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# headlines

Welcome to the final issue of oncampus for the 2016-17 academic year. It is hard to believe that yet another year has passed, and so quickly.

The school continues to offer a wide range of additional opportunities to students, and we are very pleased that so many of them take advantage of the myriad extra-curricular activities. You can read about many of them in this issue – and I hope that you will enjoy doing so.

One very piece of good news to share with you is that we have managed to access some additional funding so that during the summer holidays we can take advantage of the relatively lengthy closure to improve significantly the offer and the facilities in the kitchens and canteen area. The intention is to enhance the kitchen equipment so that we can prepare and serve a number of different meals, and we hope thereby that the food on offer will appeal to more of our students. We are also significantly extending and improving the dining area so that the queueing system is better, and more students can be seated to eat – indoors and outside (in a new and enhanced picnic area).

We are also looking forward to the return of our students in their new uniforms for September. At the time of writing a number of students have already started wearing their ties. We thank you for the support with the new uniform and believe that this will contribute to the improvements overall that we are striving to achieve in the interests of everybody who has a stake in the school.

Finally can I wish all of you an enjoyable and pleasant summer break.

*Mr D Conway, Headteacher*



*David Conway, Headteacher*



# the guardian newstrip



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On Tuesday 23 May 2017, 30 Year 9 students had the chance to visit The Guardian News and Media Education Centre. Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form were hand picked to attend as part of the 15th anniversary of the centre opening. Students had the chance to report on the day's stories, acting as editors as well. As part of this anniversary event, we had the chance to speak with Rachel, a sub-editor, who visited us early on.

To finish the day, we were extremely honoured to visit the main conference room where the editors and journalists meet each morning at 10am to review the previous day's work and discuss the news coverage for the current working day. Over the course of the last 15 years, we have been one of only three schools afforded this privilege where we also heard from another journalist and sub-editor. The Year 9 students behaved in a thoroughly professional manner and were commended over the course of the day for this.

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5





# our best ever IB results!

Students at Braintree Sixth Form celebrated our best ever IB results with 100% of students obtaining the IB diploma at an average pass rate of 32.4 points.

This year's highest achievers include Tamsin Sprawling who has secured a place at The Royal Agricultural University studying Rural Land Management after she achieved an impressive 39 points. Jess Firman's 38 points have secured her

place at the University of East Anglia to study English Literature with Creative Writing. Luke Robinson will also be joining the University of Sussex to study Marketing and Management following his fantastic achievement of 36 points. We are extremely proud of our students and their success and wish them the best of luck for the future.

*Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5*



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## Cry “havoc!” and let slip the Director of English.

Miss Gee joined us as Director of English in September 2016 having taught for several years in a variety of schools across the region.

She studied American Literature at the University of Sussex and...

...actually, why don't we let her tell it in her own words. Here is the recent interview she gave to some of our senior students.

# to be or not to be...

## the director of english

*What did you do as a job before you came here to Notley?*

Before I came here, I was the Head of English at another school in Southend. Before I got my degree and became a teacher, as a student I worked in the warehouse as a supervisor which I found very exciting. I have been in teaching for around 11 years.

*What has been the most enjoyable aspect of your new job as the Director of English at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form so far?*

I think the most enjoyable aspect so far working here has been getting to work with new students and members of staff. It is always nice to learn from other people and share ideas. Having new heads of department and having new ways of thinking and different skills of teaching in lessons is interesting. I enjoy how collaborative the department is and how the students give their ideas which is always good.

*Why did you want to become a teacher, especially an English one?*

All the way through my schooling career, my teachers would tell me that I was going to become a teacher. My mum was also a teacher. As part of my degree, I was very fortunate as I travelled to America and studied there for a year. Whilst out in America, I was able to compare our education system and compare it to the American way, I really started to

appreciate what we had here in Essex. I did have a very enjoyable time out there and had some wonderful experiences but I decided that everything we have here is why I wanted to be a teacher. The fact we have a free education, everything is fair, our rules and how everyone has access to the same experiences was what swayed me. Also, I don't think that I could have sat at a desk all day. Working 9-5 is not for me and now being an English teacher, things change all the time so it never gets boring.

*If you weren't an English teacher, what career would you be doing and why?*

If I weren't an English teacher, then I feel that I would be working in human resources looking at people's rights when they are working and helping aid companies. I did look into a career doing this but I felt that might be quite a negative thing, working with people that are upset, and so I don't think that I could deal with that sort of environment, which is what I would be doing.

*Why did you choose to work at this school?*

I chose Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form because the school had a very good reputation, the community was very welcoming and inclusive, and the school had good exam results. When I came on a tour of the school it also seemed like a very friendly place.



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# SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE

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Read everyday 

Compliment 

Embrace Change 

Forgive others 

Talk about ideas 

Continuously learn 

Accept responsibility for their failures 

Have a sense of gratitude 

Set goals and develop life plans 

# UNSUCCESSFUL PEOPLE

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Watch TV everyday 

Criticise 

Fear Change 

Hold a grudge 

Talk about people 

Think they know it all 

Blame others for their failures 

Have a sense of entitlement 

Never set goals 



*What was your first impression of the school? What did you think it was like?*

On my first day of working at Notley, there were only two year groups in and inevitably, I was a bit nervous. However, it was good to see that I wasn't the only one nervous and there were many others feeling the same as it was a brand new set up for everyone. My first impression was how kind everyone was essentially to strangers. It was lovely to see how the Year 7 students were terrified and the Year 11 students were trying really hard to help them settle in and make them feel welcome. This confirmed my initial impressions from my tour that the students at the school are nice.

*What were you like as a child at school? What were your favourite subjects? Did you do any clubs?*

At school, I absolutely loved maths and it was my favourite subject. I was lucky enough to be head girl at my school. Also, I played basketball for Essex for one of the first girls' basketball teams in the county. I loved the sport and played it five times a week. I was also very theatrical and enjoyed drama so I took part in all of the school productions. I really loved school.

*What do you like to do in your spare time?*

I really enjoy reading when I have a bit of spare time, which is something I do regularly. I also play for a women's netball team where I play twice a week. Occasionally, I go running but that is only if I am dragged out. I also enjoy going to the West End and watching productions such as Billy Elliott and Wicked. Finally I enjoy going out to eat which is something that I do a lot of the time.

*What is your all-time favourite book and why?*

I couldn't name just one book, but my favourite trilogy is "His Dark Materials" written by Philip Pullman. I really enjoy these novels because they are very

tense books throughout and are very engaging for the reader. I have read them all numerous times and will do again.

*What is your favourite part of teaching English?*

At school, maths and the sciences were also my favourite subjects but then I felt that I would prefer to teach a subject where there is no wrong answer. In English, you can argue your point of view which I think is a good thing.

Also, English is a very creative subject especially with the lessons that I plan as they can be very different and the approach that I teach them with. I also enjoy seeing students empathise with the characters and their reactions to the books that we read.



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# headboyheadgirlreport

As we have reached the summer months, school life has been extremely exciting, yet busy, for students and staff here at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

We would like to say a huge well done to every single one of you, as so much progress has been made in all subjects, and other extra-curricular activities students may partake in. It has been amazing to see so many students supporting and helping each other through stressful times, such as exams for Year 11, and of course all other years, who are currently completing their exams as we write this.

The Year 11s have left, and they surely left with some sadness, but excitement for the future. We would like to say good luck to all of you; you will definitely be missed by staff and students at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

Over the last term, there have been some really fun and exciting trips, and visits to the school. For example in May, 30 Year 9 students visited the Guardian News and Media Education Centre, to learn all about working as journalists and editors.

Also in May, students in Years 7 to 12 attended a session run by the SOS+ project. It was a very eye opening and interesting experience.

Recently, a group of Year 10 students have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. It was certainly very challenging. However, many students have said that they enjoyed the 30 mile hike! The temperature over the two days was extremely hot (for England!), which added to the difficulty of the expedition. We would like to thank, on behalf of the participants, the teachers who came along to support us and make sure it was as enjoyable as possible. It was definitely a memorable couple of days.

We would like to congratulate everyone who took part in the head boy and head girl competition. It was a difficult process and everyone should be very proud of themselves. During the process the candidates had to record their speeches and perform it in front of the Year 10 students. The process also involved making a poster and having an interview with Mr Conway and Mrs Townsend. All of the new prefects have been selected and have started their duties. One role of the prefects is to be on duty in the corridors at lunch, supporting staff, and set an example to all students here at Notley. Senior prefects and house captains have also been selected.



Over the last few weeks, students in Year 10 have been applying for the role of drama director. The criteria was to have shown commitment to the subject over the past year, and to have been actively involved in extra-curricular activities within the drama department. Eight have been selected for this role and these are: Chloe Littleton, Ben Truman, Emily Culbert, Mason Ramsdale, James Merrell, Gemma Fugeman, Amelia Linehan and Jess Hill. Congratulations to them.

As a whole school, we held a mock election to experience what it would be like to vote for the next political party. The results were very close and the winners were the Conservative party. In second place, came the Labour Party, who were only one single vote behind the Conservatives.

Overall it has been a fantastic term so far, and we are looking forward to the future year ahead.

*Katy Finch and Ben Truman*  
*Head Girl and Head Boy*



# charityheadshave

## Raising funds for 'Wipe Away Those Tears'

In July 2016, we were all shocked to hear that Jake, one of our Year 10 students, had been diagnosed with a brain tumour. Since he was diagnosed, Jake spent long periods of time in various London hospitals receiving treatment. His friends were a fantastic support to him throughout this. Jake lost some mobility through the illness and was introduced to a superb electric wheelchair whilst in hospital but the cost for the wheelchair was phenomenal. 'Wipe Away Those Tears' is an Essex based charity who support seriously ill children and when they heard about Jake, they very kindly funded the wheelchair for him. This enabled him to regain some of his independence during his last few months and he was even able to spend some time at school – something that made staff and students very happy – even Jake, believe it or not.

Billy Dryden and friends decided that they wanted to give something back to the charity. Billy decided on a sponsored head shave. Originally, he had convinced a number of friends to join him but only he and George Errington were brave enough to go through with this (the thought of being bald at the school prom in June was just too much for some). The boys sat in front of hundreds of students (and Jake had a live video link!) and trusted a number



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of staff with clippers to completely shave their heads at lunchtime on Thursday 16 March 2017. George's reaction when he touched his head post shave was one of complete shock and exclamation of 'I'm bald!' I'm not sure what he was expecting really!

So far, the boys have raised a huge £2,859. I know that many people are unbelievably proud of the boys and their friends for organising and taking part in such a successful event for charity. Well done. We are all so proud of you and Jake was so very lucky to have such a great group of friends.

Jake is hugely missed but we will continue to raise funds for Wipe Away Those Tears in memory of such a fun and brave friend.

*Miss K Murdoch, Head of House - Winton*

On Tuesday 16 May 2017, Essex & Herts Air Ambulance visited the Year 12 assembly to speak about the charity and inform students and staff of some key facts relating to the services that they offer. It currently costs £500,000 a month to run this valuable service, so fundraising is crucial in order to maintain this support system for the public. There is a base in Earls Colne where members of the public are allowed to visit, the only site like this in the country. The two members of staff that were visiting were available for questions after the presentation. We look forward to welcoming them back to Braintree Sixth Form in the future.

*Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5*



# Essex and Herts air ambulance



Photo: Staff at Event



## Extended Project Qualification

On Tuesday 6 June 2017, Year 12 students were introduced to the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) during TP3.

Mrs Newell provided key information about the qualification and the expectations required of students. Sam Smyth and Ruth Walters from Year 13 also discussed their own projects from this year and Lewis Dryden's artefact was also shared.

Students must now complete an initial proposal form and there is a trip planned for later this term when students will have the chance to visit the University of Essex to find out more about the demands of the qualification which universities highly value.

Please do speak to Mrs Newell or Mrs Brewis-Shephard if you require any further information.

*Mrs H Sutton*  
Assistant Headteacher – KS5

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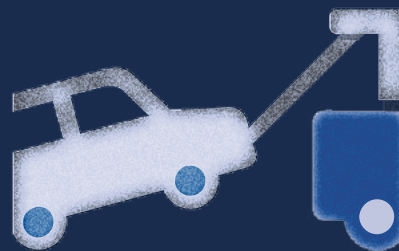
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# dukeofedinburgh

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Two Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice expeditions took place on 19/20 May 2017 and 21/22 May 2017. Thirty students successfully reached the required level and will progress onto the assessment expedition in June.

The students walked a route that their group had planned, camped out for the night and cooked their own food over the gas Trangias.

Some students got off to a bumpy start with their map reading with slight variations of their planned routes taking place, but this improved as the day progressed and by the second day students had grasped this new skill and made good walking progress.

We look forward to the expedition in June.

*Miss K Wilcox, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator*



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# UKmathschallenge

The UK Maths Challenges involve answering 25 multiple choice questions and are sat in school under normal exam conditions. They are often intriguing questions which are designed to stimulate an interest in maths. A total of 224 students took part in the competitions and Notley High School and Braintree sixth form has had a really successful year in the three challenges this year.

In November, Taylor Golden in year 13 competed in the Senior Maths challenge and achieved a Silver award. This is the first time we have entered a student for the senior challenge and we are proud of Taylor for doing so well in this hugely competitive exam.

The Intermediate Maths Challenge was taken by 132 students in Years 9, 10 and 11 in February.

Daniel Hicks, in Year 11, achieved Best in School, with a Gold Award. Yasmin Parmenter also achieved Gold and Emily Hynes, Katie Murray, Alex Wilson, Emily Heissig, James Knock, Isobel Parkes, Alexander Deith all achieved Silver awards. Bronze awards went to Edward Leggett, William Wells and Emily Neate.

Daniel Hicks' high score ensured that he qualified for the next round, called the Pink kangaroo, which he sat in March. He achieved a Merit in that competition which is a huge achievement. Well done Daniel.

Vikesh Patel achieved Best in Year 10 and was awarded a Silver certificate, together with Abigail Grimwood, Chloe Oxford, Saud Iklaq, Jessica Boyle and Samuel Letchfield. Bronze awards went to Rebecca Moore, Ben Truman, Katy Finch, Hannah Kane, Cordelia Gillan, Abigail Peacham, Akash Vijendran, Harry Bailey and Abby Bathurst.

Best in Year 9 went to Daniel Hawrylak and he was awarded a Silver certificate along with Lewis Slade.

Alexander Norton and Jake Simmons were awarded a Bronze. This is a huge achievement in year 9 as they are competing with students in year 10 and 11 as well. We also entered 91 students in year 7 and 8 for the Junior maths challenge which took place on 27 April.

We have had a really successful set of results with Rhiannon Scudder achieving Best in School with a Gold award and nine students in Year 8, Callum Ranger-Green, Leon Hearn, Thomas Bates, Emily Stevens, Amelia Parker, Ben Isik, Shyam Patel, Harley Ward and Beth Chittock achieving a silver award and 13 students, Evan Payne, Samuel Ball, Paige Mellor, Hannah Bishop, Kieran Starkey, Mia Braggar, Tarcan Kemal, Chlotte Conway, Thomas Finch, Lewis Thorogood, Madelaine Appleyard, Amy George and Matthew Brooks receiving a Bronze award.

In Year 7 Alexander Hope achieved Best in year with a Gold award, and Katie Donaldson, Luke Harley and Daniel Baron achieved a Silver with a stunning additional 19 students, Saffron Hawkins, Ryan Cockman, Oliver Smith, Maisie Smith, Aaron Kassam, Edward Crowe, Holly Christie, Nicky Wu, Issy Braithwaite, Charlie Nicoll, Lily Wilson, Madison Hill, Ocean Fugeman, Daniel Toombs, Madison Karakus, Sam Ridley, Maddison Tait, Sere Lewis-Jones and James Joyce-Bartlett awarded a Bronze.

Rhiannon Scudder and Alexander Hope scored so well that they were invited to take part in the next round called the Pink Kangaroo which took place on Tuesday this week. We eagerly await their results.

Well done to all students who took part and a huge congratulations to those who achieved certificates.

*Mrs M Puleston, Director of Maths*



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# modelUN

On 25 April 2017, the Year 12 students took part in the annual Model United Nations General Assembly. The UN was represented from countries from across the globe, each presenting their resolutions on both global and local issues. Students represented each of their own countries, developing policies on issues from the environment to education.

It was a pleasure to see so many Braintree Sixth Form students present views in front of staff and peers as well as showing their knowledge on worldwide issues.

*Mr C Nitsche  
IB Co-ordinator & Year Leader - Year 12*



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# gangs and knife crime

On Tuesday 6 June, a small, but interested and engaged, audience listened to Gavin McKenna talking about the warning signs of your child getting mixed up in gang culture, and how to act. The session covered the increasing role of social media for gang recruitment and the behavioural patterns to look out for. There were frank and honest discussions about the root reasons why children and teenagers get involved in gangs.

Perhaps the biggest eye opener of the session were the Essex crime statistics for March 2017, which blew away the myth that gangs are a London thing and it couldn't happen here. It is happening here.

With the utopian depiction of street-gang life in various TV shows and films of the modern age, it hardly comes as a surprise that gang crime to this day is still prevalent across the UK. What is more concerning however is the fact that youths of school age are persistently being manipulated, and therefore trapped inside the harsh reality that is the life of a gang member.

Fortunately, under the patronage of the St Giles Trust, an initiative known as the SOS project sees various representatives of the charity, who were previously affiliated with such a lifestyle, travel to various schools around the country with the aim of sharing the grim actuality of gang life.

Last week, students from all across the board listened to a series of first-hand accounts of the suffering endured by these representatives of the charity who themselves were lured into the trap through the use of the all-too-familiar incentives of both drugs and money. In addition to this, students were introduced to the predatory steps often undertaken to recruit

We are very grateful to Braintree District Council for funding this session for the parents of the children in the Notley Family of Schools community.

Gavin McKenna runs an organisation called Reach Every Generation and his contact details are at the end of the PowerPoint presentation that he used, which is available to download from our website.

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/news-archive/item/gang-culture-warning-signs>

*Mrs R Kelly, Deputy Headteacher*

vulnerable youths into gangs, with the intention of raising awareness and providing an idea of the various red flags to look out for as a teenager.

Ultimately, the presentations were incredibly informative and conveyed the true pitfalls of the involvement in gang-crime, providing students with an even stronger motive to abstain from gang culture within society.

Nabil Butcher, Year 12



# SOS+project

On Monday 15 May 2017, Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students attended a 50 minute SOS+ Gangs Session.

We are grateful to Braintree Community Safety Partnership for funding these sessions in all North Essex secondary schools. This is as a response to our police dealing with increasing numbers of cases linked to gangs operating in our area linked to gangs from Newham, Hackney and Haringey.

County lines is a new emergent issue. Over the last couple of years, criminal gangs have slowly been venturing outside of London boroughs seeking to exploit towns and locations where there is less chance of police presence. Young people are used and exploited; being lured by the temptation of easy money and the glamour of gangs. Young people that the St Giles Trust have come across are no more than children; typically ten years old and above. The consequences for these young people are huge.

The Gangs Session was aimed at creating a cultural shift amongst young people, by both dispelling the myths that glamorise gang life and crime, whilst also exposing the serious exploitative and grooming tactics that take place in order to get young people to join gangs and commit crime. The aim was that all young people left the session understanding the exploitative recruitment processes used by gangs and the catastrophic dangers involved with joining gangs and the serious consequences of supplying drugs/committing crime. This was certainly made crystal clear. Most importantly, though, they walked away with real tools to avoid recruitment and

exploitation. SOS+ use ex-gang members' testimonials and expose the realities of how girls are treated in gangs. Daisy's story made all of our students sit up and listen.

During the session, other key aims were that all students:-

- Understand what constitutes breaking the law.
- Understand the consequences of breaking the law, i.e. prison, and how this affects their life choices.
- Understand the consequences of carrying a weapon.
- Are capable of sympathising/empathising with victims of crime and understand the impact this has on the wider community.

That they also understood that SOS+ caseworkers would never turn away any young person that comes to them for help. It was emphasised repeatedly during the sessions that if they are concerned about themselves or a friend that they must tell someone they trust.

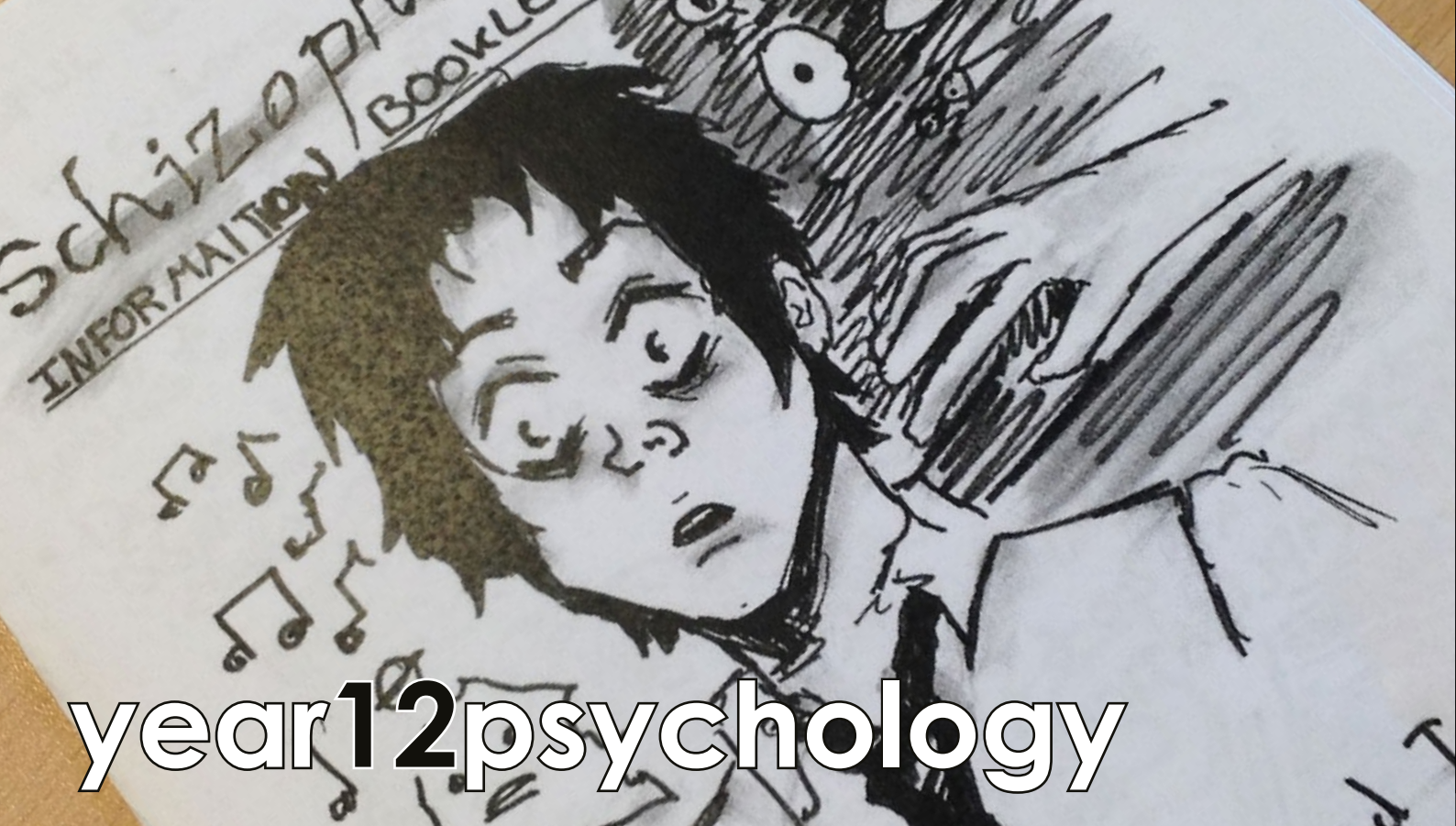
A Channel 5 documentary "Inside the Gang" was aired on Monday evening (15 May 2017). It featured Junior Smart who was one of the presenters at our sessions and the documentary explained the rise of county lines. Junior is also the founder of the SOS Project, which is a part of St Giles Trust.

To find out more about their work, please go to:

<http://site.stgilestrust.org.uk/what-we-do/sos-project>



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Staff at Event



# year 12 psychology

## Gorilla? What Gorilla?

Year 12 psychology students have given a series of interesting presentations on a topic area of their choice, relating to psychological theory and research. They spent two weeks of lesson and home learning time to decide on an area, research the topic and then present back to their class.

Students were encouraged to research a topic area that they had not covered in lesson time and as a result, we have seen some great topics ranging from 'What is Autism?', 'Why do we believe in the paranormal?', 'What makes a serial killer?' 'Animal psychology', 'The psychology of a goalkeeper', 'Is gender a social construct?'

The research and presentation has given students a good introduction to the EPQ and a good basis

for the requirements of independent study and motivation and it has been great to witness students' enthusiasm for the subject grow as a result of applying psychology to a topic of their choice.

"I enjoyed doing the projects because it helped with my independent learning and it meant I could research things that I was personally interested in. Also, as I'm interested in the EPQ it helped me to understand what it will be like in terms of independent research when completing it." *Paige Bartlett*

"I enjoyed creating my presentation as it allowed me to study a topic in psychology that I was interested in, which was different to the topics we are studying in class." *Isabella Coffey*

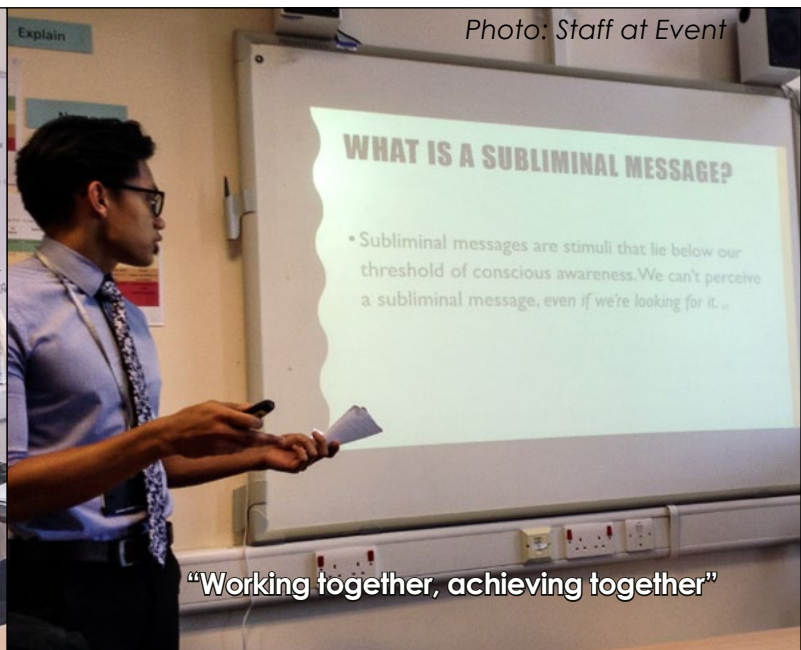


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# businessstudies globalisation

Year 12 business students turned international consultants on Monday 22 May 2017, as they presented their findings on the potential to do business in a range of countries around the world.

The students have commenced the theme 4 component of their programme which looks at globalisation and international marketing. As part of this, the students need to understand the international business environment and how "doing business" is different from country to country.

Students presented their recommendations and findings for Nigeria and concluded that this country is one with huge potential which currently in parts remains untapped.

More presentations are to take place in the coming lessons with the countries such as Russia, China and Mexico due to be the topic of students' considerations.

*Mr R Miller*  
Head of Business Studies, Economics and Law



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# Open Evenings

**Thurs 5 Oct, 6-8pm**

(for Year 7 intake September 2018)

**Wed 8 Nov, 6-8pm**

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# samthemarathonman

We would like to congratulate Sam Platt, a Year 12 student, on his fantastic success this weekend in running the London marathon. Sam only turned 18 in February and this was his first marathon which he completed in four hours and 48 minutes, alongside his dad. Sam was raising money for Muscular Dystrophy UK, a cause close to Sam and his family. He described the experience as 'the best thing you could ever do'.

So far, Sam has raised £670 for this fantastic cause. Should you wish to make a donation, the link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Samuel-Platt1>

Well done once again, Sam. We are so very proud of you and this achievement.

*Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5*

On Sunday 21 May 2017, Connor Fitzpatrick took part in the PARA 10 race in Colchester to raise money for a foundation called CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). CRY Foundation specialise in helping people diagnosed with potentially life-threatening cardiac conditions and offers support to families affected by young sudden cardiac death. It also helps to promote and develop heart screening programmes and funds medical research. This is a charity that Connor and his family have personal links to. The PARA 10 is a 10 mile race in which you have to overcome swamps, hills and other difficult terrain in under three hours. Connor completed the course alongside his dad and managed to finish in 1 hour and 29 minutes. He was also only two minutes behind the fastest teenager.

We are very proud of Connor for completing this race. Should you wish to contribute to Connor's fundraising page then please follow this link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/kirstyfitzpatrick1>

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# student governors

After spending five years at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, I have first-hand experience of what it is like to be a student here and have represented the school in many sporting events, spoken at open evenings and helped run charity events.

Student involvement is key in creating a good school environment and I think it is important to maintain a strong link between the students and staff, so I am very excited to fulfil the role of student governor. As a representative of the student body, I aim to ensure that I am getting the attitudes and opinions of the students across accurately. Whilst I am student governor I will work alongside students and staff and bring innovative ideas that will benefit the school community.

A school should not just develop students academically; it should aim to build character and help students explore their interests and I hope to help create more opportunities for students to do this by encouraging them to try something new. An example of this is something I participated in myself, which was an MUN (Model United Nations) Conference along with three other students. This was completely new to all four of us and we had not done anything like it before, but I take a keen interest in world affairs, so this was right up my street. Although we were very nervous when starting out, we ended up loving it and now we have set up an MUN club at the school so students will be able to test this out for themselves. This conference involved standing up and speaking in a hall full of students from around the world and we all felt that we developed this newfound confidence and I personally am glad that I decided to take part.

Working together is something that can benefit every student. With vertical tutoring in place, students now socialise with others outside of their year group. This can be especially useful to younger students as the older years can offer advice. I would like to take advantage of this and would hope to encourage teamwork between the school and sixth form as I believe sixth form students can offer vital advice and support to younger students about GCSE options, exams and A Levels.

I am very excited to be one of the new student governors and look forward to working with the board of governors.

*Verity Forster, Year 12*

*“Working together, achieving together”*



Having lived and studied in what I like to call the ‘sandpit’ for a few years, it came as quite a shock to be told that I was going to have to come back to the UK to virtually start my life all over-again. The most daunting thing however had to be starting at a new school – where I knew nobody.

Looking back at it I have to laugh at how nervous I was on my first day, for there was nothing to be nervous about. Everybody was incredibly welcoming and within less than a week, the sixth form community had embraced me.

It is hard to believe that I am now one of the student governors given that I considered myself an ‘outsider’ just over half a year ago. Such acts as an example of the vast range of opportunities offered to everybody in the sixth form regardless of where one comes from.

As your new student governor, I would like to use my role to give back to the community that has provided me with such an array of opportunities since I started here in September, as well as offer myself as a captain to navigate the ship that is the student body in both what is left of this year as well as in the year to come.

I recognise that the main school is equally as important as the sixth form, and whilst in this role I hope to achieve my main objective, which is to bridge the gap between both the school and the sixth form with the best interests of the student body at heart.

Ultimately, we are all here to achieve our goals and ambitions, and if there is any way in which I can help you to do so, you can be guaranteed that I will try my upmost best in advising, guiding and supporting you as appropriate.

*Nabil Butcher, Year 12*

# year 11 prom

## A stylish fairwell to Year 11

It was a great pleasure to be able to celebrate the end of Year 11 and the completion of GCSE exams with students at Boreham House on 28 June.

As ever, there were some spectacular and glamorous arrivals, beautiful dresses and sharp suits. Mrs Bird had been worrying about the weather for most of the week, but we were rewarded with the rain holding off and a lovely evening of celebration with the students, with a lot of dancing and an excellent photo booth.

One abiding memory will be of Monty Forster and Miss Murdoch leading the entire Prom in the conga - the rest of us just about managed to keep up. The five 'high school' years seem to have passed very quickly.

Many thanks to Mrs Bird for all her work in organising the event; we look forward to seeing Year 11 leavers on their results day on 24 August.

Mrs M Townsend  
Assistant Headteacher





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# netball development trip



Photos: Staff on Trip

## Disneyland Paris

Wednesday 5 April 2017 – Sunday 9 April 2017

On Wednesday 5 April 2017, we took 28 students to Disneyland Paris for the International Youth Netball Festival hosted by England Netball. The trip was available for all years with the view to developing netball skills. Students received coaching from super league and England coaches/players, as well as competing against a variety of schools and clubs from both the UK and other countries.

After a long bus journey, we arrived at our Disney accommodation at 7.30pm and the girls settled into their cabins. Unfortunately, we did not have enough time for a swim, as in view of the busy schedule ahead, an early night was required. Day 2 began with a 7am rise for breakfast in their cabins ready for the bus to collect us at 7.45am. All three teams played four games in their pool. The u14A competed in the Showdown cup and the u14B & u16 in the Challenger cup. The level of netball was very high for all teams which made it a great experience enabling the girls to progress and learn a lot. The u14B & u16 teams unfortunately did not manage to win in their pool; the u14A team however rose to the challenge playing some extraordinary netball winning all four games putting them through to the quarterfinals. The players of the day were Leah Reynolds (u14A), Milly

Forster (u14B) and Lucie Barnes (u16). After a very busy morning, the girls were extremely excited to get on the bus and go to Disney for our first afternoon in the park. The Disney parade was definitely a highlight, topping off an excellent day.

Day 3 was masterclass day. We had a jam packed morning including six different sessions led by a variety of netball players and coaches such as Tallissa Haynes (Surrey Storm Coach) and Chioma Matthews (England Roses player). We started with a skills challenge where our students completed a variety of tests attempting to beat some top players' records. The tests consisted of a standing long jump, shooting for 30 seconds, pinpoint passing and plank. All scores were recorded and they awarded the winners of each test at the awards ceremony. We were lucky enough to have one of our students win the shooting test; Amelia Parks made six shots in 30 seconds, and she collected her prize at the awards ceremony. Well done to Amelia; maybe we need to change her position as she is not even a shooter! The remaining sessions included defending, attacking and shooting where the girls worked on different techniques to put into practice and develop their game. At 1pm, the bus collected us and we made our way to Disney.



This time we went into the Walt Disney Studios, which had some bigger rides; a big favourite was the Tower of Terror, which definitely was terrifying. A slightly earlier finish at the park enabled us to get back to our hotel with enough time for a quick swim. All students enjoyed themselves and were definitely ready for bed after a busy day.

Day 4 was finals day. The u14B teams were now competing for the vase and the u14A were in the quarterfinals of the cup. A slight change to schedule meant that the u16s went off to Disney in the morning whilst the u14s played netball. The u14B won their first game, which boosted morale as they demonstrated some excellent netball showing they were really listening and trying to develop. Another win led them to the final of the vase where unfortunately they lost, finishing runners up. Unfortunately, the u14A lost in

the quarterfinals 27-7 to a private school that went on to win the whole tournament. They were now playing for 5th place; a great start to the game put us in front 5-1, which looked promising, however the second half they started to come back and we lost our composure, making silly errors and enabling them to take the win 9-8. After a disappointing loss, unable to bag 5th place we were now in the running for 7th and 8th place. Again we had another great start with the score line 8-4 to us at half time, fatigue started to set in at this point and again our opponents fought back and we were unable to stop them with the final score of 11-10 to them. We looked like a different team compared to day 2 which was unfortunate, with our main problem being not keeping calm and controlling the game. Overall 8th out of 24 teams is still a great achievement.



# term dates



## Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2017-2018

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= School days/  
weekends

= School holidays

= Bank holidays

= Staff Training Days  
(no students)

### Autumn Term:

Monday 4 September 2017 – Wednesday 20 December 2017  
Half Term: Monday 23 October 2017 – Friday 27 October 2017

73 days

### Spring Term:

Tuesday 2 January 2018 – Thursday 29 March 2018  
Half Term: Monday 12 February 2018 – Friday 16 February 2018

58 days

### Summer Term:

Monday 16 April 2018 – Friday 20 July 2018  
May Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May 2018  
Half Term: Monday 28 May 2018 – Friday 1 June 2018

64 days

= total 195 days

Please note that Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 students only will return to school on Tuesday 5 September 2017  
The Autumn term begins for all students on Wednesday 6 September 2017

### Staff Training Days:

Monday 4 September 2017  
Friday 17 November 2017  
Monday 18 December 2017  
Tuesday 19 December 2017  
Wednesday 20 December 2017  
Friday 29 June 2018



The u14s were now off to Disney and it was u16s turn to play netball. They were up against some tough opponents but showed great resilience to make improvements, both in their performance and the final scores for each game. The first match ended in a disappointing 21-0 loss, which was tough to take but the girls knew what they needed to do to get better. The main priority for us was getting settled, as we were playing too fast and throwing away the ball in this first game.

A long wait between matches gave us time to practice. The girls grabbed this opportunity with both hands and were outside working incredibly hard in very warm conditions. Their hard work paid off during our next game which, although we lost, ended in a much narrower score difference (13-1) against a team as tough as the first we encountered. The girls were a lot calmer in this game, which allowed them to play more fluidly and with much fewer errors. Taking this approach into their final game of the tour, the team put in its best performance of the day. Before the match started we went back outside to practice, developing the defensive angles we worked on with Super League coach Tallisa Haynes during the previous coaching day. The dedication of the team paid off as we once again narrowed the score line, with a final result of 7-2 to the opposition.

Although we failed to win any of our games on the last day, the improvements made were tremendous, and the girls did themselves and us proud with their grit and determination.

That evening we also had the awards ceremony and dinner at King Ludwig's Castle, which was a restaurant in the Disney park. All teams were called to collect awards and trophies of different shapes and sizes depending on which competition they had played in. It was a lovely dinner and a great chance to celebrate everyone's success over the week. On our return to the hotel, we asked the girls to come to the teachers' cabin for our own awards ceremony. We had bought some gifts from the Disney shops to award specific students for their performance. We selected two all-stars players from each team that we thought had the greatest impact on the whole team's performance: u14A - Leah Reynolds and Amy Forster, u14B - Fae Cassidy and Lucy Bullimore and u16 - Lucie Barnes and Ellie Batchford. These students were all given a bar of chocolate and a Disney special edition pen. Our most improved award went to Ela Christmas, who worked hard every day and put into practice what she had learnt regarding defending. The most valuable player award went to Ellie Shelter, who has continually given 110% in both matches and the masterclass showing perseverance to improve herself and the team. Both students received a Mickey Mouse cuddly toy. During our little ceremony, we also congratulated the girls on their impeccable behaviour, as they truly were a credit to the school and themselves, making it a pleasure to take them away. Finally, a massive thank you to Miss Murdoch and Miss Mclean who made the trip possible and were amazing whilst out in France. Very much looking forward to next year's trip.

Miss R Brough, PE Teacher



# rewardsafternoon

At the end of last term, Cavell were the winning house in terms of house points; huge congratulations to all of them for their efforts and participation with house events over the whole term.

As a reward, the whole house were off timetable during the last afternoon of term and had the opportunity to gather on the field to play games together and enjoy an array of inflatables that were supplied to us by 'Bust A Bounce' of Braintree.

The staff that accompanied them on the field also had a very pleasing afternoon and the weather held out too, which is always a bonus!

Once again, well done to the students of Cavell.

*Mrs S West, Head of House Cavell*



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# TANGO

Photo: Staff at Event

On Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 April 2017, students from Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, Alec Hunter Academy, Tabor Academy and The Ramsey Academy, Halstead, came together to take part in able and talented activities led by TANGO.

Activities included a drama workshop led by Miss White which focussed on the West End smash hit, Matilda! Students worked creatively to bringing sections of the script to life. They created some of Roald Dahl's best loved characters, including Matilda, Miss Trunchbull and Bruce Bogtrotter. Students also had the opportunity to investigate the impact of globalisation with Mrs Barnicoat. They took part in a team building activity to recreate the idea of trade and inequality around the world.

They then took part in a programming session with Mr Lugton. Students used Python to create a short RPG word based game that they can add to and adapt in the future.

The final session with Mrs Carter, looked at creative writing in a gothic style. Students developed writing technique to create their own stories, based on some interesting and stimulating objects.

Thank you to all staff that gave up their time during the Easter holiday to deliver these sessions and to the Year 7 students for taking part.

Mrs M Robb  
TANGO Co-ordinator





# rednosecakes

On Friday 24 March Comic Relief took place. Our Student Council arranged for a cake sale to take place in the main school building.

Students also arranged the sale of red noses for students to purchase which also proved hugely popular. Notley High School and Braintree Sixth

Form also had a non-uniform and dress down day for students and staff in order to raise money for this event. A huge thank you to our Student Council for organising these fundraising activities for such a worthy cause.

*Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5*

# housepoints

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

These are the totals correct at 16 July 2017.

## Latest Half-Term Totals



## Year Total: 16 July 2017



# jackpetcheyawards



## **Billy Dryden Winner March 2017**

A member of staff nominated Billy; he was an amazing and supportive friend to one of his peers who received a cancer diagnosis last spring. Billy spent his summer holidays travelling to London by train each day to spend time with his friend when he was in hospital and he took him out on a couple of occasions. Billy set up a JustGiving page and has raised over £3,000 to date through fundraising for the charity that supported Jake and his family.

Well done Billy!

## **George Errington Winner April 2017**

George Errington's Head of House nominated him for the Jack Petchey award for his admirable courage and friendship. George's close friend was diagnosed with a brain tumour last July. George was an incredible friend to him in many ways.

In March 2017, George and some other students decided to shave their heads in order to raise awareness for the charity that had supported Jake. When it came to crunch time, only George and his friend Billy were courageous enough to go ahead with the challenge.

The boys held an event at school and had their heads shaved publicly as their way of showing support to Jake. They raised £2,377 for the charity, Wipe Away Those Tears, and this money will go towards helping other children to be given the opportunity to live a life as normal as possible.

Well done George!



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## Holly Rayner, Winner May 2017

Holly was nominated by her mother, after they suffered a serious car accident back in January in France.

Holly's mother was very seriously injured and was taken to a different hospital to Holly for checks and treatment. Holly and her father then returned to the UK, leaving her mother behind in France as she was not well enough to travel for another week.

Following her mother's return to the UK, Holly has helped around the house and cared for her mother when she was too unwell to care for herself.

In April, Holly's mother became very seriously unwell at home. Holly called the emergency services and her father, and looked after her mother until the paramedics arrived. Holly spent every day at the hospital with her mother, showing no signs of fear. If she hadn't have thought so quickly in calling for paramedics things could have turned far worse.

Holly has acted with tenacity and calm in very stressful situations and we are all incredibly proud of her.

Well done Holly!

## The Jack Petchey Foundation

### Vision

The Jack Petchey Foundation's vision is of a world where young people have high aspirations; the opportunity to develop their potential; the chance to be architects of their own future; to play a full part in society and to be valued and recognised for the positive things they achieve.

### Mission

To enable young people (aged 11 – 25 years in London and Essex), to achieve their potential by inspiring, investing in, developing and promoting activities that increase their personal, social, emotional and physical development.

### Values

The Foundation draws on the ideology, vision and values of its patron Sir Jack Petchey CBE who epitomises the saying: "If you think you can, you can!"

**If you think you can,  
you can!**

# Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!



*Photo: Staff at Event*

On Friday 17 March 2017, I went on a trip to the Houses of Parliament with the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. On arrival, we went through security and went into Westminster Hall, the place where King Charles I and William Wallace were sentenced to death. We then went into the central lobby and walked through the committee rooms' corridor until we got to a committee room at the end of the corridor where we sat down with the Black Rod. He gave us a history of the role of the Black Rod and how he was appointed to look after the Knights of the Garter. We held the current Black Rod which is nearly 200 years old and has a gold sovereign dated 1904 in the bottom.

We then had a tour of the House of Lords, where we stood in the benches that they sit in and saw the throne, which is painted with 23.5-karat gold leaf! We then crossed the central lobby and entered the House of Commons where we saw statues to Prime Ministers: Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, Clement

Atlee and Margaret Thatcher. We then walked through Churchills Arch, reconstructed after the blitz using damaged parts of the previous arch.

The House of Commons was a lot smaller than expected but that was because it was purposefully rebuilt too small after the blitz, as the old model did not have enough seats for all the MPs and neither does the current chamber. In addition, there is a rumour that the House of Commons benches are exactly two sword lengths apart so that hundreds of years ago the MPs did not accidentally stab each other or could not attack each other unfairly. Sadly, this is a myth and MPs were not allowed to bring their swords into the chamber.

Overall, it was a fun and interesting trip and made me really appreciate what a huge history the Houses of Parliament have and some of the democratic processes to passing a new law in this country.

*James Knock, Year 11*



# speakoutchallenge

On Wednesday 26 April 2017, the annual North Essex Regional Final Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge took place. This year, the event was held at Saffron Walden County High School. The MC for the evening was last year's winner, James Knock, Year 11. Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form had one representative this year and that was Abby Bathurst. Abby delivered an excellent speech based on the concept of pressure. Both Abby's content and delivery were excellent and we are very proud of her and her performance.

*Mrs H Sutton*  
Assistant Headteacher - KS5



## Diary Dates

This term, we have introduced a weekly bulletin, which is distributed to parents/carers every Friday afternoon, providing dates of school events that are scheduled to take place the following week, together with reference to letters that have been sent home to parents/carers. Details of term dates are also included. For a full list of diary events please visit the online campus calendar at

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



# Paristrip

Photos: Staff on Trip



On Thursday 16 March 2017, four staff from the French and history departments took 47 students to Paris. The purpose of our trip was to visit the main attractions, practice speaking, listening to and reading the French language and visit historical places of interest relating to the French Revolution.

Our trip started at the Trocadero where students were able to take photos of the Eiffel Tower standing in glorious spring sunshine. We then checked in to our hotel and went to a restaurant for dinner. In the evening, we enjoyed a boat trip on the river Seine where we saw the main attractions of Paris illuminated and the Eiffel Tower which sparkled with lights just as we came back into the dock; unfortunately this was not the special welcome it appeared to be, as we discovered this happens on the hour every night!

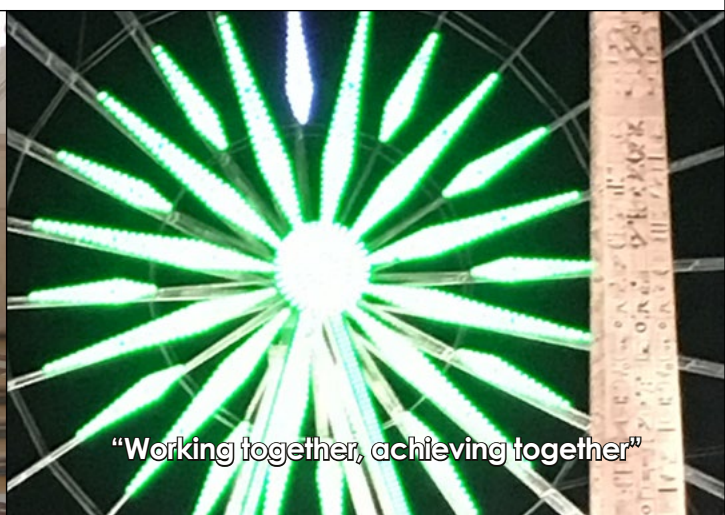
On Friday morning, we set off by coach for our trip to Versailles. We each had a set of headphones so we could learn about all the rooms of the palace. We particularly enjoyed visiting the hall of mirrors, which was truly spectacular. We then visited the

Conciergerie, the prison where Marie Antoinette was held before her execution, and then there was time for some shopping at the little stalls along the river before another buffet meal at the restaurant.

In the evening, we walked the length of the Champs Elysee before our evening visit to the Eiffel Tower. This was to the second level where we could see incredible views of Paris by night.

On Saturday morning, we visited the Sacre Coeur. A service was being conducted which meant we heard a choir of nuns whilst candles flickered all around us and, despite the gloom outside, we could see the beauty of the stained glass windows; magical. We then spent some time at Montmartre where the students could see the portrait artists and do some shopping for souvenirs.

It was then time to make our way back home to England. The students seemed to have a great time, in the words of Laura Thomas (W8) 'My favourite thing about Paris was how every day brought a new adventure'. They were extremely well behaved and a credit to our school.





This is how the students saw it:

"The Eiffel tower was beautiful. It was amazing as it looked smaller in images but in reality it was massive. The church was beautiful. My favourite bit was how many lit candles were laid out. It was amazing."

*Rosie Clark T10*

"I loved the paintings and sculptures at the Palace of Versailles."

*Kai Stevens-Jolly W1*

"My favourite part of the Paris trip was when we went up the Eiffel Tower because the views were amazing and it was a great way to see the rest of Paris!"

*Daisy-Mae Church P9*

"The Palace of Versailles had interesting paintings and the building was massive."

*Roman Ramsdale W2*

"The hall of mirrors was beautiful at the Versailles Palace."

*Rayne Allen F11*

"Amelia and I had an amazing time in Paris! We went to breath-taking places and it truly was an unforgettable experience! Our favourite parts of the trip were going up the Eiffel Tower and going on the boat tour down the river because we got to see all over Paris!"

*Bella Dryden and Amelia Parkes W10*

"I loved going to Paris; it was such an amazing experience, I was amazed when I went up the Eiffel Tower. I was so lucky to be able to go."

*Tiana Roberts C13*

"My favourite part of the trip was going up the Eiffel Tower because the view was amazing. I also enjoyed going on the river."

*Amy George T1*

"My favourite part of the Paris trip was when we went to the top of the Eiffel tower - that would be a memory I will never forget."

*Daya Basra W6*



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# mockelection2017

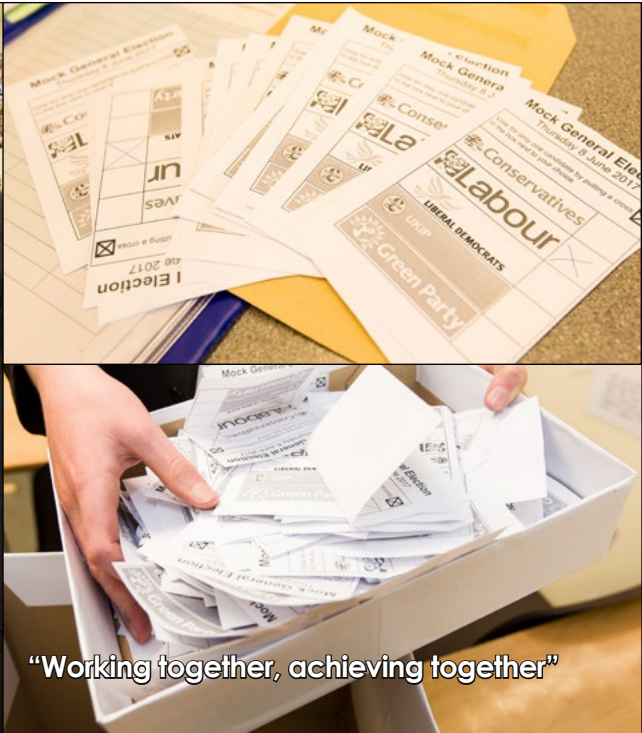
On the day of the snap general election of 8 June 2017, students at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form had the opportunity to participate in a mock election ballot. Following a series of assemblies and tutor sessions focusing on the electoral system and the main policies of the key political parties, students cast their votes.

The newly appointed senior team of Year 10 students worked feverishly to count and then recount the votes due to the closeness between the two larger parties.

The final result across the whole school put the Conservative Party in front by the slenderest of margins - one vote.

The final breakdown of votes cast was:  
Conservatives: 348  
Labour: 347  
Liberal Democrats: 41  
UKIP: 55  
Green: 64

*Mrs M Townsend, Assistant Headteacher*



# sociology conference



Photo: Staff on Trip

On Tuesday 28 March 2017, the Year 12 sociology students were invited to the Mercury Theatre for a sociology conference organised by Colchester Sixth Form College. The conference started with a brief welcome and introduction from their principal, Ian McNaughton. Current Year 13 students then gave everybody their advice on how to survive AS exams and revision tips. Although this was slightly scary for the students, it did reassure them that everybody is going through the same experience and provided ways to manage the demands of their studies.

Dr Alpesh Maisuria gave a speech on Marxism and the role of education. This was a recap of material

covered on the course this year from a very inspiring voice. After a break, the students were led through the stages of how to answer the research methods section of the exam paper and were provided with a pack full of resources and ideas of how to consolidate their learning. The day was ended with two AQA examiners discussing topics covered in the A Level course, with interactive quizzes and more ideas for revision. Overall, students found this a great day, refreshing their knowledge and giving them suggested ways to revise such a theory heavy subject.

Mrs S Woodward  
Head of Faculty – Social Sciences

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# year13ball



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<http://www.braintreesixthform.com/photo-galleries/year-13-leavers-ball-2017>

The day finally arrived and it was time to say a fond farewell to our Year 13 students.

On Monday 3 July students had the chance to celebrate and relax after exam season at the Year 13 Ball at The Fennes, Bocking. On arrival, students were greeted with a welcome drink which was then followed by a delicious three course meal. The party then started with the resident DJ taking to the stage and the photo booth was officially opened. The weather was delightful which enabled students to spend some time outside in the grounds of the venue. It was a wonderful occasion and a lovely evening to spend with students following two years of hard work and commitment. We wish you all a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you on results day.

*Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5*





# diana@awardwinner

We are delighted to announce that Scarlett Perrin, a Year 13 student, is one of this year's winners of the prestigious Diana Award. This is the 20th anniversary of this award and Scarlett is one of only 750 outstanding young people to have won this award from the UK and across the world. All winners embody Princess Diana's qualities of kindness, compassion and service. The Diana Award was set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, and her belief that young people have the power to change the world for the better. It is committed to fostering, inspiring and developing positive change in the lives of young people through practical social action. Today The Diana Award has the support of both her sons, The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

Scarlett is a role model for staff and students alike at her school, whether it is through her charity work for the Teenage Cancer Trust, in her roles as Head Girl and Student Governor, or as a part of student council. She is also an excellent advocate for action equality and helps to raise awareness of mental health concerns in the school community. Inspired by a close friend who became ill in Year ten, Scarlett has helped to organise two quiz nights for the Teenage Cancer Trust, and has helped to raise over £8000 for this worthy cause.

Well done, Scarlett. We are very proud of you!

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5

## 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](mailto:chris.rowe@notleyhigh.com)**

Please include any images as separate files. Also it would be helpful to provide a basic caption for your images, especially if there are several students involved.



# UCASlaunch



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.braintreesixthform.com/photo-galleries/ucas-launch-day>



On Thursday 22 June our annual UCAS Launch Day took place. The purpose of this day is to give students the chance to explore possible courses for their future but also prepare for the application process itself.

A range of providers visited from local universities, including the University of Essex, the University of Suffolk and Anglia Ruskin University, as well as a representative from Whatuni.

Sessions included how to write a personal statement, the benefits of university, student finance as well as the chance to register with UCAS and begin their applications. We hope that the day proved useful for students and has provided them with some guidance for their applications over the coming months.

*Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5*



# outside learning space



The outside learning space that leads off of the main school library has been renovated recently, and we now have a selection of tables, benches with parasols and bean bags in the area for small groups of students to use.

These items have been bought from funds from the closing balance of the Friends of Notley High School

(FONHS). We would like to thank FONHS for their generous donation to the school. The library will be using this space at break and lunchtimes as much as possible, and a couple of events are planned, the first being the "Big Games Day" that took place on Tuesday 23 May 2017.

*Mrs K Osborn - Library and Resources Manager*

## UCAS Convention

On Thursday the 15 June, Year 12 students from Braintree Sixth Form visited the UCAS convention at the University of Essex, where 144 universities from all over the country were present to discuss student's higher education opportunities.

This gave students the opportunity to ask any questions or concerns they may have, as well as picking up prospectuses of universities they may or may not have considered before. There was also the chance to gather further information on specific courses and university life from current students and teachers.

Students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and gained new perspectives on their next steps in education. The day proved useful for many students, especially those who may have been unsure of their future plans and the vast amount of universities and apprentices available in the UK.

*Olivia Andrew and Alice Dixon, Year 12*

*"Working together, achieving together"*



*Photo: Staff on Trip*

# 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
- Sport 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 School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley CPD
- Notley IT Support
- Action Equality

### 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
- 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, and to its right is the school name. A search bar is located below the logo. To the right of the search bar are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, RSS, and Email, along with accreditation logos for 'Mid-Essex Initial Teacher Trained' and 'Braintree Arts Teacher'. A navigation menu below these icons includes links for Home, News, Information, Sixth Form, Policies, Curriculum, School Life, Teaching & Learning, and Contact.

The main content area features a large banner image of six students in school uniforms. Overlaid on the left side of this banner is a list of news items: 'Visit to STEM Innovation Centre', 'New uniform items now available to order', 'Year 10 Business and the Law Vocational Event', 'Our Best Ever IB Results!', 'Scarlett Perrin – Diana Award Winner', 'Induction Day', 'Creative Arts Festival 2017', 'Handbook for Parents and Carers 2017-18', and 'UK Maths Challenge Report'. Below the banner image, text reads: 'New uniform items now available to order. We are pleased to announce that the new uniform items for September 2017 are now available to order. read more ...'

Below the banner are four columns of content:

- Quick Links:** A list of links including Admissions Policy, Exam Results, Find the School, Handbook for Parents and Carers, Ofsted Report, Parent View, Pupil Premium, Safeguarding & E-Safety, School Governance, Vacancies, Term Dates, and Welcome from the Head. At the bottom is a 'Translate our site' section with a language selection dropdown.
- Latest Newsletter:** Features a thumbnail for the 'oncampus' newsletter with the headline 'BSF-USA! Sixth Form Adventures Across The Pond' and a link to 'View previous newsletters'.
- Latest Letters Home:** Lists recent letters including 'School Funding and Difficult Choices Letter (July)', 'Year 10 Mathematics Summer Enrichment Task (July)', 'Year 9 English Setting Letter (July)', 'Bulletin Edition 19: Friday 14 July 2017 (July)', 'Year 10 Numbered Grades Letter (July)', 'Prefects' Training Letter (July)', 'Year 10 Enterprise Event Letter (July)', 'Bulletin Edition 18: Friday 7 July 2017 (July)', and a link to 'View previous letters'.
- Home Learning:** Shows a student holding a 'Week A' sign, followed by four icons: 'SMHW Show My Homework', 'Home Learning Timetables', 'Mediaserver', and 'Home Access Plus'.

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

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**Wed 25 October, 7:30pm**  
**£23 all tickets**

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[www.braintreearts theatre.com](http://www.braintreearts theatre.com)

## Someone Like You - The Adele Songbook

**Fri 6 October, 7:30pm, £20 all tickets**

Touring UK theatres for the very first time, Someone Like You (The Adele Songbook) is an immaculate celebration of one of our generation's finest singer-songwriters. Hand-picked by Adele herself on Graham Norton's BBC ADELE Special, the outstanding Katie Markham has the show-stopping voice and captivating charisma to deliver all your favourite Adele hits in an enthralling concert performance.

The show faithfully recreates the magic of the three record-breaking albums 19, 21 and 25 - including Chasing Pavements, Make You Feel My Love, Set Fire To The Rain, Someone Like You, Hello, Rolling In The Deep and the multi-million seller Skyfall.

Someone Like You will take you on a soul-stirring journey, all the way from break up to make up!

*'Brilliant' Adele*

*'Katie has a lovely voice.'* Sharon Osbourne



## Uncle Funk & the Boogie Wonderband

**Fri 15 September, 8pm, £19 all tickets**

Uncle Funk & The Boogie Wonderband play a winning set of disco classics – think “The Greatest Hits Of Disco Volume 1” and you have an idea! Every song in the set has been chosen with the dancefloor in mind – nothing indulgent, nothing obscure, just the disco hits. The quality of the band is such that Uncle Funk & The Boogie Wonderband have been booked to play many major UK festivals including Glastonbury (booked to headline the Sensation stage in 2015, 2016 and 2017)

Their new show – The Greatest Hits Of Disco takes the audience on a roller-coaster ride through the greatest era of music. From The Jacksons, Earth Wind & Fire, Chic, Abba and The Bee Gees, to hits from KC & The Sunshine Band, Diana Ross and Candi Staton, Uncle Funk & The Boogie Wonderband will dazzle you with their incredible musical dexterity! You'll have the time of your life!

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## Totally Tina

**Sat 4 November, 7:30pm, £20**

TOTALLY TINA! Is an International acclaimed award winning tribute revue show to the Queen of Rock.

The show re-creates the spectacle and energy of her live shows with a six-piece live band, four stunning dancers and Justine's incredible impersonation of the Queen of Rock and Soul. This is one spectacular show. We hope you enjoy it!

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