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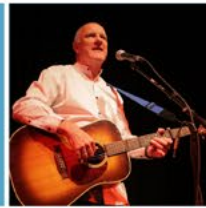
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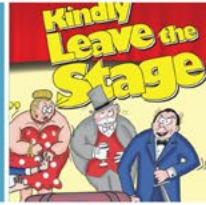
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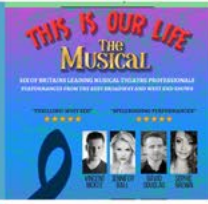
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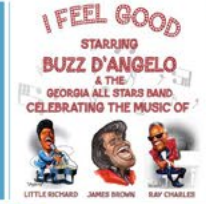
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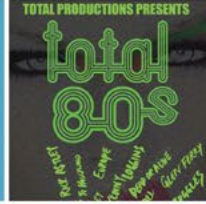
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headlines

Welcome to the latest edition of OnCampus. As you will note from the remainder of this publication, there has, once again, been a full programme of exciting activities. From my previous experience in a number of schools, I can say with confidence that there are few schools anywhere in the country that can boast so many additional opportunities being provided for their young people.

At the time of writing, I am halfway through individual meetings with each of our Year 11 students, and I have thoroughly enjoyed having the chance to discuss their potential with them, and their plans to realise it. As I am sure you will be aware, each and every one of our Year 11 students is entitled to a place in our sixth form, subject to meeting the minimum academic entry criteria, and I hope to see many of them starting in September 2016.

Finally, we are always looking for ways to recognise our students' achievements. One new approach that I have introduced is "The Headteacher's Book". Students who have done something exceptional, that is school-related, will be invited to sign the book. This will entail them coming to my office and describing what they have done – wherever possible bringing the work with them so that I can see it. It is designed to be a permanent record, and as it is expected that only about 200-250 students per year will be invited to sign it, the book should last fifty years or more, so as you will understand, this represents the pinnacle of our rewards system. Below you can see listed the students who have signed the book since the previous edition of OnCampus. They should be as proud of their achievements as we are.

The following staff are leaving us at the end of term. We wish them every success for the future:-

Mrs C Readhead, joined us as a teacher in charge of the Speech & Language Centre, and retires at the end of term after 23 years at the school. She has made a huge contribution to the lives of those students in our Speech & Language Centre and as a direct result of her leadership has ensured that each student has had the opportunity to thrive during their time with us.

Mr M Hardwick leaves us after 14 years, having worked as our SENCO up to August 2015. He has given a great contribution to the school and we wish him well for the future.

Miss G Whitmore has taught mathematics at the school for 7 years and we thank her for her commitment and contribution to the school.

Mrs A Saward has been a PE teacher for the past 7 years, and has held the responsibility for Careers



David Conway, Headteacher

and Personal Development Time (PDT). Mrs Saward is relocating to Nottingham.

Mr T Beal has taught Business Studies, Law and Economics, and has been the Year Leader for Year 12/13 students for 3 years. Mr Beal leaves us to take up a senior post at Harris Academy, Chafford Hundred.

Mr B Lowes has taught PE for the past 2 years and will be taking up a new post leading PE in a primary school nearer to home.

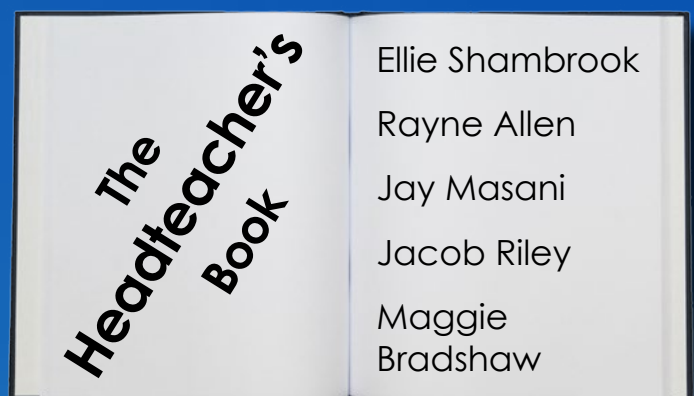
Miss L Ford has taught English for the past year and leaves us to take up a new post as Second in English at Maltings Academy.

Dr S Beckett leaves us at the end of term. We thank him for teaching sixth form Environmental Systems this term.

Mrs J Kelly has been a member of our catering staff for almost 30 years. We wish her every happiness on her retirement and thank her for all she has done for students at the school.

Mrs K Brangham has been a part-time Campus Receptionist for the past 2 years.

I would like to express my thanks to all for their contributions to the school.





It's always great to be recognised for achievement so I was delighted to be invited on The Jump Street rewards trip. This took place on Friday 16 October and was enjoyable for everyone involved.

Although we were slightly late the area was practically empty meaning that we could pretty much go on what we liked. I, and some others, spent most of the time on Dodgeball but there were various other selections of activities.

Other trampoline-involved activities included The Wall (which was a specially designed trampoline enabling you to be able to jump off the wall, climb up it or jump immensely high). There was also The Bag (the names were very inventive); this was a large inflated bag at the end of a trampoline runway and I'm pretty sure everyone had a boisterous time with 'The Bag'.

There was a smaller activity where there were three small, soft basketballs which you had to put through hoops which got increasingly higher, and of course there was the extravagant trampoline court.

Overall it was an engaging trip for all involved and everyone truly enjoyed it - thank you to the teachers who rewarded and supported us.

Tom Warwick 9N



headboyheadgirlreport

As we reach the end of term, the feeling of Christmas is upon us. Although this has only been the first term of the year, so much has happened and students throughout the school are working hard and enjoying life at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form more and more each day. As per usual, there have been many school trips and activities for students to enjoy, not to mention the outstanding progress students have been making in their studies and exams.

This term we have been greeted with a new year group of students. Year 7 have settled in at an amazing rate and have been quick to flourish within their classes and extra-curricular activities. Year 7 started the school year with an exciting day trip to see a production of Horrible Histories live on stage at Chelmsford Civic Theatre. All students and teachers expressed how much they enjoyed this trip and would certainly go again. Students have also got engaged with many clubs and are continuously making their teachers proud; within a single term they have engaged with all students throughout the school and have even delivered speeches at our Open Evening for Year 7 Intake September 2016.

Year 8 have continued their outstanding behaviour and attitude this term and students have told us many times that they are enjoying not being the youngest in the school anymore. Year 8 have attended school trips and have participated in many extra-curricular activities inside and outside of school too, one of which was a trip to Cineworld cinema at Braintree Freeport. The students watched the new film 'Angels versus Bullies' which is about the impact of bullying at schools across the UK. All students enjoyed the trip and have learnt a lot from the film.

Year 9 have been working extremely hard this term and are enjoying their last year before their GCSE courses begin. Students have attended many trips such as the history day trip to Belgium. This included a tour of several key World War One battlefields, cemeteries and museums. It was an extremely busy yet fascinating day in which students learnt lots of key facts about World War One and helped to look at it from different perspectives. Teachers and students alike enjoyed the trip and took a lot of useful information and a different attitude on the war back home.

The Year 10 students are quickly adapting to their new workload and focussed subject choices. On top of the admirable effort put into their studies in the classroom, lots of fantastic extra-curricular activities



have been going on this half term too. Avid thespians in the year have rehearsed diligently for months in their roles as jealous kings, virtuous queens and other conventional residents of Sicily in Shakespeare's "A Winter's Tale". This outstanding performance was our school's entry to the Shakespeare Schools Festival - the UK's largest youth drama festival - held at Chelmsford Civic Theatre. In addition, just recently the year group took part in a Speak Out Challenge within school, during PDT lessons, which involved students learning the necessary skills to successfully discuss something they feel passionately about before an audience. All students thought it was an enlightening and invigorating experience, albeit slightly nerve-racking.

Year 11 have come to terms with the enormous difference between the penultimate and final year of high school as mock exams fast become real GCSEs, twenty minute home learning tasks are a thing of the past and what was once an abundance of free time has been swiftly replaced with revision sessions and coursework catch up. Needless to say, things have changed. But ever resilient, the year group strive onwards and the results of the recent mocks has offered them either confidence and reassurance or an incentive to work even harder between now and final exams.

We think it is pretty safe to say that the whole school has been working incredibly hard and that all students are long overdue for a very well-deserved break. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with lots of lie-ins and far too many mince pies, ready for a fresh start in the New Year.

Sam Marshall and Evie Stoneman

staronice

On 17 November 2015, Mia Randall, 7S, performed a solo ice skating routine at the Opening Gala at Southend-on-Sea ice rink.

Mia, who has been skating for three and a half years, was specially selected to perform her routine by her skating coach. Mia said she enjoyed the experience and found it very exciting.

In December, Mia will also be part of the Christmas production of the 'Wizard of Oz on Ice' in Chelmsford.

We wish Mia the best of luck.

topgear

We are very proud to announce the recent success of Samuel Cornwell in 11S in the recent Karting World Finals. Over 40 countries attended with over 327 drivers. As a result of Samuel's fantastic performance, he is now ranked as 35th in the world. This was Samuel's first experience of an international championship, let alone the world finals international championship. We are incredibly proud of Samuel for his fantastic performance and achievement.

Mrs Sutton, Year Leader – Year 11



Photo:
Randall family



Photos:
Cornwell family



literacy leaders



Welcome to the new 2015-2016 cohort of Notley High School's Literacy Leaders!

Over the course of the academic year these Year 8 and Year 9 students will be participating in a range of literacy focused sessions that will support in their completion of the Literacy Leader Award. Students will eventually have the opportunity to deliver a literacy themed lesson to primary aged children.

Good luck!

Mrs Sutton, Year Leader – Year 11

The Hut, in Braintree town centre, is a youth centre run by local charity Braintree Youth Project. It offers 11-18 year olds a place to go to relax, and is free. The Hut is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings for young people to drop in and spend time with their friends, play pool, watch DVDs, listen to music, play Wii and just chill out. We are based at the back of Sainsburys, near Pasha Café – just look out for the big purple sign on the building.

We also go on trips to places such as Stubbers Adventure Centre, Wales and the Lake District. Next summer we will be spending a week sailing around the southern coast of England.

If you are looking for something to do that doesn't cost anything, come down - we offer toast and drinks at every session and often have hot meals at the Friday session.

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childhood illness advice

What to do

Advice on childhood illnesses

Go to school; if needed get treatment as shown

Can be catching. Some restrictions for school attendance

Don't go to school and see the GP

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	●	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	●	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.	●	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	●	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	●	G.P.	Only need to stay off ill feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	●	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	●	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	●	G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	●	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	●	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	●	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsilitis	Intense Sore throat	●	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with “whooping” sound to get air into lungs	●	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

See www.patient.co.uk for further information on each of these conditions

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Year 10 students in the Turbine Hall.

The National Gallery and Tate Modern

In October, Year 10 GCSE Art and Art Graphics students had the opportunity to visit two major national art collections. As part of the GCSE Art courses, students are asked to critically analyse and make informed comment about works of art. The visit allowed students to view the paintings that they are studying in class as well as many others.

At the National Gallery, a guide from the gallery education staff gave students a tour of several of the major paintings in the collection, working on the theme of 'Still Life'. The guide was able to use his considerable knowledge to put the paintings in context for the students, and to make them aware of what life would have been like when they were painted. Students were able to decode the meaning of the paintings by working out the symbolic meaning of the still life objects in them.



Students sketch Roy Lichtenstein's painting 'Whaam!'.

In contrast, at the Tate Modern, students viewed modern and contemporary art. They entered the gallery through the huge turbine hall and immediately began to find out about and question the meaning of the current installation by Mexican artist, Abraham Cruzvillegas. 'Empty Lot' is a large sculpture created using scaffolding, a grid of triangular wooden planters and

soil collected from parks across London.

This was an excellent introduction to some of the issues and questions that contemporary art practice raises. Students also had the opportunity to sketch in the galleries and make notes for their individual coursework projects.

Ms Monro, Subject Leader - Art

disneylandparis

Photos: Staff on trip
and Laura Glynn

On Friday 23 October 2015, a group of 78 students joined us on a trip to Disneyland Paris as a reward for their good attendance and behaviour throughout the last academic year. It was a very long day; we left at 11:30pm on Friday evening and returned to school in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Despite this, the students were a credit to themselves and the school, with excellent behaviour both while travelling and in the park, making it a thoroughly enjoyable trip for all.





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We arrived nice and early, quickly passed through the barriers and bag checking area before moving on to join the queues for the rides. Many students grabbed a fast pass to the first big rides, but the morning queues were not too long and there was plenty of time to go on lots of rides. We met up for lunch and a little rest before hitting the shops and a few more rides in the afternoon, while Mrs Shipton and Mrs Glynn had their photographs taken with Mickey Mouse. The day was topped off with the big parade and all our favourite characters to wave at.

Despite the long trudge through customs, and the threat of bad weather with some big gusts of wind while we waited at Calais, the ferry journey was smooth and we are glad to report that no-one suffered with sea sickness!

We all had a wonderful time and I would like to thank the students for behaving so well and the staff that made it possible, the students and I appreciated it very much.

Mrs Wallace, Rewards and Awards Co-ordinator





"Working together, achieving together"

bookfair



The Scholastic Book Fair and Free Book for all Year 7 Students

The Scholastic Book Fair visited the school library from the 19 - 24 November. Whether students liked chillers or chuckles, the hottest bestsellers or books about cars and football, the book fair had something for everyone; and it was all for a great cause too – we receive a percentage of any money spent back in FREE books for our school. So every book bought from the fair is helping us to get a great new library selection too. New titles will be arriving in January so students are encouraged to pop along and take a look at the fantastic titles that they helped to purchase for the school library.

Much excitement was also had by Year 7 students. We managed to secure funding, thanks to the generosity of the Senior Leadership Team, for every student in Year 7 to choose a free book as a Christmas present from the school. This is our third year of running this event and it has been really successful. Year 7 were brought along to the library during an English lesson and had the opportunity to choose a book, free of charge. There was a huge selection to choose from, everything from the latest "Tom Gates" adventure to classics such as "Frankenstein" and "The Hound of the Baskervilles". The three most popular books selected were "Tom Gates: Top of the Class", "Hero Pup" by Megan Rix and "An Eagle in the Snow", the extraordinary story of the man who could have stopped World War Two; a beautiful moral thriller from one of the world's favourite storytellers, Michael Morpurgo. Once all the students had chosen a book, the orders were compiled and

sent to Scholastic. The books will be delivered to all the Year 7 tutor groups in time for a Christmas treat. Students will be using the books in their English and library lessons. A special thank you to Mrs Simkins for all her hard work in helping to organise this event.

Mrs Osborn
Library and Learning Resource Manager



charlie and the chocolate factory

Photos: Staff on trip

"It was the best West End show I have ever seen"

"We wish we had a golden ticket to enter Wonka's factory"



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On Thursday 3 December 100 excited Year 8 students boarded the coaches to travel to Drury Lane Theatre, London to watch the wonderful stage production Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. After a sweet-fuelled journey we arrived safely to find that we were sat right at the front of the stalls, which was excellent!

The first half of the show was very exciting with lots of laughs and singing but the magic really began after the interval when Charlie and the other golden ticket winners, entered Willy Wonka's factory!

The scenes, props, lighting and acting were first class! It was an amazing performance and everyone had a brilliant time!

It was a marvellous evening and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to Mrs Glynn for organising our incredible evening and thank you to all the students who behaved perfectly and all managed to come into school the next day, despite having had a very late night.

Miss Stanley, Year Leader - Year 8

"I wish I could see it again and sing along at the top of my voice"

"Working together, achieving together"



"The only thing that could have made it better was if the air in the theatre smelt of chocolate"



hotchocforcharity



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Amy Bird, 11T, recently won the Jack Petchey award and decided to use this money to support a local charity called Crossroads. Crossroads supports young carers within the community. Amy's fundraising this week has involved selling hot chocolate to students at lunchtime. We are very proud of the commitment and hard work that Amy has displayed, along with her peers that have supported her. It has been a huge success, with students lining up each lunchtime in order to purchase a cup of hot chocolate, with the option of marshmallows, cream and sprinkles.

Well done once again, Amy.



angels vs bullies



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Anti-Bullying Week

During Anti-bullying Week, the whole of Year 8 were lucky enough to take a trip to our local Cineworld to watch 'Angels vs Bullies.'

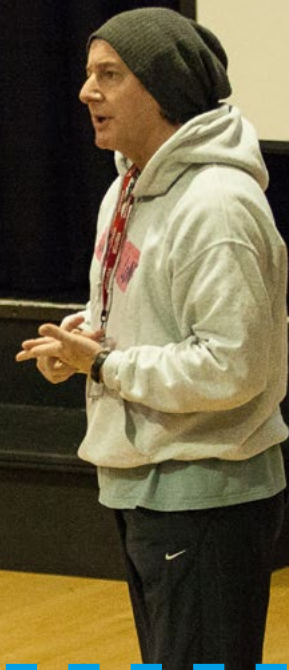
The film was created by London Bus Theatre Company Films, with a view to educate young people about the dangers of bullying and ways to overcome bullying.

Thank you to Mrs Saward and all the staff at Cineworld, Braintree.

Miss Stanley, Year Leader – Year 8

On Thursday 19 November we went to Braintree Cineworld, to watch Angels vs Bullies. Only the Year 8 tutor groups were lucky enough to go and watch the movie. An overview of the received reports from the Year 8 students was that they enjoyed the trip, they also found it interesting and educational and we would recommend this factual film for other schools to watch. A student spoke to us saying 'It was a great movie and I would love to visit the cinema again with the school another time.'

Aaron Fugeman and Will Farrow, 8T



NHS on the BBC

On 11 November the director of Angels vs Bullies, Chris Turner, gave an impassioned talk to Year 11 about the inspiration for the film and its message. Following this, Kim Riley from BBC Look East interviewed our Head Boy and Girl, together with Chris and Alex Barham, one of the film's stars.

The interview was broadcast that evening and can be seen on our mediaserver at <http://video.notleyhigh.com/view2.aspx?id=8179~4z~b2w0tWQG>



battlefields of Belgium

Photo: Staff on trip

Friday 13 November 2015

The Battlefields trip was an amazing experience and all of the Year 9 students that attended had a great time.



Students arrived at school at 3.30am, and took a long journey to Belgium. After their arrival, they went to a museum called Hill 62. The museum had their own trench system and the students had a great time looking at World War One (WW1) artefacts and getting muddy through the trenches. It was lots of fun and the museum was very informative.





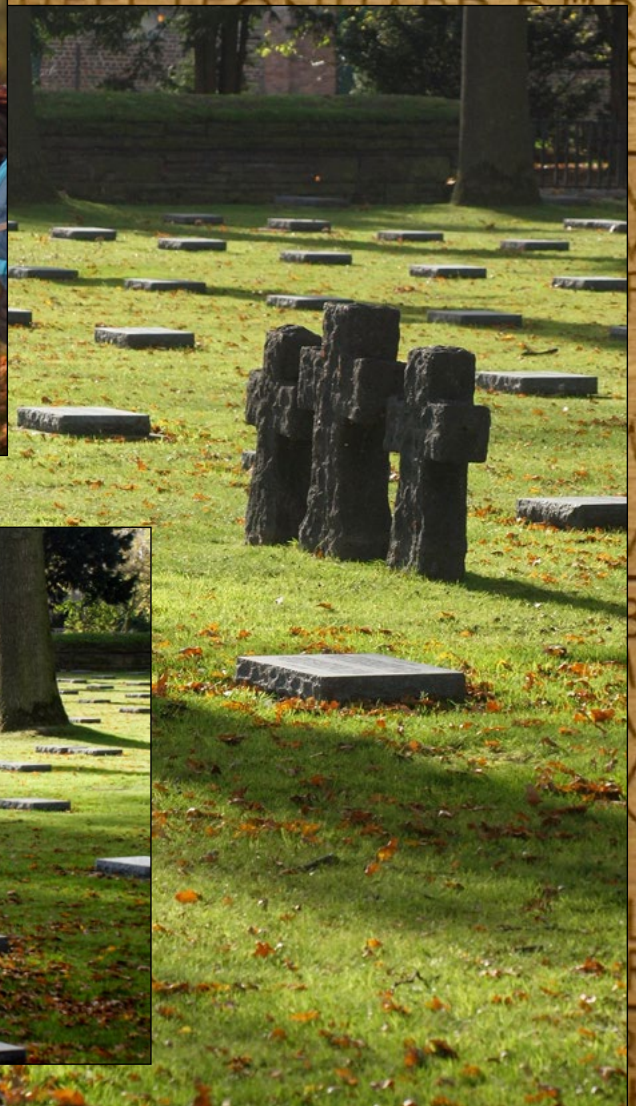
After Hill 62, students made their way to a beautiful English WW1 cemetery called Tyne Cot. This cemetery had gravestones of thousands of soldiers who took part in the war. Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form showed respect as they laid a wreath of poppies to remember what happened in the war.



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In comparison, the students were also taken to Langemark German Cemetery. This was a cemetery that was devoted to German soldiers that were in the war; these two cemeteries were different but still great places to visit.



Next, they went to Ypres Cloth Hall. It is a stunning building and the students saw the Menin Gate memorial, inscribed with 54,896 names.

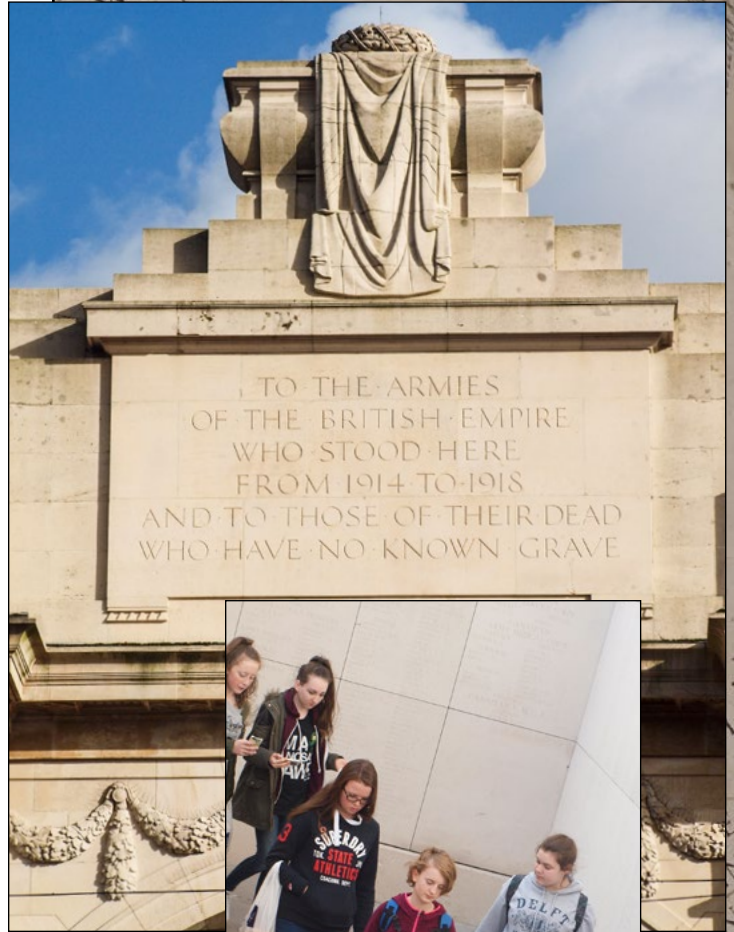
After that, they went to Leonidas, the chocolate shop nearby. It was very nice, and the students had the opportunity to buy what they wanted for a low price.

To pass time, students were allowed some free time to go shopping and spend time with their friends. The students then made their way to Passchendaele Memorial Museum. It had great exhibits and was a great place to end the trip before the students started to go home.

After the great day they had in Belgium, they arrived back an hour earlier than expected. The students had a wonderful time and were impeccably behaved.

The students thank the teachers for arranging this trip and making it so enjoyable.

Emily Stirrup 9E and Amelia Linehan 9E



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notleyridingclub

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form has recently launched a Riding Club. The team recently competed in their first event - Riding Captain Josie-May Reynolds (9O) has the following report from the competition at Norton Heath.

We had our first show jumping competition on Saturday 28 November. Rosie Bartlett (9L) competed first as an individual at 70cm; she had a fabulous round but unfortunately didn't get placed. Lily Richards (11O), Isabel Oakley (11H) and I competed as a team in the 80cm and 90cm. We didn't get placed in the 80cm but pulled out a 3rd place out of 12 in the 90cm; an amazing achievement for our first competition. Additionally, Isabel was also placed 5th as an individual. I am very proud of everyone that competed; everyone tried their best and there was a great team spirit. We are now aiming to qualify for the National Championships next year.

The Riding Club welcomes riders of all abilities - if students are interested in joining they can speak to Josie-May or Mrs Wager for more information.

housepoints

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

Monthly Totals

November 2015



Running Totals

2015-2016





when I grow up

On Friday 16 October 2015, the Essex Chronicle visited Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form again as part of the annual 'When I Grow Up' feature. This is the fifth year now that our students have been visited and it has been interesting to see how their career aspirations have changed.

Mrs Sutton, Year Leader – Year 11

- GEORGIA RATHE**
CAREER ASPIRATION
LAW
- JONATHAN EDGE**
CAREER ASPIRATION
BUSINESS
- KATELIN DEWING**
CAREER ASPIRATION
SOCIAL WORKER
- JODIE DOUSE**
CAREER ASPIRATION
WORKING IN ADVERTISING

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Photo: Theatre company



Tackling a Problem Play

On Monday 16 November 2015, a group of Year 10 GCSE drama students went to the Civic Theatre, Chelmsford, to perform the Shakespeare play, *The Winter's Tale*.

The *Winter's Tale* cast was decided in the summer of 2015 and from then, the cast attended weekly rehearsals to produce a play for the Shakespeare's School Festivals which is a celebration of Shakespeare's work. This could not have been achieved without the constant support of the drama department, for which all the cast members are extremely thankful.

On the day of the performance, we left for the Civic Theatre at 12.30pm and were there until the performances ended at 10pm. During the day, we had our first technical and dress rehearsal which was enjoyed immensely by the cast. The performance itself ran very smoothly with no mistakes. All the students involved had a great time and this could not have been achieved without Miss White and Miss Jenkins who came with us and helped throughout the day.

James Knock 100

The Performers

James Knock	Jamie Davy	Emilia Gambell
Megan Ranger-Green	Calum Banks	Luke Pettitt
Georgia Hawkins	Jessica Hills	Sysha Patel
Henry Farmer	Jasmine Gibson	Lewis Trevillion
Edward Leggett	Darcy Buist	Saad Ikhtaq

The Play

This drama is generally classified as a comedy play by William Shakespeare. However it is also referred to as a '**problem play**', because it cannot be easily described as either a tragedy or comedy. The plot story moves between King Leontes' court in Sicilia and Bohemia. The complications arise from King Leontes' and his Queen's friendly attentions to the visiting King of Bohemia. In a trial the Oracle of Delphi declares the queen guiltless but the King still banishes her. Their young son, Mamillius dies of grief but the Queen's newborn baby daughter, Perdita, is rescued from death by a Bohemian shepherd who raises her his daughter. There is a long time lapse of sixteen years between the Queen's banishment and the delayed happy ending which has a few surprises.

Source: <http://www.bardstage.org>

**BBC**

Children in Need

How to ~~Bake~~ Make a Successful Event for Children in Need

1. First of all gather together a team of enthusiastic students from across the school who will be willing to run a stall at the Children in Need charity fair.
2. Prepare and mix the event, making sure measurements are accurate to ensure maximum rise and fun and enjoyment. Lots of meetings, lots of posters, lots of student activity and lots of cups of tea and coffee for Mrs Simkins and Mrs Osborn to prepare them for the huge organisation ahead.
3. Gather together all your ingredients – donations for the raffle and lucky dip, prepare bakers for mammoth baking session, sweets for the sweet stall, teddies for 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' and give Mrs Simkins the job of duck control for 'Hook a Duck'. Don't forget to task Mrs Osborn with the job of inflating the paddling pool for the ducks, checking for any soggy bottoms.
4. Bring your key ingredients together on the day before the final event, fill the library office with sweets, cakes, biscuits, toys, more sweets, monsters, teddies and even more sweets. Check prizes, check activities, just check everything a million times!
5. Decorate the library – transform into a fun palace. Don't forget to use lots of bright colours, sparkles and Pudsey bunting. Drive Mrs Simkins mad by getting her to cut out hundreds of Pudsey Bears!
6. Finally, adjust the temperature of the room, ensure it is not too hot, as it will be packed to the brim with students and staff all taking part in fun filled activities. Keep an eye on Ms Short, don't want her to get too hot or burn as she is prone to excessive excitement when winning lots of prizes in the raffle. Sit back and watch the event unfold and rise to a fantastic creation.
7. At the end of the cooking time don't forget to put all the equipment away, clean and tidy. Mrs Osborn is quite handy with a Henry Hoover and Mrs Simkins loves rubbish duty.
8. When complete, let all the students know what a superb event they organised and say a big thank you to Year 11 prefects for supporting the Year 7 students in running their stall and a thank you to the student librarians for supporting the event.
9. Gather together all the monies raised and begin the final count up. Handle carefully.
10. Announce to the school that an amazing **£295 was raised at the library charity fair in just 40 minutes!** Add this final ingredient to the money raised from the non-uniform day and a **total of £1,598.73** will be sent off to BBC Children in Need.

A resounding well done to all who came along and supported and to all those students who took part. It was baked to perfection. You are all Champions.

Mrs Osborn
Library and Learning Resource Manager



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/photos2015/children-in-need-bazaar-2015>



Children in Need Facts

Since the first major Appeal in 1980 BBC Children in Need has raised over **£790 million**.

All the money goes to help disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.

Children in Need supports 2,600 projects to a total grant value of over **£110 million**.

Prior to funds being released, they are invested in low-risk investments to generate more money, which goes towards the running of the Charity. This, along with Gift Aid and income from sales of official merchandise and events go towards the Charity's running costs.

None of the presenters receives a fee for presenting the BBC Children in Need Appeal Show.

Source: BBC Website



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christmas party



On Wednesday 2 December, we hosted a Christmas party for the residents of local care homes.

We had a fantastic spread for tea, all donated by staff and students at the school. Students from all year groups waited on our guests and a number of students provided the entertainment, along with Christmas carols led by Mrs Forster playing the piano. Santa arrived with cards and gifts for our guests and joined in with the festivities to make it a really enjoyable evening.


Ms J Shipton, Assistant Year Leader - Years 7 and 11





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drop everything and read



*"Year 12 Student:
I think it is positive
for both parties – it
gives me something
positive to do and
some responsibility."*


Greg Mansfield

The DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) mentoring programme has launched again for this academic year. The scheme involves several Year 12 students acting as mentors and listening to Year 7 students read once a week during Wednesday morning registrations. The purpose of this scheme is to develop the reading skills of our Year 7 students and this also takes place in the library. The Year 12 mentors are available to help students choose appropriate and relevant texts which they may wish to read.



*"It helped me when I was younger and I
enjoy sharing a story."*

Lindsey Hope, Year 12 Student



*"It is good because it can
improve your reading and
you can read out loud."*

Ella Webb, Year 7 Student

"The DEAR Mentoring programme really helps both the younger students and the older students in terms of reading and communicating with one another."

Georgia Bannister, Year 12 Student



"I think it is good because I get to read aloud to someone and I get positive feedback."

Harry Eustace, Year 7 Student

jackpetchey awards



Jennifer Stanhope

Jennifer was nominated for the Jack Petchey award by her family for the way she has enthusiastically engaged in various sports, the Explorer Scouts and voluntary work, having overcome a number of personal challenges

Jennifer represents Braintree Youth Netball team and is always willing to help out at training and also stand in and play for the ladies teams when they are short. She also plays cricket for the Essex Under 15 girls development squad as wicket keeper and is always looking for ways to improve, regularly attending Great Waltham Cricket Club for extra wicket keeper training.

This summer, she went to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland where she participated in a range of activities including a 10 mile hike up a mountain where they camped overnight. Her leaders commented on how impressed they were by her 'have a go' attitude to everything and the way she encouraged others to overcome their fears and kept smiling. Most recently she participated in a marathon weekend, where, with a group of other girls, she had to carry everything she needed for the weekend and walk 30km over 2 days, collecting points for each

base they reached. Her team came first in the girls' category and 4th overall – quite an achievement in itself.

She recently took part in a girls' golf day and, despite not knowing anyone, quickly made friends while learning golf as a new skill. She took part in two competitions, coming first in one and second in the other – very impressive for a beginner!

Jennifer also volunteered at the library in the summer with the summer reading challenge, working 20 hours in 5 days, listening to young children tell her all about the books they had been reading and asking them questions. Again, she knew no one, but quickly made friends with others working there and impressing the usual library staff with her polite, friendly manner, who said she was a joy to have around and always smiling.

The Jack Petchey team in school were really impressed with the nomination and those that know Jennifer agree that she is a really lovely person, easy to get on with and a team player who really deserves the Jack Petchey award.

youngachievers



Photo: Dexan Charlery-Warner



Jack Petchey Young Achievers

During the weekend 9 – 11 October 2015, I was able to partake in a residential event through the Jack Petchey Young Achiever's Network. The weekend consisted of various team building exercises and the development of leadership and independent skills. The weekend was jam packed with bountiful laughter, a warm bonfire evening and the flourishing of lifelong friendships . I was able to extend my knowledge of the wider world and the ways in which we deal with situations. This was a truly rewarding experience

Dexan Charlery-Warner 110

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keystage³presentations

On Thursday 22 October students from current Years 8 to 10 collected awards and celebrated achievements from the academic year 2014-15 at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's annual Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening.

The evening recognised the excellence of Key Stage 3 students, with subject awards for Excellence and Attitude to Learning. The prizes collected also included the awarding of several Specialist Awards. Specialist Awards were awarded to:-

Marty Patten - for excellence in Year 7 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths);

Saud Ikhlaq - for excellence in Year 8 STEM;

Daniel Hicks - for excellence in Year 9 STEM;

Joseph Bennett - The Maths Trophy;

James Knock - The Anne Howard Award for Lower School Humanities;

Polly Temple - The Janet Smart Memorial Award for excellence in English;

Jasmine Horsham - The Gaynor Adams Memorial Award for excellence in Languages;

Eleanor Potter - The John Ray Science Prize;

Hannah Bilboe and Emily Hynes - The Award for Outstanding Achievement.

During the evening Mr Conway congratulated the recipients of awards for their consistent efforts and positive attitudes. The evening was also marked with flawless musical performances from Melissa Forrester with a piano solo and Emily Neate with a guitar solo. Mr Ellis, Executive Headteacher of Notley Green Primary School and CEO CHANGE Schools Partnership, delivered a thought-provoking speech in which he encouraged students to aim high, be resilient and seize opportunities.

Many congratulations once again to all award winners.

Mrs Wager, Assistant Headteacher



keystage4presentations

It was a great pleasure on 3 December to celebrate the achievements of current Year 11 students and to welcome back former Year 11 students, the 'class of 2015', to award their GCSE certificates and recognise some individual successes.

For some, this included the completion of a stage of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Incredibly, over 148 awards were made to students from both year groups over the course of the evening, recognising commitment and effort to studies, academic achievement and sporting success. The audience were entertained by wonderful performances from current Year 11 student Rebecca Hunt and Year 12 student, Melanie Reeve, with some fabulous vocals that belied their years. We were delighted to welcome back Mr Simon Thompson, former Headteacher, to speak to students, parents and carers and staff, and he acknowledged their efforts in achievement as well as discussing his own sources of inspiration. Particular mention should go to the winners of specialist awards this year, who included:

The Governors' Prize

Amber Hayden

The Dorothy Gardner Awards

Art: Chloe Howard Drama: Lilly James
Music: William Birley

The Chichester Prize

Olivia Coughlan

The Notley Award

Keerthy Vijendran Lily Measures
Bree Lewington Hannah Knock
Scarlett Perrin Lauren Fisher
Lucy Upton Erica Scotchbrook
Jemilla Salmon Jodi Heather

The John Ray Science Prize

Evie Stoneman

The Headteacher's Prize

Scarlett Perrin Adam Grimwood

Congratulations to all the students involved.

Mrs Townsend, Assistant Headteacher



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extra-curricularclubs

Extra-curricular Clubs – Spring Term 2016

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
Year 11 Computing, ICT, Business, CA and Home Learning	IT2	Mrs Homan Smith	
Science Club	G26	Mr Vosper	✓
Homework Club	G29	Mrs Lewsey Mrs Kay	✓
Year 11 Spanish Revision	F2	Mr De Gea Fernandez	
Year 11Y1 Maths Revision	G46	Mrs Forster	
Year 10 & 11 French Revision	F10	Miss Jaillot	
Year 9 Dance	Dance Studio	Mrs Whitnell	
Year 8 & 9 Drama/ Musical Theatre	Drama Studio	Drama Department	

Extra-Curricular Clubs running on other days:-

Club	Day/Time	Venue	Staff	Children's University
Art Club Year 7 & GCSE	Monday Lunchtime	G11	Miss Stanton	
Year 11 Dance	Monday Lunchtime	G14	Mrs Whitnell	
Action Equality All years	Monday Lunchtime	F9	Miss White, Miss Short	
GCSE Product Design	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	G4	Mrs Smith	
Computer Club & Games, homework	Tuesday-Thursday 3.15-5pm	G29	Mrs Lewsey Mrs Kay	✓
Year 7 Drama	Tuesday Lunchtime	G14	Mrs Jenkins Mrs Whitnell	
Art Club Year 8 & GCSE	Tuesday	G11	Miss Stanton	
Homework Club	Tuesday-Thursday Lunchtime	Flex	Mr Hardwick	✓
Maths	Every Lunchtime	Various rooms, See poster in department	Maths Department	
Chinese Club	Wednesday Lunchtime	F2	Miss Jaillot	
Art Club Year 9 & GCSE	Wednesday Lunchtime	G12	Miss Tyler	
Year 10 Dance	Thursday Lunchtime	G14	Miss Whitnell	
D of E Drop In	Thursday Lunchtime	G6	Mr Burge	
Computer Programming	Thursday Lunchtime	IT1	Mr Ball	
Art Club GCSE	Thursday Lunchtime	G11	Miss Stanton	
Christian Union	Friday Lunchtime	F7	Miss Fouche	
Maths FSMQ	Friday 3.15 – 4.15pm	G46	Mrs Forster	

Music Department Clubs – Spring Term 2016

Day	Activity	Venue	Member of Staff
Monday	Senior Choir: Year 9-13	G2	Mrs Hanna
Tuesday	Wind Ensemble	G2	Miss Freeman
	GCSE and A Level music students drop-in	G1	Mrs Hanna
	Blues Club	G3	Mr Stephenson Mr Callely
Wednesday	African Drummers	G2	Mr Timms
	Vocal Ensemble	G3	Miss Freeman
Thursday	Jazz Band	G2	Mrs Robb
Friday	Ukulele Club	G3	Mr Harris
	Music Technology Club – Year 7&8	G1	Miss Freeman

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

PE Clubs Spring Term 2016

	Lunchtime	After-school
Monday	Boys Handball – All Years – Fitness Centre – EW Interform – Sports Hall – JRE/EW	Futsal – Year 9 – Fitness Centre – EW Futsal – Year 10 – Fitness Centre – CG/AHA Netball – All Years – Courts – MD/HST Badminton – All Years – Sports Hall – KCU Girls Futsal – All Years – Gym – ABS
Tuesday	Girls Handball – Year 8 – Sports Hall – GN/ABS SLC Club – Fitness Centre – EW/CG Basketball – Year 9 – Gym – RBR	Staff Meetings Handball Academy – Invite only – Sports Hall
Wednesday	Indoor Cricket – Girls - All Years – Fitness Centre – JRE	Gymnastics – All Years – Gym – MD Basketball – Year 7/8 – Sports Hall - RBR Rugby – Year 7/8/9 – Field – JRE Sixth Form Football – CG/EW
Thursday	Indoor Cricket – Boys/Girls – All Years – Fitness Centre – JRE/ABS Trampoline – All Years – Gym – CG/ EW Basketball – Year 10/11 – Sports Hall - RBR	Futsal – Year 7 – Fitness Centre – EW Futsal – Year 8 – Fitness Centre – JRE Sports Hall Athletics – All Years – Sports Hall - RBR
Friday	Futsal – Years 10/11 – Sports Hall – EW/ CG Table Tennis – All Years – Sports Hall – JRE	No clubs

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Saturday 20 February, 8pm

Tickets: £19

T.Rextasy have now been performing around the world for over 20 years, a career that ironically out lives Marc's very own T.Rex. The band is now accepted as the world's only official live tribute band dedicated to Marc Bolan & T.Rex, and the only band endorsed and approved by Marc Bolan's family, estate, original ex-members of T.Rex, and Bolan's catalogue management. The band has been described by many as 'beyond the boundaries of tribute.'

Truly a rock'n'roll concert for all ages - If you would like to know exactly what a Marc Bolan concert was like in the 1970s, this show is for you!

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arts theatre

www.braintreearts theatre.com



Photo: Staff on trip

sciencelive!



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/photos2015/sciencelive>

On Thursday 26 November 2015, we took 28 Year 11 students to London to hear some of the pop stars of the science world; although (much to some of our students' disappointment) Professor Brian Cox was not presenting this time, there were four other exciting talks from scientists well-known from science documentaries on the television.

Professor Jim Al Khalili kicked off with an interesting discussion on the possibility of time travel. We learnt about worm holes and the paradoxes that suggest time travel is an unlikely possibility (but only unlikely)!

Professor Al Khalili was followed by Professor Dave Cliff who explained how our students could become millionaires with a simple understanding of how computer memory storage changes over time (and a good software invention to go with it). His talk was very fast paced and he explained very well how cloud computing works and where it could go in the future.

After a break, we heard from Professor Winston who explained some of the interesting basics of reproductive biology and why ladies can't have babies in old age. The day was rounded off with Professor Alice Roberts (Mr Vosper's favourite) who explained how our bodies have evidence of evolution inside them and compared the embryology of different vertebrates at the early stages of development to show just how similar we are.

There was also a summary from a chief examiner on how best to approach exam questions and the meaning of command words in the questions.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable day, despite the long journey time and the students were a credit to the school with their exemplary behaviour while we were in the auditorium.

Mrs Wallace, Science Teacher



regional golf trials

On 13 and 14 September 2015, Harvey Payne took part in the England under 16 regional golf trials.

As Harvey completed the weekend, he was confident with his performance as he was in the top 3 gross rounds for the final day; he shot a +4. Harvey was selected to play over the half term weekend at the home of England golf, Woodhall spa.

Well done Harvey. Next stop, the Masters!

FSEfoundryvisits

Photos: Mr Chapman and FSE



An example of FSE's work



Year 10 GCSE D&T Student Visits

Following links created from work experience in the Summer term, Year 10 Design & Technology students have visited the FSE Foundry on the Springwood Industrial Estate, Braintree recently. FSE Foundry would like to promote links between our own 3D printing facilities and that of FSE Foundry – possibly using a GCSE Product Design themed product and constructing cast lamp bases.

Students were shown a video and given a short talk by a young worker. Their main working is called

'Jobbing Shop' – producing a variety of items for customers; however, the major 'bread and butter' of the company is anti-slip treads produced for all of the London underground, Cross Rail and overseas. Aluminium alloys and bronze are mainly used. Specialist castings include the 'Women of World War 2' and the Bobby Moore statue outside West Ham's football ground.

Mr Chapman, D&T Teacher

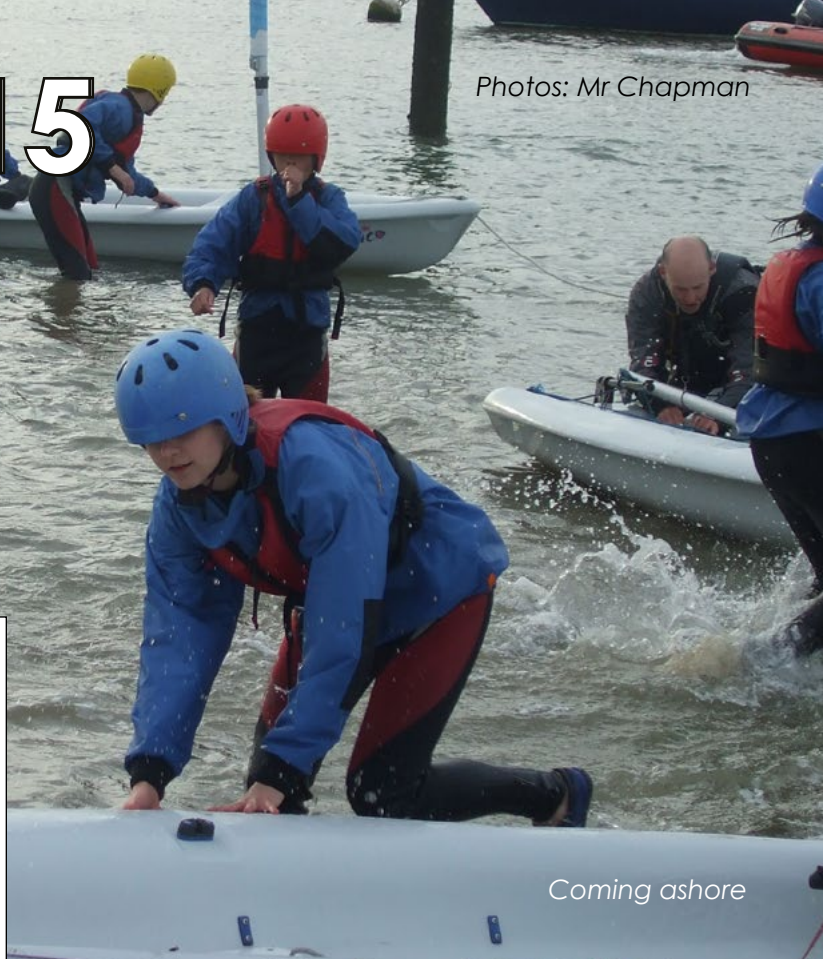


sailingin2015

Photos: Mr Chapman

Twelve students were lucky enough to participate in five sailing sessions during the Summer term. They arrived at the Essex Outdoors Centre at Bradwell at 4.30pm and after changing, usually experienced two hours on the water with the guidance of the centre staff. Depending of the weather they either used the small two person peco boats or the larger five person 22s. As can be seen from the photographs, the sun sometimes made it an extremely pleasant evening!

Mr Chapman, Activity Leader



Coming ashore



Coming ashore



"Working together, achieving together"



Landing on the power station beach

respectproject

Photos: Staff on trip



Year 9

As a school, we were fortunate enough to have been invited to participate in this year's Respect Project which was voluntarily run by The Essex Boys & Girls Club in Chelmsford.

I was asked to choose fifteen students to participate, and I based my choices on a variety of criteria including the qualities that I witnessed first-hand during our residential trip to Mersea last year.

The project was run over two initial activity days (which I have likened to the X-Factor boot camp) - if they did well on the first day, they got through to the second day! After the second activity day, two students were selected to further progress on the course and attended an eight week Life Skills course on a Monday evening; these sessions covered self-respect, personal challenges, relationship management, teamwork, leadership, communication skills and decision making.

As a result of the Life Skills course, both of our students were then invited to attend a seven day residential trip to the Lake District later this term. I would like to congratulate both Maggie Dymoke-Bradshaw and Jacob Riley for everything that they achieved. Mrs Dennis and I were really proud when we attended their awards ceremony on 17 December. Congratulations are also due to the other thirteen students for their achievements along the way.

Mrs Forster, Year Leader – Year 9



Year 10

On Wednesday 7 October 2015, a group of sixteen teenagers went to Stubbers Adventure Centre near Ockendon, Essex. When we got to the location we were taken to a large hall where we were given a briefing, including being spoken to about respecting others. We then went to the tunnels. There were two sheds which were labelled '1' and '2', and Jason, our supervisor, told us what we would be doing. We were given suits and a helmet along with a number for roll call. It was pitch black and we had to go through the tunnels where there were obstacles. We looked after each other throughout the course. After tunnelling, we had lunch and sat with our friends around tables.

After lunch we went outside where we undertook a range of team building activities. We were split into two teams of seven and had to build a raft from large empty barrels and six long planks of wood. We had to use ropes to keep our raft together. My group were successful and we managed to make it to the pink buoy by paddling and then we went back to shore, took it apart and went back. Raft building was my favourite part of the day. Ten of us were invited back to another day. I was one of those and I am really looking forward to it.

Sidney Whittle 10H





Photos: Staff and students on trip

sixthformnews



Hamlet, Live Streaming at Cineworld

On Thursday 15 October, Ms Steadman and Ms Newell took their English Literature class to Cineworld to experience a live stream of Benedict Cumberbatch's modern production of Hamlet. The lively tragedy took place in The Barbican and was being streamed live to over 550 cinemas around the world. Cumberbatch's energetic and emotional performance of Shakespeare's young prince stole the show and outshone a mediocre performance from other characters. Cumberbatch is described in the Daily Telegraph as a blazing five star Hamlet trapped in a three star show.

Cumberbatch's production is produced by Sonia Friedman and given a modern twist. The cast were seen wearing clothing not particular to the timeframe in which the play was written, as well as with modern inventions such as a handgun.

The set was outstanding, as the elegant and well-lit country mansion became a war zone strewn with rubble. The more cinematic view of this production truly allowed the thoughts and feelings of Hamlet to be communicated, especially his soliloquys. The use of slow motion acting in strobe lighting presented Hamlet to be thinking at a faster pace than his associates, which allowed the audience to realise that it was a soliloquy being presented.

A truly amazing performance from Benedict, with improvement from supporting roles needed. It was energetic and fast-paced that caught my attention from the start.

Millie Reeve-Wilson
A Level English Literature Student





Year 12 Students Behind the Wheel at the Roadster Impact Day

'Speed – it's a limit not a target'

Just one student's reaction to the Roadster event, led by Essex Highways, for Year 12 students at Braintree Sixth Form on 12 November. The focus of the day was road safety and awareness. Students participated in six different workshops run by Essex Police, Fire Service, road safety officers, St John Ambulance and local driving schools. All students also had the chance to take to the roads themselves, driving dual controlled cars around the tennis courts. At the end of the day, all students received a free copy of the Highway Code to assist them on their journey to becoming safe drivers. The students really enjoyed the day and learnt a great deal, as highlighted in this selection of comments from their evaluations:

'Seatbelts save lives.'

'I learnt that it is illegal to use your phone and drive.'

'There is no point in drinking and driving – it is never worth the risk.'

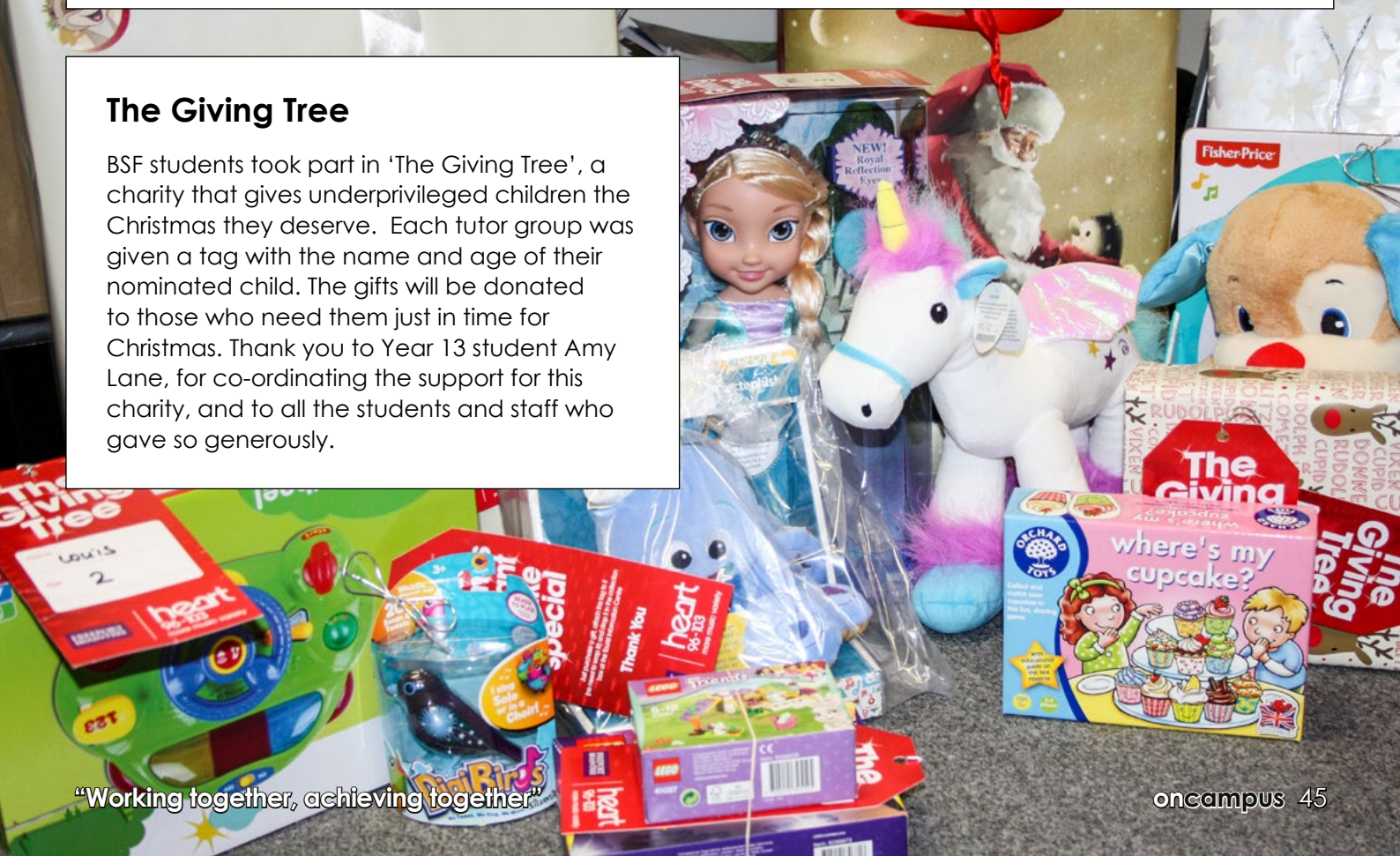
'Really useful to learn how to put someone in the recovery position.'

'I learnt how to drive! Really gave me confidence.'

Thank you to all Year 12 students for their exemplary behaviour and sensitive responses throughout the day and to all the external providers who contributed both their time and expertise.

The Giving Tree

BSF students took part in 'The Giving Tree', a charity that gives underprivileged children the Christmas they deserve. Each tutor group was given a tag with the name and age of their nominated child. The gifts will be donated to those who need them just in time for Christmas. Thank you to Year 13 student Amy Lane, for co-ordinating the support for this charity, and to all the students and staff who gave so generously.



Photos: Staff on trip

"A very enjoyable experience which allowed us to learn new techniques."

Alisha Wright

"A unique experience where we got the chance to meet experts in printing."

Victoria Forconesi

**Curwen
Print**

**Study
Centre**

Curwen Print Studio Art Trip

Art students from Braintree Sixth Form recently went on a day trip to the Curwen Print Study Centre in Cambridge on 20 October to take part in a print making workshop.

In preparation for this day, we created lino blocks based on our recent work on natural forms. Lino cutters were used to remove sections of the lino, creating the shape of our chosen design. At the study centre, we covered the lino in ink using rollers to ensure an even spread. With the use of specialist printing presses, pressure was applied to the lino block which allowed the design to be evenly transferred on to the paper.

After creating some initial prints and becoming more confident with using the equipment, we were encouraged to experiment with colour, composition and background colour. This enabled us to become more expressive with our designs. We thoroughly enjoyed this experimentation stage, as we were able to create prints that initially didn't seem as if they would work, but the end result was very successful.

The second print making technique that we learnt was dry point. This is a process in which the design is scratched into acetate using a fine, sharp point. Oil-based ink is then rubbed using circular motions into the indents and then wiped off, this is then repeated three times to ensure the ink entirely fills the indents. Acetate is then laid on to damp paper and then rolled over with a large metal cylinder, which we turned by hand. The prints created were very different to the lino prints, as the colour choice was more limited; however we were able to include intricate details whereas the lino cutters could only create more solid lines.

The day was a brilliant experience for all students involved as we were able to use professional print-making equipment and create a variety of prints that we could continue to develop after the workshop. We did this by altering the colours and size of the prints as well as using acetate to layer the images creating holographic effects.

Sophie Kulik, Year 13 Art Student



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"Working together, achieving together"



"Really enjoyed the evening and got clear information on what I was looking for especially on the IB."



"It was great to get to speak to students in the various subjects. Carry on doing what you do - you do it well."

BSF Open Evening

This year's Braintree Sixth Form (BSF) Open Evening on Wednesday 11 November was very well attended by visiting students from around 20 local schools. BSF students played a full part supporting in the subject areas, on the IB stand and as student ambassadors.

A programme of musical and theatrical performances by our students contributed to a lively and enjoyable evening, along with an exhibition of A level and IB Visual Art. Student Governor Emma Nash and students Scarlett Perrin and Ashley Ross addressed a packed theatre, along with members of the Sixth Form Leadership Team.

The first round of applications has now closed but full details of the Sixth Form can be found at

<http://www.braintreesixthform.com>



"Really good evening and everyone was very nice and welcoming. Very happy."

IB Theory of Knowledge visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum

- What is the purpose of a museum and how do objects get selected for a museum collection?
- Is there a difference in learning by "doing" and learning by "thinking"?
- What is "Art"?
- Is there any difference in seeing an actual object rather than a photograph of it on a website?

.... Just some of the questions considered as Year 12 IB students visited the Victoria & Albert Museum,

the world's largest museum of decorative arts and design, to explore some ideas about how knowledge is constructed and how different contexts influence art and design styles.

The collection features extensive collections of ceramics, ironwork, glass, textiles, costumes, silver, jewellery, furniture, medieval objects, drawings and photographs.



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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>

Friday 18 December 2015

End of Autumn term

Monday 4 January 2016

Spring term starts

Thursday 14 January 2016

5pm - 8pm

Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

Wednesday 20 January 2016

7.30pm - 9pm

Jack Petchey Annual Regional Schools' Presentation Evening - Braintree Arts Theatre

Thursday 28 January 2016

5pm - 8pm

Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

Wednesday 3 February 2016

5pm - 7.30pm

KS4 Courses Evening

Wednesday 10 February 2016

5pm - 8 pm

Year 12 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

Friday 12 February 2016

Staff Training Day (no students)

Friday 12 February 2016

Ski trip to Austria departs

Monday 22 - Friday 26 February 2016

A-level geography field studies trip, Slapton Ley Field Studies Centre, South Devon

Monday 29 February - Tuesday 1 March 2016

Year 10 PER residential trip, Krakow tour and Auschwitz

Tuesday 1 - Wednesday 2 March 2016

Year 10 PER residential trip, Krakow tour and Auschwitz

Thursday 3 March 2016

5pm - 8pm

Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

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:

chris.rowe@notleyhigh.com

The deadline for submission is the Thursday prior to publication.

term dates



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2015-2016

September 2015							October 2015							November 2015							December 2015						
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= Schooldays / Weekends
 = School holidays
 = Bank holidays
 = Staff Training Days (no students)

Autumn Term: Thursday 3 September 2015 – Friday 18 December 2015
 Half Term 26 October - 30 October

Spring Term: Monday 4 January 2016 – Thursday 24 March 2016
 Half Term 15 - 19 February

Summer Term: Monday 11 April 2016 – Friday 22 July 2016
 Half Term 31 May – 3 June, and May Bank Holiday, 2 May

Please note that on Friday 4 September 2015 Year 7 and Year 12 only will return to school
 On Monday 7 September 2015 term begins for all students

Staff Training Days:
 Thursday 3 September 2015
 Monday 5 October 2015
 Tuesday 6 October 2015
 Friday 12 February 2016
 Wednesday 29 June 2016

72 days

54 days

69 days

195 days

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
- Notley IT Support

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 new academic year will see an increasing use of social media by the school so watch this space...

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form website. At the top left is the school's logo, 'NHS Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form'. To the 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 students in school uniforms. A sidebar on the left lists various news items, with 'Charity Hot Chocolate Sale' highlighted in blue. Below the main image is a text block for the 'Charity Hot Chocolate Sale' featuring Amy Bird, who won the Jack Petchey Award. The text describes her fundraising efforts for Crossroads, a charity supporting young carers.

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, and a language selection dropdown.
- Latest Newsletter:** Features a thumbnail for the 'oncampus' newsletter with the headline 'Open Evening' and a link to 'View previous newsletters'.
- Latest Letters Home:** Lists several letters from the school, including 'Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening Letter (December)', 'Year 10 PDT Letter - Good Will Hunting (December)', 'Last Day of Autumn Term 2015 (December)', 'Parent Guide on Illness (December)', 'Work Experience - Own Placement Form (November)', 'Work Experience - Parent Presentation - Placements (November)', 'Year 9 PDT Letter (November)', and 'Winter Wonderland 2015 (November)'. A link to 'View previous letters' is provided.
- Home Learning:** Features a photo of two students holding a 'Week B' sign and two icons: 'SMHW Show My Homework' and 'Home Learning Timetables'.

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The Primary Times

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

Saturday 20 February, 2.30pm

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Plop is a baby Barn Owl. He lives at the top of a tall tree, in a field. He is fat and fluffy. He has big round eyes and very knackety knees. Plop is exactly the same as every barn owl that has ever been - except for one thing.

Plop is AFRAID of the DARK.

Come join us, - it's going to be a hoot!

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The Rat Pack

11 March, 7.30pm, Tickets: £16, conc £15

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