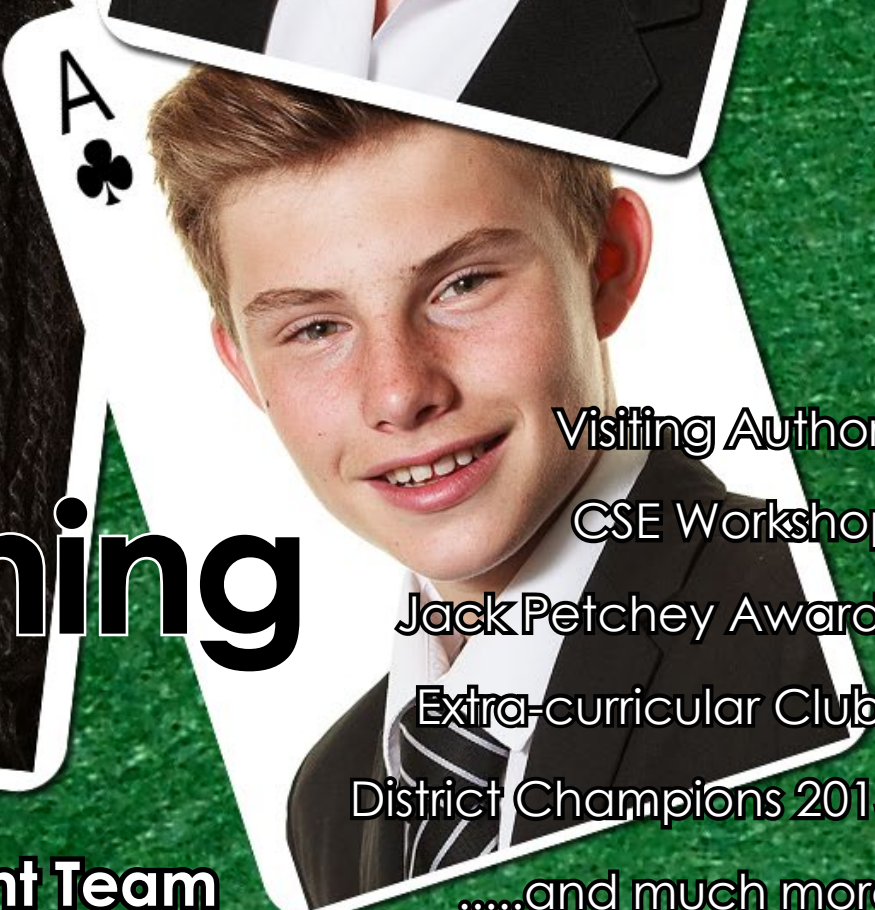


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Peter is The Hollies' lead singer, a long time singer and guitarist with Cliff Richard and star of the London West End Show, The Roy Orbison Story

An intimate solo UNPLUGGED performance and a rare opportunity to experience Peter's amazing vocal talent and superb acoustic guitar arrangements of THE HOLLIES, CLIFF RICHARD and ROY ORBISON hits, including: He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother, The Air That I Breathe, Jennifer Eccles, Devil Woman, Carrie, Pretty Woman, Blue Bayou and more. With special guest, the popular singer-songwriter, Michael Armstrong, performing a selection of his own compositions, plus songs by artists who inspire him.



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Thursday 11th June
Braintree Sixth Form
6pm - 8pm

Art Drama Dance

Music Tech Music

Product Design

Textiles

Fashion Show

Workshops

Refreshments

Admission Free

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headlines

Welcome to the May edition of OnCampus.

I am very proud of several recent individual and team successes in school:

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the new senior student team on their recent successful elections. Fulfilling the role of Head Girl will be Evie Stoneman, with Dexan Charlery-Warner as Deputy Head Girl. Our Head Boy will be Samuel Marshall, with Myles Peacham as Deputy Head Boy. I wish them all the best of luck in their new roles.

Since January, 450 Year 10 students in North Essex have taken part in Jack Petchey Speak Out workshops in their schools. From these workshops, 20 students from eleven different schools were chosen to take part in the recent Regional Final at Maltings Academy.

I am delighted to announce that Dexan Charlery-Warner, 10O, won the Regional Final. Her speech, titled, 'Who am I', was performed with style. The content and structure was mature and her delivery was exceptional. A video of Dexan's winning speech is available at this link:

<http://www.speakoutchallenge.com/dexan-charlery-warner-winner-jack-petcheys-speak-out-challenge-north-essex-regional-final/>

My congratulations also go to Jamie-Lee Bamford on being selected to play for Essex County football team. Please see page 7 for details of the game.

Congratulations to the Year 9 football team who were crowned District Champions for 2015, winning the final match 3-1 against Tabor Academy.

Details of Jack Petchey Award winners in school for January and February can be seen on pages 14 and 15. Well done to Harvey Payne and Rebecca Nutt on their achievements.

Students have attended a variety of informative sessions both in school and whilst on trips:

Last month students in Years 9 and 10 attended Child Sexual Exploitation workshops in the theatre, with parents/carers having the opportunity to attend information sessions too.

Students in Years 7 and 8 were fortunate to attend engaging author workshops at the end of the Spring term, details of which can be read on pages 8 and 9.

Earlier this month, a number of Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend some Maths in Action lectures at the Institute of Education in London.



Simon Thompson, Headteacher

Lots of exciting events have taken place in Personal Development Time (PDT) this term for KS3 and KS4 students, including students having the opportunity to learn about the democratic process, exploring policies and others' views, and casting their vote in our own mock elections. Students in Years 7 and 8 created their own parties and manifestos, and learned about the process of running an election before casting their final votes. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 evaluated the policies of the main political parties in Britain before voting for their choices and representatives.

Year 12 students participated in an Enterprise Project which culminated in a very successful Enterprise Fair which was attended by students and staff alike.

Sixth form students attended a 'Getting In' conference at the University of Essex in April, with the focus on how students could successfully apply to a top university.

As the final examinations approach for KS4 and KS5 students, many subjects and faculties are offering revision sessions to support students in their preparations, after school, during weekends and in the May half term break. Details of all revision sessions and final examinations can be found on the website, <http://www.notleyhigh.com/exams>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students the very best of luck with their forthcoming examinations and for their future achievements.

With my best wishes,
Mr S Thompson

new senior student team

Following a rigorous process which included interviews and speeches, we are delighted to announce the new senior student roles for 2015-2016. Fulfilling the role of Head Girl will be Evie Stoneman, with Dexan Charlery-Warner positioned as Deputy

Head Girl. Our Head Boy will be Samuel Marshall, with Myles Peacham as Deputy Head Boy. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles and congratulate them on their success through this process.

Mrs Sutton, Year Leader - Year 10

Evie Stoneman, Head Girl

Ever since I joined Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form in Year 7, I have hoped to be given the chance to be Head Girl. As a young student, I looked up to the Head Girl with admiring eyes and threw myself into school life, striving to follow in her footsteps. Having now achieved that goal, I would like the whole school to get to know a little bit about me.

I am a keen actress and never think twice about auditioning for every production Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form puts on. In Year 8, I had the great pleasure of playing a leading part in 'Romeo and Juliet' and spent weeks puzzling over the complicated Shakespearian language. More

recently, I played the role of Frenchy in 'Grease' and was incredibly sad to part with my pink wig. This year, I chose Drama as one of my GCSE options and though the impending exams are daunting, I see them as another opportunity to perform and cannot wait to take on a new role.

Though my sporting ability is somewhat questionable, I love to play badminton and took up running in February of last year. I now regularly run and volunteer at a local 5km event called Parkrun, held at the Discovery Centre in Great Notley. I love the huge feeling of accomplishment when you finish and want to share that experience with everyone.

I am so grateful to have received this endorsement from my fellow students and staff members. I plan to bring compassion, understanding, commitment and enthusiasm, as well as fresh ideas and a new perspective to the role, to ensure our school never stops improving. Next year is going to be an exciting year of change and I am thrilled to be a part of that.



Samuel Marshall, Head Boy

I feel incredibly privileged to say that I am Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's 2015/16 Head Boy. After making my way through the selection process for the position of Head Boy, I can honestly tell you that I could not possibly feel more honoured. Ever since I joined the school, it has been an aspiration of mine to one day fill the position, although I also thought it was unlikely that I ever would. Over the past few years, as I have made my way up through school and presented myself with different challenges, the day came that I was informed in assembly, that the position for Head Boy would be opening up, as the current Year 11 students would be leaving the school soon. At first I queried even the idea of

running; the thought of presenting a speech in front of my year group was unequivocally a daunting and scary thought.

The whole process of running for Head Boy was a truly amazing and an educational experience. I learnt so much and as I carry on I plan to keep learning and making the most of this unbelievable opportunity. I would therefore like to thank students and teachers for their support, sometimes a simple "you can do it" is quite frankly all you need.

As I carry out my role as Head Boy, I plan on doing the best I can possibly do, in every aspect of the job. It is not every day that you are blessed with such an opportunity as this. I would like to help the school in every possible way that I can and make everyone that believed in me proud.

A school is so much more than a place for learning; it is the place where you make your best friendships, create some of your best memories and start to realise what you want to do with your life. It is also the place where you learn some of your biggest lessons as a young adult. After learning all of these lessons, I am now embarking on my biggest one yet. Head boy is a truly outstanding opportunity and I plan on making the best of it, every day that I have the privilege to call it mine. I will not let you down.



Dexan Charlery-Warner, Deputy Head Girl

A lot of people may say that this is a role that they have dreamed about attaining and I have genuinely dreamt of being in this position since I was a young Year 7 - but they do say that every great dream begins with a dreamer. You can then probably deduce why I am indubitably honoured and humbled to be the new Deputy Head Girl. Over the past week, I was given the opportunity, along with fifteen other Year 10 students, to participate in the 2015 selection process, which consisted of an interview, the creation of a poster and a speech. This resulted in one of my biggest dreams being fulfilled.

As a student at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, I have been able to represent the school on trips whether it was to Cambridge University and the University of Essex or to Little Havens Hospice in my earlier years of schooling, which gave me a developed awareness of valuable members of the community. Moreover, it has been a humbling experience to be continually engaged in activities that are linked with

charities such as 'Comic Relief' and 'Save the Children'. I developed skills in public speaking when I was given the opportunity to conduct a series of assemblies about 'Save the Children' and chose to collaborate with a fellow Year 10 student to maximise the message and impact. I believe that I can bring the qualities I have attained from my experiences to my role.

I have had 100% attendance throughout Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 because I have wholeheartedly embraced school life and I do hope that all students do the same so they can seize every opportunity that comes their way.

I admit that my involvement in school life has required a great amount of dedication, hard work and time and I would be lying if I said that it has not been trying at times, however each effort is worth it.

Lastly, I would like to say that I could

not have achieved this without support and I would like to thank you all for your encouragement. I hold in very high regard the vision shared by Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form and I hope to continue to promote excellence throughout my peers through collaborative efforts with the rest of the senior student team.



Myles Peacham, Deputy Head Boy

I am Myles Peacham and I am honoured to be elected as your new Deputy Head Boy. After being one of my primary school's House Captains and loving every moment of it, I just knew that in the future I would want to become part of the senior student team at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. And here I am now.

A little bit about me: Ever since day 1, I have been involved in sport at all levels, including county and academy. You can throw any sport at me (except cross country!) and I will enjoy participating in this. As well

as playing sport, I also enjoy coaching and officiating, which I do on a weekly basis. When I am not playing sport, I like to socialise with my friends. I have also found a new love for camerawork including filming, photography and editing.

Within the role of Deputy Head Boy, I am to carry out all of the things that I mentioned in my election speech and I want all students to feel free to come and speak to me. Thank you all once again for this amazing opportunity.



student achievements



Medal Winner

On Wednesday 6 May, Jamie-Lee Bamford, 10L, played for Essex County football team. Essex County schools selected the best football players from each school. As part of this process, Jamie-Lee had to attend trials in order to be selected, in which she was successful.

In the quarter finals, Essex played against Suffolk and won. They also went on to win the semi-final against Somerset and won on penalties. Wednesday 6 May saw the final game which was against Lancashire. Unfortunately Lancashire won 2-0 with both goals scored in the second half. We are incredibly proud of Jamie-Lee and her achievement.

Jamie-Lee's performance was fantastic. Please follow the link below for more details regarding the final game.

<http://www.essexfa.com/news/2015/may/national-girls-schools-finals#HrFKo3SZwB35g0vv.99>

Mrs Sutton, Year Leader - Year 10



visiting authors

Captivating Writing Workshops

Students in 7Y and 8T attended engaging author workshops at the end of the Spring term, as part of an exciting pilot scheme running this year. Students studied a new novel in class, and then met the author to discuss key themes and ideas from the

texts, as well as the process of writing a novel. The authors, Sarah Mussi and Sita Brahmachari, shared advice about finding inspiration, constructing stories and developing characters in order to help students develop their own writing skills.



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/photos2015/sarah-mussi-author-workshop-333>



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/photos2015/sita-brahmachari-author-visit-331>

During the Year 7 workshop, Sita gave the advice: "Writing is the most exciting treasure hunt of the imagination", and students were encouraged to consider how their own experiences and histories can influence their writing; that they already have stories inside themselves waiting to be told. Taking influence from Sita's extraordinary quilt of stories, 7Y will be developing their own patchwork of stories in their English lessons using objects and memories personal to them.

With Sarah Mussi, Year 8 students had the opportunity to create realistic characters using Sarah's extensive historical and psychological research. This helped them to create characters that an audience could relate to and empathise with.

The students are keen to recommend the novels they have been studying: Sita Brahmachari's 'Red Leaves' follows the separate lives of teenagers Aisha, Zak and Iona as they face different obstacles and struggles growing up. In an ancient city wood, the strangers lives become entwined, and the novel explores the similarities and differences between all of us, regardless of background or culture. Sarah Mussi's 'Siege' is set in a dystopian future, where the future for young people is bleak. After Leah Jackson's school is taken over by Year 9 students with guns, life becomes more challenging and unjust.

Miss Ford, English Teacher

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mathsinaction

Earlier this month 42 Year 10 students were given the opportunity to attend some Maths in Action lectures at the Institute of Education in London. Over the course of the day we were entertained by various speakers, all well-renowned leaders in their specialist fields of mathematics.

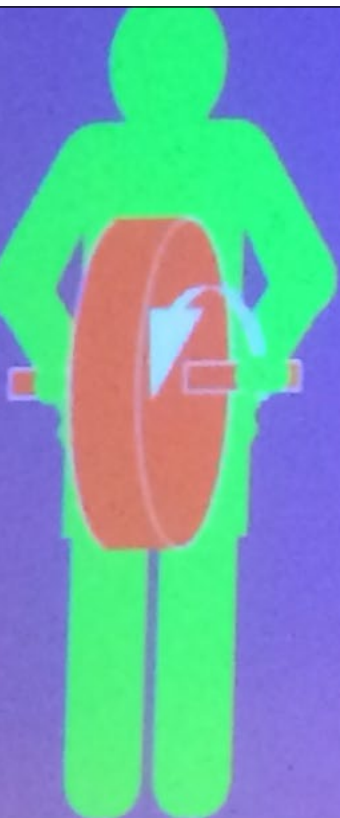
The lectures included "The Man Who Cannot Lose" in which Dr Matt Pritchard showed us winning strategies for games such as Guess Who and Rock, Paper Scissors using mathematical probabilities and reasoning to prove the outcomes are not just as simple as pot luck!

Dr Hannah Fry introduced us to the notion that we

may not be as free-thinking and individual as we like to believe we are. She showed how her research into the mathematics of friendships and networks maps out lots of herd-like behaviour that makes humans surprisingly predictable - something we learned could be very useful when catching criminals. Other highlights included dodging flying boomerangs and discovering how the bouncing bomb of the Dambusters worked. Alongside, a lovely sunny day, surprisingly pleasant coach journey and wonderful students made the day a great success.

Please see our student report on page 11.

Mrs Puleston, Faculty Leader - Mathematics



Student Report

We arrived at school at a brisk 7:30am and waited for the bus to arrive. Once on the bus, everyone was rather excited (not just because we missed a school day) as we all knew that the day was guaranteed to be interesting and we would come home more knowledgeable than we previously were. The bus journey took two hours, we spent that time rummaging through our packed lunches and waving at passing drivers.

We arrived at the university 45 minutes early so we explored the building and accustomed ourselves with the facilities, which included a Costa hot chocolate. We were introduced to the man running the conference, and by now there were a good few other schools sat down above and around us.

The first speaker explained the maths behind the patterns in society, for example, how information is passed round and looking at how people are connected. Next speaking to the students was an Australian mathematician who talked to us about gyroscopes and boomerangs, giving most people a fright by launching a boomerang around the conference hall.

After a quick break the students were back in for another two speakers. Third to speak was a mathematician who had a couple of tricks up his sleeve. After wowing the audience with some magic tricks he told us the maths behind party games, working it so that Bailey Manthorpe, who boldly volunteered, could win.

We then had a speaker tell us about maths within nature, using an example of the Cicada flies

and the fittingly named Cicada Killing Wasps which inhabit Staten Island in America. Cicada flies only appear every 17 years and the speaker explained to us the essence of maths behind the long life cycle. They come out every 17 years to avoid being eaten by the Cicada Killing Wasp; they have actually used maths through natural selection, adapting their life span to outlive the wasps which only live for a total of around four months.

The end of the day was unexpected and one of the greatest things we have ever seen, we learnt about fluid dynamics from an Oxford professor, which involved him solving a problem using soap bubbles. We were at the end of a lecture about vibrations and right at the very end, a man who was easily in his 60s picked up an electric guitar, and honestly blew the roof off the place.

The day was fascinating, they covered so many diverse topics which we primarily didn't think had anything to do with maths. With a total of 5 speakers, each covering something completely different to the others, we were spoilt for choice as to which one enticed us the most. From a range of insect life spans, to how to precisely measure a coast and a spot of maths magic here and there. Not only did it profoundly interest us, it gave us a whole different perspective on maths. Little things that you wouldn't normally give a second thought to were actually shown in their true light and the unbelievable complexity and intricate mathematics behind them. It all sounds variegated, however they displayed it in a simple, and quite frankly fun way, we learnt so much

and also socialized with a lot of different people from a variety of schools.

At lunch time a group of boys from a London school, showed us a magic trick with a pack of cards. Even though he wasn't the next Dynamo, it was nice to meet some new people. We think everyone would agree with us when I say that I would happily return.

Everyone came away from the day having learnt so much about how maths is integrated into everyday life and enthused by what we had seen. The students would like to offer a huge thank you to Mrs Puleston for arranging the visit and to all the staff that accompanied us on the trip.

Samual Marshall 10T & Verity Forster 10B

district champions 2015



Following the success in their group matches against local schools and managing to score over 30 goals, the Year 9 football team faced a very strong Tabor side in the District Final on 23 April.

Notley knew that they had to start the game well and try to play the game at their own pace. They managed to control the game from the start and began to dominate possession. A few half chances fell to Notley but nothing of any quality. That was until a nothing ball dropped about 25 yards in front of Finlay Rudge. Rudge walked onto it and managed to hit a screamer into the far top corner giving Notley the lead. It wasn't too long before Notley doubled their lead. After a long hopeful ball, Ethan Wade put the Tabor goalie under pressure and caused him to make a quick hurried clearance. The clearance fell straight to Jack Rolls who calmly stroked the ball into the unguarded net. The score remained the same until the second half. Good work on the wing and

great link up play in midfield enabled Joe Bennett to escape his marker and arrive perfectly to meet the cross and fire into the corner. Notley were now 3-0 up and controlling the game well. The defence were well marshalled throughout by Monty Forster, Rory Baker and Owen Dawson. With seconds remaining, Tabor managed to grab a consolation goal to make the final score 3-1, and crown Notley as the District Champions for 2015.

This is a great achievement for all the boys involved and shows the team spirit that has been created this season.

Well done to all that are involved and roll on next season to retain the title!

Mr Cunningham, Faculty Leader - PE

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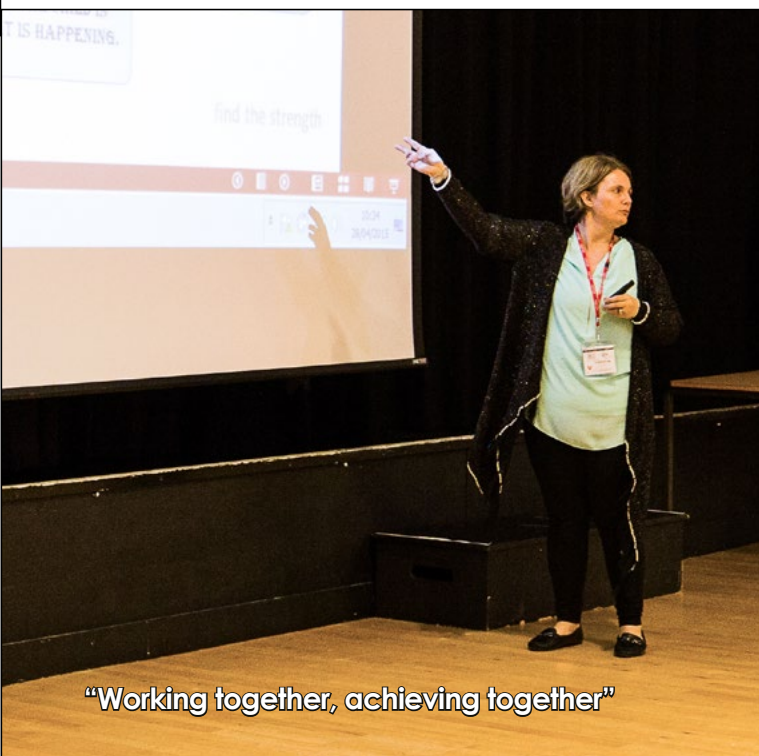


Child Sexual Exploitation Workshop

On Tuesday 28 April, Year 10 students took part in a Child Sexual Exploitation workshop. Students were educated on this topic through discussion and by watching some video clips. 'I found the workshop really interesting and informative,' reported one Year 10 student.

There was also an information evening held on the same day for parents and carers to attend.

Mrs Sutton, Year Leader - Year 10



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jackpetcheyaward

January 2015 Winner - Harvey Payne

Harvey was nominated for the Jack Petchey award by Mrs Bird for his achievement in golf outside of school.

Harvey has represented Essex in golf since the age of 10 and was selected as one of the first 11 year olds to be put forward for an under 13 Essex County trial and was successful in being selected. Harvey has played for the under 14s this year and won the whole year's scratch prize from the under 12s and has been made captain of the squad for the matches for the year.

In October, Harvey entered the under 14s section of the Essex schools Gold competition and Langdon Hills Golf Club and did very well. Harvey now holds the title of 'Essex County Champion' in golf for his age group.

We are very impressed with Harvey's achievement as it takes a lot of hard work and practise to achieve so well, and he fully deserves to be recognised for it.

Mrs Wallace, Rewards and Awards Co-ordinator



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Rebecca was nominated for the Jack Petchey award by her family for outstanding effort in helping others.

February 2015 Winner - Rebecca Nutt

Rebecca has helped to actively raise money for several charities, including Essex Air Ambulance, Macmillan Cancer Support and Great Ormond Street Hospital. She is a busy member of the Scouts and since going up to full Scout level has given up her time to help the Beavers and Cubs groups, supporting the leaders of those sections in the usual evening programme with tasks like making mid-session drinks and helping with arts and crafts activities. In September, she volunteered to look after the younger children of new Scout leaders so the adults could participate in training activities. She kept the children entertained on both days with games and simple scouting activities.

Rebecca took part in the 2012 Scout Jamboree and, due to her commitment, maturity and creativity, has been selected to represent her group in the Youth Consultation Committee as they prepare for the 2016 Jamboree.

In addition, Rebecca's idea for the theme of the 2016 Jamboree 'Our Changing World' has been chosen from hundreds! She has begun training as a

young leader and has been asked to work with the 4th Braintree Beaver Scouts (aged 6-8 years) as part of it.

Rebecca shows empathy and compassion above her years, and is an inspiration to many she works with. Her family are incredibly proud of all she has achieved and how hard she works to help others and that she hasn't let it interfere with her school work.

We are all impressed with the effort she has put in and wish her all the best as she progresses with Scout leadership. Well done, Rebecca!

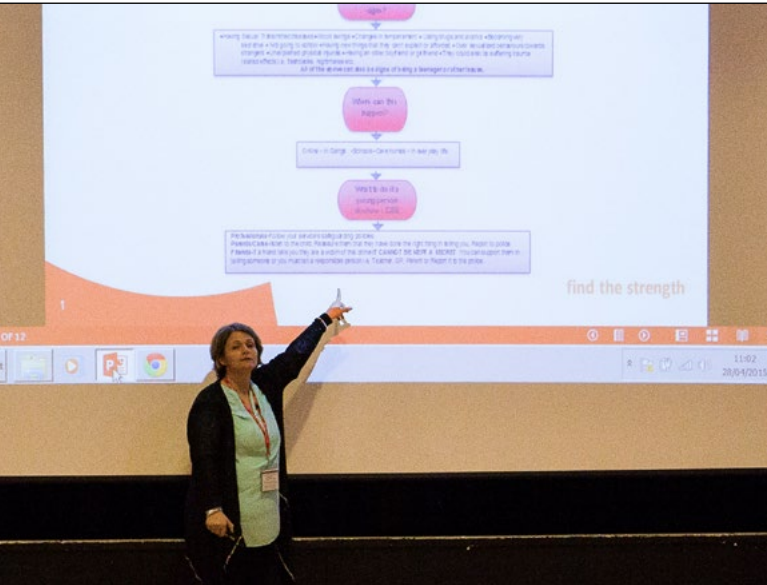
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personal development

Lots of exciting events have taken place in PDT this term for all year groups throughout Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.



Year 7

Year 7 students completed a Sex and Relationships (SRE) unit focusing on puberty, with the aim of discussing both the physical and emotional changes the students are facing.

Within Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form we believe health and wellbeing is inextricably linked with achievement and behaviour, therefore we aim to support students from the beginning of their school lives.

Year 7 also worked on a short immigration debate scheme of work, designed by the school's International Links Co-ordinator, Mrs Harries. Students looked at both the positive and negative impact of immigration in the UK, with the aim of deciding for themselves.



Year 8

Year 8 students have continued to receive specialist first aid training by Mrs Hunter, our school medical administrator, following the 'Call – Push – Rescue' course from the British Heart Foundation using our inflatable CPR mannequins.

Year 8 have also been following a Healthy Lifestyle unit; including SRE and the dangers of alcohol and drugs. This culminated in students writing and performing 'Say No to Drugs' role-play within their tutor groups, aimed to give students the tools to be able to say no in inappropriate situations.





Year 9

Year 9 has been learning about the government within the UK in a Politics unit, in which they have been learning about how the government works and the importance of being involved in political issues from a younger age. This unit concluded with

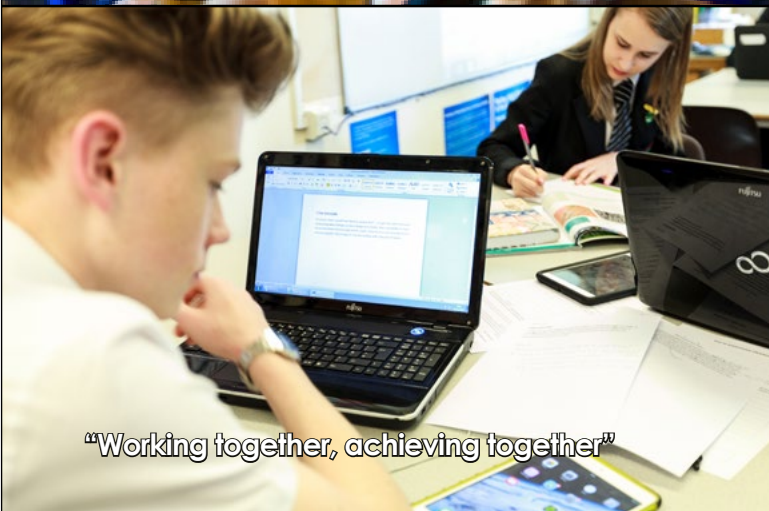
students planning their own government manifesto and presenting this within their tutor groups. Students gained a wider knowledge of the government within the UK.



Year 10

Year 10 learnt about bank accounts and how money works in their recent Finance unit. Students were taught how to manage money and avoid debt, including the dangers of payday lender companies and their impact on credit ratings. Students were able to gain some expert advice when they were joined by employees from HSBC who shared relevant information about bank accounts and applying for finance.

Year 10 have also been working hard at completing their CVs, covering letters and letters of application in preparation for work experience next half term. We hope all students enjoy this time and that it gives a valuable insight into the working world.



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View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/photos2015/polling-day>



pollingdayatnotley

With the General Election and Local Elections taking place across the country on 7 May, students have been taking the opportunity to learn about the democratic process, exploring policies and others' views, and casting their vote in our own mock elections.

Students in Years 7 and 8 created their own parties and manifestos, and learned about the process of running an election before casting their final votes. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 evaluated the policies of the main political parties in Britain before voting for their choices and representatives.

bookreport



Book Title: Magyk

Genre: Fantasy & Adventure

Author: Angie Sage

This is one of my favourite books, the first one in the bestselling Septimus Heap series.

Evil Necromancer DomDaniel is plotting his comeback. Having "executed" the most daringly ruthless part of his plan, one obstacle remains. This obstacle, however small,

is proving to be a challenge, and DomDaniel is not fond of challenges he hasn't created personally. They tend not to live for long... unless, that is, they happen to be a member of the Heap family.

I love this book. It is fast-paced and packed full of adventure. The characters are well defined and realistic. The story is cleverly written, and full of twists and turns. It is like you are transported to a detailed world of magyk and mystery, where wizards and necromancers exist. You should definitely read it! Five stars!

Lucy Halfacre 8E

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gcsecateringcoursework



Here are some examples of the beautifully designed and presented dishes our Year 11 students have been creating as part of their GCSE coursework.

Taking inspiration from a variety of different

traditional dishes from all over the world, students have designed, developed and created their own individual dishes.

Ms O'Neill, Textiles Teacher



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textiles coursework

A Level & GSCE Textiles Coursework

Here is just a taste of some of the beautiful products students have been making as part of their A Level and GSCE Textiles coursework.



experimento

My main inspirational designer was Edith Head.

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liner pen
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watercolours
was
active as
pen ink
into
colour.

This is my favourite drawing

for color pen + watercolours

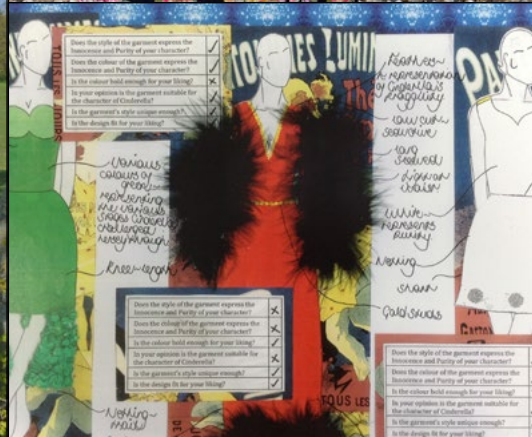
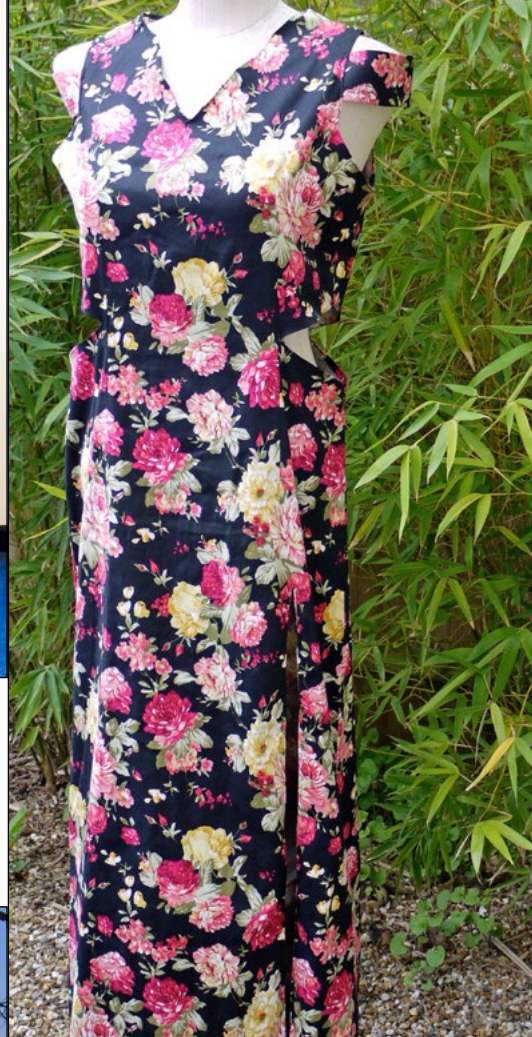
Pencil

When using
only pen,
fairly difficult
to add





The students have researched, designed and made their own one off designs. By adapting and creating their own patterns and selecting their own fabrics and trims they have used their making skills to bring their innovative design ideas to life.



To support their final products, students also create a folder of coursework. Once a design brief has been set, students research a client base, generate a selection of detailed design drawings, develop a final design idea and create a plan for the making of their product.

Many students take inspiration from catwalk trends, celebrities, trends in home furnishings, art movements and fashion trends throughout the twentieth century.

Ms O'Neill, Textiles Teacher

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23 April 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Mobile phones and other electronic equipment including Apple Watches

Smartphones, iPods, iPads and other similar electronic items are not permitted to be used during school hours.

The new Apple Watch released on 24 April 2015. The school plans to treat the new Apple Watch in the same way as we do other electronic devices. Therefore, students will not be permitted to wear or use the Apple Watch in school.

The use of phones and other electronic devices in normal school hours can be highly disruptive and we would appreciate your support in communicating our rules to your child. Due to the nature of the features of the new Apple Watch, they too would be likely to pose a number of potential issues in school and could be highly disruptive to our students' learning.

Students found using a phone or other electronic device during the day, or wearing an Apple Watch, can expect to have it confiscated and it will then be returned to the student at the end of the school day from Student Services. We recognise that many parents/carers feel that their child is safer with a phone which remains the reason for returning phones at the end of the school day. If there is a persistent problem or a serious concern that arises as a result of any child using a phone or other electronic device in school, we will contact parents/carers to discuss the issue further.

Please be assured that in the case of an emergency during the school day which requires you to contact your child, contact can be made with your child in school via Student Services.

Please also note that the school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of such items should your child choose to bring them into school.

We will keep these procedures under review and be in touch should any changes occur.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Newman
Senior Deputy Headteacher

headboyheadgirlreport

This term has been jam packed, with GCSE final exams now underway for Year 11s. The pressure is really on to cram in those last few hours of revision, speak to teachers and friends and make final preparations.

It was a huge privilege for us both to be able to watch the Year 10s perform their head girl/head boy speeches in their assembly. We were hugely impressed with the quality, confidence and professionalism that was displayed by all. A huge congratulations to all involved.

Finally, we'd just like to say that it has been a huge honour to represent Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form as your head boy/girl over the last academic year. We have enjoyed every second of it, whether it be attending presentation evenings, performing speeches or just supporting the school; It really has been a brilliant opportunity. Thank you to you all for making it such an enjoyable experience for us both and good luck in your forthcoming years at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.



Adam Grimwood and Scarlett Perrin, Head Boy and Head Girl

housepoints

Notley's house competition runs across the entire academic year.

Students are continuing to earn a good number of housepoints which are achieved from a wide range of activities, events and achievements including merits and commendations,

attendance, Impact Days, curriculum competitions, PE inter-form activities and, in the Summer term, Sports Day.

The totals for April were :
Blackwater (NOT) 1305
Chelmer (LEY) 1250 and
Colne (HSB) 1165.

The current running totals are:
Blackwater (NOT) 10855
Chelmer (LEY) 9835 and
Colne (HSB) 10000.

Housepoints

Monthly Totals

April 2015



Running Totals

2014-2015



extra-curricular clubs

Clubs running on a WEDNESDAY after school will run from 3.15pm- 4.20pm. Late buses will be provided leaving at 4.30pm. Please see school website for bus routes.

| Club | Venue | Staff | Children's University |
|--|-------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Computing all years after ½ term | IT4 | Mrs Pillai | ✓ |
| Science Club | G26 | Mr Vosper | |
| Homework Club | G29 | Mrs Haight | ✓ |
| Entry Level French | F2 | Miss Coxon | |
| KS 3 and 4 Maths Support | G44 | Miss Whitmore | |
| Art GCSE catch up Year 11 Up to ½ term | G11 | Ms King | |
| Art GCSE catch up Year 10 after ½ term | G11 | Ms King | |
| GCSE Product Design | G4 | Mrs Smith | |

Clubs running on other days:-

| Club | Day/Time | Venue | Staff | Children's University |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Art Club Year 7 | Monday Lunchtime | G11 | Miss King | |
| Years 7-9 Textiles until ½ term | Monday Lunchtime | G16 | Mrs O'Neill | |
| Computer Club Nintendo, Wii Sport/Fit & Games, homework | Tuesday-Thursday 3.15- 5pm | G29 | Ms Lewsey | ✓ |
| Art Club Year 8 | Tuesday | G11 | Miss King | |
| Art Club Years 10&11 | Monday- Thursday Lunchtime | G11 | Miss King | |
| Homework Club | Every Lunchtime | G35 | | ✓ |
| Maths and Rubik's Cube | Every Lunchtime | G46 & G49 | Maths Department | |
| Cad Cam Tech Year 9 only | Wednesday Lunchtime | G4 | Miss Currie | |
| Chinese Club | Wednesday Lunchtime | F2 | Miss Harries | |
| Art Club Year 9 | Wednesday Lunch | G11 | Miss King | |
| Reading Club | Monday Lunchtime | Library | Miss White | ✓ |
| D of E Drop In | Thursday Lunchtime | G6 | Mr Burge | |
| Entry Level Spanish | Thursday 3.15 – 4.15pm | F10 | Mr De Gea | |
| Card Making | Thursday 3.15 – 4.15pm | G34 | Mrs Park | |
| Year 9 Dance Performance | Thursday 3.15 – 4.15pm | Dance Studio | Miss Auston | |
| Christian Union | Friday Lunchtime | F7 | Miss Fouche | |

Music Department

| Day | Activity | Venue | Member of Staff |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Monday | Senior Choir: Year 9-13 | G2 | Mrs Hanna |
| Tuesday | Wind Band | G2 | Mrs Hanna |
| Wednesday | African Drummers | G2 | Mr Timms |
| | Flute Group | M2 | Mrs Robb |
| | Junior Choir | G3 | Miss Freeman |
| Thursday | Jazz Band | G2 | Mrs Robb |
| | GCSE Year 11 | G2 | Mrs Hanna |
| | Keyboard Club – Year 7&8 | G1 | Mr Harris |
| Friday | Ukulele Club | G3 | Mr Harris |
| | Music Technology Club – Year 7&8 | G1 | Mrs Robb |

All rehearsals start at 1.40pm. New members are always welcome. Please see members of staff for more details.

PE Department

| | Lunchtime | Afterschool |
|------------------|--|--|
| Monday | Interform – Sports Hall – Mr Reeve/Mr Lowes | Athletics – Tabor – Mr Ewing/Mr Cunningham/Mr Reeve/Mr Lowes Rounders – Field – Year 7/8/9/10 – Miss Murdoch/Mrs Brewis-Shephard/Mrs Saward Badminton – Fitness Centre – Mrs Cureton |
| Tuesday | Cricket – Gym – Years 9 and 10 – Mr Ewing/Mr Cunningham Girls Cricket – Sports Hall – All Years – Mrs Gunn | Staff Meetings |
| Wednesday | SLC Club – Fitness Centre – Mr Ewing | Athletics – Field – All Years – Mr Cunningham/Mr Lowes/Mrs Segura/Mrs Brewis-Shephard/Miss Murdoch/Mrs Saward Cricket – Field – Years 7 and 8 – Mr Ewing/Mr Reeve Badminton – Sports Hall – Mrs Cureton |
| Thursday | High Jump – Gym – All Years – Mrs Segura Cricket – Sports Hall – Years 7 and 8 – Mr Ewing/Mr Cunningham/Mr Reeve/Mr Lowes | Cricket – Field – Years 9 and 10 – Mr Cunningham/Mr Lowes BTEC Catch Up – ICT 2 – Mr Ewing |
| Friday | Futsal – Year 11 – Sports Hall – Mr Ewing/Mr Cunningham Table Tennis – All Years – Sports Hall – Mr Reeve/Mr Lowes GCSE Theory Catch Up – G17 – Mr Cunningham/Mrs Brewis-Shephard | No clubs |

noticeboard



Diary Dates

Here are a few diary items to note. For a full list of diary events please visit the online campus calendar at

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/school-calendar>

Monday 25 – Friday 29 May

Half Term

Wednesday 3 June

PSL Day: White Court Primary School

Thursday 4 June

Year 7 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening
5pm- 8pm

Friday 5 June

PSL Day: John Ray Junior School

Monday 8 June

PSL Day: Terling Primary School, White Notley Primary School and Rayne Primary School

Tuesday 9 June

PSL Day: Notley Green Primary School

Wednesday 10 June

Arts Festival 6pm – 8pm

Monday 15 June – Friday 19 June

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 15 June

Additional Year 6 Transition Day for Students from Non Feeder Primary Schools

Wednesday 17 June

District Athletics

Wednesday 17 June – Friday 19 June

Activity Days

Year 7 Residential Trip (The Andrew Simpson Sailing Academy, Weymouth)

Year 8 Residential Trip to Mersea

Year 9 Residential Trip (Penshurst Place, Kent)

Wednesday 24 June

Year 6 Transition Evening 6pm – 8.30pm

Thursday 25 & Friday 26 June

Year 6 Induction Days for Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, Tabor Academy and Alec Hunter Academy

Friday 26 June

The College at Braintree: Term ends

Friday 26 – Saturday 27 June

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessment

Student Absence/ Late Lines

Year 7 01376 556347

Year 8 01376 556348

Year 9 01376 556349

Year 10 01376 556350

Year 11 01376 556351

The absence lines should be called on a daily basis to report your child late or sick.

Contact the Magazine

We are always happy to receive articles from parents/carers and students. If you have a piece of news you would like to be included in the magazine, you can email it directly to the editor at:

lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com

The deadline for submission is the Thursday prior to publication.

parentview

In October 2011 Ofsted launched Parent View, which is a facility for parents/carers to give their views about their child's school.

Parent View allows parents/carers to give their views about their child's school at any time of the year. It features 12 questions that cover a range of issues important to parents/carers, such as how well the school deals with bullying, the quality of teaching, whether the level of home learning given is appropriate and a final question of whether or not a parent would recommend the school. Once a small number of surveys are completed, the results for the school are visible in Parent View although individual responses are not.

If you are a parent/ carer you simply need your email address and a password to register on the Parent View website at: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your account has been activated it only takes a few minutes to rate your child's school against the 12 questions.

Thank you for taking the time to give feedback about Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.



socialmedialinks

Below are the official social media sites for Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Any other social media sites are not related to the school.

Notley High School

Facebook:

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

Twitter:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley High School PE Department
- Notley High School English Department
- Notley High School Philosophy, Ethics & Religion Department
- Geography at Notley High & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley CPD
- Braintree Sixth Form

Braintree Sixth Form

Facebook:

- Braintree Sixth Form Students
- Braintree Sixth Form Admissions
- Braintree Sixth Form Art Department
- Braintree Sixth Form Psychology Department
- Braintree Sixth Form Sociology Department
- Geography at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

Twitter:

- Braintree Sixth Form Students
- Braintree Sixth Form Biology Department
- Braintree Sixth Form PE Department
- Braintree Arts Theatre
- Geography at Notley High & Braintree Sixth Form

schoolwebsite

This has lots of key information about many aspects of school life. We would encourage all parents and carers to use our website regularly to keep up-to-date with all that is happening at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

We also have school Facebook and Twitter feeds for keeping up-to-date with information. These can be easily reached from our homepage or via the appropriate apps on smartphones.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form website. At the top left is the school logo, which includes the letters 'NHS' and a tree. To the right of the logo is the school name: 'Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form'. Further right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, RSS, and Email, along with a search bar. Below these are navigation links: Home, News, Information, Curriculum, School Life, Teaching & Learning, CPD, Vacancies, and Contact.

The main content area features a large image of the Senior Student Team 2015-16, consisting of four students in school uniforms. To the left of this image is a sidebar with several news items:

- Senior Student Team 2015-16
- Child Sexual Exploitation Workshop
- e-Safety Newsletter No.9 Now Online
- Shadow Election - 7 May
- Campaign '15
- Thinking about a career in teaching in Secondary Schools?
- Cashless Catering: £1 Minimum Denomination
- Rebecca Nutt - Jack Petchey Award Winner Feb 2015

Below the student image is a text box with the following text:

Senior Student Team 2015-16
Following a rigorous process which included interviews and speeches, we are delighted to announce the new Senior Student roles for 2015-2016.
[read more ...](#)

Below the main content area are four columns of quick links and information:

- Quick Links:** Admissions Policy, Exam Results, Find the School, Handbook for Parents and Carers, Ofsted Report, Parent View, Pupil Premium, School Governance, Term Dates, Welcome from the Head. A 'Translate our site' section with a 'Select Language' dropdown menu is also present.
- Latest Newsletter:** Features a thumbnail for the 'oncampus' newsletter with a student's face and the text 'View previous newsletters'.
- Latest Letters Home:** Lists several letters from April, including 'Year 11 Exams and Study Support', 'Appearance and Uniform Standards', 'Years 7-9 Omega Letter to Parents/Carers', 'Years 10-11 Omega Letter to Parents/Carers', 'Letter re mobile phones and other electronic equipment', 'Year 10 Child Sexual Exploitation Workshop Letter', 'Year 9 Child Sexual Exploitation Workshop Letter', and 'Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening Letter'. A 'View previous letters' link is at the bottom.
- Home Learning:** Features a photo of two students holding a 'Week B' sign. Below the photo are two icons: 'SMHW Show My Homework' and 'Home Learning Timetables'.



Year 12 Enterprise Fair

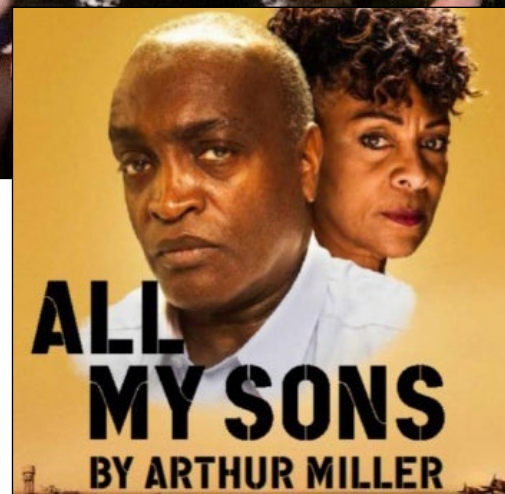
Year 12's Enterprise Project culminated in a very successful Enterprise Fair attended by Sixth Form students, staff and Year 8. Stalls included foods such as chocolate brownies, fudge and pick and mix and a variety of milk shakes and soft drinks. One of the most successful enterprises was Ms Newell and Ms Ward's tutor group (12T), selling friendship bracelets, which made over £125 in profit, all of which was donated to charity. The project enabled Year 12 students to gain an insight into entrepreneurial skills required for running their own businesses, setting up a business plan, costing and producing their products, advertising and marketing and managing their finances to ensure profitability. In all over £300 was raised for charity.





All My Sons

On Tuesday 14 April, Ms Newell and Ms Dunton met our seven IB English Literature students at The Mercury Theatre Colchester, to see a performance of All My Sons by Arthur Miller, which is one of the texts studied for their exam. We all agreed that it was an excellent performance with some outstanding and very emotive performances, not to mention a very effective jump at the end!



Getting In Conference

On Wednesday 15 April students from Braintree Sixth Form attended a "Getting In" conference held at the University of Essex. The focus of the day was on giving guidance to students about how to successfully apply to university. Students heard from admissions staff from Cambridge, Queen's College London, UEA and Essex as well as getting an insight from students as to what it was like to study at a top university.

Key outcomes for all our students included:

- The emphasis which is put on excellent AS grades by selecting universities
- The need for students to have a passion for their subject and to demonstrate this through wider reading, Extended Project Qualification, attendance at courses, work experience and other enrichment activities
- The need to focus on one academic area/course when applying through UCAS so that the personal statement can be adequately tailored to the course
- How important it is to get into the best university possible, when considering outcomes such as job prospects and future earnings

As always our students were a credit to the Sixth Form and left the day with renewed enthusiasm for revising, achieving excellent results in their summer examinations and applying to a top university during the next academic year.





My Pet Monster & Me

28 May

11.30am & 2.30pm

**Tickets: £8, conc £5 family
theatre ticket offer: £20**

George is my Friend

Sophie Bucket lives on a farm with her Dad. She spends all of her time day-dreaming, but most of her time alone. If only she had a little friend to share her adventures.

One day, Sophie finds an egg. She keeps it warm, and out pops a cuddly, toothy, burpy, baby MONSTER! And this is when the fun begins.

Join us down on the farm for adventures with Sophie and her new friend George, the most lovable monster

in the land! This big-hearted fairytale is especially for little monsters aged 3 - 7, and their grown-ups. Told with magical songs, enchanting music and exquisite puppetry.

"Excellent" The Guardian

"Packs charm in bucket loads" The Stage

"Storytelling for young hearts and minds" The Scotsman



Simon & Garfunkel – Through The Years

13 June 7.30pm

Tickets: £14, conc £12

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Bookends

Following a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, receiving 4 stars from Broadway Baby, the show is a moving and powerful live performance and multimedia show that takes a chronological journey through the friendship and career of Simon & Garfunkel.

Following a BBC radio tour the show was described

as a “must see” with Bookends being labeled as the most authentic sounding tribute to the music of the American Simon & Garfunkel.

Opening at the start of their career and ending at the much publicised breakup the show features hits such as The Sound of Silence, Mrs. Robinson, The Boxer and the unforgettable Bridge Over Troubled Water.

Funhouse Comedy

Join us for our new monthly comedy night. Your evening comes jam packed with a host and 3 comedians.

Your Headliners will be:

21 May - Carl Donnelly

19 June - Keith Farnan

17 July - Nathan Caton



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