are below:

## District Rounders

Our students have won the district Rounders competitions through year 7 to 10. This is a massive achievement and one which all of the students involved should feel really proud about. The girls have put their skills from their PE lessons and training sessions afterschool into practice and done incredibly well. Well done to all of the students across the 4 year groups who took part!

## District Football

Our Year 10 football team became district champions with a 2-0 win over Alec Hunter in the final, which was played at Halstead Town FC. The students acquitted themselves well throughout the course of the year and this was a well deserved victory. Well done boys!

## Tottenham Hotspur Stadium tour

On 21st May we took our Year 12 Football Development students to the Tottenham Hotspur for a stadium tour. All of the students had an enjoyable time and it was a great experience for the students to have upon the end of our partnership with Tottenham Hotspur.

## District Athletics

On 18th June we went to Tabor to compete against all of the other school's in our district in Athletics. All of our athletes did very well, and I am so proud to say that our Girls team won the overall competition. What a fantastic achievement! The girls that were part of the team have enjoyed a 'rewards breakfast' at school as a result.

Some notable individual performances on the day were Kimara L, who won the Year 7 Girls 100m, Joseph O, who came 2nd in the Year 9 boys 200m and the Year 10 Girls relay team who won their relay race.

## Essex County Athletics Championships

Following Kimara's performance in the 100m she was selected to represent the North West Essex district athletics team at the county championships. Amalie T in Year 8 was also selected to compete and represent the district in the 800m after being put

forward by the PE department.

Both Amalie and Kimara competed really well against some strong athletes in their respective races and in very hot conditions, well done to both Kimara and Amalie.

## Supporting out local schools

Over this term we have also supported our local primary schools. In May we held a Primary school sports event for Year 5 students, which was organised by Miss Thomas. This was a great success and all of the students enjoyed themselves.

We also helped John Ray infants with their sports days in June. Well done to all of the Year 8 students that were involved in this, the school were very complimentary about their knowledge and attitude. Here are a couple of photos of those that were involved.

## Sports Day

On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July we held our school sports day. This is always one of the best times of the school year, when all students and staff come together to support one another and celebrate students achievement. This optimises the school motto of 'working together, achieving together'. A massive thank you has to go to all of

the staff, particularly the PE staff, as well as all of the students across the school. It was so lovely to see some healthy competition, team spirit and most importantly sportsmanship throughout the two days. It shows what a wonderful community spirit our school has. This was epitomised by this photo of some of our year 10 students supporting a younger student in the 800m.

Our students competed in their form groups this year and after two days of competing in various track and field events, the winners for each year group were:

Year 7: 7.1

Year 8: 8.7

Year 9: 9.6

Year 10: 10.5

Well done to all of the students that took part for their forms across Sports Day!

A special mention must go to Frankie C in Year 10, who broke the Girls 300m record. An amazing achievement, well done Frankie!

*Mr Harrington*



# Thorpe PARK

## **A Fantastic Day at Thorpe Park: Celebrating Hard Work and Team Spirit**

On Tuesday 17th June, over 100 of our Year 10 students were rewarded with an unforgettable trip to Thorpe Park, having met the criteria to attend through their hard work and commitment this year. The day was nothing short of spectacular, with scorching sunshine adding to the excitement and energy of the trip.

The students were a credit to the school throughout the day. Their exemplary behaviour was noted by staff and park officials alike, showing how they continue to set a high standard as role models for their peers. From the thrilling roller coasters to the fun-filled water rides, it was clear that everyone was having an amazing time, sharing laughter and making memories that will last long beyond this school year.

It was heartwarming to see the way students supported one another throughout the trip, looking out for friends and encouraging those trying new rides or activities. This spirit of camaraderie truly embodied the values we strive to instill at school.

Staff in attendance also enjoyed the day, joining in the fun and celebrating alongside students. The trip was a wonderful way to recognise the dedication and effort our students have demonstrated,

rewarding them with a day full of enjoyment and adventure.

Thank you to all students for representing the school so positively and making this reward trip such a memorable success. We look forward to many more occasions to celebrate your achievements in the future!

*Mr Morbin*

# Brilliant Club



## Brilliant Club Graduation at Selwyn College, Cambridge

A group of 12 of our year 9 students had the incredible opportunity to visit Selwyn College, part of the University of Cambridge, to celebrate their achievements as part of The Brilliant Club programme.

The Brilliant Club is a national initiative that aims to increase access to highly selective universities by helping pupils develop university-style thinking and academic confidence. Over the course of several weeks, our students worked closely with a PhD tutor, exploring university-level topics far beyond the school curriculum. Our students worked hard on projects on the topic of Autism. Their hard work culminated in a final assignment, assessed to university standards. All students passed and the tutors were incredibly impressed with their higher-level thinking.

To recognise their commitment and success, students were invited to a graduation ceremony held at Selwyn College. Walking through the historic grounds and majestic courtyards, students got a first-hand glimpse into life at one of the world's most prestigious universities. The event included a formal ceremony, where students received their certificates, as well as an inspiring talk from university staff

about the power of aspiration, determination, and academic ambition.

As part of the day, students also toured the college, visited the dining hall, library, and chapel, and had the chance to speak with current undergraduates about their experiences. The visit opened many eyes to the possibilities of higher education and helped to dispel myths around elite universities.

One student reflected, "I never thought I could get into a place like Cambridge, but now I can picture myself here. It's made me think differently about my future." Another added "maybe I'll look at Oxford University too".

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part in The Brilliant Club this year. Their dedication, curiosity, and resilience have been truly inspiring, and we hope this visit marks just the beginning of their academic journeys.

*Mrs Spencer-Damps*

# Careers Trip



Our students had an exciting and educational day exploring a range of career paths at the recent careers and health workshops. They engaged with exhibitors at various stands, learning about different professions and the qualifications needed to pursue them. One of the most popular stops was the midwifery stand, where students got hands-on experience using a birthing ball and saw a demonstration of how a baby moves through the pelvis during childbirth.

Students then took part in a series of interactive workshops. These included checking their own pulse, taking blood pressure readings, practicing how to bandage and support an injured arm, performing CPR, and learning about the structure of the human skeleton. In later sessions, they had the unique opportunity to feel a simulation of a pregnant abdomen to determine the baby's position and to understand the procedures involved when a newborn requires breathing assistance after birth.

We were proud to hear from the exhibitors that all of our students were polite, engaged, and asked thoughtful, relevant questions throughout the day.

*Mrs Robb*





## HEALTHCARE SCIENCES

HEALTH INFORMATICS

ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY

GENOMICS

HAEMATOLOGY

NUCLEAR MEDICINE

BLOOD SCIENCES

MEDICAL ENGINEERING

CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY

CELLULAR SCIENCES

PHYSIOLOGY

AUDIOLOGY

[www.ourpeopleyourfuture.co.uk](http://www.ourpeopleyourfuture.co.uk)

# Women's Euro Competition



To celebrate the Women's Euros the library held their final competition of the year with a "Design a Kit" competition. There were over 60 entries, and the standard was so high it was decided that 2 winners would be chosen with an additional 5 highly commended prizes. All of the amazing entries are on display in the school library. Congratulations to our joint winners Vandana M and Effie E who each received an official Women's Euros football and our 5 highly commended entries Katy W, Neve F, Amelia O, Jack F and Daisy H who each received an Amazon voucher. The library staff would like to thank everyone who took part in this competition and any of the other library competitions throughout the year - the level of student involvement in these is so appreciated. We look forward to running more competitions and activities next year!

*Mrs Holden*





## Year 8 Rewards Trip to Adventure Island a Huge Success

On Thursday, a group of Year 8 students enjoyed an exciting rewards trip to Adventure Island in Southend. The trip was organised to celebrate those students who had met the school's behaviour and achievement criteria during the selected period. Teachers were thrilled to be able to recognise and reward their hard work and positive attitude.

From exciting roller coasters to classic rides and arcade games, there was something for everyone. The sun was shining, the queues were short, and the students made the most of every moment. Laughter could be heard across the park as friends enjoyed the rides together, treated themselves to ice cream, and created lasting memories.

Staff members praised the students for their excellent behaviour throughout the day and said it was a pleasure to share such a fun experience with them. "It's so important to celebrate success," said Mr Wilcox. "This trip was a fantastic way to do that."

The day was a great example of how positive

rewards can motivate and inspire students. Everyone returned home tired but happy and with big smiles. It was, without a doubt, a highlight of the year for many – and a well-deserved reward for all involved.

*Mr Wilcox*

# BATBookAwards



On Tuesday 24th June a group of Year 7 students attended the BAT Book Awards ceremony at Ramsey Academy in Halstead. The students met for the second time with Ramsey Academy and Moulsham High students and took part in some fun activities including a murder mystery and a book quiz before the winning book (*Bite Risk* by S.J. Wills) was announced. Since April students have been compiling posters, creative writing and book reviews to submit to the book awards competitions and our very own Lucy B won the creative writing prize and received a WH Smith voucher. Well done Lucy!

*Mrs Holden*



# Open Morning

## Saturday 27 September 2025

We warmly invite you to come and discover what makes Notley High School a welcoming ambitious and supportive school to learn.

Join us for:

- Headteacher's welcome talk, at 10am and again at 11am
- Student-led tours of our school and facilities
- Hands-on activities across a range of subjects, perfect for curious young visitors
- A visit to our brand new 4G sports pitch
- Meet the pastoral team and learn about our wellbeing and transition support
- Drop into our SEND department and see how we support every student
- Speak to teachers and staff from all areas of the school
- Take time out to sample our delicious canteen food

- Learn about our Year 7 transition programme and how we can help your child feel settled and confident

Whether you're just starting to think about secondary schools or have questions before applying, we'd love to welcome you and your child to experience our school community.

**Please click here [book a place at our Headteacher's talk.](#)**





# Notley High FOREST SCHOOL

Helping us grow from the roots up

As ever, it's been a very busy time in the garden this term with three interventions now running – Forest School, Garden Therapy and Nature Circle. All three are child-led where the students have opportunities to choose from a range of activities, or work on something they want to do.

This term we have learnt how to: make rope ladders, whittle flowers and drumsticks from hazel and willow, build plant supports for our peas and runner beans to climb, and decorate wood cookies to hang in the tree - creating lasting mementos of the students who have worked here.

We were very excited to be visited by a mother fox and her three cubs in June! The cubs reminded us of our own siblings, pushing each other out of the way to get to the food and play-fighting!



This year a member of staff donated some freshly hatched tadpoles. Everyone - staff and students alike - has enjoyed watching them transform from tiny wriggling dots into cute hopping froglets. We estimated that we had over a thousand, but their numbers dwindled "Hunger Games" style (which year 7 were studying for English!) until around 75 remained. These were then released into both the garden ponds. We hope these will survive into adulthood and produce frogspawn for us next year to begin the lifecycle again.



We're incredibly grateful to Oliver's Plants in Earl's Colne for their generous donation of compost, topsoil, and vegetable plants. Thanks to their support, we've now planted up 4 out of our 6 planters!

We're currently growing a variety of produce, including pumpkins, runner beans, peas, cabbage, broccoli, spring onions, potatoes, lettuces, and radishes. We're really looking forward to harvesting and enjoying the fruits (and vegetables!) of our labour - all made possible by their kindness.

Huge congratulations to one of our amazing year 11 students who has worked hard in the garden ever since year 7 – from painting tyres during the Covid era to making and teaching others to make bird feeders with willow. We're proud to share that she has been awarded the Bridge Academy Trust's Gold Community Award presented by Mr Farmer (CEO). Each year, one student from each school in the Trust is recognised for their exceptional service to the community. Her efforts in developing our outdoor space will benefit students for years to come.



Wishing all our school community a happy, safe and fun summer making memories and enjoying nature.

# Astronomy Club



## Explore the Universe with Astronomy Club!

Our Astronomy Club has had a stellar year, with students from Years 9 and 10 diving into the wonders of space through hands-on activities, fascinating theory, and access to real astronomical tools. We meet every Wednesday after school, and new members are always welcome, whether you're a space enthusiast or just curious.

This year, students created a scale model of the solar system across the school field, built pinhole cameras to safely view the Sun, assembled planispheres to navigate the night sky, and mapped changing lunar phases. Students have explored observational techniques such as transit timings and shadow sticks. Alongside practical work, we have studied the Edexcel GCSE Astronomy content, including: how the Earth's rotation and orbit give rise to day and night, seasons, and time zones; how eclipses occur; and how the Moon's phases can be predicted. We've studied the celestial sphere, learning how to locate objects in the sky using right ascension and declination, and discussed how ancient astronomers used naked-eye observations to build early models of the cosmos.

One of the club's highlights is access to the Liverpool Telescope, a professional-grade robotic telescope based in the Canary Islands. Students

have been able to schedule their own observations, capturing real astronomical data and images of deep-sky objects such as nebulae, galaxies, and star clusters.

While the club is open to all students simply for enjoyment and enrichment, it also offers the chance to gain an additional GCSE in Astronomy. This year, Thomas Anderton in Year 10 became our first candidate to take the full qualification, sitting his GCSE Astronomy exams this summer. We look forward to seeing the results of his hard work and dedication!

I found the course content really interesting. Making the model of the solar system was a highlight, as it was a very fun and collaborative group project that incorporated problem solving and teamwork. It was a valuable experience sitting a real GCSE exam in Year 10. Thomas Anderton, Year 10.

Astronomy Club is a brilliant opportunity to stretch your learning, get hands-on with real science, and explore the universe. You might just find your new favourite subject! To get involved, email Miss Johnson, [kerry.johnson@notleyhigh.com](mailto:kerry.johnson@notleyhigh.com).

*Thomas, year 10*

# SocialMedia

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

### Facebook:

- Braintree Sixth Form

### Twitter:

- Braintree Sixth Form

### Instagram:

- Braintree Sixth Form

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form is not responsible for the content of any social media accounts used by people following our official accounts.

# HEARTPoints

We believe in encouraging and rewarding effort and achievement. Students earn HEART points which focus on positive behaviours for learning and the development of each and every student's character. These are the running totals for the year.

**75388**

Year 7

**94532**

Year 8

**54946**

Year 9

**69326**

Year 10

**13033**

Year 11

# Year 7 Rewards Trip



On 15th July, we were delighted to take 130 Year 7 students on an exciting rewards trip to Adventure Island in Southend. From the moment we set off, there was a fantastic buzz of energy on both coaches, with some very enthusiastic singing – including memorable renditions of Sweet Caroline and YMCA!

As soon as we arrived, the students made the most of every moment. They headed straight for the rides and managed to fit in as many as possible. Rage and Axis proved especially popular, and it was great to see so many pupils pushing themselves to try something new. In between rides, there was plenty of time for the classic seaside treats – ice creams, candy floss, and slushies were all enjoyed and some of the teachers also managed to squeeze in a doughnut!

What stood out most, however, was the students' exemplary behaviour throughout the day. Their enthusiasm, kindness, and support for one another were evident throughout the day. It was a genuine pleasure to spend the day with them, and I couldn't have been prouder. They were a credit to the school in every way.

*Mrs Swan*



# TermDates

## Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2025-2026

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
									1	2	3	4	5						1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					
29	30																											
January 2026							February 2026							March 2026							April 2026							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
			1	2	3	4							1							1			1	2	3	4	5	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				
														30	31													
May 2026							June 2026							July 2026							August 2026							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5							1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
																					31							

- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = INSET days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		195 days

# Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools -

## Academic Year 2026-2027

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							December 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
										1	2	3	4							1		1	2	3	4	5	6
	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			
28	29	30												30													
January 2027							February 2027							March 2027							April 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30	31								29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		
May 2027							June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4							1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
31																					30	31					

	= School days
	= Non-Student Days
	= Bank Holidays
	= School Holidays
	= Open Morning for Year 7 Intake 2027



**Notley High School  
& Braithree Sixth Form**

**Notley Road  
Braithree  
Essex CM7 1WY**

**☎ 01376 556300**

**🌐 [www.notleyhigh.com](http://www.notleyhigh.com)**

**✉ [enquiries@notleyhigh.com](mailto:enquiries@notleyhigh.com)**