

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's Magazine

oncampus

Issue 19

December 2016



Battlefields of Ypres

Heads of House Interview

Operation Christmas Child

Iceland Trip 2016

Cancer Awareness

Focus on: The Library

Military Careers

...and much, much more

Olly Comes Back to School

Star Kickstarts Children in Need at Notley

★★★★★
"A COOL
KNOWINGNESS
THAT IS
SPOT-ON
TODAY"
THE GUARDIAN

Joe STILGOE

★★★★★
"SHEER JOY"
THE SCOTSMAN
★★★★★
"DAPPER,
HANDSOME AND
QUICK WITTED"
THE TIMES

SONGS ON FILM

Saturday 4 February

8pm

£20 all tickets



After two sell out years at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the internationally acclaimed singer, pianist and entertainer Joe Stilgoe finally takes his smash hit show on tour. SONGS ON FILM pays tribute to much loved movies as Joe raids his own collection and adds his own original and stylish orchestrations to some of the most memorable moments in cinematic history.

braintree
artstheatre

www.braintreeartstheatre.com

contents

Headlines	3
Battlefields of Ypres	4
Head Boy and Head Girl Report	7
Interview with Heads of House ...	8
Back to School for Olly... 12	
Braintree Careers Fair	16
Theory of Knowledge.....	17
Operation Christmas Child	18
Respect Project Year 9	19
Iceland Trip 2016	20
Key Stage 3 and 4 Presentations.....	24
Psychology Careers	26
John Ray Science Prize	27
Cancer Awareness.....	28
Jack Petchey Awards.....	30
NCS Presentation / Law at Emmanuel .	32
Stand Up to Cancer.....	33
Extra-curricular Clubs.....	34
Surviving the Teenage Years / MEITT Information Evening.....	36
Student Ambassadors	37
Focus on: The Library.....	38
Sixth Form Destinations	40
Notice Board	42
Christmas Tea Party / House Points	43
Parent View and Social Media	44
Website.....	45
Term Dates	46
Emmanuel College	47
Military Careers.....	48
Speak Out Challenge	49
Year 12 Enterprise Fair.....	50
Mental Health Training	51
Braintree Arts Theatre	53



Except where individually credited, all photography is by Notley staff photographers: Chris Rowe and Catherine Reeves

CYBER BULLYING



Print Screen the
evidence



Don't Retaliate



Block and report
the person



Speak to someone
you trust about it

headlines

Welcome to the first issue of oncampus for this academic year.

As you will see in the remainder of this edition there has once again been an enormous amount of school-based and extra-curricular activity, providing opportunities for every student who wishes to, to be involved in our community more deeply. These activities also help to broaden and develop other aspects of our students' character and personalities than the strictly academic, and is a large part of our efforts to make Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form a place everybody is happy to attend every day.

This term has seen the implementation of Vertical Tutoring, and I am delighted by how well it has been launched. Our first academic tutorials have taken place, for Year 11 and Year 9 students, and the feedback to date has been very encouraging. Later in the year, after all of the academic tutorials have taken place, we will be asking you to provide us with some more formal feedback, so that we can continue to improve everybody's experience of the process.

I have also enjoyed meeting the Year 11 students for an individual discussion about their potential, current attainment and ambitions. At the time of writing I have seen about 80% of them, and I hope they have shared with you the information I have given them, and what their peers of similar ability have achieved in the past.

It only remains for me to wish you a very merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous 2017.

Mr D Conway, Headteacher

Staff Changes

The following staff have left us this 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.

Mrs Burge left us to start her maternity leave

Miss Cleary supported the Modern Foreign Languages, Music and Drama Departments.

Mrs Ferady retired having supported the school for 23 years in various administrative roles including Headteacher's PA and Clerk to the Governors.

Mrs Graysmark-Allen left us to take up a new post at Helena Romanes school.

Miss Maki supported the Science Department.

Mr Musson left us to return to full time education.

Miss Rabhi left us to start her maternity leave.



David Conway, Headteacher

Ms Swan, Learning Support Assistant.

Ms Newell, Senior Science Technician retired at the end of term after 14 years' service to the school.

Miss Pacheco left us to begin a new role at Colchester Sixth Form

Ms Phillips, Braintree Sixth Form

Mr Rust, D&T Technician retired at the end of term after supporting the faculty for 8 years.

Mr Reeve, PE Teacher left to take up a new role.

Mrs Preston, our Home/School Family Worker, leaves us at the end of term. We would like to thank her for the excellent work that she has done with our students over the years.

New Staff

We welcome the following new staff, who have joined us since September:-

Mrs Ames, Invigilator

Miss Ashdown, Learning Mentor

Mrs Baker, Curriculum Support

Miss Carton, Cleaner

Mrs Clarke, Invigilator

Mrs Ely, Senior Leadership Team Assistant

Miss Gamini Martin, Foreign Languages Assistant

Ms Gedge, Catering Assistant

Mrs Haight, Lead Learning Mentor

Mr Highmoor, Learning Mentor

Mrs Holden, Learning Mentor

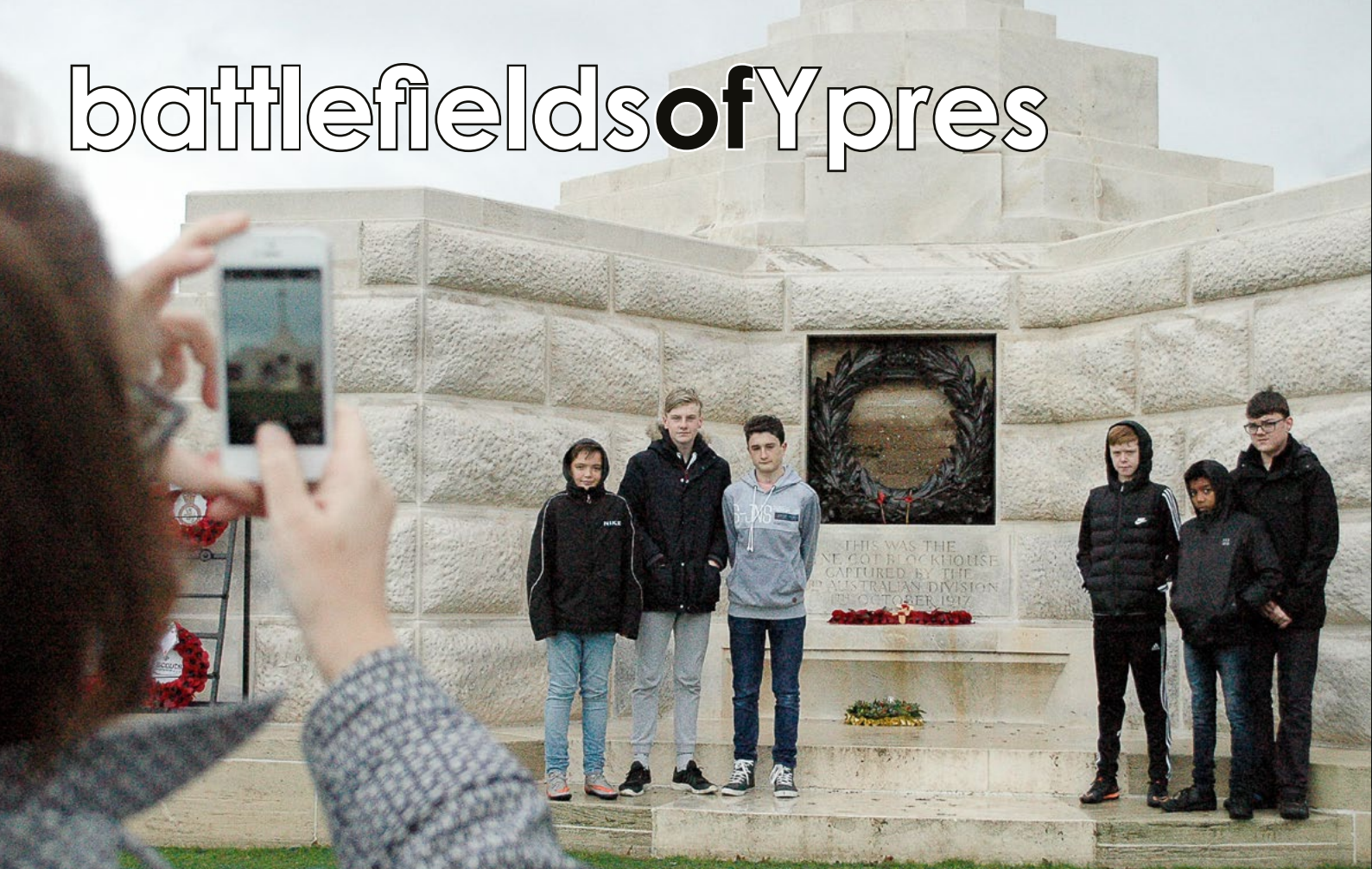
Mr Kenny, Trainee teacher

Mrs Thompson, Cleaner

Mr Vickery, Caretaker

Miss Zala, Foreign Languages Assistant

battlefields of Ypres



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2016/battlefields-of-belgium-2017>

It was on a cold and dark morning at 3.30am on 18 November 2016 that 67 Year 9 students and 6 members of staff once again boarded a coach for the annual history department Battlefields trip to Ypres in Belgium.

The journey was very pleasant in our nice, comfortable, luxury double decker coach, something which hopefully made some students contrast with the experience of a WW1 soldier, although the train journey in the tunnel "under the sea" failed to produce the anticipated sightings of Dory, Nemo and mermaids etc.

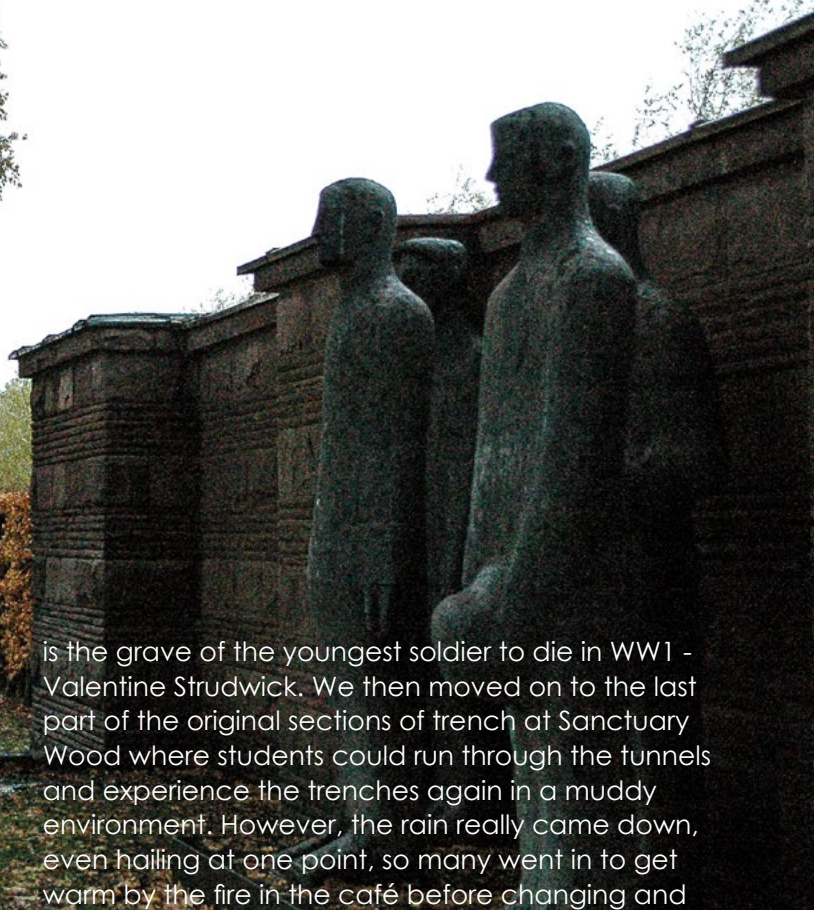
Unfortunately, as soon as we arrived in Calais, the weather was not hopeful, dark skies and lots of water already in the fields. This awful wet weather, whilst slightly uncomfortable for us, brought home the realities of what WW1 soldiers went through in the trenches. We had the luxury of getting on a nice warm coach every so often and ultimately going home at the end of the day whereas many men obviously never got that chance. Hopefully, despite the inconvenience the weather brought, this may have had a positive effect on some students making them more aware of the hardships soldiers suffered.





Mrs Wager gave us some very informative guiding throughout the day which greatly enhanced the experience for many students. Our first stop was at the Passchendaele Museum with its amazing array of WW1 artefacts and brilliantly reconstructed section of trenches. We then moved on to Tyne Cot the largest Commonwealth War Cemetery. Here, for a brief moment, the rain stopped and a little bit of blue sky appeared. Students looked around the cemetery at their own pace and we gathered together for a reading of the Laurence Binyon poem "For the Fallen" read by Grace Laws. Then two students, Hannah Humm and Saskia Bowler, laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Unfortunately it was not long before the rain came again.

We moved onto Langemark the German WW1 cemetery and also had a quick optional stop at Essex Farm Cemetery where the "In Flanders Field" poem was written by John McCrae and where there



is the grave of the youngest soldier to die in WW1 - Valentine Strudwick. We then moved on to the last part of the original sections of trench at Sanctuary Wood where students could run through the tunnels and experience the trenches again in a muddy environment. However, the rain really came down, even hailing at one point, so many went in to get warm by the fire in the café before changing and getting on the coach.

Our last stop was in the town of Ypres where we saw the Menin gate before experiencing the array of goodies on sale in the chocolate shops. After a very wet and cold day the students returned home hopefully having reflected on how fortunate they are due to others' sacrifices.

Miss F Duncan
History Teacher



SEXUAL ORIENTATION FAITH
AT WORK HATE CRIME ETHNICITY
SAME-SEX MARRIAGE HOUSING
LGBT ASYLUM HEALTHCARE
TRANS LESBIAN BI GAY
GENDER IDENTITY HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING

QUESTIONS?

SEXUAL HEALTH IMMIGRATION
MENTAL HEALTH DISCRIMINATION
ISSUES AT SCHOOL PARENTING
EQUALITY ACT FERTILITY TREATMENT
PARENTS WITH LGBT KIDS
YOUNG TRANS COMMUNITY GROUPS
CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS GENDER RECOGNITION

Contact Stonewall's Information Service with your questions on any issue affecting lesbian, gay, bi and trans people.

08000 50 20 20 info@stonewall.org.uk

@StonewallUKinfo www.stonewall.org.uk/info



Stonewall

Acceptance without exception

headboyheadgirlreport

This last term at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form has been packed full of events and trips as well as new students to the school settling in.

Our Year 10 students have begun the process of starting their GCSE courses and they are very settled in their new classes and are doing well.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate everyone for settling in to the new school year exceptionally well. Our Year 7 students have made a great start to secondary school and will no doubt continue their success throughout the whole year. Year 8 students have also continued to excel as they start their second year of high school. Year 9 students have a very busy year ahead of them as they start to choose their GCSE options next term and begin to plan their futures. Twelve Year 9 students were selected by Miss Stanley to participate in this year's Respect Project which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all involved.

We would also like to congratulate Shannon Raymond for her Jack Petchey award. She was nominated for this by one of her teachers for being a caring and conscientious student. Shannon spent her prize money on a charity bake sale to raise money for Children in Need. Well done Shannon!

A handful of Year 10 and 11 students, including a number of prefects, had the opportunity to attend a workshop on 'surviving the teenage years' where students explored topical issues and challenges faced by many teenagers and enjoyed a short performance; this trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and will help those involved to support other students.

Year 11 students have been very busy this term settling back into their final year of GCSEs and are already having to make decisions about their futures. In their PDT lessons they have been learning about important things such as potential sixth form or college courses. To help with this decision, Braintree Sixth Form held its Open Evening on 9 November 2016 which was very informative and gave students a chance to have a proper look at the sixth form.

Also this term many of our students have been involved in supporting Operation Christmas Child by filling up shoe boxes with Christmas gifts to give to children in desperate situations around the globe. All tutor groups put together as many as they could and together we smashed our target of 100 boxes collecting in total 149! A group of students were also delighted with a surprise visit from ex-student Olly Murs who launched this year's Children in Need event. Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form is in the top



200 schools for raising money for Children in Need and we reached in excess of our target of £3000 raising £3028.08 this year.

Students currently in Years 8 - 10 have been presented with awards for their achievements and excellence in Key Stage 3 during the academic year 2015-16. The awards collected ranged from excellent academic achievement to positive attitude to learning and included several specialist awards. Congratulations to all who won awards.

In October, 45 students from Years 9 - 11 took part in a very enjoyable trip to Iceland. It was a great success and was an experience none of the students will forget. The copious amounts of rain will also not be forgotten! From climbing volcanoes to swimming in the blue lagoon, the trip was outstanding. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Miss Wilcox for organising the trip.

Year 9 students recently participated in a trip to Belgium after learning about World War I. After going on the trip ourselves, we can say it was a brilliant, eye opening and thought provoking trip and we hope the Year 9 students enjoyed it. No doubt they also enjoyed the chocolate shop in Ypres!

Overall, this term has been extremely successful and I hope all students continue their hard work and excellence throughout the rest of the academic year.

To summarise this term, with our Year 7 students settling in and Year 10 students adjusting to the life of a GCSE student, we have done amazing things for charity as a school and will continue to do so into the New Year. We wish all of you a very merry Christmas.

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

introducing our heads of house

There has been a major change to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form this year, with the introduction of vertical tutoring and a new structure of Houses for Years 7 - 11, led by Heads of House Mrs Forster (Turing), Miss West (Cavell), Mr Newman (Parks), Miss Stanley (Franklin) and Miss Murdoch (Winton).

The senior students took the opportunity this term to speak to the Heads of House to find out more about each of them and see how they perceive the changes and their new roles.

Interviewers: James Knock, Hannah Bilboe, Edward Leggett, Megan Grimwood

If you were a fictional character, which fictional character would you be and why?

Miss Stanley: I think I would be Minnie Mouse because she has a nice relationship with Mickey mouse; she is quite calm, she copes well under pressure and she is cute.

Mrs Forster: I think I would be Jon Snow from Game of Thrones.

Miss Murdoch: At times I think I can be quite dopey(!), so I may be like Dory from Finding Nemo.

Miss West: I think I would be Frank Abagnale from Catch Me If You Can because he is good at faking it until he makes it!

Mr Newman: Simba from The Lion King because when he has challenges, he comes back stronger.

What is the difference between being a Year Leader and a Head of House?

Miss Stanley: The main difference is being responsible for all year groups. I was used to having just one year group and it is good being able to go back and meet Year 7s. The main difference is working with Year 11s which I would have had to wait 2 more years for and also working with a wider range of people as there are many more tutors and tutor groups.

Mrs Forster: A big difference for me is being involved with all year groups' events, such as being at all of the open evenings, KS4 courses, GCSEs and so on.

There is also a lot more team work with the other Heads of House and there is a lot more consistency as we all discuss things with each other.





Miss Murdoch: Being a Year Leader meant we were responsible for one whole year group; we now have responsibility for a mix of age ranges (about 50 from each year group). We have responsibility for academic progress as well as pastoral issues and student wellbeing (the same as a Year Leader). We are working very closely with a larger team of tutors.

Mr Newman: As a Head of House I am working in an office with other people so feel more of a team. It is great to work with students from all year groups rather than just one year group.

What made you want to be a Head of House?

Miss West: I like to help students when they have problems, not just in languages, which is my subject. I like to make sure that they are happy. By being a Head of House I can help make sure that every student achieves this and that is why I applied for the position.

What are you or were you most looking forward to doing as a Head of House?

Miss Stanley: Getting to know more students in each of the year groups. I would have had to wait another two years to have that sense of pride at Prom and on results day but now I get to do it every year.

Mrs Forster: I am mostly looking forward to seeing every student excel, especially Year 11. There are now only 50 Year 11 students per house with 26 tutors and co-tutors to help push these students to do their very best.

Miss West: I am mostly looking forward to seeing how the school is different now we are in vertical tutoring.

Miss Murdoch: I am really enjoying getting to know a number of different students. As a PE teacher, I am really looking forward to the inter-house sport competitions. It has been great to see the students

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 





from different years mix and socialise together as well as looking out for each other and looking after each other.

Mr Newman: To working in a team as Heads of House – and making a difference to the future for a variety of students. No two days are the same and I really enjoy the variety.

What do you think the biggest challenge of the new role will be?

Miss Murdoch: The biggest challenge at the moment is getting to know all the students within Winton. I had been the Year Leader for current Year 11 students since they started in September 2012 and so knew all the students really well.

Miss Stanley: Knowing what is happening in every year group is going to be a challenge, as well as having an idea of any issues that are affecting a certain year group.

Mrs Forster: I think being able to let go of students we have had a lot of interaction with and leaving them with their new Head of House could be a challenge at first.

Miss West: I think my biggest challenge will be getting to know all the members of my house quickly. I think the better I know students, the more I can help, so I am keen to get to know them quickly.

What do you do in your spare time when you are not at school?

Miss Murdoch: I have always been a keen runner and take part in various running events throughout the year. Most recently I ran the London Zoo Stampede and did a 'mud run' during half term. I ran the London Marathon but now tend to stick to half marathons and 10k events.

Miss Stanley: I enjoy going away. In October half term I went to Budapest. During my weekdays, I am often very busy so at weekends I enjoy socialising with my friends and family and have a break to relax. I enjoy watching television shows in the evenings, especially The Great British Bake Off.

Mrs Forster: I like to do Rubik cubes. I also like to go away. In the half term, I went away with my family to a country hotel and had golf lessons. I enjoy swimming during the week to relax and keep fit. Family is also very important to me and I like spending time with my children.

Miss West: I like to go to the gym during the week. I like to focus on something to relax after a busy day at work. At weekends, I like to socialise with my friends and sometimes go for nice walks with my parents' dog.

Mr Newman: When not at work I am a football referee and assistant referee for non-league football. I also coach my son's rugby team (under 10s) and spend time with my wife and our children.

backtoschoolforolly

We were pleased to be contacted by BBC Children in Need earlier this term to congratulate us on being in the top 200 schools in the UK for raising money for the charity last year. They asked whether we would be happy to be included in any media coverage of the event this year, and when we agreed we expected to possibly send in a report and photos of our fundraising activities this year. Little did we know that the BBC Children in Need team had much grander plans!

We were contacted at the end of October to ask us if we would host a Spotacular launch event at the school to include a guest appearance from Olly Murs, who was keen to return to the school he attended. Obviously we said that we would be delighted for this to happen and so the date was set for Monday 7 November 2016.



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2016/olly-murs-for-children-in-need>





We selected students according to achievement and attendance and, for Year 11 and sixth form students, positions of responsibility and contributions to the school community. The criteria for selection was 35+ conduct points (achievement points minus any behaviour points) and then 97%+ attendance for the first half term. The parents and carers of these 201 students were sent letters and invited to a Children In Need event, but the star of the show had to be kept under wraps.

On Monday morning, students arrived at the theatre with their tickets in time for a 9am start with a good number wearing spotty outfits and Pudsey attire to celebrate the occasion. Once the theatre was full Mrs Kelly welcomed the students and congratulated them on their fundraising last year and revealed that there was actually a special guest performance, teasing students with the detail that he used to attend the school and (the dead giveaway) that he has performed at the school once before, when he arrived by helicopter with Simon Cowell as a then X-Factor contestant.





The curtains were pulled back to reveal Olly and his band as Mrs Kelly introduced him to a stunned theatre who were amazed and delighted to be treated to an acoustic performance of Olly's latest single, Grow Up. Olly then selected the students with the best costumes and attire for photographs with him for the BBC Children in Need 2016 launch campaign.

His final request was a walk around school, without cameras. He spent about 20 minutes walking around with Mrs Kelly and his team and later tweeted and posted on Instagram about how great it was to take a trip down memory lane at his old school.

It was a wonderful event and the students who were lucky enough to be selected to see his performance will, no doubt, remember the experience for a long time to come.

A Year 9 student, Shannon Raymond W3, was nominated for the Jack Petchey award earlier this term for being a caring and conscientious student. Shannon chose to spend her award money on cakes and sweets to be sold at break and lunch times during the week commencing Monday 14 November, with all monies going directly to Children in Need.

Stop Press!
We are delighted to announce that we raised in excess of our pledge in reaching a grand total of **£3,028.08** for this worthwhile cause. Many thanks to all who contributed.

braintreecareersfair

On Thursday 22 September 2016, Braintree Sixth Form had the chance to attend Braintree Careers Fair to advertise our establishment. Four students attended: Scarlett Perrin, Lauren Fisher, Ellie Pugh and Matt Thomas. Our students were excellent ambassadors for the day and were able to provide students from four local schools information on the courses we have on offer. It was a pleasure to meet students from Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, Tabor Academy, Alec Hunter Humanities College and Heddingham School.

All Year 11 students enjoyed the opportunity to attend the careers fair. Students were able to meet with representatives in an informal setting to gather information from both further education centres; including sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships; and employers such as the NHS, the army, the Royal Navy and McDonalds.

Students were able to walk around two barns, finding out more information to help them plan towards their future pathways. Information gathered during this event will be followed up in PDT lessons to ensure all students are fully prepared for their post-16 options. More information can be found on the PDT display board in the corridor.



Kieran Castle – “It gave a range of different ideas about job opportunities to people that don't know what they want to do.”



Ethan Mercer – “The careers fair was good because it opened up my mind on what I could do in the future, after I leave school.”



What is “Theory of Knowledge”?

Theory of Knowledge aims to make students aware of the interpretative nature of knowledge, including personal ideological biases. It demonstrates the ways in which the student can apply their knowledge with greater awareness and credibility.

theory of knowledge (ToK)



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.braintreesixthform.com/photo-galleries/theory-of-knowledge-tok>

On Thursday 29 September, the first IB ToK (Theory of Knowledge) day of the year took place. This was the first opportunity for Year 12 and Year 13 IB students to meet and work together.

Mrs Cole and Mr Nitsche organised this event, the first of several similar days that will take place over the academic year. ToK is a key element of the International Baccalaureate programme. Hannah Bushen, Year 13, said ‘it has been really helpful for Year 12 students to see how the core element of the IB improves the student as a whole.’

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5



“Working together, achieving together”



operationchristmaschild



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2016/operation-christmas-child-2016>



The charitable reputation of our staff and students was on full display throughout November as we were busy collating gift-filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This initiative is run by Samaritan's Purse, and aims to bring hope to children in desperate situations around the world at Christmas time through shoeboxes packed with lots of wonderful gifts. To date, over 135 million shoe boxes have been distributed around the world.

We were keen to incorporate our new house system to boost the excitement around this project. Tutor groups in all 5 houses and students in Braintree Sixth Form were asked to collate as many shoe boxes as they could by Friday 18 November. The generous spirit of our staff and students saw as many as 6 shoe boxes donated by a single tutor group, with many students putting together their very own shoe boxes

to donate. The winning house was Cavell with an incredible 34 shoe boxes, and Braintree Sixth Form put together 10 wonderful boxes which contributed to our enormous total.

With a target of 100 to reach, we were astonished when a final total of 149 incredibly-filled shoe boxes was reached on the deadline day! Our always generous students and staff are a credit to our school, and we hope that our gifts will bring joy to children around the world this Christmas.

Miss A McLean
PE Teacher/Cavell 10 Tutor

respectprojectyear9



Twelve of our Year 9 students were selected by Miss Stanley to participate in this year's Respect Project which is voluntarily run by The Essex Boys & Girls Club in Chelmsford.

The project started in September and was run over two initial activity days held at Stubbers Activity Centre in Upminster; these two days are a bit like the X-Factor boot camp - if you do well on the first day, you are picked to go through to the second day! After the second activity day, four students were selected to further progress on the course and attended an eight week life skills course on a Monday evening; these sessions cover self-respect, personal challenges, relationship management, teamwork, leadership, communication skills and decision making.

The project culminated with a week away in the Peak District for those students who had demonstrated the necessary qualities after the life skills course finished.



Bobby Davis said, 'On the first day, we took part in water sports and rock climbing – it was really fun! Five of us were invited back to the second day where we tried tunnelling and crate-stacking.'

I am really happy that I was chosen for this project'

Jack Dawson said, 'On our first day at Stubbers we tried rafting, which was really fun and then rock climbing after lunch.'

The second day was the best and I had the most fun then because



I took part in tunnelling – this was the best activity.

I enjoyed taking part in many fun activities and was pleased to have been picked.'

icelandtrip2016

On 20 October 2016, 45 students travelled to Iceland for a once in a lifetime trip to explore the area surrounding Reykjavik to include the famous Golden Circle and south shore tours and also to visit the remote and desolate Reykjavik Peninsula. Here is a diary written by Jodh Basra and William Wells (both Year 11) of our Iceland adventure.



The Mid-Atlantic ridge



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2016/iceland-trip>

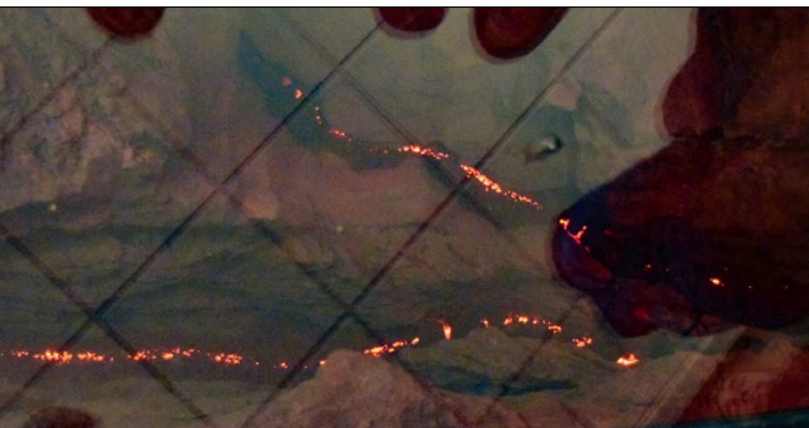


Day 1: We landed in Iceland and had a tour through Iceland from Keflavik to Reykjavik by coach before being checked into the hotel. This was followed by a walk around Reykjavik.

Day 2: We visited ON (Orka Náttúrunnar) Power Station for a geothermal exhibition and viewed a short film on geothermal power. This was then followed by an exploration of the Gullfoss waterfall, the largest waterfall in Europe. We then visited the Great Geyser and viewed the fissure between the American and Eurasian tectonic plates.

Day 3: We visited the Seljalandsfoss waterfall, and we were able to walk behind it as it was free of ice.

After this, we visited the Skógafoss waterfall and climbed to the top of a 200ft platform, a more frightening experience for some. The coach departed and we went to the foot of the Sólheimajökull glacier and to Reynishverfi beach, iconic for its black sand and mystical views. In the evening, we went to the Perlan centre, in the hope of seeing the northern lights, which sadly we did not see.





Day 4: We visited the Lake Kleifarvatn viewing point, followed by the Seltún geothermal area, known for its mud pots and bleached landscape. This was followed by a view of the Stora Elborg splatter cone, a form of volcano which we summited by scrambling to the top of. The final site was a visit to the Stampar volcanic fissure (another split between the tectonic plates) which is a popular tourist site. Finally, we went to the Skautahöllin ice skating rink, a most frightening experience for some.

Day 5: On this final day, we packed our bags and left the hotel. Our final destination was the Blue Lagoon, a hot spring spa resort, and the highlight of the trip for many. After, we went to Keflavic airport and departed for London Gatwick. Although the bus was extremely late, we all arrived home safely.

Jodh Basra and William Wells, Year 11



keystage3presentations

On Wednesday 19 October 2016 students from current Years 8 to 10 collected awards at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's annual Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening.

The evening was enjoyed by students, parents and staff alike in celebrating and recognising the achievements and excellence of Key Stage 3 students during the academic year 2015-16.

The prizes collected ranged from excellent academic achievement to positive attitude to learning and included the awarding of several specialist awards. Specialist awards were awarded to:-

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

Daniel Hawrylak - for excellence in Year 8 STEM;

Kirsty Neilson - for excellence in Year 9 STEM;

Vikesh Patel - The Maths Trophy;

Katy Finch - The Anne Howard Award for Lower School Humanities;

Amelia Linehan - The Janet Smart Memorial Award for excellence in English;

Hannah Humm - The Gaynor Adams Memorial Award for excellence in Languages;

Jack Barton - The John Ray Science Prize;

Rebecca Moore - The Award for Outstanding Achievement.

During the evening Mr Conway congratulated the recipients of awards for their consistent efforts and positive attitudes. The evening was also marked with musical performances from Amelia Parkes with a clarinet solo and Joshua Phillips with a guitar solo. Les Nicoll, of Essex Fire and Rescue Service and nominee for the 2016 Public Servant of the Year Award, presented the awards and spoke to the audience about the importance of charity and community work.

Many congratulations once again to all award winners.

Mrs C Wager
Assistant Headteacher - KS3





keystage4presentations

The Key Stage 4 Awards evening is a chance for us to celebrate the successes of students in their final GCSE examinations and in their first year of externally examined courses, and also to recognise students' achievements in many other aspects of school life. It was a pleasure to welcome back many of last year's Year 11, the 'Class of 2016' to the evening, as well as to see the efforts and achievements of the current Year 11 represented and rewarded. James Cleverly MP presented awards, prizes and GCSE certificates to students, and spoke entertainingly to the audience about the ways his own life has not always gone to plan, and the need for us all to be able to adapt and show resilience in the face of the unexpected.

Georgia Hawkins and Alex Deith both performed individually, demonstrating some of the huge musical talent within the school, and were rewarded with much appreciation from the audience. A number

of special awards were presented to individuals, perhaps most significantly this year the inaugural presentation of the Janet Turner Memorial Prize. Janet Turner was a longstanding governor of the school and the award is intended for a student who has contributed greatly to the school and the wider community. Verity Forster was presented with this award.

Mrs M Townsend, Assistant Headteacher - KS4



"Working together, achieving together"

psychology careers



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.braintree-sixth-form.com/photo-galleries/tuesday-watts-psychology-presentation>

On Thursday 1 December 2016, PhD student Tuesday Watts from the University of Essex visited Braintree Sixth Form to speak to psychology students.

During the hour presentation, Tuesday informed students of her psychology journey and the potential career paths that this degree choice can provide.

She explained the different aspects to the course as well as the demands and expectations.

Tuesday also discussed her own current research which was insightful and thought provoking.

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5



johnrayscienceprize



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.braintree-sixth-form.com/photo-galleries/hannah-cheong-john-ray-prize>

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form hosts the award of the John Ray Trust Science Prize 2016

Around 100 science students and staff from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 gathered last week to see Hannah Rhodes-Cheong, a student from the University of Cambridge, talk about the project which had won her the John Ray Trust Science Prize 2016 and to give an insight into her work and her time as a student at the University.

Hannah, a veterinary student in her fourth year of training, spoke about her work, carried out in the third year of her degree, involving research into some of the amazing properties of the protein collagen which makes up about 6% of the human body and acts to hold cells together in much the same way as cement does to bricks in a wall. Hannah worked with her supervisor to research why another protein, KGF, which is important in the production of collagen, seems to bind to collagen itself and may have implications in the effective delivery of certain cancer drugs. Her work found specific regions of the molecule that were responsible for this binding and this information may enable researchers in the future to alter the structure of drugs used in cancer treatment to make them more effective.



Hannah went on to talk about her time at university and gave some tips for why going to university to study science is a good idea; ideas ranging from 'it's great fun!' to 'science is an infinitely variable process'.

Students at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form had plenty of questions for Hannah and she was able to speak informally to students after the presentation to pass on advice about applying to university and about student life.

For further details, please contact Nick Vosper, Director of Science, Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form



The Testicle Tour

The Testicle Tour was created by best mates Darren Couchman and Richard Miller. Their aim is to raise awareness of testicular cancer in a funny, light hearted way.

www.thetesticletour.com

Love Your

NUTS

THE TESTICLE TOUR
Raising awareness of male cancer



cancerawareness

On Tuesday 18 October 2016 Year 13 students plodded in to the weekly year group meeting ready to hear yet another speech about motivation through our studies. However we were all greeted by a very friendly and inspirational man who was full of energy. Darren Couchman began delivering a presentation based on cancer awareness by introducing himself to a very grouchy and admittedly difficult audience.

However by the end of the assembly we were all wide awake, feeling very positive, educated and humoured to say the least. Darren did not only inform us all about the importance of cancer awareness and signs to look out for, but he somehow, amazingly managed to connect with and actually humour many high maintenance, grumpy teenagers, including myself. Darren delivered the presentation in such a comical way which definitely had Year 13s in hysterics.

At the end of Darren's presentation he told us about his personal experience of cancer. He made us realise that it is not those that we may deem stereotypically susceptible to develop cancer but that anyone could be faced with cancer. He emphasised that it can happen to anyone, including people just like himself. His inspiring story also taught

us all just how important it actually is to not ignore any symptoms you come across, and get them looked at. Proving that, cheesy or not, "it is better to be safe than sorry".

The assembly that Darren delivered was extremely informative, and undoubtedly the most I have ever learnt in a 20 minute year group assembly. I think all of Year 13 really appreciated the effort that Darren went to, to present such a useful and constructive presentation in such a short amount of time. Personally I feel that it is very important to raise awareness of cancer, as it is something that one of my very close friends has unfortunately had. I feel that Darren did an amazing job and delivered the presentation in a more than effective way.

Maisie Simmonds, Year 13



[View the Online Photo Gallery](http://www.braintreesixthform.com/photo-galleries/darren-couchman-cancer-presentation)

<http://www.braintreesixthform.com/photo-galleries/darren-couchman-cancer-presentation>



jackpetcheyawards

Shannon Raymond

Jack Petchey Winner October 2016

Shannon was nominated for the award by one of her teachers for being a caring and conscientious student.

Shannon is a young carer for her mother who suffers from a condition that will only get progressively worse.

She copes with this very well, particularly as she has had her own health issues to overcome throughout the last year; even if Shannon was taken to hospital by ambulance she would be ready to attend and try again the following morning and she tried really hard to not let this affect her attendance and progress in any way.

Shannon and her mother do have a support network of family and carers but live together just the two of them meaning that Shannon does lots to help her mother at home.

She is a real credit to both her family and the school.

**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!"

Madison Gilyatt

Jack Petchey Winner November 2016

Madison was nominated by her former Year Leader because of her attitude and determination to succeed during and subsequently following a particularly difficult time in her personal life.

Madison achieved great GCSE results, having coped with her studies as well as her exam revision. Despite a life changing event for her and her family, she still then participated with the National Citizenship Scheme giving her time to support others.

She has since been very determined to raise money for others and has decided to use her Jack Petchey grant to raise even more money for Farleigh Hospice.

Madison is a real credit to the school as well as her family and we are all very proud to have her with us still in the sixth form.





On Tuesday 27 September 2016, NCS (National Citizen Service) visited the Year 12 assembly. They had also visited the day before to speak to Year 13 students.

NCS offers students the chance to participate in a fantastic programme that provides students with a whole host of skills. Although Tuesday's assembly provided Year 12 students with further information as to how they can become involved, along with a stall in Café6 at lunchtime, it was also an exciting moment as we were awarded as an NCS school. This award was as a result of the huge number of last year's Year 11 students that participated in the programme over the summer. These students are now our Year 12 students so it was exciting to recognise their work and commitment over the summer.

Congratulations to all those that were involved and participated and we hope to see many more of our students grasp this opportunity.

ncspresentation



lawatemmanuelcollege

Over the course of two days in September, two of our Year 13 students had the exciting chance to attend a law school at Emmanuel College at University of Cambridge. Luana Sagripanti-Natel and Megan Lynch were successful in their application and spent two days exploring Cambridge and experiencing life as a law student. Students had lectures in European law, as well as constitutional law, followed by seminars.

Both girls found the experience very useful, especially as they are considering pursuing careers in law and at a time where they are completing their UCAS applications. Well done girls.

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.braintree-sixth-form.com/photo-galleries/stand-up-to-cancer-stall>

standuptocancer

Friday 21 October 2016 was Stand up to Cancer Day. The student council in Braintree Sixth Form decided that they would like to fundraise for this very worthwhile cause. Year 13 students organised a cake sale for break and lunchtime with staff and students alike providing Halloween themed cakes for the event. We also had badges on sale that had been provided by Darren Couchman who had delivered an assembly to Year 13 earlier in the same week. Students also had the chance to wear orange and black to fit the Halloween theme.

In total we raised £174. Thank you to all staff and students that either provided items or donated.

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5



“Working together, achieving together”

extra-curricular clubs

Extra-curricular clubs – Spring term 2017

Clubs running on a WEDNESDAY after school will run from 3.15pm- 4.20pm. Late buses will be provided leaving at 4.30pm. Please see school website for bus routes.

Club	Venue	Staff	Children's University
Roald Dahl Performance Rehearsals – all years	Drama Studio	Miss White	✓
First Lego League/Boat Building/ Woodworking Skills	G6/7	Mr Rose	
Year 11 Maths Revision Club*	G17	Mrs Forster	
Year 10 Spanish Club	F2	Miss West, Mr de Gea and Miss Gamini	
Year 11 ICT and Computing Controlled Assessment Support	IT3	Ms Homan-Smith	
GCSE Dance Club	Dance Studio	Mrs Segura	
Neutrino Club (Science Club) for next term	G26	Mr Vosper	

*see Mrs Forster for details please

Extra-curricular clubs running on other days:-

Club	Day/Time	Venue	Staff
Programming Club	Monday lunchtime	ICT1	Mr Ball
Maths Revision and Home Learning Club	Monday – Friday lunchtime	G45	Maths Staff
GCSE Dance Club	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime	Dance Studio	Mrs Segura
After School Club	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday after school	G29	Mrs Kay and Mrs Lewsey
Science Home Learning Support	Tuesday lunchtime	G24/IT2	Mr Riches
Textiles Club – Costume Design for School Production	Tuesday lunchtime (week B only)	G18	Mrs Roper
Textiles Club – Costume Design for School Production	Thursday lunchtime (week A only)	G18	Mrs Roper
Rubik's Cube Club	Thursday lunchtime	G17	Mrs Forster
3D Printing Club	Friday lunchtime	G6/7	Mr Rose
Year 8 – 11 Flag American Football	Friday after school	Fitness Centre	Mr Lloyd-Jones

Music Department Clubs – Spring term 2017

Day	Activity	Venue	Member of Staff
Monday	Senior Choir: Years 9 - 13	G2	Mrs Hanna
Tuesday	Wind Ensemble	G2	Miss Freeman
Wednesday	African Drummers	G2	Miss Freeman
	Vocal Group	G3	Miss Freeman
Thursday	Jazz Band	G2	Mrs Robb
Friday	Ukulele Club	G3	Mr Harris

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

PE Clubs - Spring term 2017

Day/Time	Activity	Year Group	Venue	Member/s of Staff
Monday after school	Netball	All years	Tennis Courts	Miss McLean
Monday after school	Boys Futsal	Years 8 & 9	Sports Hall	Mr Harrington
Monday after school	Badminton	All years	Fitness Centre	Mr Austen-Hardy
Monday after school	Boys Rugby	Years 7, 8 & 9	Field	Mr Brambles
Tuesday lunchtime	SLC Club	SLC	Fitness Centre	Mr Cunningham/ Mr Harrington
Tuesday lunchtime	GCSE Dance	GCSE	Dance Studio	Mrs Segura/Miss Murdoch
Tuesday lunchtime	Fitness	All years	Gym	Mr Cunningham
Wednesday lunchtime	Basketball	All years	Sports Hall	Miss Brough/ Mr Austen-Hardy
Wednesday lunchtime	Handball	Years 10 & 11	Fitness Centre	Mr Harrington/ Mr Brambles
Wednesday lunchtime	GCSE Dance	GCSE	Dance Studio	Mrs Segura
Wednesday after school	Boys Futsal	Year 7	Fitness Centre	Mr Harrington/ Mr Brambles
Wednesday after school	Gymnastics	All years	Gym	Ms Williams/ Mr Morris
Wednesday after school	Girls Basketball	All years	Sports Hall	Miss Brough
Wednesday after school	GCSE Revision	Year 10	G17	Miss McLean
Thursday lunchtime	Boys Basketball	All years	Sports Hall	Mr Austen-Hardy
Thursday lunchtime	GCSE Dance	GCSE	Dance Studio	Mrs Segura/Miss Murdoch
Thursday lunchtime	Handball	Years 7, 8 & 9	Fitness Centre	Miss McLean/ Miss Brough
Thursday after school 4-6pm	Boys Futsal	Years 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Cunningham
Thursday after school	Girls Futsal	All years	Fitness Centre	Mrs Brewis- Shephard
Thursday after school	Trampolining	All years	Gym	Miss McLean
Thursday after school	GCSE Revision	11	G17	Miss Brough/ Mr Brambles
Friday after school	Cross Country	All years	Field	All



surviving the teenage years

On Thursday 13 October 2016 students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 attended a conference entitled 'Surviving the Teenage Years' at Earls Colne Golf Club. Those that attended included our Senior Student Team, as well as Sixth Form Student Ambassadors. Whilst there students participated in a range of workshops that explored different risks online, drug and alcohol use and managing positive and negative feelings and attitudes about yourself and towards others.

There was also a performance of a short play which Mrs Dennis particularly enjoyed. Henry Fitch-Bartlett, Year 13, said that the workshop 'included lots of factual information that can be used in later life'.

This experience would not have been possible for our students without the funding received for the cost of our transport from the Educational Visits Programme at the Jack Petchey Foundation.

MID-ESSEX I T T INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

On Wednesday 30 November Mid Essex Initial Teacher Training hosted an information event at lunchtime in the theatre for all Year 12 and 13 students interested in a career in teaching.

Students were able to talk to Mr Higgon and Mr Ferguson who provided information on the different routes into teaching as well as the necessary skills required.

For further information please do visit the MEIT website at:

<http://www.midessexteachertraining.com/>

Mrs H Sutton
Assistant Headteacher - KS5



student ambassadors



Please meet some of our student leadership team.

Scarlett Perrin and Greg Mansfield are student governors at Braintree Sixth Form and are there to represent the student voice. Please do speak to them should you have anything that you wish raised.

In addition, our new Year 12 student ambassadors were announced recently. These students will be representing the sixth form and will be present at many of the events that we will host in the near future. Congratulations to you all.

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5



Merry Christmas

We wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Please note that students in Years 7–13 return to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form at 8.40am on Thursday 5 January 2017





focus:the library

Free Books for Year 7 Students

There has been a great buzz in the library this term, thanks to the "Book Buzz Scheme". Much excitement has been had by every student in Year 7 who, thanks to specialist funding from the Senior Leadership Team, were able to choose a free book as a Christmas present from the school. This is our fourth year of running this event and it has been really successful. During their library sessions, Year 7 had the opportunity to choose a book, free of charge, via the Book Trust Book Buzz reading scheme. There was a fantastic selection to choose from, everything from the thrilling prize winning novel "The Lie Tree" by Frances Hardinge to Michal Morpurgo's "Eagle in the Snow" an extraordinary story of the man who could have stopped World War Two, a beautiful moral thriller from one of the world's favourite storytellers. The top three books selected by students were the hilarious and Blue Peter Award winning "Petunia

Perry and the Curse of the Ugly Pigeon" by Pamela Butchart, "My brother is a Superhero" by David Solomons" and the action-packed "River of Ink" by Helen Dennis. Once all the students had chosen a book the orders were compiled and sent to Book Buzz. The books arrived at the end of November and were delivered to all the Year 7 classes during their last library session of the term, just in time for a Christmas treat. Students will be using the books in their English and library lessons over the course of the New Year. We hope they enjoy them.

A thank you once again to Mrs Simkins for all her hard work in helping students to choose their books and a special mention to our team of student librarians who had the task of sorting all the books into the correct classes to ensure that every student got the book they chose. It was hard work, so well done!





View the Online Photo Gallery
<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2016/free-books-in-the-library>

New Library House Competitions

The library has been pleased to announce a new monthly house competition for 2016. The aim is to encourage students from all years to come along and take part in generating points for their houses. Each month the library hosts a brand new competition which will be a library or book themed competition or a special theme depending on the month or the season. We kicked off the new academic year with a "Roald Dahl competition" on 13 September 2016, to celebrate 100 Years of Roald Dahl. In October we had our "Design a Book Cover competition", followed by a "Guess the Book Title Cryptic Clue Competition" in November. To finish this year was the Christmas quiz. Every student that took part was awarded an extra curricular commendation, helping to generate house points for their houses. All winners received a prize and bonus 10 house points. Thank you to everyone who has taken part this year; look out for more exciting competitions throughout 2017.

- Winners of the 2016 Library House Competitions:
- Roald Day Competition - Casey Bennet Low W10, Seren Lewis Jones W10, Ben Mill C4, Isabel Poore T9
 - Book Cover competition - Lauren Mehmet T2, Lucinda Denysschen T9, Dylan Mills W10,
 - Guess the Book – Whole Tutor Group F4

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair visited the library from 16 - 23 November 2016. Whether you like spine-chillers or space adventures, new bestsellers or books about bloggers or geology, the book fair had something for everyone. There were over 200 top children's titles from over fifty publishers, carefully chosen to reflect all tastes and abilities. Top picks by students at the fair included the new David Walliams novel, "The Midnight Gang" and the new "Harry Potter Cinematic Guides". The book fair was a great success and it was all for a great cause too – we received a percentage back of any books purchased at the fair, so every book that was bought is helping us to get a



great new library selection too. This year we raised £206.24 in free books for the library. We have started making our selection of new books, helped along with some of your own recommendations. Please pop along to the library in January and take a look at the fantastic new titles that you helped to purchase for our collection. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the library.

A special thank you to Mrs Simkins for all her hard work in helping to organise this event.
 Mrs K Osborn, Library and Resources Manager

sixthformdestinations

Braintree Sixth Form were delighted with this year's results for our class of 2016. Once again, our students' hard work and persistence paid off and their results demonstrated this, allowing students to progress to higher education or a pathway of their choice. Listed below are the destinations of our Class of 2016.

We hope that they have enjoyed their first term and hope to hear from our alumni in the future.

Anglia Ruskin University

Tamsin Amos – Primary Education Studies

Anna Bayley – Nursing

Callum Jones – Business Management

Amy Lane – Policing and Criminal Justice

Emma Nash – Nursing

Tiana Patel – Sociology

Bethany Smith – Writing and English Literature

Megan Walden – Writing and English Literature

Bath Spa University

Luke Cairns – Creative Writing / Drama Studies

Birmingham City University

Taylor Fisher – Economics and Finance

Canterbury Christ Church University

Georgia Andrews – Psychology

Melissa Bates – Primary Education

Maria Gilyatt – Primary Education

Coventry University

Joseph Scotting – Journalism

Zakary Wicker – Motorsport Engineering

De Montfort University

Kayleigh Cardy – History

Toby Hyde – Integrated Masters in Business and Management

Heriot Watt University

Christopher Roe – Mathematical, Statistical and Actuarial Sciences

London Metropolitan University

Minakshi Sharma – Criminology and Psychology

Loughborough University

Megan Larkins – Sport and Exercise Science

Arabella Turner – Sociology

Middlesex University

Bastian Stones – Psychology with Counselling Skills

Nottingham Trent University

Jarryd Fouche – Quantity Surveying

James Little – Mathematics

Alfie Long – Business Management and Economics

William Smallman – Economics

Leonie Tuff – Psychology

Queen's University Belfast

Meaghan Franklin – History

Royal Holloway University of London

Charlie Buttle – History

Amy Goodall – Criminology and Sociology

Southampton Solent University

Chloe Pasfield – LLB

Swansea University

Dominika Plachy – Modern Languages, Translation and Interpretation

Edward Simbanegavi – Civil Engineering

The University of Manchester

Brenda Stuhldreher Barroso – Arabic and Modern European Language

The University of Northampton

Beth Armitage – Geography

The University of Nottingham

Grace Fitzgerald – Geography

The University of Sheffield

Jessica Eaton-Fearne – Ecology and Conservation Biology

The University of Warwick

Ellie Moss-Prout – Sociology

The University of Winchester

Harriet Mill – Primary Education

University of Bath

Thomas Everard – Mathematics

Jack Gill – Mathematics with Industrial Placement

University of Brighton

Lily Arkwright – English Literature
Joshua Cook – Accounting and Finance
Sophie Vaughan – Nursing

University Campus Suffolk

Olivia Spurgeon – Psychology and Early Childhood Studies
Georgia Willis – Early Childhood Studies

University of Chester

Afopefolorun Ajayi – Biology

University of Chichester

Oliver Hicks – Sport and Exercise Science
Megan Kelly – Sports Therapy

University of Derby

Saskia Ramsdale – Criminology

University of East Anglia

Bethany Hedges – Psychology
Ella Hedges – History
Laura Humphrey – History
George Orton – Politics
Molly Payne – Geography
Emily Warwick – English Literature

University of East London

Joshua Aarons – Sociology with Criminology
Georgi Addington – Psychology
Sian Hayden – Psychology

University of Essex

Daisy Phillips – Law
Holly Reeve – Psychology
Bethany Seal – Law
Ruby Townsend – Sociology and Criminology

University of Exeter:

Sophie Kulik – English with study abroad
Amy Lazell – Law
Katie Molyneaux – History with study abroad

University of Greenwich

Hayleigh Truscott – English Language and Literature

University of Hertfordshire

Marc Hughes – Mathematics
Isobel Jackson – Business and Psychology
Ricky Poole – Automotive Engineering with Motor Sport

University of Hull

Jordan Pitts – Sport Rehabilitation

University of Kent

Matthew Bennett – Italian and Hispanic Studies
Adam Goddard-Parker – Politics

University of Leeds

Ashley Ross – International Business and Marketing

University of Lincoln

Benjamin Carter – English
George Wyatt – Marketing

University of Plymouth

Purushothaman Ravi – Business

University of Portsmouth

Alfie Anslow-Clarke – Economics, Finance and Banking
Maria Carslake – Childhood and Youth Studies with Psychology
Toby Chitty – Mathematics
Mathew Howard – Mathematics
Joshua Rooney – Marketing

University of Reading

Izzak Butler – Economics and Finance
Ross Ferrell – Ethics, Value and Philosophy
Sally Reason – English Literature

University of Surrey

Bruno Cabral – Physics

University of Sussex

Victoria Forconesi – Criminology
Charles Goodes – History

University of West London

Jessica Roots – Nursing

Writtle College – A partner of The University of Essex

Leah Ryman – Animal Studies
Rebecca Wright – Equine Performance and Business Management



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 5 January 2017

Return to school - Week A

Wednesday 11 January 2017

5pm - 8pm

Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

Tuesday 17 January 2017

Braintree Arts Theatre

7pm

Jack Petchey Annual Awards Presentation

Wednesday 18 January 2017

Braintree Arts Theatre

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Information Evening
Sixth form trip to USA

Thursday 19 January 2017

5pm - 8pm

Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

Tuesday 24 January 2017

Braintree Arts Theatre

6pm

Year 11 Parents'/Carers' information evening
re: trip to Poland

Wednesday 1 February 2017

5pm - 8pm

Year 9 KS4 Courses Evening

Wednesday 10 February 2017

Deadline for return of KS4 courses choices

Friday 10 - Saturday 18 February 2017

Ski trip to Austria

W/C Monday 13 February 2017

Half Term

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

christmas@party

On Wednesday 7 December 2016, we invited a number of residents from local residential homes to come and join us for our annual Christmas tea party.

Our visitors were entertained by some very talented students who sang, danced and played instruments for them; even Santa came along to deliver cards and presents!

Our staff came together, as always, to lay on a lovely spread for the evening and the students and staff made sure they kept our visitors well served throughout the evening.

An excellent time was had by all!

Mrs J Shipton, Student Support Officer



housepoints

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

These are the running totals correct at 18 December 2016.



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 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. Further right are logos for Braintree Sixth Form, MID-ESSEX INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING, and Braintree Arts People. Below this is a navigation menu with links for Home, News, Information, Sixth Form, Policies, Curriculum, School Life, Teaching & Learning, and Contact.

The main content area features a large banner for the 'Artist in Residence' project, showing students working on a colorful mural with the word 'LEGACY' and 'HUB' visible. A sidebar on the left lists various school events and news items, including 'End of Term/Start of Term Arrangements', 'Christmas Tea Party', 'KS4 Awards Evening', 'Free Books for Year 7 Students', 'Children in Need's 'Big Spotacular' raises over £3000!', 'Year 12 Enterprise Fair', 'Madison Gilyatt - Jack Patchey Winner Nov 2016', and 'Operation Christmas Child'.

Below the main banner are four columns of content:

- Quick Links:** A list of links for Admissions Policy, Exam Results, Find the School, Handbook for Parents and Carers, Ofsted Report, Parent View, Pupil Premium, Safeguarding & E-Safety, School Governance, Vacancies, Term Dates, Welcome from the Head, and Translate our site (with a language selection dropdown).
- Latest Newsletter:** A featured 'oncampus' newsletter cover with a student's photo and the headline 'Thorpe Park Rewards Trip'. Below it is a link to 'View previous newsletters'.
- Latest Letters Home:** A list of recent letters home, including 'Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening (December)', 'Year 11: GCSE Mathematics (December)', 'End of Autumn Term 2016 Letter (December)', 'Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day 2016 (December)', 'University of Cambridge and UCL Student Survey (November)', 'Berlin 20 July to 23 July 2017 (November)', and 'School Funded Lessons Summer 2016 (November)'. A link to 'View previous letters' is at the bottom.
- Home Learning:** A photo of two students holding a 'Way to A' sign, with icons for 'SMHW Show My Homework', 'Home Learning timetables', 'Mediaserve', and 'Home Access Plus'.

www.notleyhigh.com

"Working together, achieving together"

oncampus 45

term dates



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

September 2016							October 2016							November 2016							December 2016							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
			1	2	3	4						1	2												1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		
							31																					
January 2017							February 2017							March 2017							April 2017							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
						1		1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5							1	2	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
30	31																											
May 2017							June 2017							July 2017							August 2017							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
										1	2	3	4						1	2			1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31				
29	30	31												31														

= 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

Emmanuel College



On Tuesday 22 November, 31 Year 12 students visited Emmanuel College at the University of Cambridge for the day. Students had the chance to learn more about university life as well as the application process with workshops delivered by our guide for the day, Anita Magee. Students also had a tour of the College and the chance to see the facilities, as well as sampling the lunchtime menu. The day ended with a final workshop which explored study skills, including research and essay writing, all relevant for current courses and for the future.

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5

On Tuesday 22 November 2016, 31 sixth form students travelled to Emmanuel College at the University of Cambridge and were welcomed by Anita Magee, who presented a slideshow filled with valuable information, and advised us on university applications. Anita detailed what it is like to attend Cambridge, and told of accommodation, timetables, and the general everyday life of a student.

After the presentation, we were guided around Emmanuel College, and got a feel of what it would be like to attend the university. Despite the weather being against us, we continued through until lunch.

In the afternoon, we were told of research methods used, and were able to test these ourselves with texts given to us. It is safe to say that the skills we learned within this session were very valuable, and no doubt we will apply these to our exams.

All in all, an amazing trip to Cambridge, filled with tips and information we are extremely grateful for!

Thank you to our teachers for organising the trip, and a huge thank you to Anita for welcoming us today (and providing free biscuits!)

Megan Amos, Year 12



military careers

Welbeck College

Welbeck - The Defence Sixth Form College is a co-educational full boarding college, where students are funded by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on a means tested basis.

It offers an A Level education to preselected students following a career as technical or engineering officers within the armed forces or the MOD civil service.

<http://www.dsfc.ac.uk/>



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photogalleries/2016/welbeck-military-college-presentation>



Welbeck and Military Careers Pathway Talk

by former student Jake Finesilver

Year 10 and 11 students had the privilege of hearing a talk by former student Jake Finesilver about his educational experiences and preparation for a career as a military officer. Jake left Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form at the end of Year 11 in 2015 and embarked on two years at the prestigious Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College in Leicestershire, where he has been elected VHoC (Head Boy) this year. Jake spoke about his path to Welbeck and the next steps of his career, including plans to study at an MOD-approved university before starting his army officer training at RMA Sandhurst in four years'

time. As well as talking about the opportunities that Welbeck has given him, Jake spoke of the hard work and effort he had had to put in to get there, both in his studies and in the necessary focus on physical fitness.

Jake's enjoyment and commitment to the career and education route he has chosen were evident to all, and he gave helpful information to students about the different forms a career in the armed forces can take. We wish him the very best for his future.

Mrs M Townsend, Assistant Headteacher - KS4



speakoutchallenge



On Wednesday 19 October 2016, I went to the University of Cambridge's Corpus Christi College for a tour of the college with the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. We arrived at the College and promptly received a short talk from an art history professor who talked about the famous painting 'Las Meninas' by Diego Velázquez. The talk was very interesting and fun to listen to, it gave us an insight into how Velázquez lived and worked in the 17th century.

We then went and had lunch in the dining hall which has in past been opened to the public for a Harry Potter style dining experience. Then we went to the Parker Library that have manuscripts and books as old as 2000 years of which we saw remnants of.

We saw medieval parchments and scrolls with real gold used in the lettering and decorations.

After the Parker Library, we had a tour of the College and saw the church and the old court where famous Nobel prize winners stayed at the college when they studied. Finally, at the end of the day we received a talk from the admissions tutor about university life and the positives of going to university then, he talked about life at the University of Cambridge and the process of applying to the university and how it differs from others. All in all, it was a fantastic day and I learned a lot about what life at university is like and how beneficial it can be to your future.

James Knock, Year 12

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 Fountain Cottages, St Michael's Road, Braintree, opposite the fountain.

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.

advertisement



For more information, follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/BraintreeYouthProjectCharity](https://www.facebook.com/BraintreeYouthProjectCharity)) or Twitter (@BYPC1), or check out our website at www.braintreyouth.org.uk



year 12 enterprise fair

On Tuesday 6 December 2016, Year 7 students were invited to Braintree Arts Theatre to attend the Year 12 Enterprise Fair. Year 12 students had been planning this event for the last half-term. Items for sale included sweets, drinks, Christmas cards and cakes. Students also had the chance to participate in a football competition as well as have a selfie taken with Santa. Students have been fundraising for the charity Education for All.

A huge thank you to the Year 12 team for their co-ordination of this event and an even bigger thank you to our Year 7 students that attended the fair, helping to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

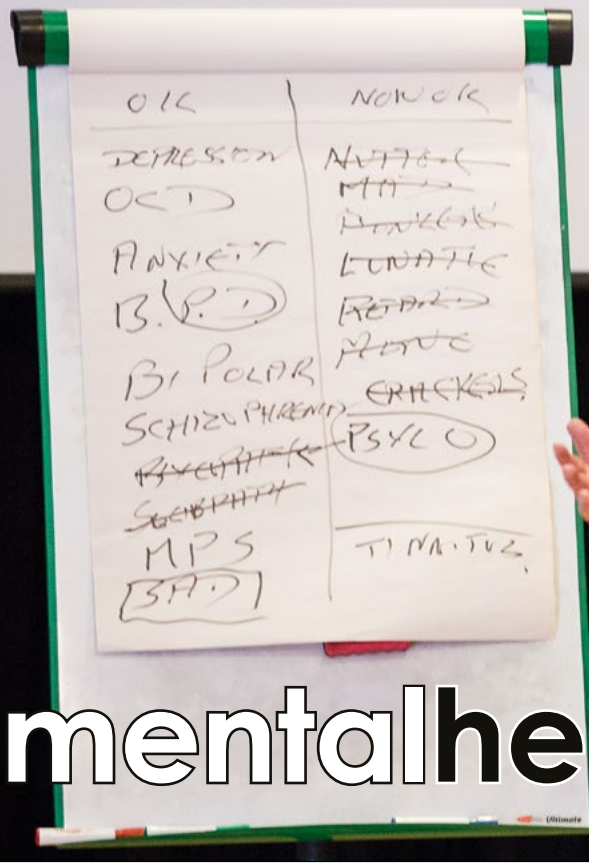
Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.braintreesixthform.com/photo-galleries/bsf-enterprise-day>

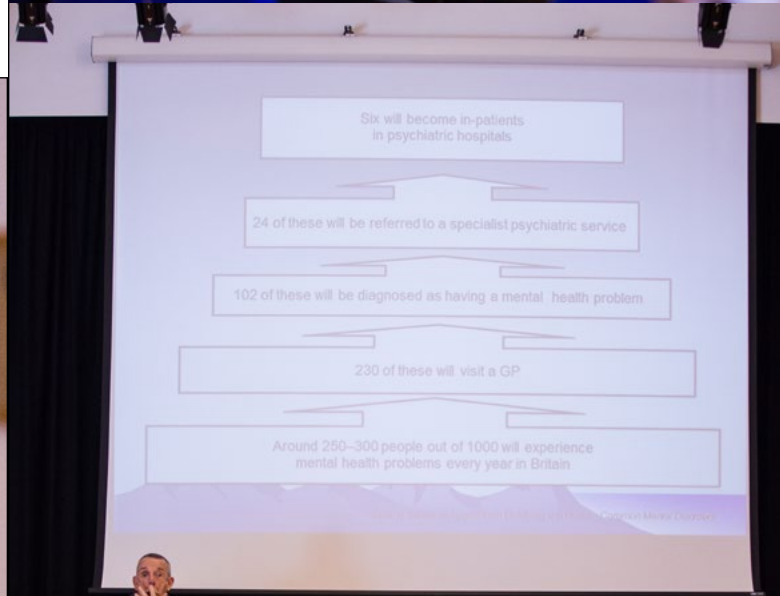




mental health training

On Monday 3 October 2016, Year 12 psychology students were lucky to hear from a guest speaker from Harrier Training. The speaker was booked as a result of Chenise Smith winning the Jack Petchey award last year and using the money from the award to support the event. The presentation was given to provide mental health awareness which forms a significant part of the A Level psychology course. Thank you to both Chenise Smith and Mrs Cole for organising this.

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5



View the Online Photo Gallery
<http://www.braintreesixthform.com/photo-galleries/mental-health-awareness-workshop>



Kate Ashmead for
Honalee Media Ltd presents

advertisement

Marty MacDonald's Toy Machine

By Martin Parsons

Join the Marty MacDonald's
Farm gang in a fun,
musical adventure to
repair the Toy Machine
and give the world
back its toys!


www.braintreearts theatre.com



Fri 17 February

2pm

Adult £9.50

Up to 16 £7.50

Family (2 adult, 2 child) £30

**"Who needs children's TV when you've
got the real deal at your local theatre!"**
THE STAGE

With the voice of Children's TV's
Justin Fletcher as Pongo the Pig!
Please note Justin
does not appear in person

www.martymacdonaldsfarm.co.uk

braintreeartstheatre

Supreme Queen

Fri 27 & Sat 28 January 2017, 8pm

£19 all tickets

SUPREME QUEEN have been paying homage to the world's most theatrical and dramatic Rock band, Queen since 1995, and in that time have had a huge impact on audiences across the UK, Europe and Asia.

Front man, Scott Maley plays a uncannily realistic 'Freddy' with just the right look, stage persona and, most importantly of all, the most incredibly powerful voice!

Scott is joined on stage by an enormously talented band including Nathan Mathers who brings all the electric guitar virtuosity required to play a very convincing Brian May. Their attention to detail is truly impressive and extends to their use of the exact same equipment used by Queen on stage in their heyday

"What an outstanding reproduction of an outstanding band. They have captured the heart of one of England's greatest bands"

Birmingham Evening Mail



"I got the fright of my life when I saw Freddie, backstage, he looked just like the real thing. He went on stage and he gave a blistering performance winding the crowd up song by song. Nice one"

Janice Long – BBC Radio 2



This fantastic show features many hits from both sides of the Atlantic: 'Sherry', 'Grease Is the Word', 'Bye Bye Baby', 'Beggin', 'Silence is Golden', 'Working My Way Back to You', 'December 63 (Oh What a Night)', plus many more. A night not to be missed.

"Working together, achieving together"

Big Girls Don't Cry

featuring The Eastcoast Boys

Sat 11 Feb

7.30pm

£18, £16.50 concession

**Celebrating the music of
Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons**

The Eastcoast Boys are returning to Braintree Arts Theatre with their updated show!

This great feel good show features four phenomenal singers and a fantastic live band recreating the iconic sound of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. Lots of fun... and dancing in the aisles encouraged!!

If you enjoyed Jersey Boys, then you'll LOVE this show!

Valli & the Seasons had a string of hits beginning with the classic number one, Sherry in 1962. After a further run of hits, My Eyes Adored You hit number one on Billboard's Hot 100 in 1975 followed by the theme song from the 1978 film Grease, which also went to number one.

braintree arts theatre

Essex's Newest Community Theatre

- Live Music
- Drama
- Cabaret
- Comedy
- Dance
- Children's Theatre

Available For Private Hire

Box Office 01376 556 354

Monday- Friday: 11am- 4pm

www.braintreeartstheatre.com

**Notley Road, Braintree
Essex CM7 1WY**

Facebook: braintreeartstheatre

Twitter: @BATheatre

