

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's Magazine

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The Guardian Visit

Hedingham Castle Trip

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Midsummer Arts Festival

Jon Robinson Workshop

...and much
much more

Thorpe Park Rewards Trip

Rides, Fun and Squidgy Donuts!

SUMMER SAFETY



STAY SAFE IN THE SUN

- Stay out of the sun during the hottest parts of the day, particularly 11am – 3pm.
- If you have to go out when it is hot, make sure you apply sunscreen, wear a sun hat and move into the shade where possible.
- Drink plenty of water/cold drinks, but avoid drinks containing caffeine.
- Spraying water onto your skin or placing a damp cloth on the back of your neck will help you keep cool.
- In hot weather, keep an eye on people who are elderly, ill or very young. Make sure they are able to keep cool.



BARBECUES

- Barbecues must be operated/supervised by a responsible adult.
- Make sure your barbecue is on a flat site, well away from a shed, trees or shrubs.
- Never leave the barbecue unattended.
- Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies.
- Keep children, games and pets well away from the cooking area.
- Only use recognised fire lighters or starter fuel on cold coals – never use petrol.
- Ensure the barbecue is cool before attempting to move it.



CAMP FIRES

- Camp fires must be started/supervised by a responsible adult.
- Only light a camp fire in specially designated areas/sites.
- Choose a clear area away from trees and bushes.
- Ensure there are no overhanging branches.
- Use a fire ring if provided. If not, make one with stones/rocks. This will help contain the ash.
- Keep gathered fire wood away from the area.

*Never play with fire or start fires in fields or wooded areas for fun. Fire can get out of control very easily and spread extremely quickly.

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headlines

Welcome to the final issue of OnCampus for this academic year.

This is the ideal opportunity for me to reflect on my first year as the headteacher of Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. As is so often the case the main impression is just how fast this year has gone by. It started with a whirl of assemblies, meetings, information evenings and spending as much time out and about in the school as I could. From all of this activity I was able to establish that my original impressions of the school were well founded. The entire community works together (almost) all of the time to ensure that the children we work with and look after can make the most of their few years in secondary education.

We have, I feel, accomplished a lot in relation to working with other schools and organisations. I was pleased to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Notley Family of Schools (NFOS) in my first term here, in which we agreed to work much more closely together in the future. NFOS has since then met on several levels and in several areas to streamline the progress of our young people from Year 1 – Year 13. From this our academy trust has also expanded and will include three or more primary schools from next year. There will be more information on this in next year's communications.

Vertical tutoring has also been introduced for implementation in September. I and my colleagues enjoyed meeting the majority of our tutor groups for next year, and are now looking forward to working with them and their parents/carers in a more collaborative way in the future.

The most overwhelming impression however, and the reason that the initiatives described above have been able to happen, is just how committed the staff of the school are to our community. I have had the good fortune to work almost exclusively in excellent schools. Their excellence has been characterised by the high levels of additional care and dedication shown by the people who work in them. I have never experienced such an array of additional activity as I have seen here this year. A whole host of extra-curricular, rewards, sports, arts and other trips and visits have been undertaken. Catch-up classes and extra/revision sessions after school, at the weekends and in the holidays have taken place. Staff have gone the extra mile. The students' recognition of this is a major contributory factor to the excellent relationships that exist, and I look forward to a new school year in which this sense of community can grow and develop still further.



David Conway, Headteacher

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish all of our students a restful, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to seeing them back next year.

Mr D Conway, Headteacher

Staff Changes

The following staff will be leaving us at the end of term. I would like to thank them all for their contribution to the school and wish them the very best of luck and every success in the future.

Mr Allen

Mr Allen, Science teacher, retires from the school after 14 years.

Ms Blake

Ms Blake, Assistant Year Leader – Years 12 and 13.

Miss Bloomfield

Miss Bloomfield, Mathematics teacher, leaves us to take up a promoted post at Brentwood County High School.

Miss Cameron

Miss Cameron, SEN teacher (left us on 30 June 2016).

Mrs Chadwick

Mrs Chadwick, English teacher.

Mrs Dunlop

Mrs Dunlop, HR Manager, leaves us to take up a new post at Colchester High School for Girls.

Miss Elstone

Miss Elstone retires after 13 years, having taught geography and holding responsibility for careers during her time with us.

Mr Ewing

Mr Ewing, Assistant Faculty Leader – PE, leaves us to take up a promoted post at New Rickstones Academy.

Mrs Gunn

Mrs Gunn, PE teacher, leaves us after 20 years.

Mr Hill

Mr Hill, Mathematics teacher at Braintree Sixth Form

Miss Jaillot

Miss Jaillot has supported the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty this year.

Mrs Moyes

Mrs Moyes has supported Business Studies and Economics teaching this year.

Mr Newman

Mr Newman, Senior Deputy Headteacher, leaves us after 6 years, to take up the post of Principal at Haileybury Turnford in Hertfordshire.

Mrs Rose

Mrs Rose has been on secondment with us from Honeywood Community Science School this year.

Miss Stanton

Miss Stanton leaves us to take up a new post at Colchester High School.

Mrs Steadman

Mrs Steadman, Assistant Headteacher, Braintree Sixth Form.

Mr Stephenson

Mr Stephenson has supported the Geography Department this year.

Miss Stringer

Mrs Stringer has supported the ICT Department this year.

Mrs Stubbs

Mrs Stubbs, Assistant Headteacher, Braintree Sixth Form.

Miss Stuchfield

Miss Stuchfield has supported the Mathematics Faculty this year.

Mrs Trevelyan

Mrs Trevelyan, Learning Support Assistant.

Mr Trumper

Mr Trumper has supported the Mathematics Faculty this year.

Mrs Ward

Mrs Ward, Science teacher, leaves us to take up a new post at Thomas Gainsborough School.

Mrs Whitnell

Mrs Whitnell began her maternity leave on 7 July 2016. We wish her the very best of luck in the coming months.

Miss Yarnold

Miss Yarnold, English teacher, leaves us to take up a new role at Mayflower High School.

New Staff

We welcome the following new staff, joining us in September:-

Mr Brambles, PE teacher

Ms Bridges, Art teacher

Ms Burton, Geography teacher

Mrs Clark, Mathematics teacher

Mr Glease, Mathematics teacher

Mr Harrington, Geography teacher

Ms Lawrence, Learning Support Assistant

Ms McLean, PE teacher

Mr Miller, Head of Business Studies, Economics and Law

Mr Morris, Science teacher

Mrs Olley, Head of HR/Payroll

Ms Roberts, Mathematics teacher

Ms Roper, Technology teacher

Mr Rowe, Science teacher

Ms Sheldon, Science teacher

Mr Simmons, English teacher (TBC)

Mr Thornton, Mathematics teacher

Ms Tompkins, Mathematics teacher

Ms Turner, Learning Support Assistant

Ms Walton, History teacher

Ms Watson, Humanities teacher

Ms Watson, Student Support Officer – KS5

Mr Whitaker, Humanities teacher

Ms Yeomans, Assistant SENCO

hedingham castle trip



"It was really fun and it felt as though I had gone back in time."



A Blast from the Past

This year saw another fantastic trip to Castle Hedingham for Year 7 and the Humanities Faculty.

A trip through the town of Hedingham saw students learning about the local settlement of the area and how it has developed over time. Students went to the local church where they learnt about the main features of the church, through a treasure hunt.



"I really enjoyed visiting the church and I learnt a lot!"



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Then we headed up to the castle, where Hands on the Past put on another excellent show, which highlighted the main features and functions of a castle and how people lived during the medieval times.

I cannot express enough how great many of the Year 7 students were and how proud the Humanities Faculty and Mr Newman are of them.

Thank you to all staff involved in this trip, without them it could not run.

Ms N Hill, Subject Leader - History



"It was a great trip! I would love to go again."



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Rob Rouse

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He's married, has two kids, a dog and an eye-watering mortgage, (is in debt) in these times of austerity and uncertainty, but remains resolute that a career in unpredictable world of comedy was absolutely the right way to go. (It's far too late to try something else now.)

Rob takes this trademark comedic storytelling to a career high in this full length show, as he leads us on an irresistibly hilarious journey of enforced introspection, that has taught him to relinquish any attempts to control his life and to face down literally one of the most awkward situations you're ever likely to hear about.

headboyheadgirlreport

First of all, we would like to say what a brilliant year this has been and students from all years have excelled. Well done to everyone!

Our Year 7 students settled exceptionally well into secondary school and we hope they now realise it is not a big and scary building full of spotty teenagers. We would like to congratulate all of our Year 8 students on their hard work and some amazing performances in their exams. Everyone should be very proud of themselves. With the next academic year just around the corner, we wish Year 9 students the best of luck as they start their GCSE options. They are not all doom and gloom, we promise. We hope you are all able to maintain your high standard of work throughout the next year. As Year 10 students finish their first year of their GCSEs, we would like to take this opportunity to give them all a huge congratulations after all the effort that went into their mock exams. We hope you will take a well-earned break during the summer holiday.

While we are writing this, Year 10 students are away from school and experiencing the world of work as they take part in a week of work experience. From working in nurseries, to retail, to veterinary practices, there is a wide range of work that is being undertaken by Year 10 students, all of which has been brilliantly organised by Mrs Dixey. I am sure she too will be grateful for the summer holidays.

We have had a great year at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form with many additional activities and events taking place. This last term though, has been particularly busy with a lot happening in all the year groups.

Starting off with Year 7, they recently held a charity event on



14 July 2016 for which many Year 7 students created charity stalls, including the classic of throwing a wet sponge at some very sporting teachers. Overall they raised a huge £1,095 for the charity, Edlumino Education Aid. Well done to all those who took part.

The Year 8 students have also had a very fun and busy term and on 14 July 2016, some of them went on a trip to Jump Street. All who went were very well behaved and all had a great time.

Year 9 students had an exciting trip to the Guardian News and Media Education Centre on the 15 July 2016 in which students had a fantastic opportunity to look around the building and see the inner workings of journalism in their workshop there. They reported on recent news stories and even created their own front covers; all the students really enjoyed their day and learnt a lot from the trip about journalism and the news.

This year, Year 10 students have been incredibly busy with starting

work towards their GCSE exams but have still had time to enjoy themselves amongst all the hard work. This term we have had numerous trips including a trip to Norfolk for geography students and a recent rewards trip to Thorpe Park which we have heard was excellent. Year 10 students have also been kept busy with mock GCSEs but many are pleased with what they have achieved and have been able to set themselves realistic and helpful goals for next year.

Overall, we have had a fantastic year at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form and going into next year we wish all the students and staff the best of luck and I am sure it will be another great year. As the final term draws to a close, the long awaited summer holiday is just around the corner. I hope everyone has a wonderful time and we all look forward to seeing you in September!

*Hannah Bilboe and James Knock
Head Girl and Head Boy*

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 



equestrianteamsuccess



The Equestrian Team recently competed at The All England Showground, Hickstead. The team, consisting of Lilly Richards, Izzy Oakley, Chloe Henderson and Josie-May Reynolds, achieved an amazing 3rd place in the 90cm arena eventing, and were only one point away from 2nd! This is a huge achievement, especially considering the team was only formed in October 2015.

Individually, Jade Henderson, Chloe Henderson and Keira Riley achieved 1st place in the 90cm show jumping and qualified for Addington Championships held in October. Chloe Henderson achieved 4th place out of 104 competitors.

The team is now looking forward to another arena eventing championship held at Keysoe in December.

Congratulations to all girls who have competed with the Equestrian Team this year, we are incredibly proud of your success. Many thanks to Mrs Kerry Reynolds, Team Manager, for her hard work and dedication with the team.

Mrs C Wager, Assistant Headteacher

Photos courtesy of the team



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introducing Mr Harrison



Trust Business Manager

In the latest of a series of interviews of staff by senior students, James Knock (Head Boy) and Megan Grimwood (Deputy Head Girl) meet Mr Harrison.

Before their interview with Mr Harrison, James and Megan had never encountered him before, and were very curious about his role within the school, as they had not known it existed. Their interview yielded some unexpected and intriguing answers.

What is your role within the school?

My role at the moment is titled 'Trust Business Manager'. Hopefully at the moment you are aware that there is more than one school in our group; there is The Ramsey Academy, Halstead as well. I look after finance, business, facilities, health and safety, payroll, human resources and the administration across the Trust. So that is my role at the moment, which is just about to get a bit bigger, because more schools are joining our Trust; these are mainly primary schools. When that happens I will be the Chief Financial Officer and Finance Director, across the whole Trust.

I look after everything to do with all of those organisations, apart from the teaching and learning and looking after students, which is taken care of by my senior colleagues.

What previous roles have you had within a school environment?

I have only worked in one other school before, which was a large academy school as well. It was actually bigger than Notley and I worked in that school for 18 years doing the same job as I do here working as a finance director, so that's the experience I've brought with me. What I was interested in here was a job that was working in the same sort of role but actually across a group of schools rather than the one because it's more challenging and more interesting for me.

What other roles have you had outside of a school environment?

I have worked mainly as either a finance director or company accountant, in the service and manufacturing industries. Out of the three I enjoy working in a school based environment because it feels as though you are adding back some value.

So when I am successful in my role here, it means that I am making sure that lots of jobs are secure; there are 264 staff here that we are responsible for, including 105 teachers. If I look after the finances well enough, it ensures that those people continue to be employed; I am protecting their employment which I quite like.

By trade I am an accountant; my financial career before that was working in a private company that I had set up with a friend of mine. Before that I worked at an engineering company, where I was the finance director and I worked in the services industry, in a very large insurance company in Ipswich. I have worked in three sectors: the service sector in banking, finance and insurance, the manufacturing sector in engineering and the public sector in police forces, hospitals and schools, which I have now worked in for 20 years.

What are your impressions of Notley High School & Braintree Sixth form so far?

I've been here ten months and I think it's a great school. I came from a very good school in Colchester and I think this is a bit better than that. This is a very good school, and our latest Ofsted report clarified that and said that we were actually quite close to becoming an outstanding school, which is our ultimate goal. That can be hard with 1500 students because we've got to get all of them on-board all of the time, hopefully enjoying themselves and learning as much as they can, which will help to make us an outstanding school. I think this school is a friendly place and I think we care about the students a lot. I feel the students like the staff. We work together well and results are good; it's a happy and professional place to work and the staff really do care about the students. I think it will continue to get better over the next few years.



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What would you say the facilities at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth form are like?

I think that the facilities are fantastic. The sixth form building is impressive. Within the sixth form there is a lot of space - the corridors are nice and wide. There is a lot of glass - lots of light, the spaces are a nice size, the building is modern and it feels nice when you're in it. Then we have the main building, our school which was built in the 1960s, with flat roof, single glazing, which was originally only built for a few hundred students and now we have 1500 students. Some of the spaces we use were only designed for much smaller amounts of students, such as the catering area. We are all constantly looking at imaginative ways of improving the school buildings and environment, for the students and staff.

In our Head Boy/Head Girl interviews we were asked the question what superhero we would be and why. Could we ask you the same question?

This person isn't necessarily a superhero but is a hero of mine. Before I went into business, I used to play professional football. When I played football the Premier League was called Division One and I played for Ipswich Town back in the 1970s. For that reason my hero is a man called Pelé who at the time was the best player in the world, but that wasn't all that Pelé did. It was about him being very aspirational with young people back where he lived in Brazil. He was responsible for starting up some schools, foundations and charities in Brazil to help underprivileged young people to get into sport and into football as well. Other than that he's the best player I've ever seen and for those reasons I would be Pelé.

At this point we asked Mr Harrison if he had any questions for us and he said:

You're in Year 10 now - what do you want to do ultimately when you leave school?

Megan: I really would like to be a primary school teacher. The reason for this is because personally I feel that it is such a rewarding and fulfilling job, and I would love to be like the teachers that I have looked up to, especially in a primary school setting.

James: I've discovered over recent months I have quite a liking for public speaking and so I have aspirations that I'd either like to be a barrister in a court of law, which I think would be a really interesting job to put those skills to use and to make a difference in people's lives, or I'd like to become a professional public speaker to motivate and inspire people, particularly younger people, and pass on my skills and my knowledge to others.

Mr Harrison: Those are the sorts of aspirations that inspire me. When I come into work every day I work for my own satisfaction and because it's a challenge.

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thorpe park rewards & awards



Rewarding Good Behaviour and Attendance

108 students joined us on 9 July 2016 for a trip to Thorpe Park to celebrate their good behaviour and attendance over the last year. We had a comfortable 7.30am start, and all students arrived in good time.

After a smooth journey to the park with very little traffic, we passed quickly through the barriers and the early queues were not too long for our favourite rides.

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THORPE PARK

Photos: Staff on trip



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Squidgy Donuts!

The students were incredibly well behaved throughout the day and checked in regularly so we knew they were enjoying themselves. We accrued quite a collection of large squidgy donuts over the course of the day, much to the amazement of many passing young children.

The journey home was a little cosier with all the soft toys the students had won – but they did provide a comfy pillow for a little snooze after a long day.

I would like to thank all the staff and helpers who made the trip possible.

Mrs S Wallace

Rewards & Awards Co-ordinator





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midsummerartsfestival

Students celebrate the Arts

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form students came together in a celebration of their achievements in art, drama, music, product design and textiles at the 'Midsummer Arts Festival' on 16 June.

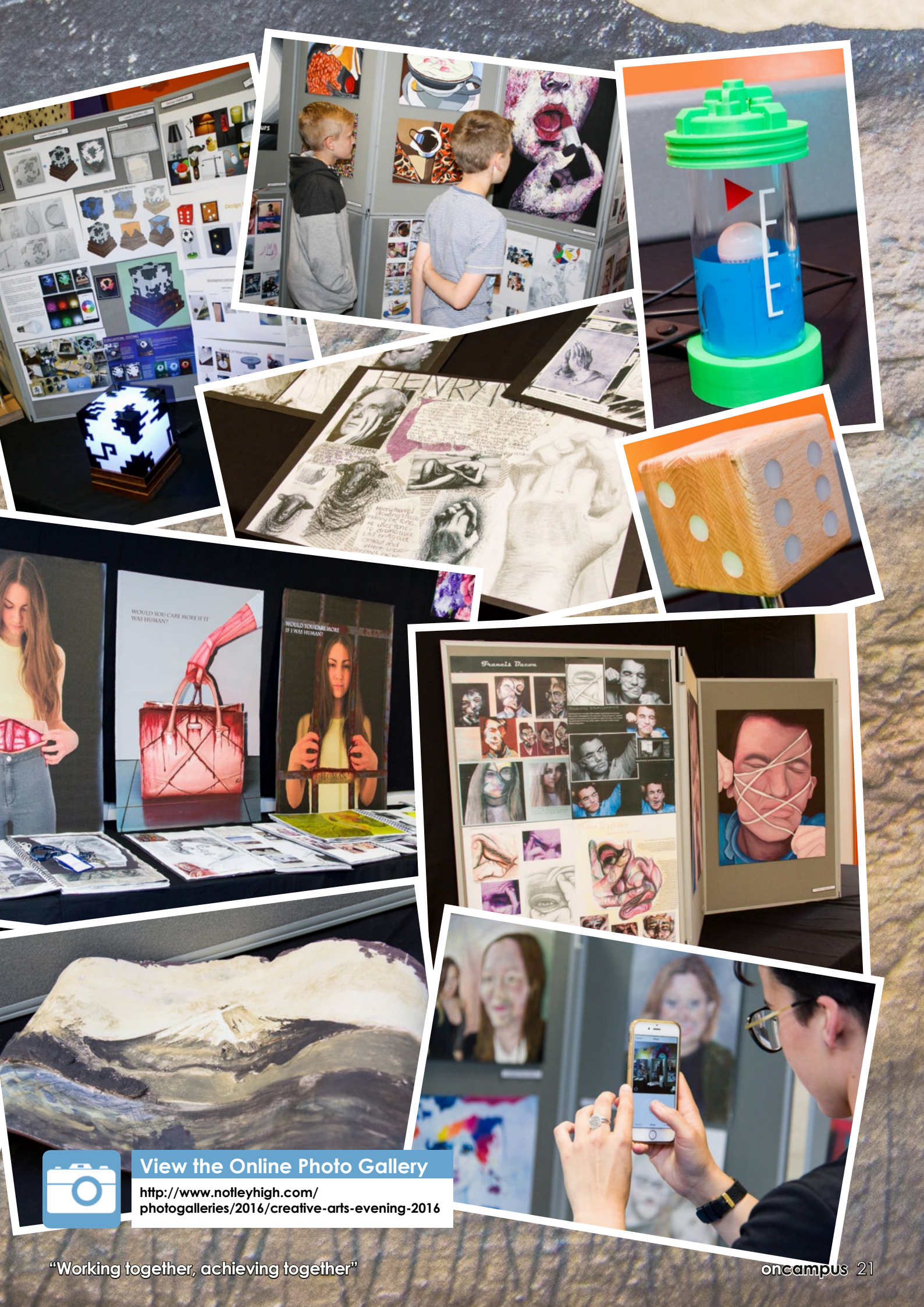
Students, staff, governors, parents and friends enjoyed the displays, workshops and performances. The KS3 & KS4 vocal group, conducted by Ms Freeman, performed contemporary songs in the theatre and there were excellent solo acts by GCSE music students Holly Graysmark-Allen, Emily Neate, Georgia Hawkins, Sophie Norton and Zoe Wood. Year 8 drama students wrote, directed and performed 'Turbulence!' as well as some excellent mask work. Year 9 performed an excerpt from 'Oliver' and the AS drama students focused on 'The Curious Incident of a Dog in the Nighttime'. GCSE textiles students put on a great fashion show. Visitors viewed pieces in a range of media by art AS, A2, IB and GCSE students. GCSE, AS and A2 product design pieces on show included a lighting display.

We are very proud of the achievements of our creative arts and design and technology students many of whom go on to careers within the creative industries. Past students have taken up places at university to study architecture, furniture design, interior design, automotive engineering, make up and prosthetics for film and TV, fashion design, graphic design, fine art, music technology and textiles.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and students who came together to create such a successful evening.

Ms S Monro, Subject Leader - Art





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Photos: Staff on trip

Dodge Ball and Backflips

On 14 July some of the Year 8 students visited Jump Street in Colchester. All the students were incredibly well behaved and had a great time bouncing around and showing off their impressive skills! I was very impressed with their ability to play dodge ball whilst jumping and also amazed that lots of them could backflip from bouncing so well without injuring themselves! It was great to see the students having so much fun and relaxing after a very busy year.

Thank you to Mrs Glynn, Mr Riches and Mr Ellis for helping make the trip possible

Miss J Stanley, Year Leader – Year 8



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theguardianvisit



Photos: Staff on trip

Stop Press!

On Friday 15 July, thirty Year 9 students visited The Guardian News and Media Education Centre to participate in a journalism workshop.

Students had the opportunity to see the facilities and surroundings of this iconic establishment as well as having the chance to use their resources to report on the world's news. Students were following the most up-to-date stories and created their own front covers. The quality of their work was excellent. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and now have a much clearer understanding of the world of journalism.

Mrs H Sutton, Literacy Co-ordinator



literacy leaders



Source: Google Maps

Photo: Staff on trip

On Friday 17 June the Literacy Leaders visited Rayne Primary & Nursery School to complete their award. This involved delivering a short literacy lesson to primary aged children. The students divided themselves into groups and planned some fantastic lessons which included creative writing, use of emotive language and use of punctuation. The

content of the lessons was of a really high standard, as was the delivery, and the students should be very proud of what they have achieved. The staff at Rayne Primary & Nursery School were very complimentary. Well done to our Literacy Leaders!

Mrs H Sutton, Literacy Co-ordinator

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

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

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

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jackpetcheyawards



Amy Marsh

Jack Petchey Winner June 2016

Amy was nominated for the award by her Year Leader for her amazing work in karate.

Amy gives up her time each week to help run a karate class for children with disabilities. She shows commitment and care with the children she helps, which requires a lot of patience and hard work.

Amy also works very hard herself at karate, showing a high degree of dedication by practising regularly and supporting her local club. She will be competing in the World Karate Championships this month and we wish her the best of luck in her competition!

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

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!"





Photos: Courtesy of The Jack Petchey Foundation

Silence is Golden

On Monday 4 July James Knock participated in the Jack Petchey Grand Final in London at the Piccadilly Theatre. James had won his regional final and had been shortlisted to the final 15 students, from a staggering 18,000 original participants. James delivered his speech, 'Silence is Golden', with confidence and flair.

Although James was not crowned the overall winner, he should still be immensely proud of his performance and this achievement, as we all are.

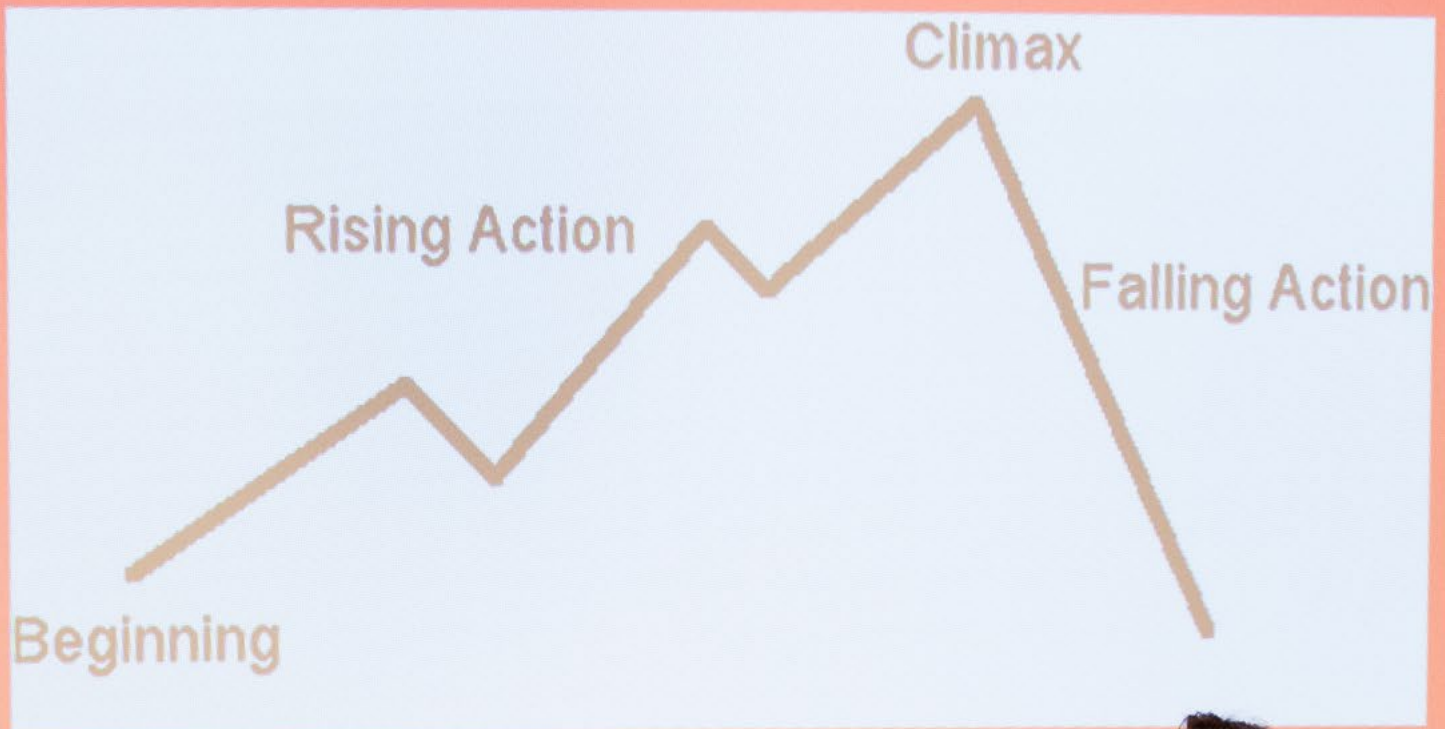
Mrs H Sutton, Literacy Co-ordinator



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Jon Robinson workshop

A plot can be drawn out like a diagram....



On Wednesday 8 June the author Jon Robinson visited Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Jon Robinson is the author behind the successful Nowhere trilogy. During Jon's visit, he spent time with Years 7 and 8 students, delivering talks and allowing the opportunity for questions at the end. Staff and students alike were highly engaged by Jon and hearing his account of his experience and motives that resulted in him becoming an author. Jon also delivered a workshop later on in the day to a selected number of Year 7 and 8 students that was centred on creative writing, inspiring our own budding authors to complete challenge tasks and consider possible plots for their own future novels. It was a really enjoyable morning and we thank Jon for visiting us.

Mrs H Sutton, Literacy Co-ordinator





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It's All About the First Sentence

The experience of meeting a real life author was amazing. In the creative writing workshop the author, Jon Robinson, told us about the structure of writing a story and what a story needs to be good. He also informed us about the ups and downs of trying to get a story published for instance the story needs a good concept and a gripping plot line. Jon Robinson spoke about how the first sentence of a story needs to be interesting and needs to pull the reader in so that they want to read more.

We were given time to come up with some concepts of a story, they could have been about supernatural things, mythical things or something about an ordinary human, anything we could imagine we wrote down as a concept. I really enjoyed the creative writing workshop as I love writing my own stories and getting new ideas from simply daydreaming. We were told to create a character and answer certain questions about them, for example, we were asked if our character was good or bad, fun or boring. More questions included asking what would make the character change their personality, what was the characters goal to achieve by the end of the story, what the characters biggest fear was and so on.

We were asked to answer all these questions because in the end we had created a solid character with goals they want to achieve, their hopes and fears etc.

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NO MEMORY. NO CLUES. NO TRUTH.

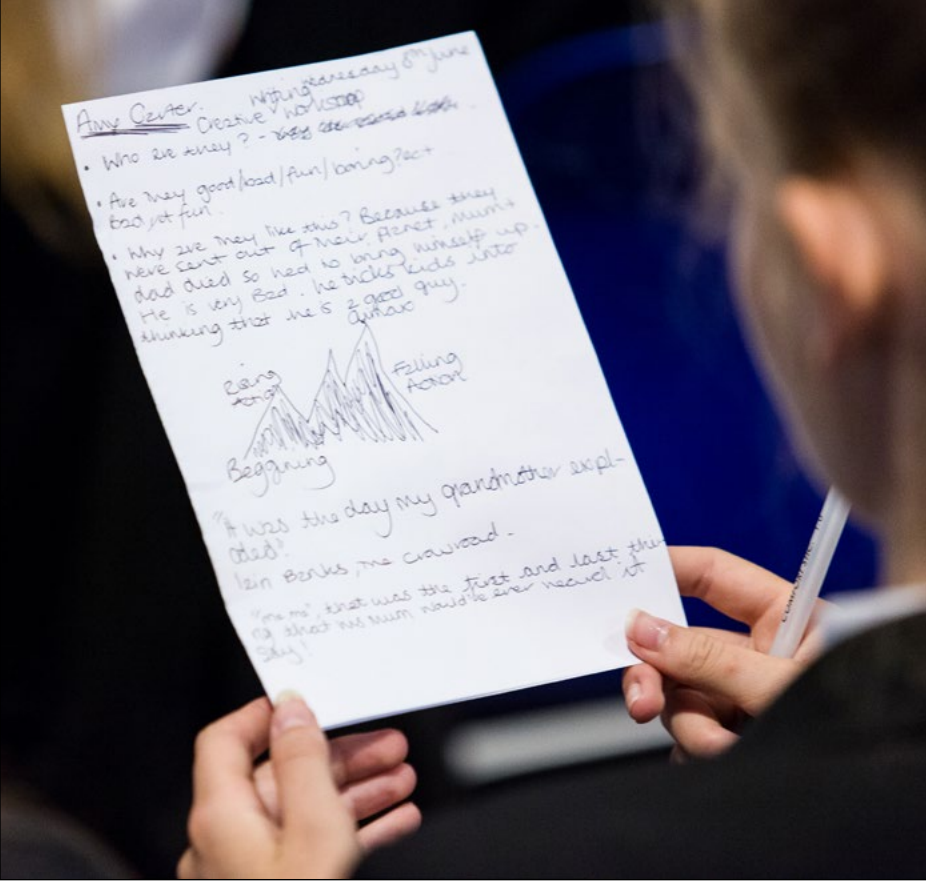
NO

The letters 'NO' are rendered in a large, glowing, blue-tinted font. The interior of the letters is filled with various silhouettes of people in motion, some appearing to be running or falling. Numerous hands are also visible, reaching out from different directions, some appearing to be trapped or reaching for something. The overall effect is one of chaotic movement and disorientation.

WHERE

The letters 'WHERE' are rendered in a large, glowing, blue-tinted font, matching the style of the 'NO' above. Like the 'NO', the interior of these letters is filled with silhouettes of people and hands in various poses, suggesting a scene of confusion and lack of direction. The silhouettes are scattered throughout the letters, creating a sense of being lost or searching for something.

JON ROBINSON



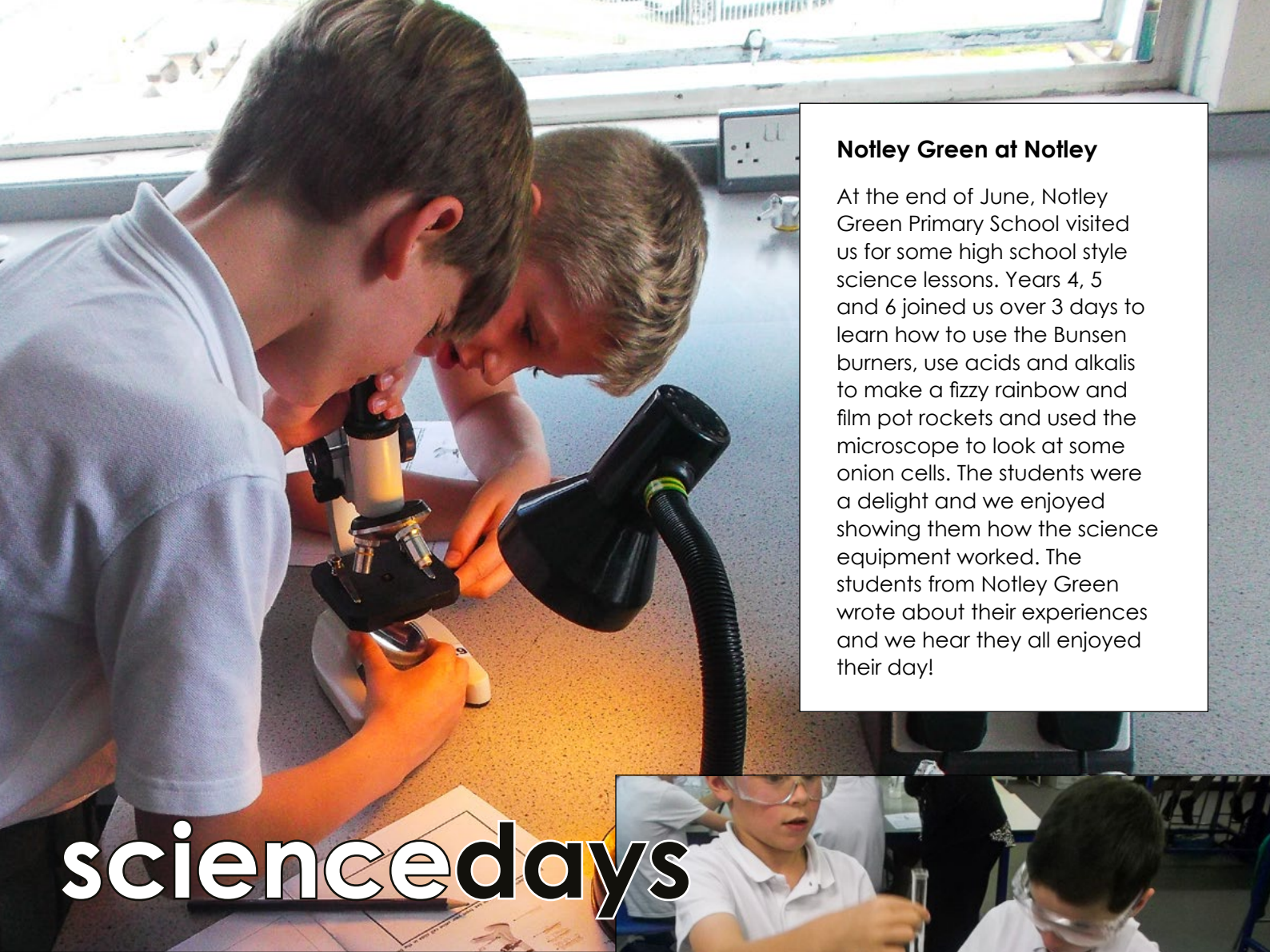
When I first heard that an author was visiting the school I was really excited. To be honest I didn't really know who Jon Robinson was. However, the hour long 'interview' inspired me to read his books. The first chapter really gripped me.

Later in the day, I was chosen to attend the workshop. That really gave me some awesome ideas

for some new stories to write. I have already started to write three stories that are completely different to each other but he gave me some really cool advice. He seemed to like my ideas too. I even got a photo with him. Wow! This really was a great day, and I will never forget it.

I am getting his books.

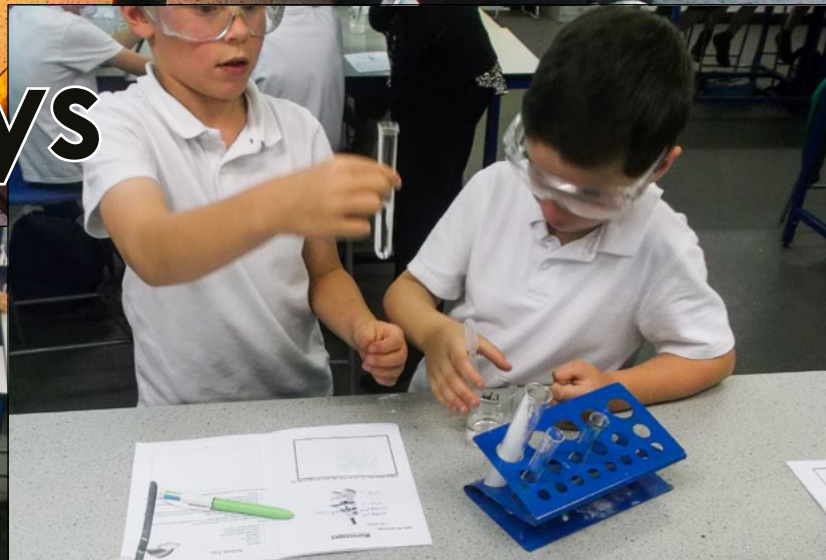




Notley Green at Notley

At the end of June, Notley Green Primary School visited us for some high school style science lessons. Years 4, 5 and 6 joined us over 3 days to learn how to use the Bunsen burners, use acids and alkalis to make a fizzy rainbow and film pot rockets and used the microscope to look at some onion cells. The students were a delight and we enjoyed showing them how the science equipment worked. The students from Notley Green wrote about their experiences and we hear they all enjoyed their day!

sciencedays





View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2016/prefect-training-day>

perfectingprefecting



Over 50 students from Year 10 have been selected as prefects this year; this group includes Senior Prefects, House Captains, Deputy Head Boy and Girl and Head Boy and Girl. These students spent most of the school day on Monday 18 July in training sessions for their new prefect roles. These included a focus on 'Discipline with Dignity', leadership, safeguarding and keeping students safe, as well as team-building activities and a chance to work alongside former senior students at the school to discuss experiences and responses. Miss Murdoch, Year 11 student Evie Stoneman, and Year 12 students Adam Grimwood, Scarlett Perrin and Claudia Haswell all contributed to the day.



We hope very much that the experience helped prepare students for the challenges of their new roles, and the opportunities ahead of them. Their attitudes and contributions were exemplary.

Mrs M Townsend, Assistant Headteacher



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noticeboard



Diary Dates

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

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

Thursday 1, Friday 2 and Monday 5 September

Staff Training Day (no students)

Monday 5 September 6pm – 7pm

Braintree Sixth Form Parents'/Carers' Induction Evening

Tuesday 6 September

Term starts for students in Years 7, 11 and 12

Wednesday 7 September

Term starts for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 13

Friday 9 September 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Welcome BBQ for Year 12 and Year 13 Students

Thursday 15 September and Friday 16 September

School photography for Year 7 - 11

Thursday 15 September 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Welcome to Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening

Thursday 22 September 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Parents'/Carers' Information Evening re:
Educational Visit to Iceland

Monday 26 September

Year 9 Respect Project (Day 1)

Thursday 29 September

Year 9 Respect Project (Day 2)

Thursday 6 October

School closes at 2pm today

Thursday 6 October 6pm – 8pm

Open Evening for Year 7 Intake September 2017

Friday 7 October

Staff Training Day (no students)

Student Absence/ Late Lines

Year 7 01376 556347

Year 8 01376 556348

Year 9 01376 556349

Year 10 01376 556350

Year 11 01376 556351

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

Contact the Magazine

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

chris.rowe@notleyhigh.com

The deadline for submission is the Thursday prior to publication.



researchsymposium

On Monday 4 July, Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form were represented at Eton College to participate in a symposium to discuss the role of research in schools. We were invited to attend this event as a result of our continuing work in this area. We have established a culture of action research in recent years at Notley with all classroom-based staff investigating an aspect of teaching and learning to enhance student achievement through their professional development.

The symposium began with an introduction from Bill Lucas, Professor of Learning at the University of Winchester who spoke about the importance of teachers trying to understand how learning takes place in their classrooms and the importance of developing networks to share expertise across schools. Other contributors included Philippa Cordingley, Chief Executive of CUREE, an internationally acknowledged expert in evidence-

based practice all sectors of education and Laela Adamson who has been working as a researcher in residence at City of London School for Girls to support the school's teacher-research programme. Both Philippa and Laela were able to share the benefits and challenges of enquiry-based practice and embedding research in schools.

The day provided an opportunity for Notley to share the work we have been doing with other schools, academics and organisations and to hear about other approaches which we will be able to consider to help us further develop our action research programme for staff at our school in the future. It is hoped that this symposium held at Eton College will be the first event of an emerging research network offering support to us. The next event is planned for the Institute of Education in London in the autumn.

Mr R Newman, Senior Deputy Headteacher

housepoints

Notley's house competition runs across the entire academic year, with students earning points from a wide range of activities and achievements. We are delighted to announce that this year's winning house is Colne with 10599 points.

Monthly Totals

July 2016

Final Totals

2015-2016



In the Presence of True Greatness

On Thursday 23 June we had the pleasure of welcoming a cricketing legend in the form of Sir Garfield Sobers.

Sir Garfield Sobers

Sir Garfield stopped by to speak with our students to discuss his experiences within the game of cricket and also talk about the opportunity of attending his own cricket tournament that he holds back in Barbados. All students were fully engaged, listening to his stories and anecdotes spanning across his own cricket legacy.

Following his discussion, Sir Garfield then allowed students to pose their own questions to him. When asked about 'that game' and 'the six sixes in one

over', he simply laughed and said "I always get asked that question, wherever I am in the world". He went on to add "I wasn't even thinking about hitting six sixes, it was all about trying to score as many runs as quick as possible. I wasn't until I'd hit the fifth six that I had even thought it possible, but now it was an option I had to go for it!" Sir Garfield Sobers then stayed for a tour of the school and had lunch with some of the staff and students.

Mr A Cunningham, Subject Leader - PE



[View the Online Photo Gallery](#)

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2016/sir-garfield-sobers-visit>



sixthformnews

IB Results Day

Students at Braintree Sixth Form celebrated another excellent set of IB results. The average point score of 34 exceeds international figures and is testament to all the hard work of staff and students. Among this year's very high achievers are Sophie Kulik, whose

impressive 37 points comfortably secures her place at University of Exeter to read English. She will be joined there by Katie Molyneaux, whose 36 points gains her entry to read history. Both girls will also benefit from a year abroad as part of their study.

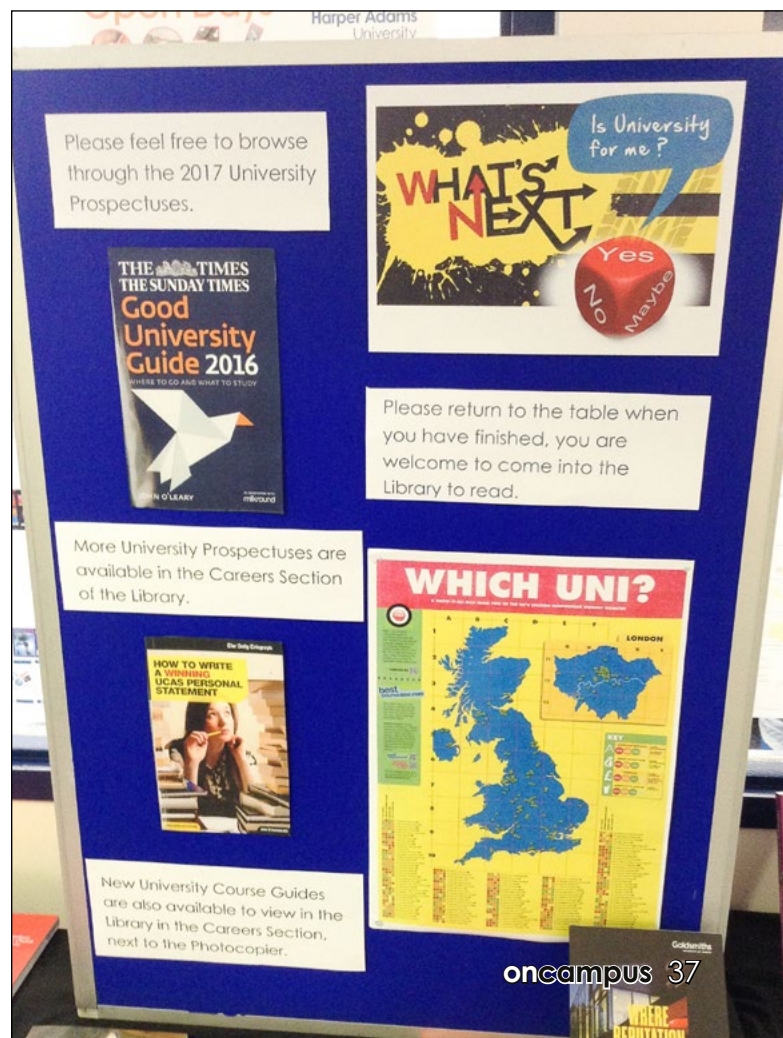
UCAS

In 2015 99% of our Higher Education applicants secured university places, 80% secured their first choice

Year 12 students began their university application process with a Higher Education Launch Day. Interactive workshop sessions were run by sixth form staff and staff from the University of Essex, University of Suffolk and Anglia Ruskin University, and included information on student finance, writing a personal statement and the benefits of university. Representatives from whatuni.com joined us again to demonstrate their excellent site. Students also attended the UCAS Higher Education Super Fair, hosted by University of Essex, where they were able to gather materials from a wide range of universities, whilst also experiencing a university campus in the sunshine!



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term dates



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2016-2017

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= Schooldays/
Weekends
 = School holidays
 = Bank holidays
 = Staff Training Days
(no students)

Autumn Term:	Thursday 1 September 2016 – Wednesday 21 December 2016	75 days
	Half Term 24 October - 28 October	
Spring Term:	Thursday 5 January 2017 – Friday 31 March 2017	57 days
	Half Term 13 February - 17 February	
Summer Term:	Tuesday 18 April 2017 – Friday 21 July 2017	63 days
	Half Term 29 May – 2 June, and May Bank Holiday, 1 May	
		<u>195 days</u>

Please note that Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 students only will return to school on Tuesday 6 September 2016
The autumn term begins for all students on Wednesday 7 September 2016

Staff Training Days: Thursday 1 September 2016
Friday 2 September 2016
Monday 5 September 2016
Friday 7 October 2016
Friday 7 July 2017

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The Eagle's Nest

The Year 12 IB students undertook their eight day international trip to the south of France just north of Montpellier. Students stayed at The Eagle's Nest, a purpose built education centre located in the Parc National des Cévennes in a range of mountains in the south-central area of the country. They fulfilled a range of curriculum specific objectives including geography field work, environmental systems coursework, and completion of their Group IV project. They also undertook a range of CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) activities including mountain hiking, clearing irrigation channels, rafting, high ropes and experiencing local culture.

Mr N Bridgwater, IB Co-ordinator



Photos: Staff on trip



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The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

advertisement

Tuesday 18 October

7.30pm

£12/£10 concessions

The critically-acclaimed
Pantaloons Theatre Company
present their horrifically innovative
take on Robert Louis Stevenson's
murky tale of murder, mystery and
transmogrification!

When lawyer John Utterson fears
that his friend Dr Jekyll is being
blackmailed by the shadowy and
violent Mr Hyde he begins an
investigation that will inexorably
lead him to the shocking truth of
this strange case – but will it be
too late...?

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year 13 leavers event



Photos: Staff at event



Tuesday 28 June

Year 13 enjoyed an excellent leavers' event held at Fennes Estate on Tuesday 28 June. Well done to the student organising committee for all their hard work making the venue look perfect.



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

schoolwebsite

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

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

The new academic year is seeing an increasing use of social media by the school so watch this space...

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form website. At the top left is the school logo, followed by the school name. To the right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, RSS, and Email, along with a search bar. Below these are logos for Braintree Sixth Form, MID-ESSEX INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING, and Braintree Arts Theatre. A navigation menu includes Home, News, Information, Policies, Curriculum, School Life, Teaching & Learning, Vacancies, and Contact. The main content area features a large image of students in red and black uniforms, with a sidebar on the left listing various school events and activities. Below the main image is a section titled 'Perfecting Prefecting' with a brief description and a 'read more' link. The bottom of the page is divided into four columns: 'Quick Links' with a list of links like Admissions Policy and Exam Results; 'Latest Newsletter' featuring a thumbnail for 'oncampus' magazine; 'Latest Letters Home' listing recent letters such as 'End of Term Letter (July)'; and 'Home Learning' with icons for SMHW, Home Learning Timetables, Mediaserver, and Home Access Plus.

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The Sorcerer's Apprentice

advertisement

Family Show

Friday 28 October

11.30am & 2.30pm

A brand new adaptation of a timeless tale!

Charlie Hubble is a little boy with a very big dream, he wants to be a world-class magician. So, he saves up his pocket money to buy *The Big Book of Magic for Trainee Magicians*.

Then he sets off to Mr Zacoor's Toy Shop to buy his spellbook. But Mr Zacoor is no ordinary shopkeeper, he's a real life Sorcerer! And he has a very special job for Charlie.

This delightful new show comes to life with an irresistible blend of music, puppetry and storytelling. There's also an enchanting toy shop setting filled with all sorts of magical surprises!

Little people aged 3-7 will love this funny, heart-warming tale but big people will have lots of fun, too.



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Thank ABBA For The Music

Friday 11 November, 7.30pm

£19.50 / £18 concessions

Grab your platform shoes and flares for a journey back in time to when ABBA dominated the charts and ruled the airwaves. New for 2015 and featuring all of ABBA's greatest and most memorable hits, Thank ABBA For The Music is the ultimate feel good, party style tribute show.

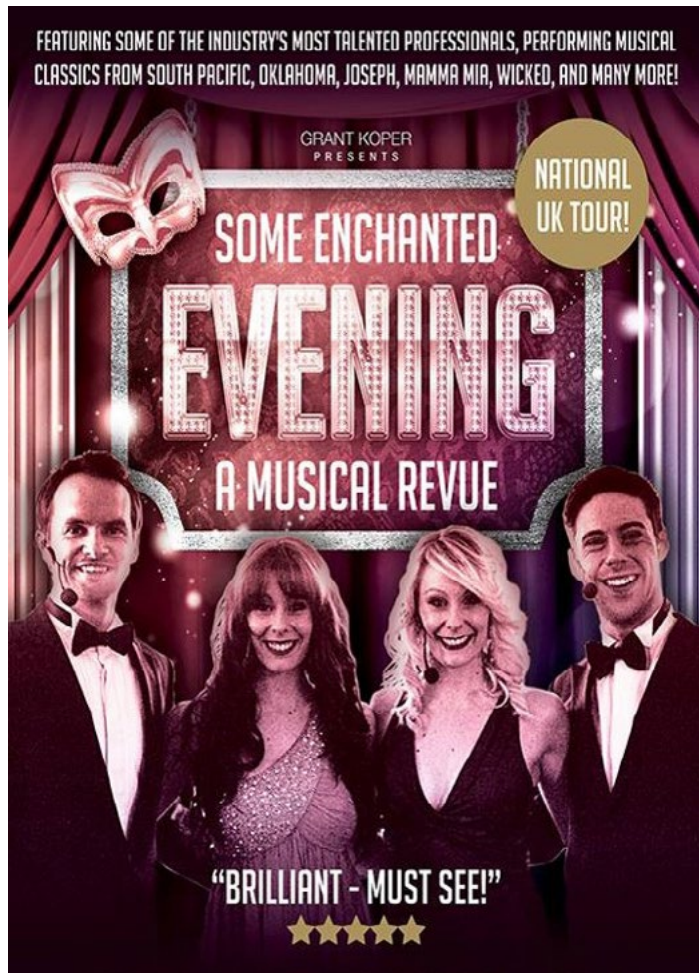
This two-hour theatre spectacular really does capture all the magic and excitement of one of the world's most successful and entertaining live bands. With superb vocals and clever ABBA trademark harmonies, stunning replica stage costumes, a sprinkling of tongue-in-cheek Swedish humour and plenty of audience participation throughout, you're sure to be having the time of your life!

All of ABBA's greatest hits are here including Dancing Queen, Waterloo, Mamma Mia, Take A Chance On Me, Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!, Knowing Me Knowing You, Super Trouper and many, many more.



"Never felt so close to the real abba"

Nicky Stevens of Brotherhood of Man (winners of Eurovision Song Contest 1976)



Some Enchanted Evening

Friday 23 September, 7.30pm

£15 / 14 concessions

Featuring some of the industry's most talented professionals, performing musical classics from some of the most iconic Broadway and West End Shows, including South Pacific, Oklahoma, Mamma Mia, Wicked, Les Miserables and many more.

This show is not to be missed!

First performed in 2013 on a short tour, playing at Grantham, Gainsborough and Carshalton (Sutton). Following its success, the production was invited to play at the Criterion Music Hall in Sheerness in June 2014.

By popular demand, in Spring 2015, Some Enchanted Evening embarked on its first full scale National UK Tour, playing thirteen performances across the UK.

With full houses and standing ovations at every performance, audiences across the country left the theatres with a smile on their face and a song in their heart.

It is with great pleasure that Braintree Arts Theatre can present this show to you.

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