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# headlines

Welcome to the second issue of OnCampus for 2018 - 2019. Whilst this term has certainly hurtled past – like they always seem to! – and it has been longer than is usual for the Spring term, it is notable for me because it is the first time since I became a Headteacher (in 2007) that I have not been forced to make an impossible decision about whether to keep the school open despite, or close it because of, snow. Last year we had “The Beast from the East” to deal with.

As usual, however, we are able to report on a wide range of school-based and extra-curricular activities, trips, visits, sporting fixtures, concerts and our first musical production for some years.

We also continue to “tweak” the way in which we report to you on your child’s progress to make it more meaningful, and therefore useful to you. An explanation of what we now do, and why, can be found on the link below

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We look forward, as I am sure do you, to a restful Easter break prior to the final push for Year 11s towards their GCSE exams and Year 13 for their A Levels.



*David Conway, Headteacher*

The following members of staff have left us this term, and we wish them all well for the future:-

- Mr Ball, Teacher - Computing
- Mrs Barnicoat – Teacher - Geography
- Miss Brough – Teacher - PE
- Miss Ely - Learning Mentor Apprentice
- Ms Gedge - Catering Assistant
- Mrs Lewsey – Sixth Form Administrative Support Officer
- Mr Rowe – Teacher - Science
- Miss Yeomans – Assistant SENCO

## Easter Break

**We wish all students and families a very pleasant Easter break.**

**All students return to school on Tuesday 23 April – Week B**

**Tuesday  
23 April 2019**

# SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE


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

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 



# headboyheadgirlreport



*Keiran Cockayne and Naa Odetei, Head Boy and Head Girl*

As the Spring term is coming to an end with the Easter holiday just around the corner, this term has been a busy one! This term has been very busy for our Year 11s as they have had to sit the rest of their mock examinations and they experienced what the real results day would be like. We would like to say well done to the Year 11s with their determination so far, and we wish them all good luck coming up to their exams. Let's hope the Summer term brings them the best of luck with their GCSE exams: only 6 weeks to go!

As for the rest of the school, there have been a number of exciting events and trips going on. It's been excellent to see so many people getting involved with inter-house activities and extra-curricular clubs and we've seen some impressive results from the sports teams across all years so a big well done to everyone who took part!

Additionally, during this term, a group of 56 Year 10s took part in the Jack Petchey 'Speak out' workshops on Wednesday 6 March and Friday 8 March 2019. We would also like to say a huge well done to the Year 10s as this will help them to improve their confidence

and their ability to speak out in public. A group of Year 10s also took part in the trip to the University of Cambridge to take part in a physics experiment day on Wednesday 20 March, which was inspiring and interesting.

To finish off the term, the annual Spring Concert took place on Tuesday 26 March 2019 and there were some great performances from individual performances to the woodwind ensemble, choirs and jazz band. A very big well done and thank you to all the students and staff who helped to make the evening a fantastic and memorable one.

From all the senior students and staff, we hope you all have an excellent and fun filled Easter holiday and have lots of rest and a good break - with lots of revision for our Year 11s ready for the next school term. With best wishes for a successful Summer term.

Happy Easter!

*Naa Odotei, Head Girl  
Kieran Cockayne, Head Boy*

# sixthformusatrip

## Year 13 Trip to New York and Washington 14 - 20 February 2019

At 2.15am on Thursday 14 February, nineteen Year 13 students met to travel to Heathrow Airport to start our American adventure. In the week that followed, the group visited two cities and walked over 60 miles.





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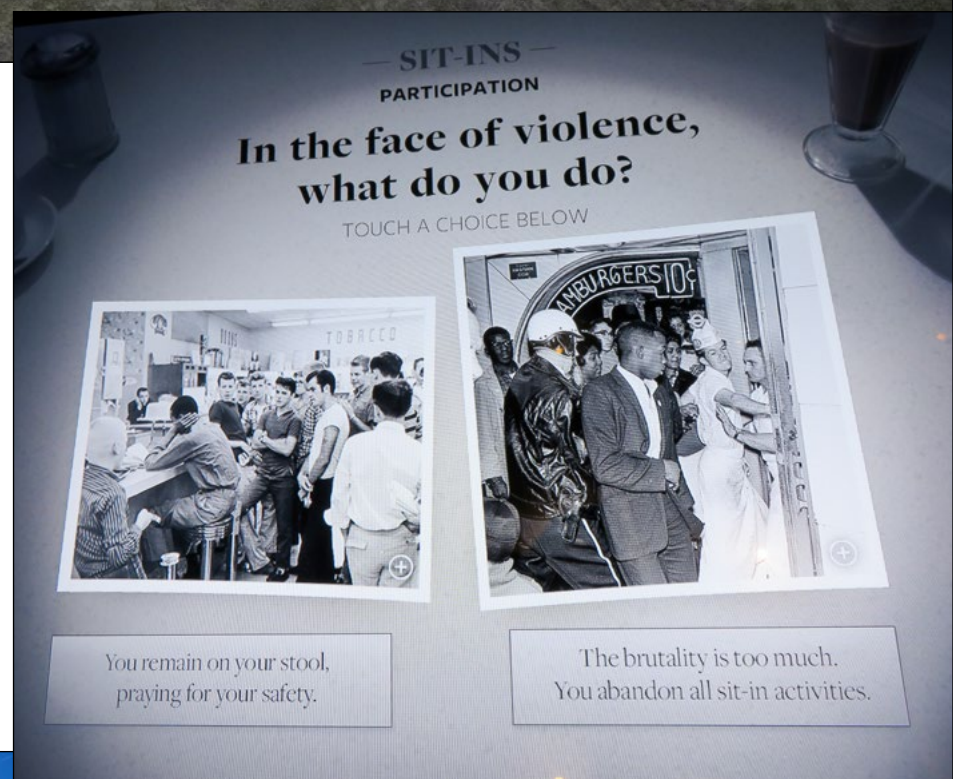
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## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE 1776

We arrived in Washington, DC on 15 February and hit the ground running. After checking into our hotel, we went on a walk past the Capitol building and down the mall to the National Museum of African American History & Culture, which we all found particularly thought-provoking and very relevant to one of the modules studied.

The next morning, we were met by our wonderful guide Dottie, who guided us to the main sights of DC. She first took us to the National Archives building where we had a real 'wow' moment, seeing the three big documents of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.





FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT A NEW NATION CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GREAT CIVIL WAR TESTING WHETHER THAT NATION OR ANY NATION SO CONCEIVED AND SO DEDICATED CAN LONG ENDURE. WE ARE MET ON A GREAT BATTLEFIELD OF THAT WAR - WE HAVE COME TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THAT FIELD AS A FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR THOSE WHO HERE GAVE THEIR LIVES THAT THAT NATION MIGHT LIVE - IT IS ALTOGETHER FITTING AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS - BUT IN A LARGER SENSE WE CAN NOT DEDICATE - WE CAN NOT CONSECRATE - WE CAN NOT HALLOW - THIS GROUND - THE BRAVE MEN LIVING AND DEAD WHO STRUGGLED HERE HAVE CONSECRATED IT FAR ABOVE OUR POOR POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT - THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY DID HERE - IT IS FOR US THE LIVING RATHER TO BE DEDICATED HERE TO THE UNFINISHED WORK WHICH THEY WHO FOUGHT HERE HAVE THUS FAR SO NOBLY ADVANCED - IT IS RATHER FOR US TO BE HERE DEDICATED TO THE GREAT TASK REMAINING BEFORE US - THAT FROM THESE HONORED DEAD WE TAKE INCREASED DEVOTION TO THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION - THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN - THAT THIS NATION UNDER GOD SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM - AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

We then went on to the impressive Washington Monument, the World War 2 memorial, the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, the Memorial to the War in Korea and the amazing Lincoln Memorial.

At the Lincoln Memorial, the Handmaid's Tale was being filmed and so was an extra special moment for some of us. After lunch we visited the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin D Roosevelt Memorial and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. After a long day we headed off for dinner at Ben's Chili Bowl, a warm and inviting DC institution in which Barak Obama, amongst others, has eaten dinner.





Saturday morning was all about the government side of DC. We toured the Capitol, taking in the amazing architecture and statues lining the halls of the building. From the Capitol we walked through to the Library of Congress, the world's largest library with 29 million books, stopping to look at the beautiful entrance hall and reading room. In the afternoon we then headed to the National Museum of American History. The collection contains more than three million historical artefacts, including the lunch counter from the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins, the radio used by FDR and a collection of dresses from each First Lady. That night we enjoyed dinner at the Hard Rock Café.





On the morning of Sunday 17 February, we departed Washington, DC for New York City. The coach journey gave us time to have a little rest before we checked into our hotel and then headed off to skate in Central Park. Our first evening in New York finished with us going up the Empire State Building and seeing the spectacular skyline of the city after dark; a remarkable moment on our trip.

The next day we headed off to the Natural History Museum where we were pleased to find amongst other exhibits, the Dum Dum statue from the film Night in the Museum.

We then went on to The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum where we experienced the legendary aircraft carrier Intrepid, the space shuttle Enterprise, the world's fastest jets and a guided missile submarine. A fascinating afternoon for all of us. A well-deserved dinner at Planet Hollywood and a little shopping in Time Square was enjoyed by all.



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On Tuesday, we navigated the New York Subway to travel to Battery Park, from where we caught the ferry to the Statue of Liberty. Seeing the statue close up was an amazing sight and the view of the Manhattan skyline from the ferry was equally spectacular. From Liberty Island we then travelled to Ellis Island, where between 1892 and 1924 over 12 million immigrants passed through America's most famous gateway. Visiting the atmospheric Registration Room, where immigrants lined up to have their documents checked, was a particular highlight. Returning to the city from Ellis Island, we visited the 9/11 memorial site, pausing to visit the two massive reflecting pools. We then went to the 9/11 museum which was a very sobering experience for many. Our final evening was spent at Ellen's Stardust diner where we enjoyed a Broadway experience by having singing waitstaff.





Our final day saw us visit the impressive Rockefeller Centre and ascend 70 floors into the sky and take in the sweeping 360 degree city views from three different indoor and outdoor viewing decks. After some last-minute shopping we departed New York City and started the journey home to Braintree.

Thank you to all students who came on the trip for a memorable week away - we hope that the trip brought alive for you many of the places and events

we have read about in class and hope that you have made memories that will last with you for a lifetime.

Many thanks to Miss Wilcox and Miss Short for accompanying the students and for helping to make this trip possible. Finally, thanks to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Wager who helped with the planning and organisation of the trip.

*Mrs L Fouche, Head of Faculty - Humanities*



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# Speak Out Challenge

## Jack Petchey Speak Out Workshop

On Wednesday 6 March 2019 and Friday 8 March 2019, a total of 56 students took part in a Jack Petchey Speak Out workshop. The workshop was run by Fiona Whytehead of The Speaker's Trust and she guided our students through a series of games and activities designed to improve their confidence and their ability to speak out in public. It was a privilege to watch the students develop over the course of the day, and they all finished by delivering a successful and engaging speech in front of their peers. Speech topics ranged from French bulldogs to education for teenagers with illnesses to anxiety, responsibility and fairness vs equality. Ms Whytehead said that she was very impressed with our students and the quality of their speeches.

Nine students have been chosen to take part in the next stage. This will take the form of an internal competition in school to select the two students who will go through to the Regional Finals on Thursday 9 May 2019.

Student feedback showed that they felt the experience was positive, reporting an improvement in their confidence and their ability to effectively get their point across. One student said it was an "exciting, fun way to find my voice".

*Ms V Bailey  
English Teacher*



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# worldofwork



On Tuesday 15 January 2019, the Jobs Centre were invited to present to the whole of Year 8. The presentation was about careers and how to find the right job for us in the future. The presenters talked about the different choices we can make for courses and the wages we can expect to earn in certain jobs. They interacted well with the students to get us asking lots of questions!

They also spoke to us about the importance of CVs. We were told what to include in a CV, like hobbies

and personal interests and to remember activities we have been involved in, in and out of school, such as the school council, sports team and music clubs.

The presenters also talked about social media and the importance of making sure that our accounts are private so that future employers cannot see too much of our personal lives.

We really enjoyed the assembly; we learnt a lot!

*Holly Farrell and Rachel Bateman, Year 8*



Photos: Staff on trip



# newhollandtractors

On Wednesday 13 February 2019, a group of 37 Business and Economics A Level students visited the New Holland Tractor Plant in Basildon. They witnessed World Class Manufacturing, which includes lean production methods used there to make this one of the highest performing production centres in the country – one that is highly concerned with sustainability. New Holland have been confirmed as the Clean Energy Leader – at the forefront of the introduction of Tier 4A emissions technology. They are an environmentally friendly firm, where their 'built to order' tractors use bio mass as a new energy source, and their carbon impact is zero. The trip had been arranged to enable the students to see a production plant in full operation and to 'bring to life' aspects of their courses.

Students were split into three groups and after an introductory presentation, where they learnt about the history of the company and other interesting economic facts, they were taken on a tour, where every aspect of production was observed and explained. The students asked many questions which helped deepen their understanding further. After this the group were given a free buffet lunch, followed by the opportunity to visit the company showrooms, where some of the tractors produced were available to see and sit in. Students thoroughly enjoyed what they saw and conducted themselves well throughout the day, gaining positive comments from our guides. Students left with a much greater understanding of the issues surrounding manufacturing and a free baseball cap – a perfect end to the day!

Mrs J Usher-Letch  
Teacher – Business

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# brilliantclub



Photos: Staff on trip

On Friday 1 March 2019, eighteen Year 9 students visited Goldsmiths, part of the University of London, to graduate the Brilliant Club Scholar's Programme that they have been working towards since November. The students have worked with a PhD tutor, in small groups, for six weeks on a project based around "The Art of Essay Writing", meeting once a week to cover topics that they wouldn't usually encounter in school and have written an impressive 2,000 word essay as a result.

During the trip, the students got to look around the university, write a speech and learn about university life. They also spoke with students from five other schools about their experiences and how they had helped them.

One of the students, Dominic Agutter wrote 'You do get challenges blocking your path, but you just have to find a different way round'. Finally, Jessica Forrester became a 'Spoke Scholar' and gave her speech in front of five other schools, and the students took part in a graduation ceremony to celebrate their achievement.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to experience a different kind of university to the one they had visited on the launch trip. We hope that it has inspired them to consider a variety of different options for their future studies.

Miss H Roberts  
Teacher - Maths





# dungeons & dragons

Photo: Event staff

We recently ran a Dungeons and Dragons workshop to help students improve their game play. Here is a review from a few of our Dungeon Masters:-

The Dungeons and Dragons Workshop took place recently. The specialist, Ben, taught us how to effectively make a character. After we had finished designing our characters, Miss Wallace and Mrs Roper provided us with some lovely pizza and garlic bread.

We played through a short campaign named The Frozen Tomb Of Queen Wallachay.

Although we were slightly over our time limit, we defeated the evil Ice Queen Wallachay and the players left with expanded knowledge of the game, as well as smiles on their faces. It also provided tips for the DMs (Dungeon Masters); we believe that those who attended will now have improved at the game.

Miss H Wallace, Teacher - D&T

# runningforGOSH

In April 2019 our Finance and Operations Director, Paul Griffiths, is running the London Marathon to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Here's his story...

I have always had a very strong and passionate dislike for running. Nearly 3 years ago, I decided to step on a treadmill, ran for two minutes and it hurt. A lot. After forcing myself to run several times a week for a couple of years I decided to apply for the London Marathon. I didn't expect to get in but was extremely fortunate to receive a place in the ballot. This is also going to hurt. A lot.

I am hoping to raise some money for Great Ormond Street along the way. Great Ormond Street cared for our nephew George who sadly died at a very young age. It is a wonderful charity and is worthy of all the money and support it receives. Every donation helps Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity to provide the best facilities and equipment, research and develop new treatments, and support their remarkable patients and their families.

Donations can be made on Mr Griffiths' Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/griff888>

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GENDER IDENTITY HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING

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# modelunitednations

The Model United Nations (MUN) society at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form has continued to grow this year. This is an extra-curricular group led by Braintree Sixth Form students, who this year have worked with a number of Year 11 students at Notley each week to develop their understanding of the MUN and to help them prepare for a conference. The Model United Nations gives students the chance to assume the role of a representative of countries which are part of the United Nations, researching issues of global importance, debating in committees and general assemblies and putting themselves in the shoes of world leaders.

After some weeks of preparation, thirteen students from Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form represented the countries of Ethiopia, Libya and Bolivia as delegations to the Felsted MUN conference on 3 and 4 March 2019. For most of our students, this was the first conference they had attended, and this was a great chance to learn how the procedures and protocols of debates work in practice. Seventeen other schools from across the region were represented alongside our delegations, and this chance to meet other students and work alongside them is one of the great elements of MUN.

The theme of the conference was 'Responsible Production and Consumption', and students explored this in a number of ways in their committees, looking at issues such as access to water-based infrastructure in the Levant region and the management of global food distribution and waste. They also

discussed wider issues such as the complexity of the geopolitical situation in the Middle East, and the effects of migration. Brad Frankel, of 'Flooglebinder', led workshops with students on sustainability and consumption, and students were tasked with coming up with a model for development involving their countries, both developed and less developed, thinking about the relationships between the two and the importance of winning consumers over to a vision. Notley students worked on two initiatives, one involving coffee beans and the other with environmentally friendly packaging, and it was fascinating to hear these presented alongside those from other groups. Brad Frankel commented later to staff that he felt from his work with the students that the future is in safe hands - they were energetic and innovative. His keynote about our responsibilities over production and consumption was listened to with rapt attention by all the delegates, and interspersed with interesting facts - I had never known before that Sri Lankan elephants hate citrus, while African elephants are keen on citrus! This knowledge has been helpful in developing strategies for sustainability and conservation in Sri Lanka, and he certainly gave students material for thought.

Well done to all the students involved and a special thank you to all those Braintree Sixth Form students who support the group, including those not able to be present at this conference.

Mrs M Townsend  
Assistant Headteacher – KS4

# gameofour own

Photos: Staff on trip



On Tuesday 5 March 2019, we went to Harlow Leisure Zone to take part in a Game of Our Own workshop, run by the Youth Sport Trust in partnership with the Football Association. The aim of this programme was to give us the tools we needed to come back to school and promote girls' football to students at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

When we arrived in the morning, Faye White, ex England and Arsenal captain and Rachel Yankey, ex England and Arsenal player, gave inspirational talks about their careers and their love for football. They discussed the obstacles and barriers they faced as girls wanting to get involved in football. They explained that the purpose of the day was for us to learn how we can help to increase girls' confidence to join in football activities, and share our passion for football and to encourage them to enjoy it.

We were split in to two groups. The Delivery Group (Phoebe U, Phoebe S, Leah and Lyla) started off by being mixed with students from other schools and did bonding exercises and games to improve our confidence around each other. We experienced ways to turn football drills into games and make them fun and appealing to girls to make them want to join

in. We hope that we can use the ideas we learned to help us plan our own girls football sessions which we will be running on Thursdays next half term.

The Marketing Group (Charlotte, Millie, Darcy and Khola) spent the day talking about what might stop girls taking part in football and how we can help them overcome these barriers. We did lots of activities, including designing and presenting a marketing campaign, called Game on Girls, to the other schools in the group, and also seeing what other schools came up with for theirs which helped us share ideas on how to get girls to take part.

The best bits of the day were the half-time talk, where the Delivery and Marketing Groups met up and talked about what we had learned so far during the day. We came up with lots of ways we could bring the things we had learned back to Notley to get more of our peers playing football. We also got to meet two ex England players, have photos with them and talk to them which was amazing!

*Lyla Thomas, Darcy Knight, Leah Oxford, Khola Bashir, Millie Davidsen, Phoebe Underhill, Phoebe Summers, Charlotte Summers.*





Photos: Staff on trip

# essexdementiacare

## Parks 3 Visit to Essex Dementia Care, Braintree

On Monday 18 March 2019, six members of Parks 3 visited Essex Dementia Care in Braintree. Essex Dementia Care is a charity that runs sessions for people with dementia for entertainment, friendship and support. Everyone at the charity was very kind and welcoming and we had the chance to talk to some of the carers and the people that they help.

People arrive at about 11am and stay until 4pm. In the morning they do activities like puzzles and quizzes. After that they have lunch, do another activity and have a drink and cake in the afternoon before being taken home. On the day that we visited, their entertainment was karaoke. This was in full swing when we arrived. Everyone got up to have a boogie, and others were singing and playing the drum rhythms.

We saw that they all got along with each other very well and were good friends. It was a really nice atmosphere and a very nice place to socialise with people in your older years of life.

Essex Dementia Care is a registered charity and relies on donations and grant funding to help maintain the high level of service that they provide. Essex Dementia Care is our house charity.

Parks 3 will be holding some fundraising events during the Summer term to raise money for this worthy charity.

*Lucy Chilver, Elizabeth Hanley, Ava Moylan, Joshua Henry, Fin Dawes and George Longstaff  
Parks House Students*



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# skitrip2019

On 14 February 2019, 36 of us boarded a luxury coach leading us to Austria. We would spend the next 21 exhausting hours, except the 2 hours we got to sit on a ferry, watching Mr Rowe's favourite films – Chalet Girl being his most favourite\*.



\*NO! No it is not, as you well know! (Mr Rowe)





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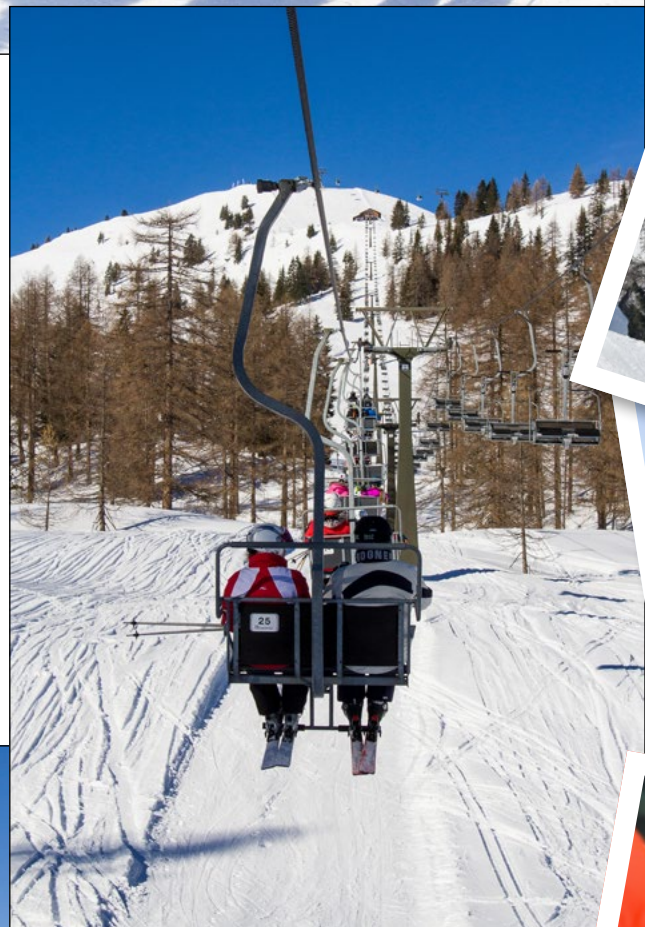
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One highlight was that we got to sing along to a "ski trip" play list, "Cheese on Skis". We all managed to get some sleep from Dunkirk to Germany, where we then got off and had some breakfast. We were then back on the coach for the last six hours after which we finally reached Zauchensee. After we dumped all our bags at the hotel, we headed straight to the ski fit to get our ski boots, skis and poles, and then it was back to the hotel to unpack, have dinner and relax.

At 7am the next morning, we were woken up for breakfast and then we were ready to get on the coach to the ski centre to get the first lift up for the day. We had four ski instructors, which we picked up from Dover. We were all assessed and split up into groups, 1 - 4, and then it was ski, ski, ski with the occasional stop for hot chocolate and lunch. We skied until the last lift down, then it was back to the hotel for a quick shower, to grab our swimming stuff for a visit to a local pool, where it was disco night. It had slides and outside pools and a jacuzzi.





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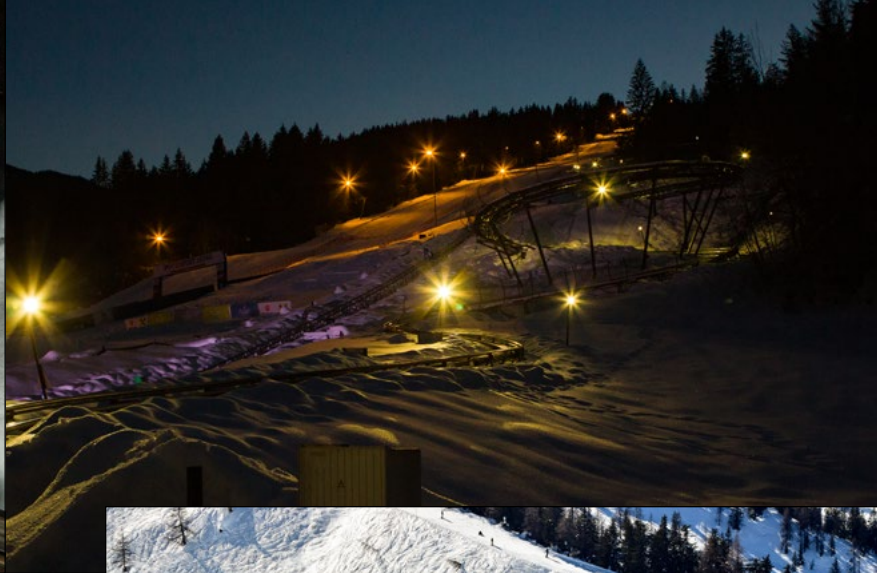
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From then on it was pretty much 7am up – ski, ski, ski all day and last lift down of an evening. It was great! There were lots of laughs and a few strops.

In the evenings, we had a quiz night and a presentation night but the best night was the “Lucky Flitzer” where we got to sling ourselves down a mountain on a sledge – it was a chance to let our hair down and have a laugh with our new or old friends. The last night came too soon and then it was on the coach heading back to Notley.

The ski trip is probably the best trip of a lifetime. It is a trip I’ll never forget. It is great for beginners and experienced skiers. It is a great way of meeting new people from all years and making friends. Mrs Segura, Mr Rowe, Miss Brough and all the instructors made sure that we had a great time.

A trip may start with tears but you will definitely leave with a big smile on your face.

*Mia Randall and Sophie Runnalls - Year 10*



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# science!ive!

Photos: Staff on trip



On 8 February 2019, thirty Year 11 students took a trip to the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London, to watch 'Science live 2019'; this included five top scientists speaking on stage about their discoveries, interests and passion for science.

First up was Dr Maddie Aderin-Pocock who spoke about her love for the moon and its affects on our lives. She was followed by Prof Andrea Sella who demonstrated the affects of ice and water and baffled (and deafened) us with a trick with dry ice, as it made a loud screeching noise for everyone to endure when the pressure increased.

Third up, after the break, we met Prof Alice Roberts who explained to us about the power and process of evolution, especially on how wolves have adapted over the many years into dogs. After, we listened to Prof Jim Al-Khalili who spoke about the mind-blowing facts on space and the atmosphere, such as black holes and the possibility of time travel!

After the second break, we had some wise words from the chief examiner Stewart Chenery, who gave important advice on how the examiners mark our papers and tips on how to get the best out of our exams. Lastly, we had Prof Robert Winston who spoke humorously about the subject of development of the foetus and the story of how we were all born.

*Frankie Selwood, Year 11*





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<https://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2019/graphic-designer-visit>

# graphicdesignervisit

We were fortunate to welcome the graphic designer, Gemma Smith, to the Art Department on Wednesday 6 February 2019. Gemma showed GCSE Graphic Communication and Art, Craft and Design students examples of her inspirational graphic design work which included illustration and film animation. Gemma discussed her university course and own career with the students, inspiring them to consider a career within the creative industries.

More information about careers in the creative industries is available at: <http://creativejourneyuk.org/>

Ms S Monro  
Head of Faculty – Art, Design & Technology



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# apprenticeship fair

On Thursday 7 March 2019, all Year 10 students were given the opportunity to visit the STEM Innovation Centre at Colchester Institute, Braintree Campus. As part of the careers curriculum provided in school, students were able to visit an apprenticeship fair, hosted by The Braintree Learning Partnership, comprising of seven schools and other learning providers.

A number of representatives from a range of public and private sector employers, as well as universities, local colleges and training providers, each offered information regarding future options post 16.

Students enjoyed learning about the benefits apprenticeships can offer, including the range of apprenticeships available and the different routes to employment, with one student saying "It was really good because it gave me an idea of other options for after high school" and another saying "I found out I don't have to go to university". Some students also enjoyed having the opportunity to use a virtual reality headset!

Apprenticeships provide students with the opportunity to gain a range of qualifications whilst working on the job, and getting paid for it. For more information about apprenticeships and to search for apprenticeships, visit <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

The event, including transport, was fully funded by Essex Skills Board and "Make Happen" which is part of the Essex National Collaborative Outreach Programme (NCOP). Make Happen is a collaborative programme to inspire young people, raise aspirations and promote interest in Higher Education as a route to achieving their ambitions.

*Mr Griffiths, Careers Leader*

*Mrs Robb, Head of Faculty - PSHE and Careers*



# the history squad



On Friday 1 February 2019, we welcomed Kevin from the History Squad to a Year 11 GCSE History class. Kevin spoke about his experiences as a member of the British Military in Germany during the Cold War, and about policing across time, as after his military career he joined the Metropolitan Police. This visit was made possible thanks to class member Charlotte Hooks kindly donating her prize money from the Jack Petchey award towards something which could add a different dimension to their studies.

Kevin told the class about his interesting times patrolling in West Germany as a Military Policeman, not least his encounter on a frozen road with an East German policeman with a pistol and his subsequent rescue by a Russian tank commander. Later stories Kevin told were about Victorian justice and students were able to experience wearing handcuffs and look at other policing equipment from Victorian times.

*Ms N Hill  
Head of History*



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# Maisie the future chef

Year 8 student, Maisie Speller T12, entered a cooking competition that covers the UK - Future Chef. It allows students with a passion for cooking to expand and challenge themselves. On 14 February 2019, Maisie took part in and won the regional finals - meaning she was in the top 10 students for the whole of the south east of the country, with over 13,500 applicants. Maisie was one of the youngest students to make it to this round. Maisie, alongside her industry chef mentor Glenn, came up with a two course meal that she made from scratch in an hour and half in an industry style kitchen.

Maisie created a creamy spinach, mushroom and ricotta tortellini, ragu sauce, wilted spinach, parmesan crisps and pan seared cod and for dessert, plum tart tatin in puff pastry with homemade vanilla ice cream using vanilla pods. Both the pasta and pastry were made from scratch as well.

Maisie has shown dedication, hard work and a passion for cooking which is evident in her success. She then took part in the national finals on 18 March 2019 and did fantastically well, placing 3rd overall. She has now won a chance to cook with a celebrity chef for 100 people among other prizes.

For the finals Maisie created pan fried seabass with butternut squash puree, oyster mushroom and broad bean tortellini, beurre blanc, crispy kale and buttered spinach garnish. For dessert, apple frangipane tart with home made vanilla ice cream and blackberry puree and slices of fresh apple.

Mrs B Roper, Teacher – D&T

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# rock of ages: the musical

## It's time to ROCK!

Back in the Summer term, we auditioned some wonderfully talented students for our musical, Rock of Ages and they were so brilliant that we decided to keep them all in the cast! Most of those students stayed dedicated to the creation of this performance and spent 5 months memorising lines, understanding the plot, getting to know their characters, as well as remembering stage directions, learning song lyrics and harmonies. On 27 and 28 February 2019, we were all very excited that 'show time' had finally arrived!





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The story opened on Lonny Barnett, played by the wonderfully talented Teddy Thomas. He introduced us to the 1980s and Dupree's Bourbon Room, the beloved bar run by Dennis Dupree and his waitresses, played by the brilliant Dominic Agutter, Alexandra Perrin and Fern Sayers. Throughout the show the ensemble did a fantastic job of creating this rock scene, setting the perfect back drop for our story of wannabe rock stars and love interests, Sherrie and Drew, played beautifully by Hollie Ratoff and

George Malyan. Charlie Nicoll did an excellent job of playing rock god Stacee Jaxx who kept the audience guessing as to who Sherrie would choose, the rock star, or the wannabe! There were also stand out performances from Kayleigh Cutmore as the evil Hilda, Patrick Loveard as her son Franz, Natalie Elms as the lead protestor, Thomas Coulson as the Mayor, Cobi Filmer as Constance Sack, Kayleigh Graham as the producer Ja'Keith, Ed Crowe as Joey Primo and a budding young talent in Faith Kern as Justice Charlier.





The development in every single member of the cast from the beginning of this process to the end was outstanding, even to the last dress and technical rehearsals they seemed to gain a real understanding of the importance of the discipline and professionalism needed to put on a successful show. We were extremely lucky to have such a kind and conscientious cast who have actually ended up becoming good friends despite the differences in years - the Lonny/Dennis bromance was all real! I am so proud of what they have achieved and hope that what students can gain from the arts is evident.



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Many thanks to all who supported the production, we hope you will continue to fill our theatre during future productions.

Additional thanks go to Mrs Whitnell, Miss Bailey, Miss Taylor, Mrs Hanna, Miss Freeman, Miss Mullen, Mrs Swann, Mrs Roper, Mrs Tyler, Ms Monro, Mr Burge, Jack Jordan, Mollie McGowen, Charlotte James, Callum Ranger-Green, Milly Law, Ben Rawlings, Josh Nicoll and Mr Pattie.

Congratulations Cast! George Malyan, Hollie Ratoff, Teddy Thomas, Dominic Agutter, Charlie Nicoll, Cobi Filmer, Kayleigh Cutmore, Patrick Loveard, Natalie Elms, Thomas Coulson, Faith Kern, Alex Perrin, Fern Sayers, Kayleigh Graham, Ellie Batchford, Ed Crowe, Eddie Harrison, Isabella Laithwaite, Alice Evans, Bethan Jarvis, Ruby Filmer, Abigail Wilson, Saskia Bowler, Emily Harbottle, Amy George, Katie Jezard.

Miss L White, Head of Drama



# ROCK OF AGES



# December 2018

on the roads of Essex



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PEOPLE  
KILLED IN  
TRAFFIC  
COLLISIONS



62

SERIOUS  
CASUALTIES



162

MOBILE  
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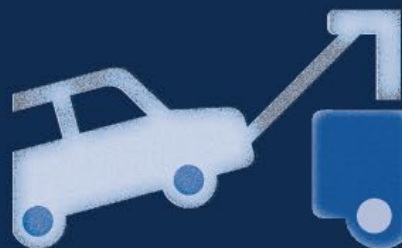
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ARRESTS

139 DRUG DRIVE  
ARRESTS



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SEATBELT  
OFFENCES



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VEHICLES SEIZED  
NO INSURANCE



238

CARELESS DRIVING  
OFFENCES PROSECUTED



6,044

NUMBER OF  
ROAD SAFETY  
EDUCATIONAL  
COURSES  
DELIVERED



# essexroadsterday

Braintree Sixth Form hosted its annual Essex Roadster event on Friday 1 February 2019. The event is run in conjunction with Essex County Council and local driving school providers.

The aim of the event is to heighten the awareness of road safety initiatives to our Year 12 students. We also aim to introduce the students to roadside first aid response strategies and also to legal constraints linked to driving and road safety. The students also had an opportunity to put their training into practice when they were able to get behind the wheel and undertake some actual driving. For many, this was their first experience of driving.

Despite the snowy conditions, all of the students took advantage of the opportunity to drive and seemed to enjoy the experience. The workshops gave valuable and thought provoking information for the students to grapple with. The students enjoyed the event and gained much from it which hopefully will help them to stay safe on the roads in the coming years.

We would like to thank Essex County Council Road Safety Team and their partners for putting on such an informative event despite the best efforts of the British weather to wreck the experience.

Mr R Miller, Assistant Headteacher – KS5



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# eyes on the prize



On 24 January 2019, Year 9 students attended the annual "Eyes on the Prize" trip to Anglia Ruskin University. January is an important month for Year 9, as this is the time when GCSE options have to be considered and choices made about the courses that they would like to follow in Years 10 and 11 for their GCSEs.

To help our students gain an insight into where GCSE courses can take them and widen aspirations, Year 9 spent a morning at Anglia Ruskin University getting a taste for university life and exploring the qualifications needed and the career opportunities that can open up when you go to university.





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The day started with the students boarding three double decker buses to make the short trip to the Anglia Ruskin Campus, Chelmsford. When we arrived, we were met by student ambassadors (students who are currently studying at ARU) who guided us to the 450 seat lecture theatre for the first talk of the day that focused on all the different pathways that GCSE courses can take you.

After the talk, the year group were split into groups and attended three further sessions, a careers fair, a tour of the campus and a talk from a recent graduate about life at university.





At the careers fair, the students had the opportunity to talk to a number of different universities about the diverse array of courses that are available such as Finance, Animal Behaviour, Engineering, Sport and Exercise Science and Paramedic Science to name but a few. There were experts on hand to discuss with our students the qualifications that are needed to access courses and the future career opportunities these courses could lead to. It was excellent to see so many of our students actively engaging in discussion about future pathways and come away with new ideas about where their current studies might lead.





For the next session, Year 9 students were guided in small groups by a current university student around the campus getting a feel for what it would be like to study at a university and see many of the facilities available. Highlights of the tour were the four-story library, the students' union, the halls of residence and a tour of the nursing teaching facilities where they had the opportunity to observe future nurses being trained and the high tech life size dummies that are used to simulate a wide range of medical conditions. The tour was also an excellent opportunity to ask questions to current students about what life is like at university and get a feel for whether this is something that they might like to explore in the future.

The final session took place back in a lecture theatre where a recent graduate guided our students through her time at university. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to gain a real insight into what university life is like, both from an academic and social viewpoint.

It was brilliant to see our students so attentive and thoughtful, considering where their GCSE choices may take them in the future and returning with many questions about future study to find the answer to.

*Mr J Senior, Assistant Headteacher – KS3*



# T★REXTASY

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'.

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Photos: Staff on trip

# gurdwaravisit



## Notley and the Five Ks

The Humanities Faculty took 50 Year 8 students to visit the Karamsar Gurdwara in Ilford on 25 February 2019. The gurdwara staff were incredibly welcoming and informative.

They took the students on a tour of the gurdwara, including the main prayer hall, where students were lucky enough to observe hymns being performed. The students were then given an in-depth talk and exploration of the Guru Granth Sahib and the Five Ks, covering areas they would have explored before and also information that was new to them. Many of the students found the talk fascinating and engaging, and took the opportunity to ask lots of questions of the gurdwara staff.

After the tour, the gurdwara staff provided a lunch for the students. Here they were given the chance to directly engage in Sikh traditions in a way that was educational and enjoyable. The students were polite and respectful in the food hall and the gurdwara staff were incredibly generous to the students.

*Mr M Highmoor, Teacher - Humanities*



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# football development tour



## Students in Years 7 – 10 - Madrid

During the February half term 2019, we were lucky to have the opportunity to work with and visit Real Madrid FC. The 49 students that we took with us all had a fantastic time, along with the 5 staff that accompanied them.





Photos: Staff on trip



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Daily activities included training at Real Madrid's training ground and working with the Academy coaches from Real Madrid, a guided tour of the centre of Madrid and also putting our skills into practice in games against local Spanish teams. We even had time before boarding the plane home to visit the Bernabeu to have a tour of the magnificent stadium and see their extensive trophy cabinet, much to Mr De Gea's delight.

This was all topped off with another visit to the ground, but this time to see the Gallacticos themselves, Real Madrid v Girona. Whilst the result itself wasn't what we had hoped for, we did get to see Sergio Ramos sent off in true traditional fashion, although this didn't stop Mr De Gea from crying about the score!





The trip was a huge success and I would like to thank all of the students for making the trip run so smoothly, the parents/carers for their support throughout the whole process and the staff that supported me during the trip - Mr De Gea, Mr Wishart, Mr Harrington and Mr Morbin.

Where do we go next?

Mr A Cunningham  
Head of Faculty – PE & Creative Arts



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# visit to the guardian

Photos: Staff on trip



On Tuesday 22 January 2019, 29 Year 9 students visited the Guardian News and Media Education Centre. Students had the chance to see the facilities of the international newspaper as well as act as journalists and editors for the day. Whilst there, students reported on the latest news and created their own front pages, editing their work. Students also had the chance to take a copy of their own creation home with them. Thank you, Year 9, for such an enjoyable day.

*Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher*



# hydrationweek



During the week of 11 March 2019 the catering team successfully introduced a lunchtime salad bar for students and staff in the Food Hall. Customers also received a free bottle of water when buying a salad or main meal.

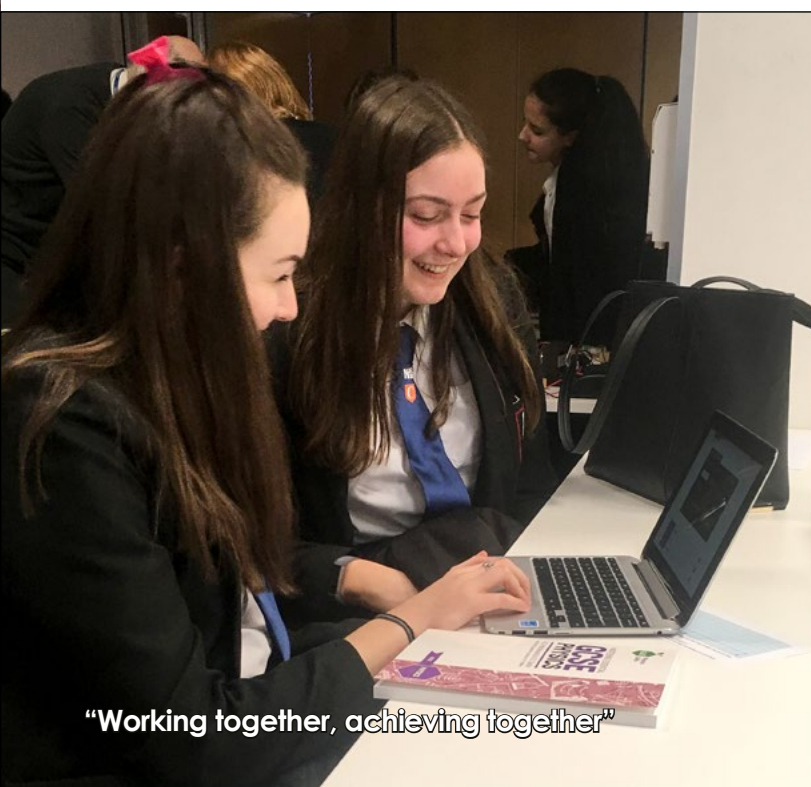


FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

# physics experience day

On Wednesday 20 March 2019, fourteen Year 10 students visited the University of Cambridge to take part in a Physics Experience Day. We had the chance to look around Fitzwilliam College in the morning, including looking at student accommodation, the library and rooms where teaching takes place. In the afternoon students took part in a physics practical activity in The Cavendish Laboratories where they investigated focal points and lenses. The day finished with a short lecture from a physics professor.

*Miss R Freeman, Teacher – Science*



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# CYBER BULLYING



Print Screen the evidence



Don't Retaliate



Block and report the person



Speak to someone you trust about it

# matchbox challenge!



## January House Competition

The library kicked off the New Year with a resilience skills challenge. All tutor groups from all Houses were invited to take part in the Matchbox Challenge. The rules were simple, collect a box from the library and fill it with items of the colour of your House.

The box had to close, all items had to be different – you could not fill it with just red paperclips and all items had to be listed. The tutor group that had the most amount of items would win - simple!

Once the challenge was underway it became very competitive as items were traded and swapped and teachers' desks were plundered for pen lids, stickers and drawing pins. In fact there is now a school shortage of orange, purple, green, blue and red paperclips!

We had a fantastic response to the competition and the library would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone that took part. Every tutor group that took part received House Points, the winning tutor group received extra House Points and a prize. We also awarded points to the House that collectively had the most number of items. All students in that House have received an extra House Point. Results are as follows!

Winning matchbox: F9 - 87 items! (See main picture)

Winning House:

Winton - 401 items collected in 10 boxes!

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A special mention goes to F13 who were awarded extra points for ingenuity. They typed out and then cut up the letters and symbols on a keyboard. Some would say genius - but not quite within the rules. Although the letters are different, the rules stated that each item had to be different and as each item was a piece of paper, it was technically the same item and could not be counted (sorry) but we were impressed with their thinking!

In total, 1,155 items were collected by the tutor groups. A few of our favourite items were a lentil, fortune telling fish (well done W8), blade of grass, playdoh, a variety of sweets including smarties, tic-tacs, skittles and parma violets (although most of these are now very sticky – yuck!) The weirdest item was a strand of Miss Bailey's orange hair! A special mention goes to all of the tutor groups who put glitter in their boxes - Mrs Simkins' desk now resembles a sparkly fairy grotto!

Thank you once again for taking part in the competition, it was great to see so many tutor groups get involved and generating hundreds of points for the House system.

Mrs Osborn and Mrs Simkins



# spring concert 2019

The annual Spring Concert took place on Tuesday 26 March 2019. This was a lovely evening of music with many strong and memorable performances.

There were performances from all the school ensembles and many soloists. The concert opened with two pieces performed by the Woodwind Ensemble. Junior Choir has expanded in number considerably and they sang well throughout the evening with Bohemian Rhapsody being a highlight at the end of the evening. The Jazz Band performed three pieces, including one featuring Hollie Ratoff as a soloist, performing Feeling Good, which she is using as her ensemble piece for GCSE. The Senior Choir has also increased in number and performed both Skyfall and Shallow.





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The Brass Ensemble performed three pieces, including an extract from Pirates of the Caribbean. For one piece, Somewhere Out There, the brass group combined with some members of the Woodwind Group.

There were several vocal and piano soloists throughout the evening, all who performed very well including Jessica Rolls, Isabella Laithwaite, Olivia Tubbs, Lydia Copsey Mikaela Rork, Ava Moylan, Layla Hall and Hermione Elson.

I was pleased that we were able to include one performance from Year 12 students. Jade Flack and Alfie Dunham performed Moving to New York by The Wombats. Both of these students have been working on this performance during Year 12 Enrichment.

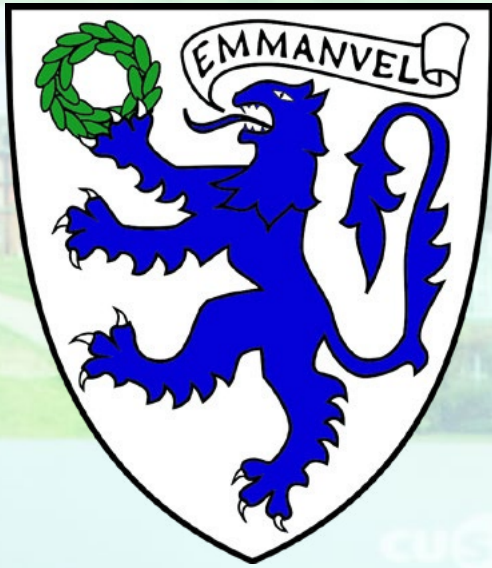
The concert ended with a GCSE ensemble performing Crazy Little Thing Called Love, which was repeated as an encore at the end.

My thanks go to everyone involved for a great concert and we are already looking forward to the next one.

*Mrs D Hanna, Head of Music*



# universitylife



On Monday 25 March 2019, two students from Emmanuel College, Cambridge – Tom and Sabrina – visited the school to talk with a group of Year 8 and 9 students. They spoke about life at the University of Cambridge, how they are taught, what they do away from their studies and how to apply.

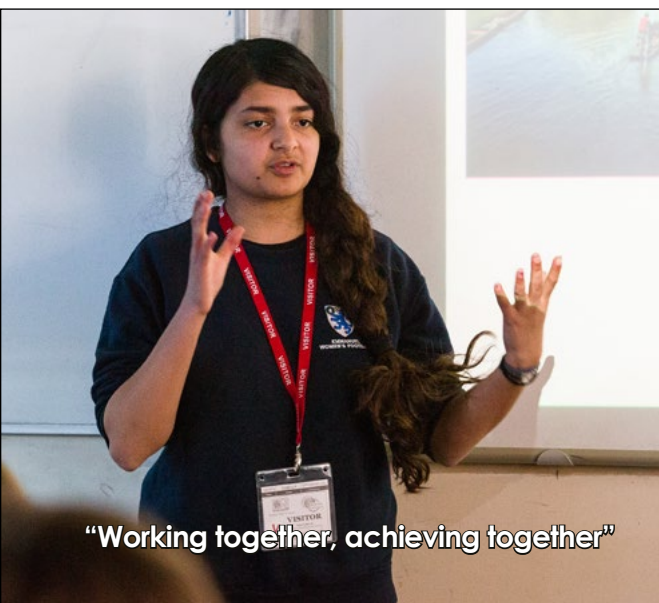
This was followed by a question and answer session in which our students asked some excellent questions about topics including accommodation, the differences in applications across subjects, the different societies and how not to get distracted from doing revision!

The two university students commented to me afterwards that they were very impressed by the range and quality of questions.

Contributing towards the students' careers education, this was a brilliant opportunity to meet and interact with current university students from one of the best universities in the world. As well as talking about Cambridge, Tom and Sabrina also offered a little insight into other universities that they had visited, such as Bath and Loughborough, and how they differed from Cambridge.

A student commented, "I think they were very informative and gave us a good insight to life at university. I was already interested in going to Cambridge and now I know a bit more about what I must do to apply. It sounds a lot harder to get there than I thought, but it will motivate me to work harder in school."

*Mr D Griffiths, Careers Leader*



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# RSC Workshop

## Royal Shakespeare Company Associate School Programme

On Wednesday 27 March 2019, a practitioner from the Royal Shakespeare Company visited the school to work with two groups of Year 11 students.

Over the course of a two-hour workshop, a total of 31 students were guided through a variety of rehearsal-room techniques to explore key moments in Macbeth. The aim was to build a greater appreciation of the world of the play by exploring Shakespeare's rhythm and language.

The activities should also be a useful preparation for the English Literature GCSE exam in May.

### About the Programme

Earlier this year, Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form joined a ground-breaking new programme to work with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and other schools in the region to bring Shakespeare's work to life.

The Associate Schools programme is the RSC's national partnership project run by regional theatre companies and schools, in partnership with the RSC. The programme is built around local partnerships that consist of a Lead Associate School and theatre





**MACBETH**  
 Go bid thy mistress, when my  
 She strike upon the bell. Get thee to  
 Exit Servant  
 Is this a dagger which I see before me,  
 The handle toward my hand? Come, let me clutch  
 I have thee not, and yet I see thee still.  
 Art thou not, fatal vision, sensible  
 To feeling as to sight? or art thou but  
 A dagger of the mind, a false creation,  
 Proceeding from the heat-oppressed brain?  
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partner who recruit a number of Associate Schools. The initial two-year programme of work involves teachers, students and the wider community.

The fundamental ambition of the Associate Schools programme is to transform experiences of Shakespeare and live theatre for young people. Alongside continuing professional development and learning opportunities for teachers, the programme includes unique access to the work and resources of the RSC. So far, teachers have already attended training days and are beginning to implement rehearsal room techniques in class. Some of our students have seen a live screening of Romeo and Juliet and taken part in RSC workshops and a practitioner and actor from the RSC has visited the school to work with Year 11 students.

In addition to this, our drama club is currently working on their own production of Romeo and Juliet and a section of this will be performed at The New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich in July.

*Miss V Bailey, Teacher - English*



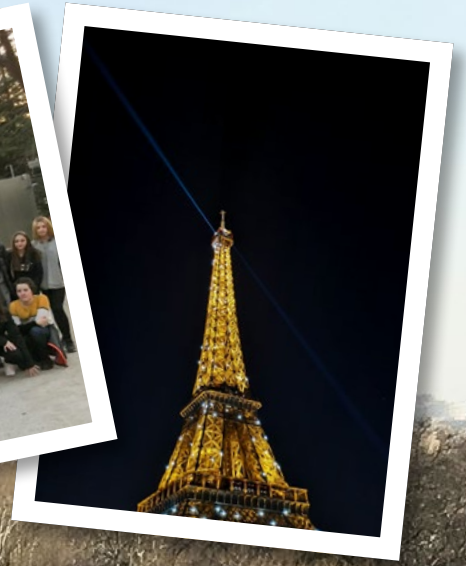
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# Paris in the springtime

On Thursday 21 March 2019, four staff from the French and History departments took 48 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. Was Paris ready for them? Read on...





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Our trip started at the Trocadero where students were able to take photos of the Eiffel Tower standing in glorious spring sunshine. We then had a buffet meal in a restaurant before we enjoyed an evening 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 left the dock; unfortunately this wasn't the special welcome it appeared to be, as we discovered this happens on the hour every night! We then checked in to our hotel after a long day.





On Friday morning we set off by coach for our trip to Versailles. We arrived early, so we were able to visit the lovely bakery in Versailles town where the students all practiced their French and ordered a variety of sweet treats. The fresh macarons were very popular! Next door we discovered a wonderful chocolate shop where the chocolate had been made almost into works of art, sadly some of the creations we could afford did not survive the warmth of the day. We then split into two groups to visit the Palace. 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. Each group had a lovely picnic in the gardens as the sun was shining, then there was time for some shopping at the little stalls along the river back in Paris before returning to the hotel for dinner.

In the evening, we visited 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, followed by some time in Montmartre where the students could see the portrait artists, have some lunch and do shopping for souvenirs. It was then time to make our way back home to England. The students seemed to have a great time. Many thought the Eiffel Tower was the best part of the trip. Comments included Charlie Garner who said he enjoyed 'watching the lights' there and Maia Dawes

who liked 'going up the Tower with my friends.' These thoughts were echoed by Corey Latchford and Caitlin Whittaker. For some students though the most enjoyable things were food related; Joe Dobson liked the French food generally and Milly Pink liked the food from the bakery as well as being at the hotel we stayed in.

*Mrs Z Coxon, Head of French*





**CRISSY  
ROCK**

**TOMMY  
CANNON**



**PAUL  
DUNN**



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# Jack Petchey Awards

It was brilliant to see some of our students collect their Jack Petchey medallions and to receive an accolade for their achievements in front of a large crowd at the annual Jack Petchey Awards Evening on Monday 14 January 2019. Congratulations to Miss Wilcox on collecting the Jack Petchey Leader's Award at the event held in Braintree Arts Theatre. Miss Wilcox was nominated by students and staff to receive the award for her tireless commitment to

the Duke of Edinburgh's Award which takes a huge amount of preparation behind the scenes, as well as a lot of personal time supervising expeditions and ensuring that many students are able to participate in the scheme.

Well done again to all of the students who have been awarded the Jack Petchey Award during the past year.

## Mr Wishart – Jack Petchey Leader Award

Mr Wishart is a colleague who gives up his time selflessly, both after school and during school holidays, for the benefit of students. In recent years, Mr Wishart has attended residential PE trips, sporting fixtures and run extra-curricular clubs.

Mr Wishart happily drives us all over Essex giving up his evenings to attend sporting fixtures, during which he encourages students and has even refereed games. As well as fixtures, Mr Wishart volunteers more time to coach boys' rugby after school. Again, this is very helpful to both the PE department and the students. The students are very fond of him and he is always making students laugh with his witty comments. Mr Wishart has been a learning mentor for the last 4 years, where he offers fantastic support to students making a difference in the classroom.

Many students have had their time enhanced at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, thanks



to Mr Wishart, and as a caretaker/learning mentor he is exceeding his duties dramatically going over and above expectations. Mr Wishart is a worthy recipient of the Jack Petchey Leader Award.

# JackPetcheyAwards



## Patrick Loveard - Winner January 2018

Nominated by a member of staff: As a resident of Great Dunmow, I often see Patrick at local events as he is a member of the Army Cadet group. He is often in carnival processions representing the Cadets and young people in general. This was brought home to me at the Remembrance Day Parade

to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War. Patrick was one of 4 young people providing a Guard of Honour at the War Memorial, clearly considered highly by his unit. I was impressed by his dignity on such a solemn occasion. I was proud to know that he is part of our school community.

## 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!**

## Sid Johnson - Winner February 2019

Nominated by a member of staff: Sid recently went to Australia to take part in the International Scout Jamboree and was away for 3 weeks, leaving on Boxing Day.

Sid had to apply to be nominated to attend the Jamboree and completed several activities whilst in Australia including; undertaking community projects, camping and taking part in team building challenges and adventurous activities.

Sid also had to perform in front of 10,000 young people on the international celebration evening.



## Maisie Speller - Winner March 2019



Nominated by a member of staff: Maisie has been nominated for her passion and dedication to cooking. Maisie has been participating in and out of school in a food competition called Future Chef and reached third place in the National Finals which took place on Saturday 16 March 2019. Maisie is one of the youngest contestants to be competing at this level.

Maisie has developed a love for cooking and wants to be a chef as her career. Maisie takes any opportunity to develop her skills and adapt recipes. She has shown that with hard work, determination and practice you can achieve your goals.



Sir Jack is an incredible inspiration to everyone who works at the Foundation. At 93, not only does he come to the office every day, but he does so with positivity and determination to work hard.

He was born into a working class family in the East End in 1925,

left school at 13 and then joined the Navy in 1943. After leaving the Navy, he began working as a clerk for a solicitor's firm. He applied for management training but was told he would never make a businessman. Instead of giving up, Sir Jack used the £39 he was given from the Navy to buy a second hand car and started a taxi business. Through hard work, he proved them wrong and built a multi-million-pound empire. Sir Jack's experiences led

to his passion to increase young people's aspirations by rewarding their achievements.

In 2016, Sir Jack received his knighthood in recognition of his many years of charitable work. If you would like to find out more about Sir Jack, read his autobiography 'The 50/50 Man', which is available as a free PDF.

<https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/core-assets/uploads/2018/09/5050-Man.pdf>

# term dates



## Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2018-2019

September 2018							October 2018							November 2018							December 2018						
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- = School days/  
Weekends
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Staff Training Days  
(no students)

**Autumn Term:** Tuesday 4 September 2018 – Friday 21 December 2018  
*Half Term 22 October – 26 October* 75 days

**Spring Term:** Monday 7 January 2019 – Friday 5 April 2019  
*Half Term 18 February - 22 February* 60 days

**Summer Term:** Tuesday 23 April 2019 – Friday 19 July 2019  
*Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday, 6 May* 60 days

195 days

Please note that Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 students only will return to school on Tuesday 4 September 2018.  
 The Autumn Term begins for all students on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

**Staff Training Days:** Monday 3 September 2018  
 Friday 23 November 2018  
 Friday 7 December 2018  
 Tuesday 25 June 2019  
 Monday 22 July 2019  
 Tuesday 23 July 2019

# parentpaybalances

## Balance Checks on ParentPay

Please note that you can check your child's balance at any time by logging into your ParentPay account. The current balance will appear on your homepage.

## Automated Email Alerts

It is possible to set up automated alerts by email. You are able to set a threshold amount and once your balance drops below this value, you will receive an alert to your email address. Please note that there is a maximum of one message every 2 days.

Please follow these instructions to set up alerts on your account:

Log into your ParentPay account

Select "PROFILE" tab at the top of your homepage

Select "ALERT SETTINGS" on the left hand side

Under the "BALANCE ALERTS" heading, select the threshold amount, then tick the box under the heading "email alert"

SAVE your changes

You will then receive an email confirming your changed settings.



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# housepoints

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



# extra-curricular clubs

## Summer Term 2019

Clubs running on a WEDNESDAY after school will run from 3.15pm- 4.20pm.

Club	Venue	Staff	Children's University
Science Club	G26	Mr Vosper	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Afterschool/Homework Club	IT5	Mrs Kay	3.25pm – 4.55pm
Drama Club	Studio 1	Miss White Miss Bailey Miss Taylor	3.15pm – 4.20pm
French revision – Year 10	F2	Ms Marboeuf	3.15pm – 4.00pm
Building a sailing dinghy/wood turning/3D Printing	G6	Mr Rose	3.15pm – 4.20pm

Extra-curricular clubs running on other days after school:-

Club	Day	Time	Venue	Staff
French revision – Year 11	Monday	3.15pm – 4.00pm	F1	Mrs Coxon
Journal club	Tuesday	3.30pm – 4.30pm	G27	Mrs Salmon
Spanish intervention KS4	Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	T6	Mr De Gea Fernandez
Fashion & Textiles	Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	G18	Mrs Roper
Afterschool/Homework Club	Monday & Thursday	3.25pm- 4.55pm	IT5	Mrs Kay

Extra-curricular clubs running on other days in school:-

## Music Clubs

Day	Activity	Venue	Member of Staff
Monday	Woodwind Group	G2	Miss Freeman
Tuesday	Senior Choir Years 9 - 11	G3	Mrs Hanna
Wednesday	Junior Choir (Year 9)	G3	Miss Freeman
	Brass Group	G2	Mrs Hanna
Thursday	Jazz Band	G2	Mrs Robb
Friday	Junior Choir (Years 7 & 8)	G3	Miss Freeman

All rehearsals start at 1.40pm. New members are always welcome.

Please see members of staff for more details.

# PE Clubs

Day/Time	Year Group/s	Activity	Venue	Staff
Monday lunch time	KS3	Dodgeball	Gym	Mr Morbin
Monday after school	All Years	Athletics – Field Events	Field	Mr Cunningham Mr Morbin Mr Harrington Miss Welton Miss McLean Mr Vickery
Tuesday lunch time	Girls	Cricket	Fitness Centre	Miss McLean
Tuesday lunch time	Years 10 & 11 boys	Futsal (invite only)	Sports Hall	Mr Morbin
Wednesday lunch time	KS3	Badminton	Sports Hall	Miss Welton
Wednesday lunch time	KS4	Badminton	Fitness Centre	Mr Morbin
Wednesday lunch time	Year 11 GCSE	Revision	G17	Mr Cunningham
Wednesday after school	All Years	Trampolining	Gym	Miss Welton
Wednesday after school	Year 11 GCSE	Revision	G21	Mr Morbin
Wednesday after school	Year 11 GCSE	Revision	G17	Miss McLean
Thursday lunch time	Year 11 GCSE	Revision	G17	Mr Morbin
Thursday lunch time	All Years - Boys	Cricket	Fitness Centre	Mr Cunningham Mr Morris Mr Vickery
Thursday lunch time	Year 10	GCSE PE Revision	G17	Miss Murdoch
Thursday after school	All Years	Athletics	Field	Mr Cunningham Mr Morbin Mr Harrington Mr Vickery
Thursday after school	All Years - girls	Football	Field	Miss McLean Miss Welton
Thursday after school	All Years	Rounders	Field	Miss Murdoch Miss McLean Miss Welton
Friday lunch time	SLC	SLC Club (invite only)	Fitness Centre	Mr Harrington
Friday lunch time (Week B only)	GCSE Students	Trampolining	Gym	Miss McLean
Friday lunch time	Sports Captains & Ambassadors	Meeting	Gym	Miss McLean

# 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.

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## 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
- Ski Notley
- Prom Notley

#### Twitter:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley High School PE Department
- Notley CPD
- Notley IT Support
- Action Equality Notley

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

### Braintree Sixth Form

#### Facebook:

- Braintree Sixth Form

#### Twitter:

- Braintree Sixth Form
- Braintree Sixth Form PE Department

Please remember that your Twitter or Facebook account may be viewable by anyone who chooses to see who is following our official Twitter and Facebook accounts.

# 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 at the top right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and RSS, along with logos for the school's affiliations: Mid-Essex, I.T.T., and Braintree Arts Trust. A navigation menu includes Home, News, Information, Sixth Form, Policies, Curriculum, School Life, Teaching & Learning, and Contact. The main content area features a large photo of a man in a red suit presenting an 'Achievement Award' to a young girl. To the left of the photo is a text block about 'Maisie Speller- Jack Petchey Winner March 2019' with a 'Read more' button. Below the main photo is a row of smaller thumbnail images. The page is divided into four columns: 'Quick Links' with a list of links like Admissions Policy and Exam Results; 'Latest Newsletter' featuring a 'oncampus' magazine cover; 'Latest Letters Home' with a list of recent bulletins; and 'Home Learning' with a 'Week B' graphic and buttons for 'Mediaserver' and 'EduLink'. At the bottom, a row of icons provides quick access to various portals: Staff Portal, Student Portal, Parent Portal, Parents'/Carers' Evening Booking, School Calendar, ParentPay, KS4 Options, Library System, Current Job Vacancies, and Click CEOP.

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

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With slick choreography, charm, charisma, brilliant audience participation and amazing live vocals and a great live band, its clear to see why 'Frankie's Guys' are receiving standing ovations all over the world.



# braintreeartstheatre

## Committed to the Blues Brothers

Sat 8 June 7.30pm, £18 All Tickets,

Dublin Soul meets Chicago Blues - Double tribute show of Two Halves

In a show that's been described as "Fantastic" and "Absolutely Brilliant" The Ultimate Commitments and Blues Brothers Experience" Committed to the Blues Brothers are back at the Braintree Arts Theatre for 2019.

The show is a fantastic double tribute to both the film and music of both cult classics of The Commitments and The Blues Brothers.



Not only will you hear all the greatest songs from both these great movies, but you will also be taken back to the films themselves and re-live some of the great scenes with some funny twists, all with state of the art stage projection.

A show that's guarantees you will be dancing in the aisles and singing from your soul.

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Sat 11 May 7.30pm, £20 All Tickets,

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The show features all of the greatest Neil Diamond hits from the 1960's through to the Jazz Singer era of the 1980's. With songs such as America, Forever in blue jeans, Cracklin' Rosie, Song sung blue and the iconic Sweet Caroline, Diamond, The Experience will have you singing along and dancing in the aisles throughout the performance.

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