

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's Magazine

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FUTURE EVENTS

13th December 2013

Year 7 – Christmas Party

Letters will be going out via Email week commencing 25th November 2013 and tickets will be on sale on the 5th and 6th December at lunchtime outside the library. This is a first come first served event.

8th March 2014

Quiz Night with a fish and chip supper

Details to follow in the New Year but if you wish to hold a table (maximum of 8 people per table) please contact TheChair@FoNHS.info



headlines

Welcome to our new look school magazine which replaces our previous newsletter. We have felt for some time that a 'magazine-style' newsletter might be more engaging for all our stakeholders and I am grateful to Mr Rowe and Mrs Perkins for the time and effort they have put into creating the new design. If you have any feedback you would like to share with us on this new venture please email

chris.rowe@notleyhigh.com

You will see as you read through Issue 1 that it has, yet again, been a busy and productive few weeks at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. OnCampus is packed full of articles about the huge variety of educational activities within and beyond the classroom in which staff and students have participated.

Particular whole school highlights have been:

- Key Stage 3 Awards Evening when Mrs Turner, Vice-Chair of Governors presented the awards and prizes;
- Impact Days when Mr Baster, Miss Short, Miss Auston, Miss Payne, Miss Stanley and Miss Owst co-ordinated the activities for Years 7-11, with Ms Stubbs and Ms Steadman providing input from Braintree Sixth Form;
- Children in Need when Mrs Khatun co-ordinated our efforts to raise £1630 for this worthy cause;
- Open Evenings for Year 7 and Year 12 intakes when all staff have been involved in marketing the school to the local community.

Alongside these whole school events many other staff and governors have, once again, contributed to the rich life of the school through events for particular groups of students. Our students too have shown their commitment to participate fully and have been great ambassadors on many occasions. I thank them all wholeheartedly for their contributions.

As I said at the top of this piece, we do welcome your feedback on this new look school magazine and we look forward to bringing you more news in Issue 2.

Simon Thompson, Headteacher



Simon Thompson, Headteacher

keystage3awards



Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening took place on Thursday 24 October at the Braintree Arts Theatre. Over 100 students were rewarded for their achievement and attitude to learning across all subject areas.

The Key Stage 3 main award winners and their trophies.

Prize Winners

The presentation party comprised Mr Thompson, Headteacher; Mrs Turner, Board Director and Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, who presented the awards and Mr Baster, Assistant Headteacher who co-ordinated the evening alongside Mrs Halls.

Joseph Bennett (Alto Saxophone) and Isobel Parkes (Flute) provided the musical items for the evening, accompanied by Mr Harris on the piano.

This year saw the introduction of a number of cups and shields for the main award categories - these perpetual trophies will be retained by the school and displayed in our trophy cabinet, with students keeping a replica. Our thanks to the Friends of Notley High School who donated the main award of the evening, for outstanding achievement at Key Stage 3. This award was presented to Megan Lane.

Please see right for a full list of prize winners.

Mr Baster, Assistant Headteacher

PRESENTATION CURRICULUM PRIZE WINNERS 2012/2013 YEAR 7

	ATTITUDE TO LEARNING	ACHIEVEMENT
English	Raja Saad Ikhlak	Polly Temple
Maths	Georgia Hawkins	Alexander Deith
Science	Crystal Whent	Elizabeth Wheeler
Modern Foreign Languages		
French	Oliver Leggett	Holly Wilson
Spanish	Grace Forsey	Daniel Hicks
ICT	Jack Pantry	Edward Leggett
Design & Technology		
Construction & Control	Michael Tomalin	Jennifer Stanhope
Food/Textiles	Jessica Hills	Emily Sayers
Humanities		
Geography	Molly Clark	Ben McAfee
History	Syasha Patel	Emily Neate
PER	Megan Grimwood	Renee Specketer
Creative Arts		
Art	Sinead Finneran	Hannah Bilboe
Drama	Marnie Haycock	Luke Pettitt
Music	Isobel Parkes	Joseph Bennett
PE	William Bolton	Benjamin Pile
Speech & Language	Joshua Hall	Jessica Hills

YEAR 8

	ATTITUDE TO LEARNING	ACHIEVEMENT
English	Nathan Caton	Leah Roby Smith
Maths	Ross Dawson	Alice Thurston
Science	Rachel Finesilver	Oliver Wyatt
Modern Foreign Languages		
French	Nuzhat Rahman	Isobel Macdonald
Spanish	Cameron Everett	Holly Whipps
ICT	David Ucar	Claudia Chitty
Design & Technology		
Construction & Control	Lilian Sainsbury	Matthew Brand-Barker
Food/Textiles	Alicia Still	Dexan Charlery-Warner
Humanities		
Geography	Rebecca Randall	Charlotte Hawrylak
History	Danny Frisby	Zachary Finch
PER	Toby Piper	Evie Stoneman
Creative Arts		
Art	Ellie Maddocks	Lillian James
Drama	Kristian Burrows	Summer Griffiths
Music	Luke Hagger	Rory Hayhurst
PE	Jonathan Edge	Verity Forster
Speech & Language	Johann Theobald	Connor Corney

YEAR 9

	ATTITUDE TO LEARNING	ACHIEVEMENT
English	Amelia Matrejek	Amber Hayden
Maths	Luke Coveney	Lorna Upton
Science	Samuel Platt	Ben Turley
Modern Foreign Languages		
French	Benjamin Harrison	Ruth Walters
Spanish	Megan Marsh	Kalei Milligan
ICT	Henry Irving	Holly Everett
Design & Technology		
Construction & Control	Callum Davies	Thomas Nicoll
Food/Textiles	Elizabeth Hynes	Hannah Knock
Humanities		
Geography	Harrison Ramsdale	Lauren Phillips
History	Robert Rooke	Joseph Moore
PER	Ella Ingram	Georgia Cocks
Creative Arts		
Art	Rhianna Simkins	Emily Mallott
Drama	Maisie Simmonds	Michael Doyle
Music	Josephine Bryan	Alex Convoy
PE	Oliver Dome	Pietrina Massidda
Speech & Language	Kelvin Corney	Yan-Yan Li

SPECIAL AWARDS

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS AWARD

Year 7
Emily Heissig

Year 8
Chloe Howard

Year 9
Toby Yap

MATHS TROPHY

Luke Robinson

THE ANNE HOWARD AWARD FOR LOWER SCHOOL HUMANITIES

Georgia Bartlett

THE JANET SMART MEMORIAL AWARD

Megan Amos

THE GAYNOR ADAMS MEMORIAL AWARD

John Boswell

THE JOHN RAY SCIENCE PRIZE

Jordan Rudge

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF NOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Megan Lane



impactday

Impact Day took place for students in Years 7 - 11 at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form on Tuesday 5 November.

Each year group participated in their own themed programme of events. A range of activities was organised by staff, including problem-solving tasks and healthy eating workshops. In addition, over fifty visitors provided specialist workshops, in fields as diverse as yoga, beauty therapy and construction.



[View the Online Photo Gallery](#)

[www.notleyhigh.com/
photo-galleries-2013/events/impact-day-2013](http://www.notleyhigh.com/photo-galleries-2013/events/impact-day-2013)

A Year 11 student practising hairdressing skills.



Year 11 being shown the art of wiring a plug.

S.T.E.M.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics or 'S.T.E.M.' ambassadors visited the school, promoting these interrelated disciplines to students in Year 10. Staff at Braintree Sixth Form also provided taster sessions for those students seeking to pursue A-Level or International Baccalaureate study at Key Stage 5.

The school would especially like to thank our colleagues at Colchester Institute and The College at Braintree for the sessions they provided to those Year 11 students who are interested in pursuing their studies at college next year.

Mr Baster, Assistant Headteacher



Year 7

Year 7 were challenged to compete in the Notley High School Crystal Maze competition; a day all about 'embracing and enjoying the challenge'. This involved them working their way through a variety of challenges and 'zones' to try and win as many crystals as possible, to be crowned the ultimate winner. However, the day was not just about winning challenges, it was about students working together, communicating, getting stuck in and reflecting on their involvement during the day. Finally, students were asked to fill in a booklet throughout the day and set themselves targets for the year to help improve their participation, communication and team work skills in lessons.

From the amazing and enthusiastic staff who made this day possible, there were only glowing reports on behaviour and involvement throughout the day. Mrs Forster, the Year 7 team and Year 7 themselves should be very proud, well done.

Some comments from Year 7 students:

'Impact Day was fun, we learnt how to not shout at each other and get everyone involved'

'I liked the hands on zone best'

'I liked competing with the whole year group'

'My target is to get involved in lessons more'

'My target is to let others speak too'

Miss Short, P.E.R. and History Teacher

Year 8

In Year 8, students embarked on a, 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Brighter Future' day. Students took part in a variety of workshops which allowed them to focus on their wellbeing, consider consequences for their actions and how this may have an impact on their daily lives.

There was a workshop provided by an Olympic hopeful hurdler, Julz Adeniran, who was truly inspirational. The charity, Beat provided self-esteem workshops, our school nurses ran a 'What is normal during puberty?' workshop, and the technology department explored the positive impact of a

nutritious diet. The 'Body Image' workshop focused on issues of prejudice and appearance, the role of the media, and the responses to cosmetic surgery and the drama workshop led by Mrs Hayward explored how all actions, no matter how small, have a consequence.

Thank you to all of our visitors and staff for their support in making Year 8 Impact Day a great success. The students had a fantastic day and their behaviour was exceptional. It was great to see the students so engaged and open to learning.

Miss Auston, Subject Leader - Dance



Nail painting skills.



Pass!

Year 9

Year 9 students spent Impact Day exploring their Key Stage 4 option choices. They experienced a range of subjects where they were given taster sessions based on the material they would cover in their classes in Years 10 and 11 and also in alternative courses such as BTECs.

Students were impeccably well behaved during the day. They were able to ask lots of questions about subject combinations and receive general advice about each subject. Well done Year 9!

'No one else can ever make your choices for you. Your choices are yours alone. They are as much a part of you as every breath you will take, every moment of your life.'

Miss Payne, Art Teacher

Year 10

Year 10 students had a fun filled day creating 'bucket lists' as they spent time thinking about their aspirations and ambitions and then competing to make the best free standing catapult! We were very lucky to have 6 S.T.E.M. ambassadors come in to work with students during the catapult workshop, who offered their expertise to help make the best catapult. We had some excellent catapults produced so well done to all our students for taking part and working well in their teams. Students also practised their debating skills during the day as they discussed the idea of 'Drugs in Sport' and we had some very interesting ideas shared and put forward, it was lovely to see a very mature side of the students as they debated sensibly. They then spent time playing some recreational sports and looking at how they can use exercise as a way to de-stress and relax. Thank you to all the staff involved who helped make the day a huge success!

Miss Stanley, Science Teacher



Students practising drawing fine detail.



Group yoga.

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Beginners welcome

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and boots included**

Full tuition provided

All meals included

**Evening activities
included**

**Watch members of staff
falling over***



***probably**

**We have a limited number of places available for the
Austria Trip in February 2014.**

See Mrs Segura in PE if you are interested.

Check out our website: www.skinotley.co.uk

Introduction to economics

You are a member of a Primary Care Trust (PCT) which is facing budget cuts of £250 000.

OPERATION/PROCEDURE	COST PER OPERATION/PROCEDURE	NUMBER TYPICALLY CARRIED OUT PER YEAR	TOTAL COST PER YEAR
Under change	6 000	30	180000
transplant	10 000	4	40000
placement	15 000	12	180000
construction	7 500	25	187500
tooth removal	4 000	40	160000
removal	1 600	100	160000
gastroscopy	2 200	120	264000
total	1 100	20	220000

Handwritten notes:
 -1193500 (under total)
 80000 (under total)
 11000 (under total)
 220000 (circled)
 20% (next to 187500)
 5000 (next to 220000)

...te totals
 ...costs which are the areas you would cut?
 ...is might rational decisions be made when faced with a shortage
 ...arry out all procedures?
 ...y relates to the NHS, a state run organisation, indeed the
 ...in Europe. What are the benefits of a state run health
 ...fits of a privately run healthcare system?

A lesson in Economics.

Year 11

The title of the Year 11 Day was 'Your Future, Your Choices'. Students participated in a range of activities designed to provide them with information, advice and guidance as regards possible progression routes when the compulsory phase of their secondary education comes to an end in June 2014.

Students were provided with forecast results in each of their subjects, enabling them to see whether their 'results' enabled them to progress onto the Post-16 courses of their choice. Students had the opportunity to visit the Essex Apprenticeships Pod, where students could participate in a range of interactive activities designed to inform students of this progression route. For those interested in following vocational qualifications, a large number of departments from The College at Braintree and Writtle College visited the school to enable students to meet their prospective teachers next year and find out more about the courses on offer. Many of these staff also offered taster sessions in the afternoon, providing an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in areas that interested them. It was a pleasure to

walk around the school and to see students engaged in such a diverse range of activities, from hairdressing to construction and public services!

Students interested in pursuing A-Levels and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme spent the afternoon at Braintree Sixth Form, where a comprehensive range of taster sessions were provided, including many subjects that students would not have experienced at Key Stage 4, such as Psychology, Sociology, Applied Science and Economics, alongside the more familiar subjects of Drama, Textiles, History, Geography, French and Spanish.

Central to the success of the day is the fact that students are able to select which 'taster sessions' they would like to participate in, meaning that every student in Year 11 had a unique timetable. Creating such a day is a huge administrative task and we would like to record our thanks to all those involved.

Mr Baster, Assistant Headteacher and Miss Owst, History Teacher

libraryfocus



Notley's Eclipse

The library team are pleased to announce the launch of our new dynamic online library portal, Eclipse.net

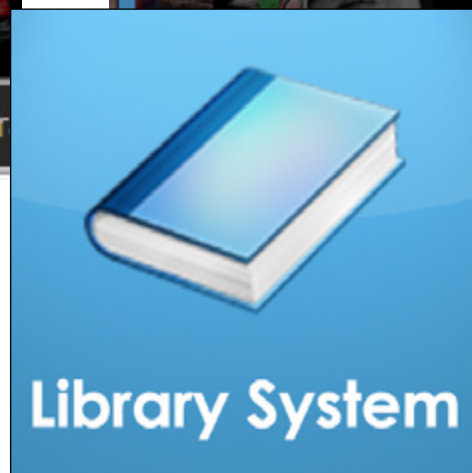
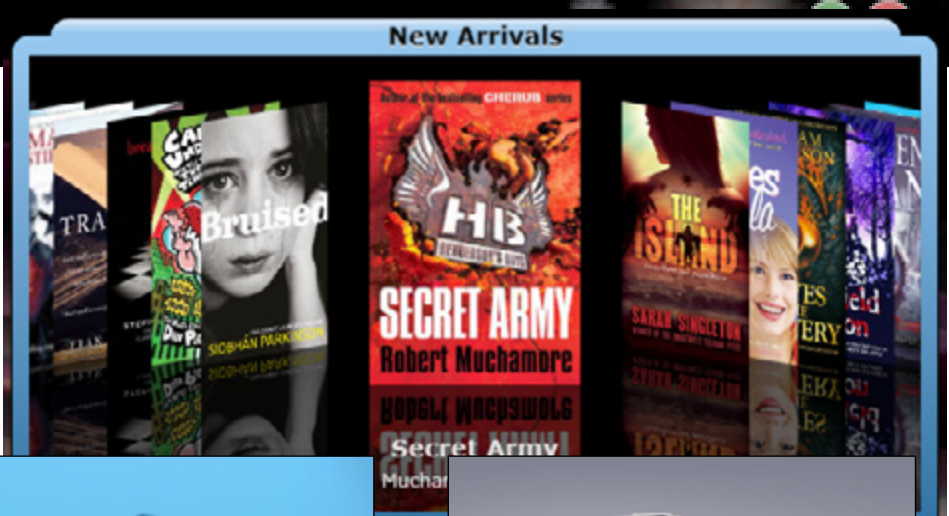
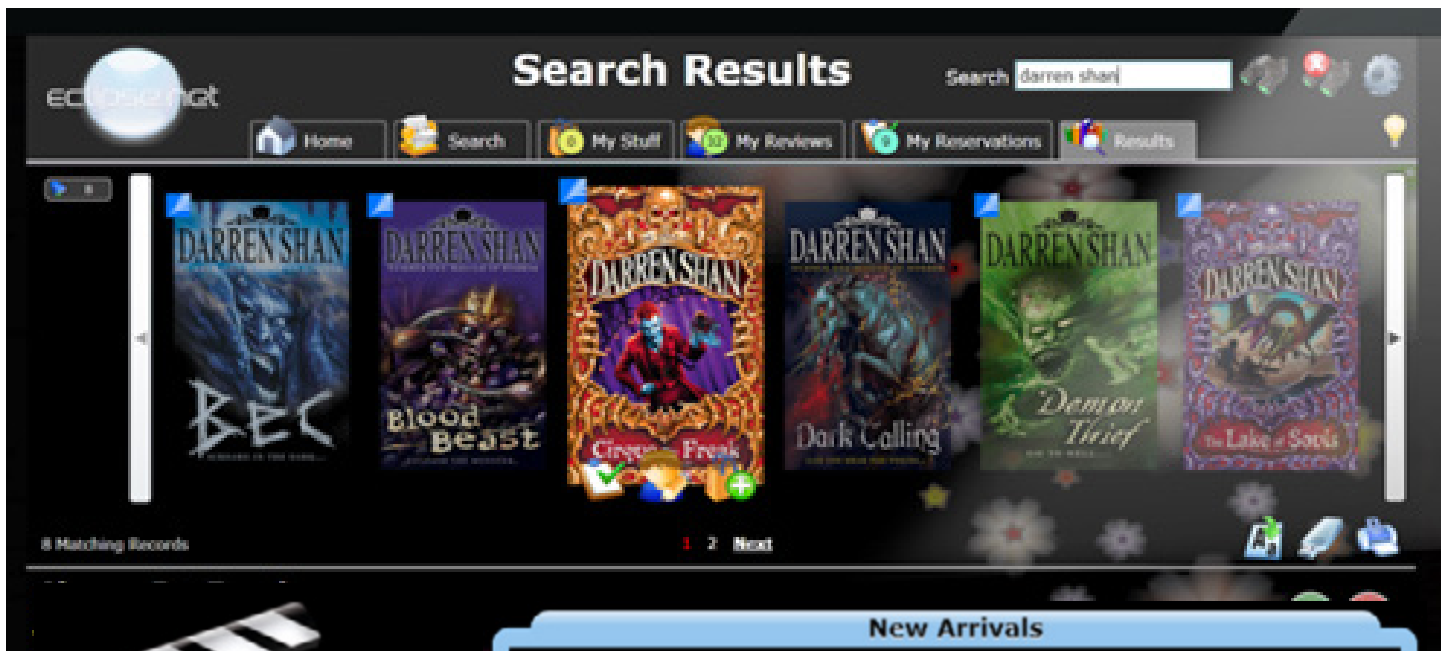
The new system allows students, staff and parents/carers to view our school library catalogue online and includes resources in the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form library as well as thousands of approved websites.

You can use Eclipse to help with research, find books in the library, write book reviews or search for new books that you may like to read. You can also view the Top Ten Books in the library and check out our new books in the New Arrivals section. You can also

keep up-to-date with what has just come back into the library with the online returns trolley.

Other great features of the new system include 'Meet The Author' video profiles, Book of the Week and 'Who's Next?' which will suggest new authors you might like to try based on your previous book choices.

You can access the system via the library system link on the VLE or the home page of the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form website. If you are logged on to the network at school you will automatically be logged into your account on Eclipse and you will be able to view your account



Some of the great new features of Eclipse.net include Meet the Author, Who's Next and New Arrivals. There are also apps for iOS and Android.

information, including all your current and past loans.

If you log in from home, the first time you access the system it may ask you to install Microsoft Silverlight; please allow this to be downloaded and installed on your computer as the system cannot run without it. There is also an App called 'iMLS', available for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Android & Windows Phone 7. This App can be freely downloaded by going to your App provider and searching 'iMLS'. More details regarding the downloading and using the App are available in the library.

We hope you enjoy using our new system. New

updates and features will be added to the system on a regular basis, watch this space for more details. A full user guide is available in the library.

Happy Searching!

Mrs Osborn, Library and Resources Manager

childreninneed



Massive queues for the bake sale.

Cakes, Clothes and Cash

On Friday 15 November 2013, the students and staff at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form came together to raise money for Children in Need.

The students came to school in non-uniform, whilst the staff 'dressed down', all in the name of raising money for an extremely worthy cause.

The newly formed Charities Committee organised a bake sale on Friday as well. Both staff and students brought in a variety of cakes and cookies to be sold in aid of the fundraising. At break time, they flocked in their masses towards the stall, to tantalise those taste buds, and give generously in return for some really scrumptious treats.

It was overwhelming to see everyone come together, work together, and raise money together to help Children in Need. The atmosphere was electric throughout the school and sixth form, and really highlighted the sheer warmth that makes us a community.

The grand total came to a whopping **£1630!** A great result for an extremely successful day of fundraising.

Mrs Khatun, Charities Co-ordinator



antibullyingweek



8O and the Anti-Bullying wristbands.



In order to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week, 8O have been selling wristbands, the proceeds from which will go to charity. The wristbands will continue to be sold and can be purchased for £1 each from the student reception.

Calling all Year 7s

It's time for your

Christmas Party!

Friday 13 December 7-9pm

Details will follow late November

disneylandparis

Photos: Mrs Wallace

October Half Term

At the end of the last term we invited students with good behaviour and attendance to join us at the beginning of the October half term on a trip to Disneyland Paris. A very excited group of students met us at the coach late on Friday night and we drove through the night to arrive at Disneyland Magical Kingdom for 9am, opening time.

The students were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their time in the park. After a long day, we drove through the evening to catch our ferry home, fortunately before the storm arrived! It was an incredibly long day and I would like to thank Mr Vosper, Miss Rushby, Miss Stanley, Miss Shambrook and Miss Thrussel for accompanying the trip and helping make the day run smoothly.

Mrs Wallace, Rewards and Awards Co-ordinator



The happiest place on Earth!

Student Reports

Disney was great fun, my friends and I had a really good time. Even though the coach and ferry journey was long and tiring, it was worth it once we got there. The rides were really enjoyable such as, Buzz Lightyear Laser Blast and Peter Pan's Flight and more. Overall the trip was amazing and I can't wait to go again in the future!

Georgia Bannister 10H

We pulled up outside the Disneyland Paris Park after a long tiresome coach ride through the night. But that didn't matter because we were where dreams come true. The day was a busy one, full of magic and adventure. We met the characters, rediscovered our childhood and the day came to close with the Disney parade!

As the students filed onto the coach and slumped into their seats with handfuls of souvenirs, most slipped into a deep sleep and re-lived their magical but tiring adventure. The journey home went perfectly, despite slight sea-sickness on the ferry due to rough seas, but we arrived home in plenty of time to be collected by our parents and lived happily ever after.

Megan Walden 11S



“ Second star to the right and straight on til morning ”



“Working together, achieving together”

francemeetsfoodtech

Miss Rouze our French assistant showed our students how to make delicious Crêpes Bretonnes (Pancakes from Brittany).

Now you can follow her recipe and make your own at home!



View the Online Photo Gallery

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photo-galleries-2013/events/cooking-crepes](http://www.notleyhigh.com/photo-galleries-2013/events/cooking-crepes)



crêpes bretonnes

Utensils

salad bowl

whisk

pan

spatula

ladle

Time of preparation :
30 minutes

Cooking time :
10 minutes

For 12 crêpes

Ingredients

250g flour

50g butter

50cl milk

10cl water

4 big eggs

2 dessert spoons caster
sugar

1 pinch of salt

Suggested fillings:
Nutella, sweetened
chestnut purée, sugar,
jam, etc.

Method

In the salad bowl, add the flour, 2 dessert spoons of
caster sugar and a pinch of salt.

Pour the milk then the water progressively while
whisking.

Then, dissolve the butter, add it in the salad bowl,
then the eggs.

Let the pancake batter rest for 30-45 min in the fridge.

Use the pan: put a knob of butter in it then pour a
ladle of pancake batter. **Only one ladle** (it has to be
thin).

Cook the crêpe for about 2 min per side, and turn it
over using a spatula. The first crêpe may need to be
cooked a little bit longer. However if you are able to
do it : flip it!



“Working together, achieving together”



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rewardstrip



Usain Bowled.

Years 8 & 9 Trip to Namco Funscape

On Thursday 14 November, a small group of Year 8 and Year 9 students visited the Namco Funscape bowling alley. This was a rewards trip based on good attendance throughout the last academic year, as well as excellent behaviour. The students enjoyed a game of bowling, as well as lunch, also having the opportunity to spend some time enjoying the other facilities. All students really enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to the staff that organised and attended the trip.

Miss Smith, Year Leader - Year 9



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>

Monday 2 December

Year 10 SLC Bowling Trip 11.30am - 2.00pm

Wednesday 4 December

OAP Christmas Party 4.30pm - 6.00pm

A2 Drama Performance Exam 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 5 December

KS4 Presentation Evening 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Year 8 Trip to see The Lion King 4.30pm - 11.45pm

Friday 6 December

Year 7, 8 and 9 Students: Carol Singing

BSF Application 2014/15 closes

Monday 9 December

A Level Mock Exams begin

BSF Period 6 Lessons Finish at 3.45pm

Tuesday 10 December

Year 10 Clothes Show trip 7.00am - 6.00pm

Wednesday 11 December

Christmas Concert - 7.30pm

Thursday, 12 December

TOK Day

Year 11 trip to Winter Wonderland 4.15pm - 11.00pm

Friday 13 December

FONHS Year 7 Christmas Party 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Changes to booking Instrumental and Singing Lessons

These are now booked online and paid for using Parentpay. Students having lessons have all been sent an e mail to book lessons for next term. If you have any questions please email chris.harris@notleyhigh.com

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.

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.



A group of 15 girls travelled to Colchester Institute to take part in their 'Women In Technology' event on 13 November. The event was aimed at female students to educate them about careers available within the technological industries and allowed them to participate in some hands on practical tasks. Louise Howard and Rachel Finesilver in 9Y take up the account of the afternoon...

Spray painting class.



Learning a trade that will never go out of style.

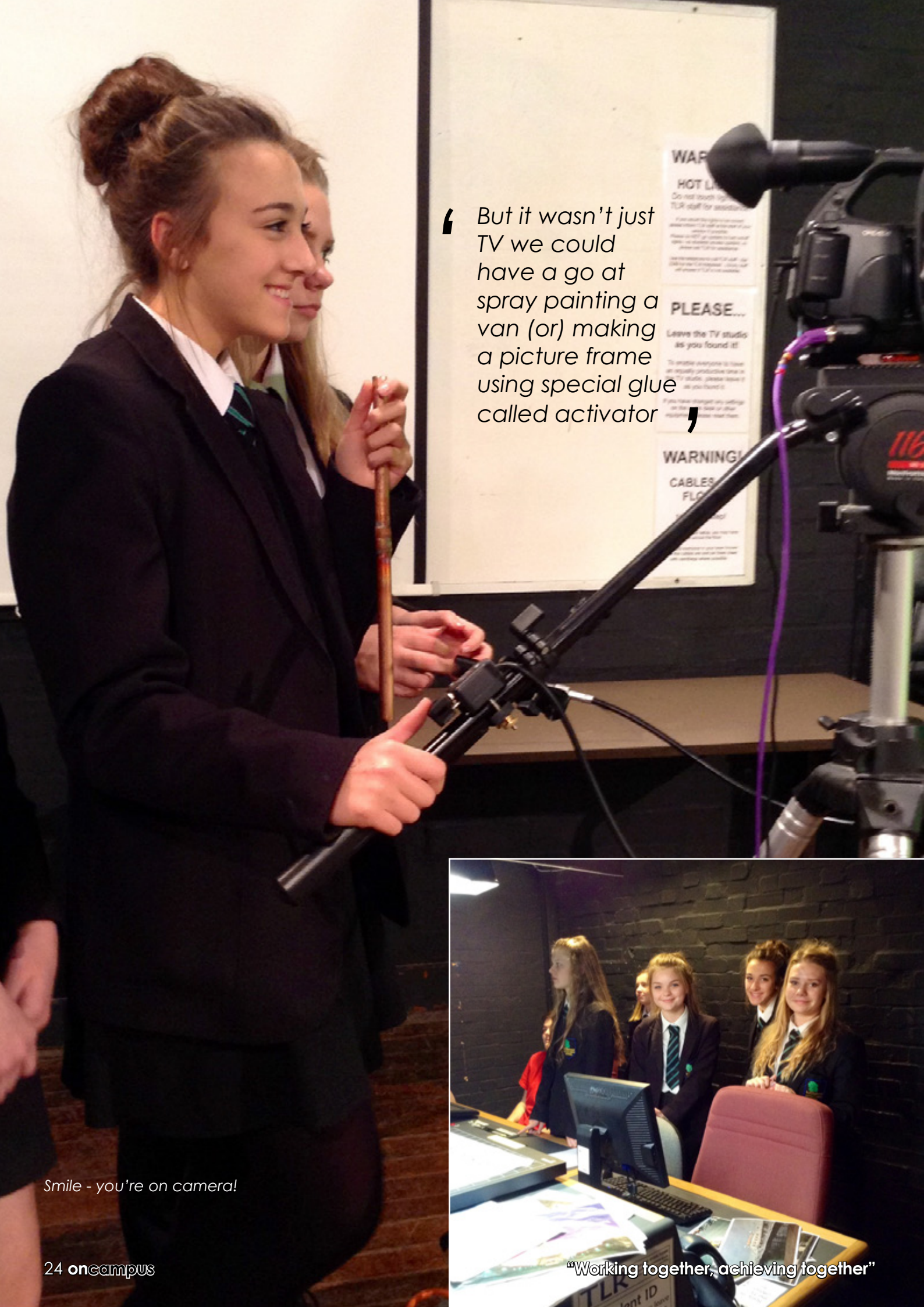
It took us 40 minutes to get there. There were 15 students and 2 teachers with us; Mrs Currie and Mr Chapman. We got out of class for the day and we stayed there for 2 hours at the activities.

A guide came and collected us. As we began to walk in we were quite worried as a part of the hall was blocked off so we thought there was only a small room... until we looked around and there was a huge hall full of many activities like in the media room we could have a go at being camera people or weather reporters or even the doctors companion. But it wasn't just TV; we could have a go at spray painting a van, painting with sponges (or) making a picture frame using special glue called 'activator'.

Another activity was 'the spark plug challenge.' Jamie-Lee got the best score at 53 seconds. There were many activities that we didn't get a go at but by the



A very busy hall!



“ But it wasn't just TV we could have a go at spray painting a van (or) making a picture frame using special glue called activator ”



Smile - you're on camera!

looks of it looked like fun. There was

- Copper pipe welding
- Spark plug challenge
- Spray painting a car
- Painting with a sponge
- Making a picture frame
- Media fun
- House designing
- Music creating (DJing)

When we were finished we had to fill in a questionnaire; out of 10 I rated it a 7. We collected our things and an information book then we left after finally getting Mr Chapman's attention.

We didn't get back here until 3:15pm. The bus was crowded when we got on and because I sat in the middle and everyone else sat at the back I was squished by people getting through. But most of all we enjoyed all the activities and we hope you can go there in the future if you choose to.

Louise Howard and Rachel Finesilver 9Y



So...this bit goes where?

boysintechology

Photos: Mr Burge

On 14 November 2013 a group of Year 9 boys were taken to Colchester Institute for a 'Boys in Technology' day.

Here is their report...



In the gallery.

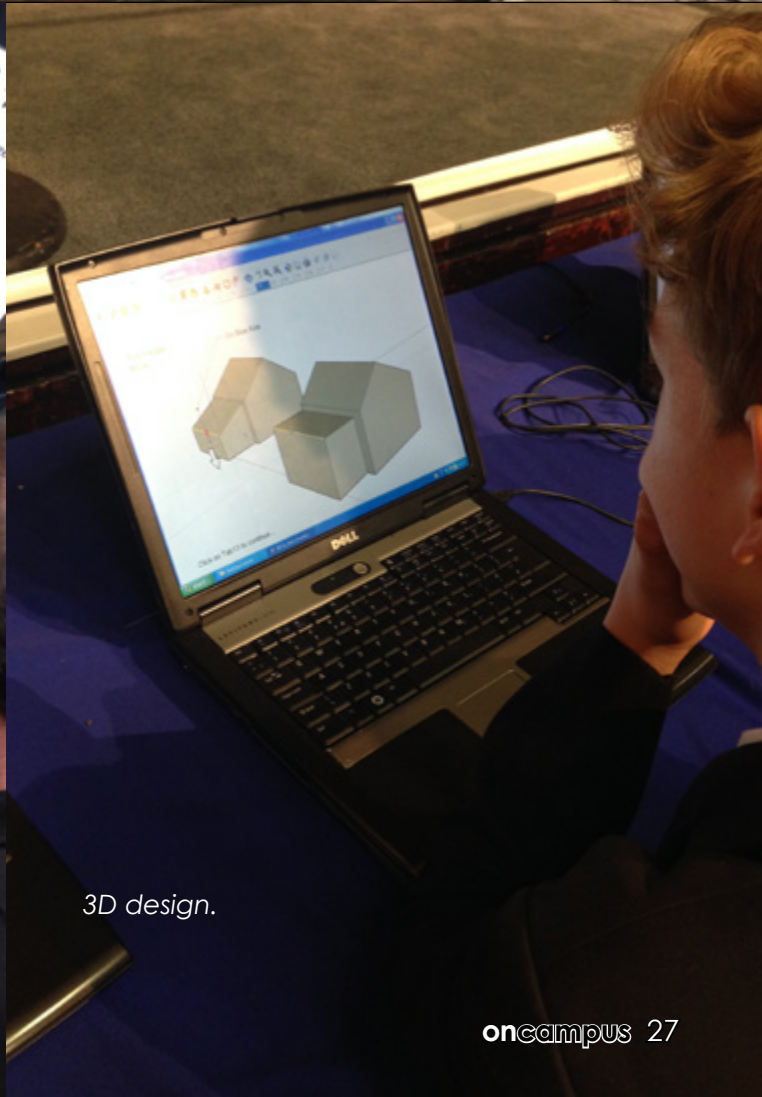
Once we arrived we got to use all of the fantastic equipment that was offered. There were many to choose from including spray painting a van, wiring a light bulb, making a wall with bricks and cement, welding and many more. There was an opportunity to change the wheel of a motorcycle which was great but none of us were very good at it!

A lot of things we got to make we were able to take home, which was great and we all enjoyed it.

We would like to thank the people at the Colchester Institute. Overall it was a great opportunity to see what benefits you could have from taking Design and Technology for a GCSE.

*James Rayner, Harry Eageling,
Jordan Streeter and Ben Fraser.*

If you're interested in joining Boys in Technology 2014 or want further information about Design and Technology speak to Mr Burge - jonathan.burge@notleyhigh.com



3D design.

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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The Millenium Bridge.

Year 10 Art GCSE Trip to The National Gallery and Tate Modern

When we arrived in London, we visited The Tate Modern Gallery. Firstly, we visited the Cubism section, which is our current topic, where we wrote down some information about two different paintings and made a copy in our sketchpads.

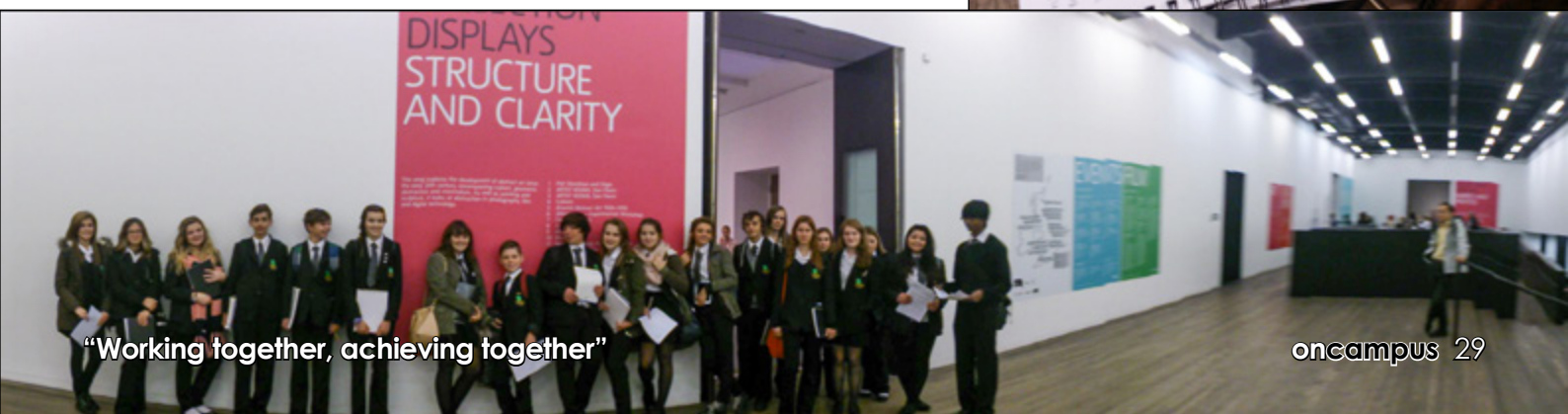
Then we visited the Surrealism section, where there were some really interesting paintings and sculptures, which looked quite bizarre! We copied down some information and another copy of two of the compositions.

Next, we visited The National Gallery. We were taken on a tour and shown how to analyse paintings, which will come in handy when writing composition descriptions. We looked at

a painting called 'The Ambassadors' and were shown features of the painting which you may not have noticed normally and why they were included in the portrait.

I found this really interesting as I began to look at other paintings more closely and began to consider why there were specific elements of the painting included.

Lindsey Hope 10S



Bonjour!

My name is Miss Rouze and I am a 21 year old French new graduate girl in Psychology. I will be among you this Academic year in order to teach French, but also to learn myself a language: English!

In effect, so as to become an ambassadress, I need to master two others languages than mine, which are English and Spanish, and continue my studies in Political Science. I could be accepted in a Political Science School thanks to a competitive examination in March.

This 8 months are also already a way for me to represent my country abroad! I won't be able to see a lot my family during this period, who lives in a lost village (called Dégagnac) in the South of France at two hours from Toulouse, which is the biggest city close to ours. One of my brother studies medicine in this latter, and the other one still lives with my parents as he is in secondary school. My mother follows cooking lessons in another town named Cahors and does mosaic, and my father is plumber and heating engineer. They can't travel as much as I do, but we like it.

You can see some photos of my family on the right. Enzo is my youngest brother, Andy is older than Enzo but I'm older than him. My Mum is called Nathalie and my father's name is Laurent.

I also like playing badminton (fortunately, I can still play badminton in Notley!), reading and painting but since I am in England, I don't find the time to paint anymore!

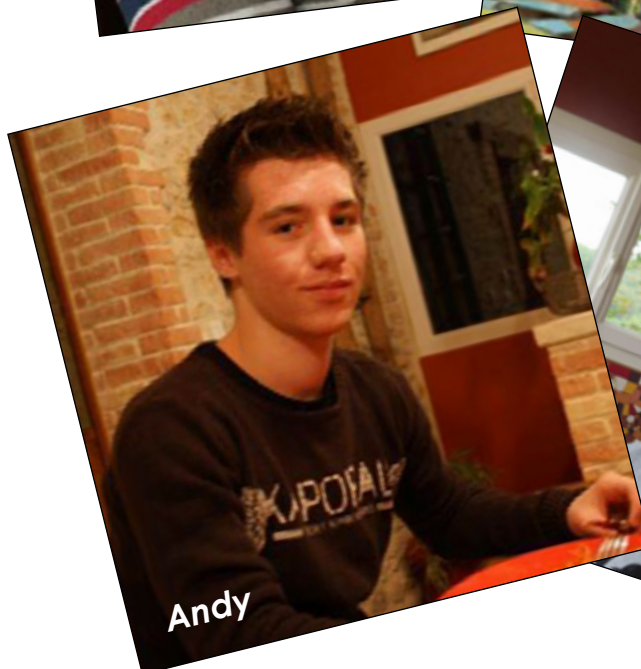
Miss Rouze, Foreign Language Assistant



Papa



Maman



Andy



Enzo

18 November 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

Clarification: Student use of mobile phones/other mobile devices

The school's position on mobile phones/other mobile devices can be seen in the school's Handbook for Parents/Carers. It states the following:

Smartphones, iPods and other such expensive items are not permitted to be used during school hours. Students found using a phone during the day can expect to have it confiscated. We recognise that many parents/carers feel that their child is safer with a phone. In the case of an emergency, contact can be made via Student Services. The use of phones in normal school hours can be highly disruptive and we would appreciate your support in communicating our rules to your child. The school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of such items due to the normal procedures not being followed.

Phones and other mobile devices should be switched off and out of sight at all times during the school day from when students enter the building in the morning and until they have left the building at the end of the day. Any confiscated phones will be kept safe in Student Services during the school day and returned to students at the end of the school day; iPods and other electronic equipment will be returned at the end of the week unless a parent or carer collects it. Any students who are consistently flouting these guidelines will have to hand their mobile phone/other mobile device to Student Services at the beginning of the school day and collect it at the end of the day (as well as receiving an appropriate sanction).

On occasions, students will be permitted by their teachers to use their mobile phones/other mobile devices to support their learning in specific lessons or in the school library. If this is appropriate and deemed necessary, the member of staff will make their expectations very clear about mobile phone/other mobile device use. Of course, if students do not use their mobile phone/other mobile device responsibly during these learning activities, it will be confiscated and passed to Student Services. An appropriate sanction will be given to the student, and if appropriate to do so, parents/carers will be contacted.

I hope that this information is helpful and clarifies the school's position on mobile phones/other mobile devices. Please contact your son or daughter's form tutor should you have any further questions about this issue.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Newman
Senior Deputy Headteacher





BrainTree
Sixth Form

The Sixth Form Open Evening was busy as ever this year, as we welcomed Year 11 students from around 20 different secondary schools across the district.

Visitors are shown the building and examples of work.



Open Evening, Thursday 7 November

A programme of musical and theatrical performances by our students contributed to a lively and enjoyable evening. Subject staff and students were available to provide advice about our IB and A-Level courses.

The Science area proved not to be for the squeamish as Biology students demonstrated dissection techniques.

Student Governors Hannah Cureton and Elliot Whipps, addressed a packed theatre, along with members of the Sixth Form Leadership Team.

Applications

Applications for 2014/15 are now open. Please go to:

www.braintreesixthform.com/applications



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year 12 impact day



First driving lessons for our students.



“(it) really brought home the fact that wearing a seatbelt can affect everyone in the car.”



On Wednesday 13 November, Year 12 took part in a Roadster event, led by Essex Highways. The focus of the day was road safety and awareness. Students participated in six different workshops run by Essex Police, Fire Service, Road Safety Officers and local driving schools. All students also had the chance to take to the roads themselves, driving dual controlled cars around the tennis courts! Before getting behind the wheel students were able to test their reaction speeds and explore their road safety knowledge.

At the end of the day, all students received a free copy of the Highway Code to assist them on their journey to becoming safe drivers. The students really enjoyed the day and learnt a great deal, as highlighted in this selection of comments from their evaluations:

‘Really brought home the fact that wearing a seatbelt can affect everyone in the car.’

‘Using your mobile phone takes 80% of your concentration – so don’t use it when driving.’

‘A car is not a toy. It is a big responsibility.’

‘I learnt how to get into first gear without stalling!’

‘All workshops were very informative and interesting – a well-organised day.’

Thank you to all Year 12 students for their exemplary behaviour and sensitive responses throughout the day and to all the external providers who contributed both their time and expertise.

battlefields of belgium

On Friday 15 November the first of the History department's annual trips to the battlefields of Belgium took place.

150 students have participated and on the following pages are the reflections of just a few of them on the day and their experiences.

Photos: Miss White

Student Reports

My favourite time of the day was when we went to the museum and learnt about everything.

Although the day was fun it was also sad because you think about all the people that died. The saddest part of the day for me was seeing the cemeteries and all the graves.

Abbie Lamb 9N

Firstly we visited Hill 62, where we saw photographs and weapons and we were even lucky enough to walk around a real trench. I found this experience very moving because I walked in their footsteps.

We also visited a German graveyard which contained over 40,000 Germans. There were flowers laid with personal messages for them.

Megan Amos 9N



hilarious
death tiring cold amazing
jumpy shocking
food unique emotional wet interesting
sad trench scary soggy
funny

Sam Marshall 9T



Hill 62 Trench



Tyne Cot Cemetery

The first place we went was Hill 62. It was shocking to see the conditions that they were in for weeks at a time. We then went to a German cemetery which had a large, mass burial in the middle and littler graves on the grass. It saddened me how many people died. After that we went to the museum which was really interesting and the trench system underneath the museum gave the experience of the trenches without the horrible conditions.

Joshua Nicoll 9N

After the first memorial we went to the second one which was the German one. The headstones were completely different to the other one. Both of the memorials were quite overwhelming and very sad. Our last place to visit was Ypres town. We went into the chocolate shop where they did a special deal for us.

Tia Quinn 9N

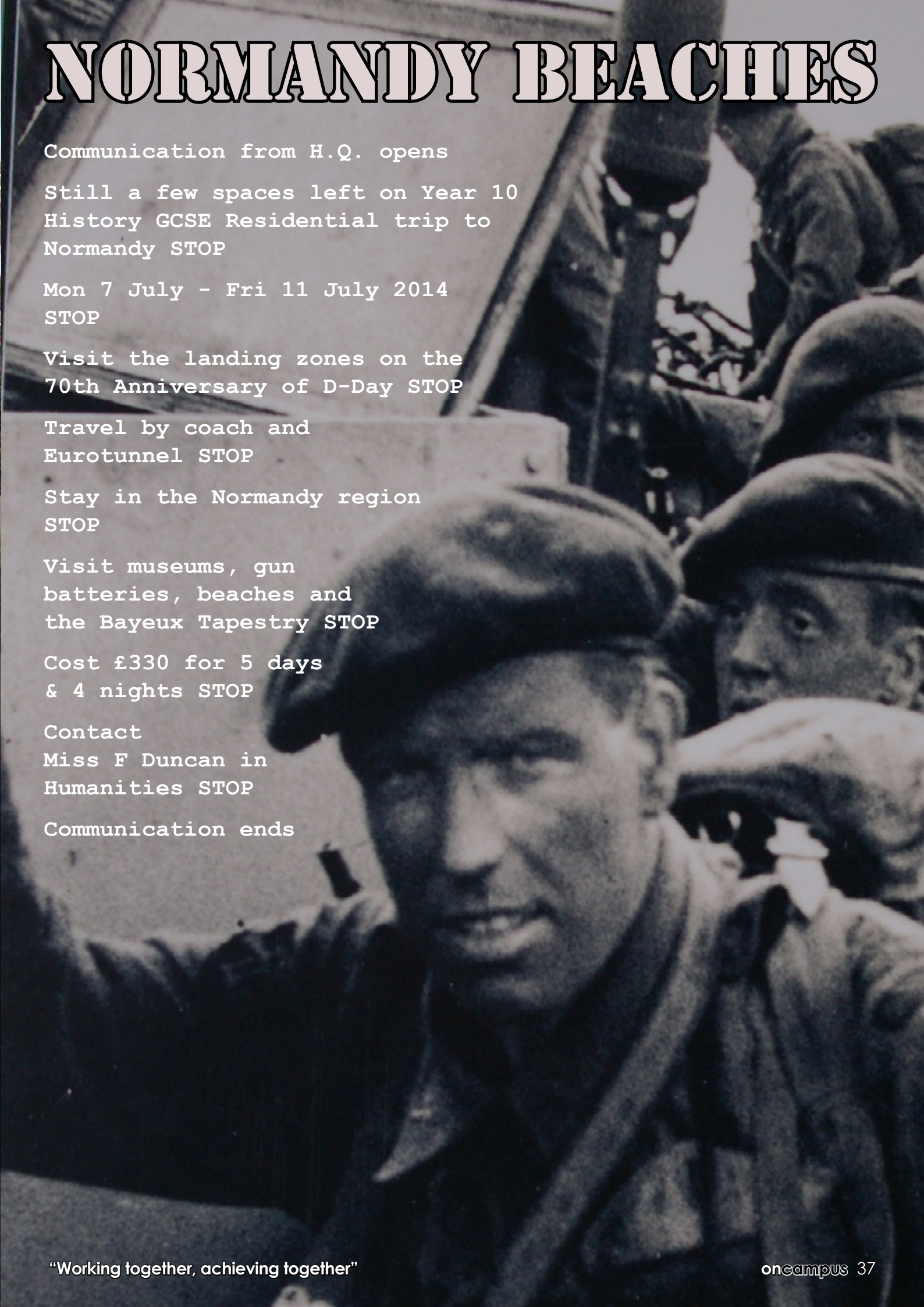
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Hill 62 Trench

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NORMANDY BEACHES



Communication from H.Q. opens

Still a few spaces left on Year 10
History GCSE Residential trip to
Normandy STOP

Mon 7 July - Fri 11 July 2014
STOP

Visit the landing zones on the
70th Anniversary of D-Day STOP

Travel by coach and
Eurotunnel STOP

Stay in the Normandy region
STOP

Visit museums, gun
batteries, beaches and
the Bayeux Tapestry STOP

Cost £330 for 5 days
& 4 nights STOP

Contact
Miss F Duncan in
Humanities STOP

Communication ends

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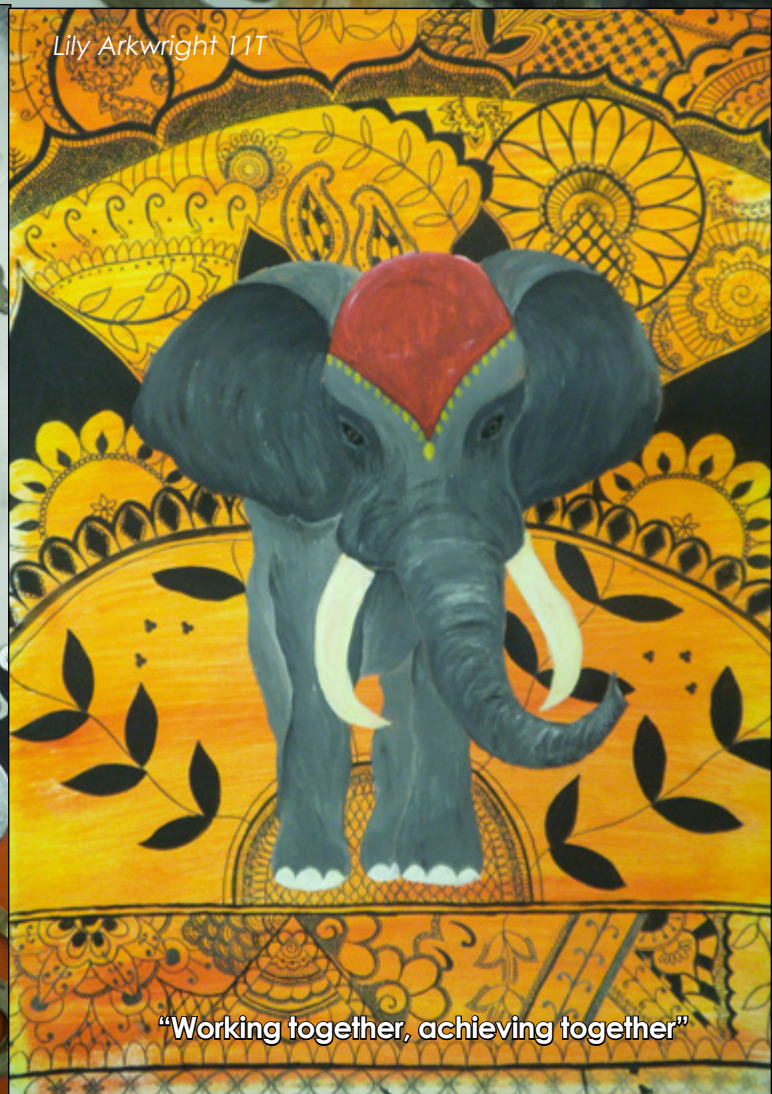


Liberty Shilton 11O

This issue we are showcasing a selection of the excellent outcomes produced by Art GCSE students in their recent mock exam.



Pip Roberts 11N



Lily Arkwright 11T



Natasha Rye 11B



Giorgia Willis 11S



Holly Harnwell 11L



Daniel Parker 11S



Alex Curran 11T

Maths Puzzle

Ms Brown and Mr Callely were standing outside the maths office. They had a big pile of cakes to share left over from a maths department party. The cakes were very crumbly so they didn't want to cut them up or it would have made a terrible mess. Mr Callely started by dividing the cakes between them.

"But your heap is larger than mine!" shouted Ms Brown.

"True," said Mr Callely. "Allow me to present you with one-third of my heap."

Ms Brown added the cakes to her heap, and after looking at the now gigantic pyramid, she suddenly exclaimed "I can't eat all that lot! Here is half of the heap for you."

"You are too kind," said Mr Callely as he took the cakes. "Two-thirds of my heap is the least I can offer you."

"I will not be outdone in generosity!" cried Ms Brown hastily handing over three-quarters of her cakes.

"Prudence is a virtue," remarked Mr Callely. "Content yourself with two-thirds of my cake based stash."

"Well, that's not many cakes. One-third of mine is all I can give you!" retorted Ms Brown.

"And now, if I give you one cake," remarked Mr Callely, "we shall, I think, be even?"

He was right. How many cakes were shared between them?



Prize Wordsearch

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Win a £10 Voucher!



This issue's prize wordsearch is based around science words.

Try to find each of the words below in the grid (they can be in any direction including diagonal).

However one word is not in the grid!

To be included in the prize draw simply email that word to chris.rowe@notleyhigh.com

The winner will be chosen at random from all correct entries received by 4pm Friday 13 December.

The winner's name (and the solution!) will be published in the next issue.

- Alkaline
- Amylase
- Carbohydrate
- Conduction
- Dispersion
- Electromagnet

- Enzyme
- Evaporation
- Fermentation
- Frequency
- Gaseous
- Hertz

- Insulator
- Microbes
- Molecule
- Omnivore
- Oxygen
- Protein

- Refraction
- Spectrum
- Vacuum



literacy leader award



Year 9 Visit British Library

On Monday 25 November, ten Year 9 students visited the British Library as part of their Literacy Leader Award. Students participated in the Georgians Revealed exhibition and explored the history of the printing press. This will facilitate students in the

completion of their award and has provided students with possible topics that they could teach primary aged children at the end of the academic year.

Miss Smith, Year Leader - Year 9

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nextofkin



Next of Kin



View the Online Photo Gallery

[www.notleyhigh.com/
photo-galleries-2013/events/next-of-kin](http://www.notleyhigh.com/photo-galleries-2013/events/next-of-kin)



X-Notley Students

Former Notley Students Return to Treat Students to a Special Concert

You may have seen them on the X Factor or even sing live at the famous TOWIE bar The Sugar Hut, but for some lucky Notley students Next of Kin performed a special one-off concert this October.

Brothers Nathan, Mark and Kieran Bass returned to their roots on 7 October and treated students and staff alike to a selection of covers and original songs at Braintree Arts Theatre.

Next of Kin had a string of successes since their breakthrough in 1999 and are now focusing on their much anticipated return to the music industry. The band has been recording tracks for their new record in LA and is set to release a new studio album in the near future.

Next of Kin Christmas Performance at Braintree Arts Theatre

If you are kicking yourself for missing this brilliant band you are in luck! Next of Kin will be performing at Braintree Arts Theatre on Saturday 21 December - tickets will be £10 in advance, £15 on the door and will be sold on a strictly first come, first served basis. You can buy your tickets through Braintree Arts Theatre's box office, check out their website www.braintreeartstheatre.com or call 01376 556 354 for more details.



Notley ♥ Next of Kin

jackpetcheyaward



Mr Beal presents Amy Wills with her award.

Amy Wills Year 13

We are pleased to present Amy Wills 13H (above) and Eden Stoneman 13L (right) with the Jack Petchey award as our September and October winners. These 2 young ladies were nominated by a member of staff for their voluntary work in the drama department.

They have shown dedication in running the Year 7 & 8 drama club and have worked hard in producing and directing a play for the students at the school. They organised the students and costumes, booked the school theatre and the play was produced to members of the school community and parents/carers. They put in a huge amount of effort to make the play run successfully and we are very proud of their efforts.



Eden Stoneman



Mr Newman
presenting Joshua
Hagger with his award.



The Jack Petchey
Foundation logo.

November 2013

We are delighted to present Joshua Hagger 100 with the Jack Petchey award for November. Joshua has been nominated by his peers on more than one occasion for his work in the library.

Joshua has been a student librarian for a number of years. He is a valued member of the team who gives up his free time on a daily basis to support Mrs Simkins in the library. Joshua is always willing to participate in the day to day running of the library and to take an active role in the many library events that we have throughout the year. He has recently been promoted to Senior Student Librarian and has become involved in the training of other students who will be taking up a similar role in the library. Joshua is a dedicated member of the library team and is a positive role model for students. Many students say that Joshua is always helpful, supportive and nice to everyone, even when he is having a bad day. He works well as a team, working well with both staff and his peers and getting involved in the extra-curricular clubs that take place across school.

Well done Joshua and keep up the good work.

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The Jack Petchey Award

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth form are pleased to be involved in the Jack Petchey award scheme at the Gold level.

Each month, for 9 months of the year, we are able to nominate a student for their contribution to the community or an outstanding achievement. These students do not need to be the best at what they do, they are nominated on their efforts and impact on the community. The winners receive a certificate and badge and £200 to give to a project of their choice; usually projects within the school. At the end of the year, we invite students and their carers to a district celebration event where they collect their award and meet our VIP speaker.

This year's celebration event will take place on 28 January 2014 in the Braintree Arts Theatre.



Alfie Long

Alfie has played cricket for four years. His first two years were played at Braintree CC and his last two years have been played for Kelvedon and Feering CC in the North Essex Premier Division. Alfie has represented North Essex at both u13 and u15 level playing against other district opposition.

In his second year at Braintree CC he was involved in his team winning the North Essex Third Division, winning all eight matches. In his two years at Kelvedon and Feering CC he was involved in his team winning the Premier Division, two years running. In summer 2013, Alfie played for Kelvedon and Feering men's first team as a wicket keeper, who he played several games for. As well as playing for the first XI he also played for the second and third XI on numerous occasions, in which his role was batting in the top order.

In 2013, Alfie made his highest score at u15 level, scoring 65 runs in a twenty over game and for the adult side he made his highest score of 60, in a forty-five over match.



Back row L-R
T Fisher, J Norris, J Pitts, T Hyde (c), J Siwale,
J Little, M Bennett

Front row L-R
V Applegarth, B Jones, C Bowes, K Elliott,
L Hawley, R Ferrell-King, A Long, O Benham

Notley High vs Christ's School, Richmond

Friday 22 November

Our Year 11 football team took on Christ's School from Richmond in the 4th round of the Playstation National Football Cup on Friday 22 November.

Christ's School came to us for an early kick off after spending 2½ hours travelling to Braintree. The game started fairly evenly with both sides creating some chances. Christ's had a goal disallowed for offside before Owen Benham hit the crossbar for Notley. Then came 2 penalties in quick succession. First, Notley were awarded a penalty which Kieran Elliott coolly slotted home past the Christ's 'keeper but then no sooner had Notley taken the lead, they gave away a penalty at the other end which the Christ's striker scored. 1-1 at half time.

At the start of the 2nd half, Christ's took control and had a couple of chances before James Norris' persistence paid off as he rode a couple of challenges before robbing the goalkeeper of the ball

and squaring for Matthew Bennett to poke home. Shortly afterwards, it was 3. Bennett received the ball in the centre circle, flicked the ball past a defender before passing out wide to Norris. Norris took the full back on and flashed the ball across goal towards the on rushing Bennett who did extremely well to control and finish.

Christ's managed to pull a goal back 10 minutes later but any chance of a fight back was extinguished when Norris took the ball on the right and crossed towards the penalty area. The ball evaded everyone and ended up in the back of Christ's net. 4-2 at full time and Notley progress to the 5th round of the nationals for the first time.

Mr Ewing, Assistant Faculty Leader - PE

braintreeartstheatre

A New Season of Entertainment

Braintree Arts Theatre kicks off their new and exciting season of theatre, live music, stand-up comedy, cabaret and family theatre this January. Audiences can expect the same high quality and professional performances they've come to expect from Essex's newest community theatre.

Here are some highlights...

Students and theatre goers alike will be transported to a vivid and immersive world of scandal, jealousy and lust with *Othello*. Don't miss this fantastic production on 1 February, student and group discounts are available!

Enter the farcical world of Oscar Wilde's *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime* on 28 February. This hilarious retelling of a classic story revels in the wit of Wilde, while borrowing (rather cheekily) from *Wodehouse*, to create a wicked black comedy that positively fizzes with fun. Join Lord Arthur and his valet for an evening of ludicrous indulgence.

Any student interested in physical theatre, dance or even history should be sure not to miss *Once Upon a Time a Western*. This new show, the biggest yet from award-winning, internationally touring troupe of clowns *Le Navet Bete*, promises to take audiences on an interactive, fast-paced journey across the Wild West.

Hear from one of the most famous villains in literature in *Fagin's Last Hour* on 14 March. Told from the point of view of Fagin the Miser, one hour before his execution, this unique and powerful one-man show offers a fresh insight into literature's most controversial villain.

Any Jane Austen fan will be delighted to see Austen's *Women* on 22 March where thirteen of Jane Austen's heroines come to life in this bold revisiting of some of literature's most celebrated works.

Our regular and popular Comedy Nights return next season! These hilarious nights are on the third Thursday of each month and gives you a chance to see top notch comedians at a fraction of their normal touring price. Line ups and listings can be found on our website, book your tickets to avoid disappointment!

That's just a taster of what to expect next season, there's plenty more drama, comedy, family theatre, live music and cabaret! There's something for everyone next season at Braintree Arts Theatre, please visit our website www.braintreeartstheatre.com for full season details and updates!



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