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The Friends of Notley High School run a monthly draw in which half of the money collected is given out to the winner and the other half is used for items that the school need to HELP YOUR CHILDREN with their learning.

If you would like to join please email TheChair@FoNHS.info

WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

Quiz Night with a Fish and Chip Supper

We are holding our Quiz Night on Saturday 8 March .

Please see page 15 for more details.



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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 school calendar at

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

15 - 22 February

Ski Trip, Flachau, Austria

17 - 21 February

Half Term

24 February - 7 March

Year 10 Mock Exams

5 March

Parents' /Carers' Rockley Information Evening (Braintree Arts Theatre) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Student Absence/ Late Lines

Year 7 01376 556347

Year 8 01376 556348

Year 9 01376 556349

Year 10 01376 556350

Year 11 01376 556351

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

Contact the Magazine

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

lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com

The deadline for submission is the Thursday prior to publication.

Uniform Wanted

Do you have any uniform that no longer fits, or you no longer need?

We are in need of any items you would be able to donate, especially trousers, skirts and ties.

Thank you.

Mrs S Hunter, Student Services

headlines

Welcome to Issue 3 of our school magazine and thank you for the positive feedback we have received about the first two issues of OnCampus.

The run up to half term was, as ever, very busy and OnCampus reflects the huge variety of educational activities within and beyond the classroom in which staff and students have participated.

The Jack Petchey Presentation Evening (page 4) was a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of young people from schools across the district and we were delighted to host the event again at Braintree Arts Theatre in our sixth form building. Thanks to Mrs Wallace, who continues to co-ordinate our approaches to Rewards and Awards in the school.

Personal Development Time, led by Miss Wilson, has been a new innovation in the curriculum this year and you can read about some of the recent activities on page 6.

In this issue, we also have a particular focus on Art, the Year 9 War Horse trip, Sixth Form news and Braintree Arts Theatre.

Finally, from me, there is a plea for help with the Friends of Notley High School. The article on page 25 describes the sterling work the Friends do to support the school. The current Chair, Secretary and Treasurer (Karen Adams, Helen Hayhurst and Mandy Bannister) are stepping down at the end of this year. We are very grateful to them for all their work over several years and we are now asking whether others are willing to step forward to secure the future of the Friends. I do hope that a few people will feel able to support the ongoing work of the Friends of Notley High School which does much to add to the quality of education we provide.

Best wishes for the rest of the Spring Term,

Simon Thompson
Headteacher



Simon Thompson, Headteacher

jackpetcheyawards

Jack Petchey Presentation Evening

On Tuesday 28 January we celebrated the success of all of our 2013 Jack Petchey winners at the eagerly awaited annual presentation evening.

This prestigious event was very well attended with students from The Edith Borthwick School, Southview

School, Honywood Community Science School, Maltings Academy, Alec Hunter Academy, The Ramsey Academy, Hedingham School, Tabor Academy, The College at Braintree and New Rickstones Academy as well as our own school.



“ we are really proud of the contribution our students have made to the school and beyond ”

The evening was opened with a welcome and introduction from the Chairman of Braintree Council, Cllr Wendy Scattergood and the award ceremony itself was hosted by Philip Allinson, who did a great job of rousing the audience into applauding and celebrating the success of all the young people as they went up to receive their award.

We enjoyed the performances from representatives of different schools who did well to perform in front of a large audience, including our own Emily Knight who delighted us with her dance.

It was so lovely to hear about the great things the young people from across the district have achieved and see them collect their winner's medallion, receiving the recognition they deserve in front of family, friends and their peers.

We really are proud of the contribution our students have made to the school and beyond.

We are starting our new year of awards and we would encourage you to nominate students you think deserve the award using the forms in school or on the

Our winners from last year were:

- January: Jack Bird
- February: Jamie Lee Bamford
- March: Rebecca Calder
- April: Oliver Dome
- May: Toby Piper
- June: Kelvin Corney
- September: Amy Wills
- October: Eden Stoneman
- November: Joshua Hagger



school website at <http://www.notleyhigh.com/rewards-and-awards/jack-petchey-award-scheme>. Boxes in which to post the forms can be found in the main school library and at the campus reception; alternatively, pass them to me.

"The Achievement Awards are primarily about recognising those who put in the effort and do their best." Jack Petchey CBE.

Young people selected should be those who have gone above and beyond, and achieved – perhaps where others thought they might fail. Winning an Achievement Award should mean different things for different people – it may represent a personal triumph against adversity, it may recognise a young person who has pushed themselves outside of their comfort zone, it may be the opportunity to recognise the outstanding efforts of a team player who always puts others first. (*Jack Petchey website*)

<http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/home>

Let me finish by saying another well done to our winners of 2013, we wish you many more successes in your future; as Jack Petchey would say, "If you think you can, you can!"

Mrs S Wallace, Rewards and Awards Co-ordinator

Parking Enforcement Increased Outside School

Please be aware that enforcement of the parking outside of school at start and finish times is increasing.

From February the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) will be using a 'Park Safe' patrol vehicle at schools and other sites across Braintree district.

We all want our children and others using the streets to be safe. Parking where it is not allowed can be dangerous as well as inconsiderate.

Parents/carers parking for any amount of time on no-stopping restrictions, including school pedestrian crossings and zig-zag markings, risk receiving a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

If you drive to the school, please think about where you will park and **do not park where it is not allowed**.

The NEPP is introducing the Park Safe patrol car following numerous requests from parents/carers and schools to tackle bad parking by the minority

and improve safety for all. The car will be clearly branded and highly visible to motorists.

For more information visit

www.parkingpartnership.org, alternatively

contact the NEPP by email

parking@colchester.gov.uk or call 01206 282316.



personal development

Personal Development Time



Here is an update on some of the things going on in PDT this half term

Year 7 Healthy Lifestyle

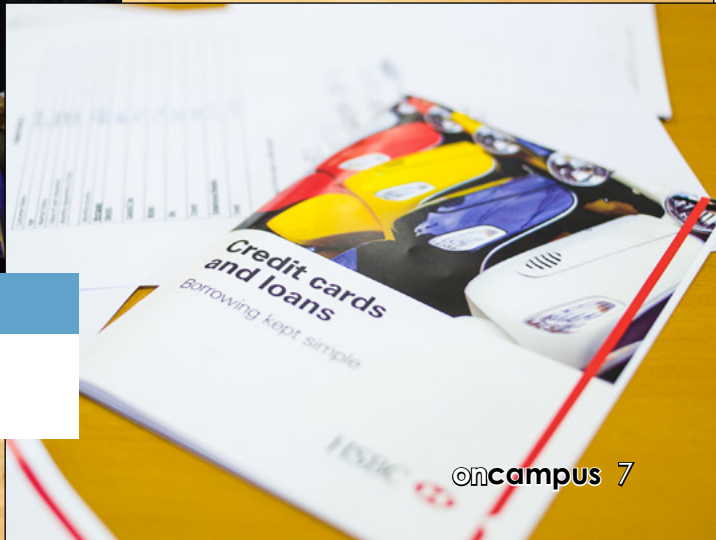
Year 7 have looked at how to be healthy with their food choices and also have had sessions on how you can maintain a healthy lifestyle with a variety of different exercises. Here are a few photos of what they got up to!





Year 10 Finance Workshops

Year 10 have been learning about personal finance and had HSBC representatives come into school to deliver workshops on personal finance.



View the Online Photo Gallery
<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photo-galleries-2013/events/finance-assembly>

“Working together, achieving together”

personal development

Year 11 Workshops

Year 11 have started to receive workshops on how to identify and avoid unhealthy relationships and domestic abuse from representatives from the Centre of Action and Rape and Abuse (CARA). This

is very thought provoking and producing interesting discussion work for the students. Year 11 are also starting to have workshops with our Police Officer PC Nestling on the law and internet safety.



Work Experience

Year 10 have started to look for their work experience placements and have until 14 March to do this. Work experience will take place 23 - 27 June. Details are available on the school website

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/work-experience>. Please contact Miss Elstone on workexperience@notleyhigh.com for further information.

Alumni

Are you a former Notley High student?'

We have just launched our alumni network in partnership with education charity Future First. If you used to go to Notley High School and would like to get back in touch with the school and get involved in school life we would love to hear from you! Sign up to our former student network by filling in a form online so we can let you know what's happening at the school and let you know of opportunities to get involved in.

To sign up log on to this website

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/notleyhigh>

Miss A Wilson, Personal Development Time Co-ordinator

focusport

Hi my name is Grace Poole. I play cricket for Old Chelmsfordians, Hutton, sometimes Colchester and if needed also Essex.

I first started when I was in Year 5 when I was playing a Kwik Cricket match and an Essex Cricket man spotted me. He asked if I had ever played cricket before; I said "No never thought about it really" he then told me I was good enough to play for a local team and that I should try it out, so I did.

After a week I got to play with Old Chelmsfordians. About a month later my cricket coach told me I would be good enough to trial for the Essex u11, so I did and got through. After a year I had a trial for u13 and also got through. After that I had to do it again and just got through and u13s is harder to get through to.

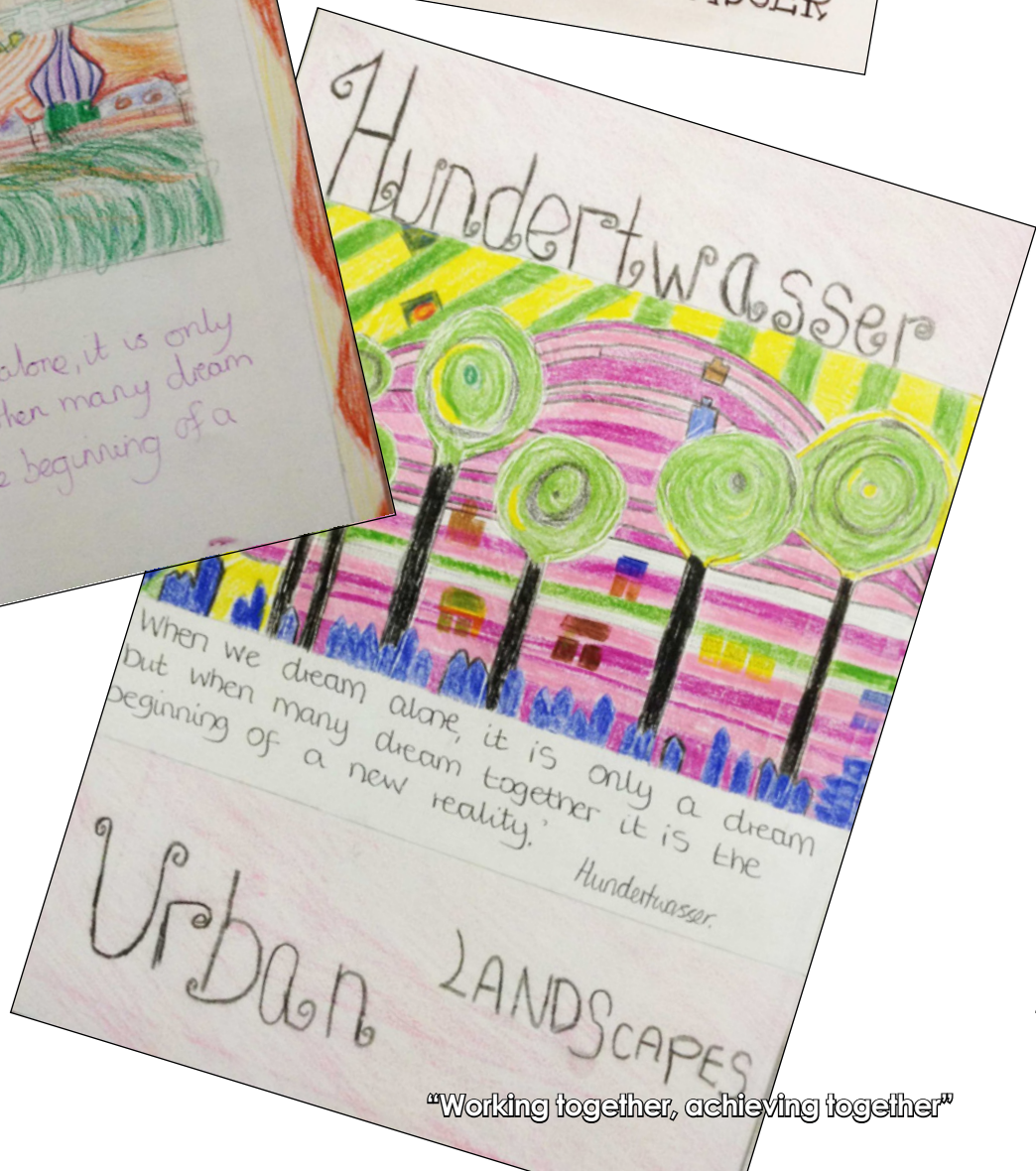
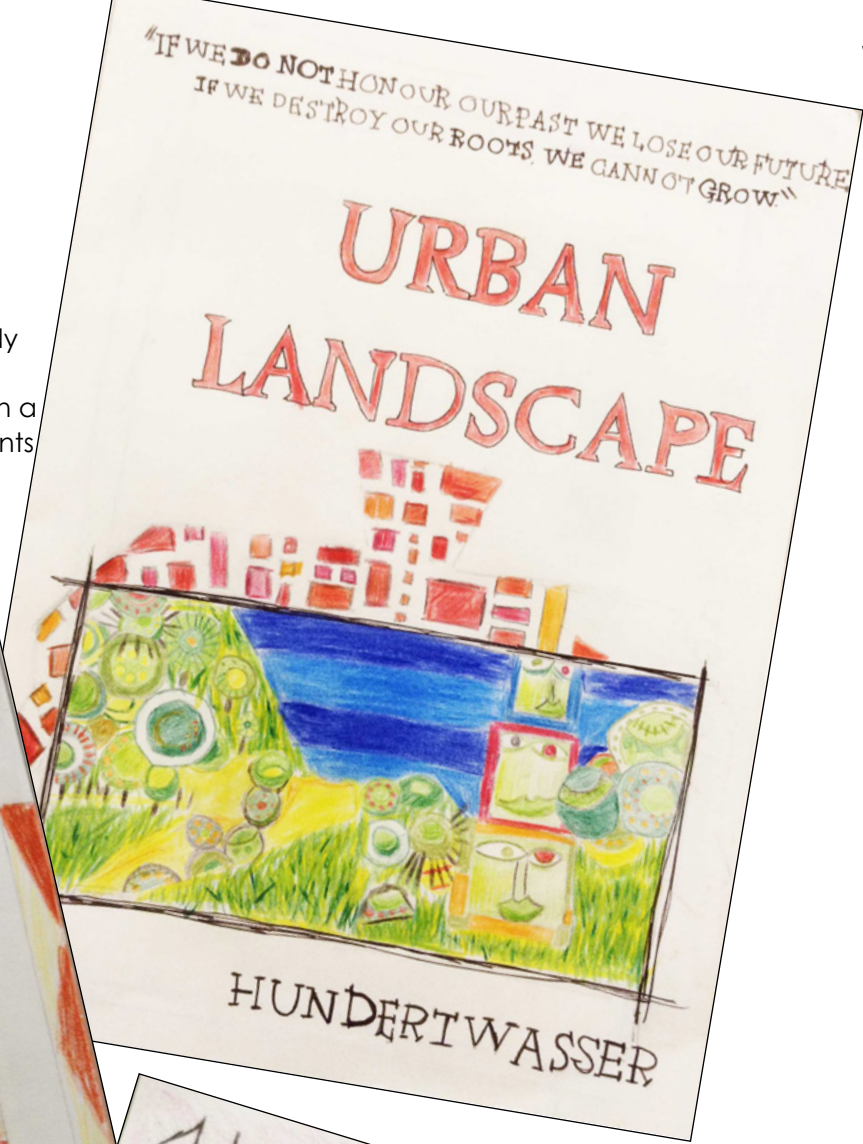
I was never really inspired, I just got asked to play cricket, but now I think Charlotte Edwards (ladies England cricket player) and my cricket coach Charlotte Mower have inspired me. My cricket coaches say that I'm at the level of 'excellent' stage. My big dream would be to become an England cricket player.

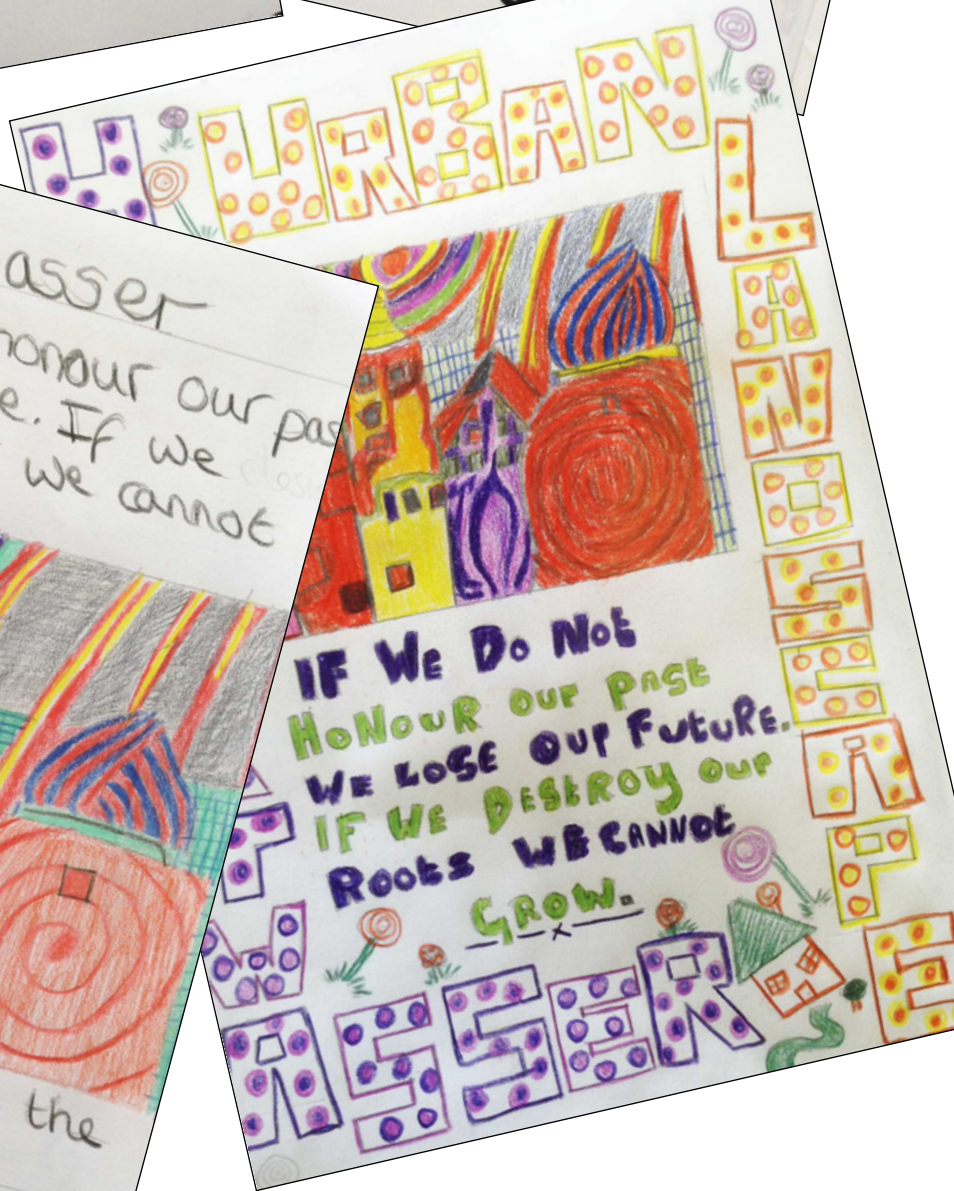
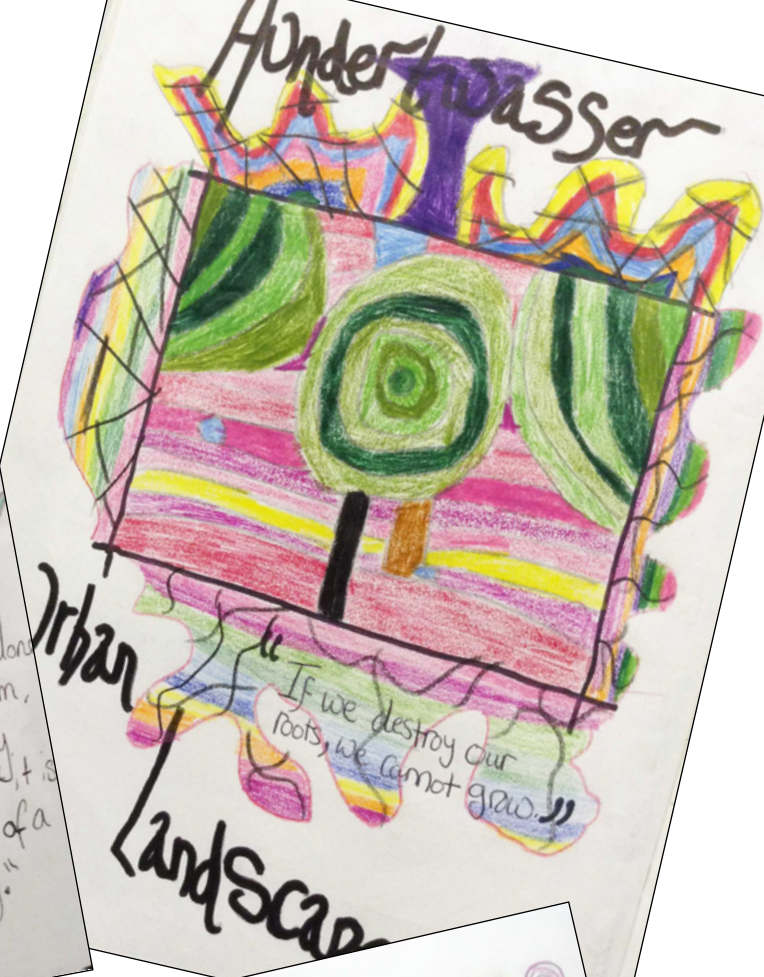


Year 8 Sketchbook Work

Sketchbooks are used throughout KS3 Art classes. Students use them to develop their ideas and study the work of a range of artists. This month we are showcasing the work of Year 8 students working on a project inspired by the artist Hundertwasser. Students responded enthusiastically to Hundertwasser's colourful paintings and created some excellent pages.

Ms S Monro, Subject Leader - Art





artroadshow

The Colchester School of Art Roadshow visited Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form on 13 January.



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photo-galleries-2013/events/art-workshop>

Lecturer, David Hutt, led a workshop for Year 11 Fine Art and Graphic Communication students. David discussed the wide range of opportunities for students considering taking their studies further and looking into a career in the creative industries.

Students took part in an interactive workshop focusing on typographic design. David was impressed by the standard of the lettering designs produced by our GCSE Art students.

Ms S Monroe, Subject Leader - Art



headboyheadgirl



We've had a rather quiet but determined first month back into school. There have been many parents' / carers' consultation evenings but overall January has been rather normal for us students. This is a good thing, as it means we can focus on our studies and settle back into school life after the Christmas holidays.

The next few months may be a bit more packed! Lots of trips are being prepared for after half term, like Bronze and Silver DofE, the Year 11 trip to Krakow that will be a most insightful experience, and in the half term the ski trip for all years which sounds very exciting and challenging.

Year 9s will be choosing their options soon, so we hope you are thinking about the different paths. The only advice we can give is that you choose the options that **YOU** enjoy and want to take. In the end, you are the one that has to study the subject for 2 years, no one else! If you enjoy the subject, you will learn more. Get as much information about all the courses so that you have a good idea about what you will learn and how you will learn it.

Also coming up are Year 10 mock exams. We remember preparing for these, just last year, and being very worried; our advice is, instead of spending time panicking, revise, use your time productively and organise yourself so you can come out with very respectable grades and also something you can be proud of. Have a go at working hard and doing yourself justice! You deserve it with all the hours you put in at school; just group it together back home in revising.

To the rest of the school, don't forget, you can always pop in and talk to CHIPS for any problems, questions or just chats; we really love to see and talk to you.

We are both truly looking forward to the next few weeks and the next half of the spring term (only 6 weeks!) and also...some warmer weather!

Have a lovely half term holiday.

Jarryd Fouché and Grace Hellier, Head Boy and Head Girl

bookreview

The Forbidden Sea

Author: Sheila A Nelson

Genre: Fantasy and Adventure

This book is set by the seaside. A girl named Adrienne has turned from a rich girl to a poor pauper after her father's untimely death. One day, her sister Cecily goes missing and during her search for her, Adrienne is hypnotised by a mermaid. The mermaid grabs her wrist and inflicts upon her the mermaid's mark.

It is a well-known legend in Adrienne's town that those who bear the mermaid's mark shall be cursed forever. So, in desperation,

Adrienne goes to a fortune teller. However, instead of helping Adrienne, the fortune teller spreads a rumour about her and upon hearing of the mermaid's mark everyone ignores her, even her evil aunt who never loses an opportunity to taunt her.

Eventually, the mermaid reveals herself and lures Adrienne into her 'realm'. Adrienne must do a favour for the mermaid people, yet she does not want to do it. The mermaid brews up a storm, nearly drowning Adrienne in the process.

Read the book to find out whether Adrienne's story ends happily ever after.

This is a good book for spurring imagination and is very inventive.

Millie Tytherleigh 7H



THE FRIENDS OF NOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL

FISH & CHIP SUPPER QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8 March 2014

7pm for a 7.30pm start

£8.50 per head (incl. Fish & Chips)

Maximum of 8 people per table/team

Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis

For tickets please contact

TheChair@FoNHS.info

missrouzeonweather

To put things into perspective.....

You thought the beginning of the year, the return from the Christmas holidays was hard? You did not want to start studying again and wanted to stay in bed on the 6 January?

We can all understand that, Christmas was a nice term and everybody could have wished for a week more without having a guilty conscience. But some students might have wanted to be able to go to school. It is possible to quote the ones who live in the Reunion, a French overseas department. Indeed, the Prime Minister of this island situated in the Indian Ocean announced a "natural catastrophe" on his land, because of Bejisa, the cyclone that came in January. Sixteen out of twenty-four towns are touched.



Also, in Brittany, floods took place in Quimperlé, a village in the south of the Finistère. On 5 January, there was still 15 cm of water above the normal level of the river, but before that, it was between 3 and 4 meters!

Don't you think you are lucky now to be able to go to school? You should, because it means there was no cyclone, nor overflowing rivers. No dead people.

But English people have not escaped either from this bad weather. Indeed, heavy rain has swept across parts of the UK, including recently flooded areas in southern England, with forecasters warning of ice overnight.

Nevertheless, we are lucky in a way compared to Americans. In fact, they experienced temperatures below freezing in all 50 states (even Florida, a state that normally basks in its reputation as a warm winter escape), due to a polar vortex. A meteorologist **even** demonstrated in Viroqua, Wisconsin, it was -21F and -51F when you take into account the wind chill!

We can easily understand that they ask for nicer weather, a sunnier weather, but maybe not as well as Australia. In Australia, it is the opposite situation. The temperature is so hot that hundreds of bats are falling from the trees; kangaroos are dying in the desert. We would probably do the same under 46,1°C...

So what is wrong with the weather? What, if anything, is behind these events? Are they acts of God, cycles of nature, or mistakes of man?

The last 20 years have produced many more severe weather events than any other period since record-keeping began in 1880. A common sceptic argument is that climate has changed naturally in the past, long before SUVs and coal-fired power plants, so therefore humans cannot be causing global warming now. Interestingly, the peer-reviewed research into past climate change comes to the opposite conclusion. To understand this, first you have to ask why climate has changed in the past. It doesn't happen by magic. Climate changes when it's forced to change. Thus, it could be caused by global warming which in turn is caused by the unchecked release of large amounts of fossilized carbon into the atmosphere with the burning, by humans, of fossil fuels. So, it is caused by all of us, our decisions or the absence of decisions towards good environment practices. But, as the weather, everything can always change...

Miss L Rouze, Foreign Language Assistant

year9warhorsetrip

photos by Miss Smith



On Thursday 6 February, Year 9 students had the opportunity to watch a performance of 'War Horse' at the New London Theatre in London. We were also accompanied by some Year 10 and Year 11 students. Unfortunately the weather was not very nice, but we did not let this dampen our spirits. Students were also treated to a bottle of drink and some chocolates to enjoy the show. Our seats were

great and we were very close to the stage. The performance itself was thoroughly enjoyable, even though the gun shots made lots of the students jump. As always, the behaviour of the students was impeccable. Many thanks to you all for an enjoyable evening.

Miss H Smith, Year Leader - Year 9



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/carer 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.



socialmediainlinks

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

Twitter:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley High School PE Department
- Notley High School English Department

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



PARENTS/CARERS

HELPLINE

01376 332193

Wednesday 9.30 am – 11 am - School term time only

Jan Preston

**Home School Family Worker will be available to answer
your call to support you and offer advice**

**Lunchtime Drop-in Session with Jan Preston and School
Nurse Cheryl Gerrard**

Wednesday lunchtimes in G23

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.



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Drop Everything and Read Notley High School!

On Friday 13th September 2013, all of the students and staff at Notley High School paused for fifteen minutes to read silently as part of the school's new reading initiative.

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Walking Away from Staff

We are proud of the behaviour of our students at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, the vast majority of whom are helpful, co-operative individuals, keen to work productively with the teaching and support staff of the school. We encourage an atmosphere of mutual respect in which students can achieve their full potential.

Unfortunately, in recent weeks, we have seen a growing number of incidents in which a small number of students have been defiant, and have walked away from staff when being spoken to, simply because they do not wish to listen to what is being said. Not only is this incredibly rude, it also presents a health and safety risk if students reject the authority of those in the school who are responsible for them, namely the staff, and feel that they can ignore instructions or do as they choose.

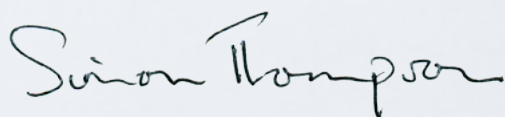
In order to tackle this issue, we are introducing a new approach from Monday 20 January 2014. Every student will begin with a clean slate, but sanctions will then be incurred as follows:-

- First incident of walking away from a member of staff – same day detention, incident discussed with Year Leader, strategies for avoiding a repeat will be suggested.
- Second incident of walking away from a member of staff – one day internal exclusion, incident discussed with Assistant Headteacher linked to year group, possibility of additional monitoring (report card, etc.).
- Third incident of walking away from a member of staff – one day fixed term exclusion, parents/carers invited to attend a re-admission meeting with senior staff to discuss future expectations.
- Further incidents – increasing level of sanction, involvement of governors/external agencies, future in school to be considered.

We have shared this new strategy with staff, and have made it clear that **students must be spoken to calmly and respectfully** to give them every opportunity to make the right choice without confrontation.

If a student begins to walk away, the member of staff will issue a clear warning that a sanction will be given unless the student comes back. If the student then continues to walk away, the matter will be referred to the Student Services team and the appropriate consequence will follow. Please note that this applies to **all staff**, not just teachers and not just senior leaders, but **everyone** employed by the school, including LSAs, Student Services, administrative staff, cleaners and technicians.

We really hope that this will help to re-establish boundaries for the benefit of all and we welcome parents'/carers' support in reinforcing the expectation that all our young people will seek to develop positive relationships with staff.



Simon Thompson, Headteacher

sixthformnews

Theory of Knowledge at the Science Museum



photos by Ms C Everitt

On Friday 10 January a group of 25 International Baccalaureate students visited the Science Museum, London. The students spent the day looking at the huge variety of exhibits, including a temporary exhibition on the Nervous System which detailed an on-going project across the EU that is researching neural pathways. Year 13 students

sought out quirky examples in which to base their Theory of Knowledge presentations on and Year 12 students looked for examples of grand jumps in knowledge and conflicting opinion in the acquiring of knowledge.

Ms C Everitt, Subject Leader - Social Sciences



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"Working together, achieving together"





New Holland Tractor Plant

On Thursday 16 January a group of 35 AS and A2 Business Studies and Economics students visited the New Holland Tractor Plant in Basildon, Essex. This had been arranged for the students to see a production plant in full operation, and to be able to 'bring to life' aspects of their courses. Students were split into three groups and after an introductory presentation giving the history of the company, and other interesting economic facts, we were taken on a tour, where every aspect of production was observed and explained. After this the group were given a free lunch in the works canteen, followed by the opportunity to visit the company showrooms, where models of tractors produced were available to see and sit in. There was also a simulator where students were able to see if they had the necessary skills to use a tractor in the field.

Ms J Usher-Letch, Business & Economics Teacher



"Working together, achieving together"



term dates



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2014-2015

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= Schooldays / Weekends

= School holidays

= Bank holidays

Please note that Monday 1 September 2014 is a non-pupil day. In addition, we will allocate three non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, and the equivalent of one school day in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:

Monday 1 September 2014 – Friday 19 December 2014
Half Term 27 October – 31 October

75 days

Spring Term:

Monday 5 January 2015 – Friday 27 March 2015
Half Term 16- 20 February

55 days

Summer Term:

Monday 13 April 2015 – Friday 17 July 2015
Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday, 4 May

64 days

194 days

schoolpolicy

Vapour Cigarettes

Parents/carers, please note that vapour cigarettes are not permitted in school.

Students caught with vapour cigarettes will receive the same sanctions as for those students caught smoking.

First offence: *school detention*

Second offence in a short period of time:
a week of lunchtime detentions

Third offence in a short period of time:
fixed term exclusion



fonhsfuture

The Future of Friends of Notley High School

The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary of the Friends of Notley High School have all recently announced their intention to stand down as officers of the committee at the end of this academic year. Having served 15 years between them they feel that it is the right time to stand aside and let others, with new ideas and enthusiasm, take over the reins. Unfortunately there is no one amongst current members who feels able to take this on.

Over the past 5 years the 'Friends' have donated funds totalling almost £20,000 that have been used to provide a whole variety of resources across the school. As an example at our last meeting we agreed to fund over £1000 for the cost of a defibrillator. Not only is it rewarding to be able to raise money that supports our children's education, it is also a valuable way to become more closely involved in the school.

We would urge you to give some serious thought as to whether this is something you could do. It would be a great shame if the 'Friends' has to fold, but it cannot continue without officers. If anybody wants to know more about what is involved in any of the roles please contact the Chair at TheChair@FoNHS.info or come along to our next meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30 April in the library. Please be assured that this is not something that needs to take up a lot of your time, and there is a group of people already involved who are willing to continue to offer their time in support.

If no one is prepared to take on these roles we will, at our next meeting, set a date for an extraordinary general meeting to formally close down the 'Friends'.

The Friends of Notley High School



puzzlepageanswer

The answer to last issue's wordsearch was the word "Empire". Well done to Edward Leggett in 8Y who wins a £10 Love2shop voucher. Mrs Wallace will be in touch to award your prize!

spellingbee

For the third year in a row, the school is taking part in the National Foreign Language Spelling Bee Competition. Students are asked to learn a list of words in the foreign language (Spanish or French at Notley) and to spell each word using the foreign alphabet. During the 60 second round, students need to spell as many words correctly as possible.

All students have taken part in the class round of the competition with the strongest competitors being chosen to move on to the next round. The second round took place on Monday 10 February. All competitors worked really hard and we now have 4 winners going on to the regional round on Monday 31 March at Comberton Village School in Cambridgeshire.

Miss M Rabhi, Languages Teacher



Bonjour/Hola

In Year 7 all the students took part in a language competition. The students had to choose between the languages French and Spanish, or they could choose both. The competition was about extending your vocabulary and understanding different languages. Each child was given 50 words of the language they chose; they each had to learn the pronunciation and spelling of the words. When the competition came they had a minute to say and spell as many words as they could. Once the round was over they counted up all the points and the two students with the most points got to go through to the next round.

As a competitor myself, I wanted to push myself in French and Spanish. I found various ways that I managed to learn and pick up the spelling and pronunciation of the words. Some of the ways I improved my learning was to pick a word off the list and then keep saying and spelling it until I got it drummed into my head. Eventually, it worked and I got faster instead of saying it whilst pausing between each letter. Another way was practicing each night even if it was only for 10 to 15 minutes a night.

To start off with I was feeling nervous and worried. I thought I wouldn't have been able to learn 50 words and their spelling (for both languages!) in a short amount of time, so I got stressed and worked up. However, when the day of the competition came my

extreme nervousness disappeared when it was my turn. I felt proud and confident because I had worked so hard and I had a lot of people who believed in me, which helped a great amount.

During the competition there were a lot of things I enjoyed and why I wanted to compete in both languages. One of the reasons why I chose both was to extend my learning and understanding of them and be able to speak them more fluently. Also, I enjoyed speaking both French and Spanish as I love languages! I love to challenge myself and no matter how far I progress through each language I am proud in knowing I worked hard and achieved a lot.

The successful students have now reached the regional competition to be held in Cambridgeshire next month. We hope to progress onto the final to win the National Cup for the school. Whilst I didn't quite make it to the regional level in Spanish I am one of the proud ones to be representing the school in the regional French competition. I will be pushing myself and working hard to achieve more points to hopefully progress to the National Cup. The team, Emma Root, Jacob Riley, Chloe Eagleton and I, will be trying our best to bring home the trophy for the school.

Au revoir/Adiós

Abby Bathurst (7Y)

photocompetition



Above is an entry for the competition by Jake Murray (10H) - a fantastic view of Frinton. Great light, excellent composition. Nice work Jake!

© Jake Murray



In it to win it!

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Closing date: 14 March 2014

The winners will be announced in Issue 4 so what are you waiting for?

The competition is open to all current students of Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

Terms and conditions are available at <http://www.notleyhigh.com/photocompetition>

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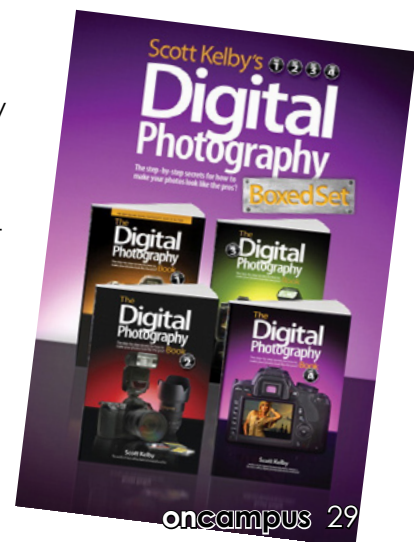
This is an amazing course that will really bring out the best in your photography. Subjects covered include getting confident with your camera, camera set-up shooting modes, ISO, image size and a whole lot more. Get additional information at : <http://www.excelphotographytraining.co.uk>

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Peter Antoniou

Psychic Magician: Comedium

at Braintree Arts Theatre on
Saturday 10 May 2014



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Oscar Wilde's Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

Friday 28 February, 7.30pm

"Murder is always a mistake: One should never do anything one cannot talk about after dinner..."

A gripping tale of love, honour, duty, fortune-telling and murder! Lord Arthur takes his marriage vows extremely seriously, but when he has his fortune told just weeks before the wedding his destiny simply cannot be ignored...

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Dare you spend time in the company of Lord Arthur Savile?

**** 'Martin Harris's script, written for just two characters, has wisely kept many of Wilde's unforgettable lines. The result is a hilariously funny black comedy... A cracking production of a witty play, which brings pace and energy to the piece.' – What's On Stage

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**** 'The whole thing works like a dream'. – What's On Stage

**** 'This was a rich, delicious, glorious evening.' – Latest 7

Tickets: £10, £8 conc.





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Kidnapped

Adapted by Ivan Wilkinson from the book by Robert Louis Stevenson

at Braintree Arts Theatre on Tuesday 18 February 2014



Half Term Treat!

"If life were easy, where would all the adventures be...?"

An adventure tale for all the family, Kidnapped tells the story of Davie Balfour as he survives shipwreck and murder to dramatically escape to the Highlands of Scotland.

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