



16 October, 2026

HEADTEACHER

Family Bulletin

This week we have been delighted to welcome many of you into school. On Wednesday, our Year 7 tutors came off timetable to meet with Year 7 parents and carers. Half a term in, this was a valuable chance to talk about how your child(ren) has/have settled, celebrate their early successes and agree any next steps together. On Tuesday, Mrs Swan also held an online meeting for Year 8 parents and carers, and I am grateful to everyone who joined.

Last night, the senior leadership team and I met with our Parent Council. Discussions covered uniform and communication, among other areas, and the conversation was open, thoughtful and constructive. I really value the perspective parents bring. It helps us see the school through your eyes and shapes the decisions we make. Thank you to all who gave up their evening to be with us.

Sporting fixtures have continued this week with our under 14 girls' team taking part in the Essex Schools' Netball Tournament and our under 14 girls' football team also taking part in the Essex Cup. This morning our GCSE PE students are participating in indoor Rock Climbing as part of their practical assessment.

Finally, we have seen record levels of HEART points this week – with Year 7 achieving 4,234 points and Year 8 and 10 surpassing 3,000. This really is fantastic!

Finding Their Voice

Mr H Ruffell, Deputy Headteacher



On Monday, Year 7 took part in our Oracy Day which was facilitated by external coaches. Speaking with confidence and clarity is a skill that serves young people well in every subject and long after they leave school, and it was lovely to see our youngest students growing in confidence throughout the day. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising and running the day.

Our A Level Law students also put their learning and voices into practice this week with a trip to the Royal Courts of Justice and to The Old Bailey and a mock trial, taking on the roles of barristers, witnesses and jurors. There is no better way to understand how the law works than to see it in action and argue a case for yourself.

Netball Success

Miss C Thomas, Teacher Of PE



On Sunday 11 October, our U14 netball team competed in the County Round of the Essex Schools Nationals, hosted at The Gilbert School. Across eight games, the girls played to an exceptional standard against some of the strongest schools in the county, including a number of independent and grammar schools. They represented themselves and Notley with passion, commitment and determination, and finishing mid-table in such a strong pool is a great achievement.

Miss Crow and Miss Thomas chose Betsy as Player of the Tournament for her excellent performances and positive mindset throughout the day. Well done, girls, and thank you to Miss Crow and Miss Thomas for coaching and supporting the team.



Heart Points



Request For Volunteers

**Mrs Robb,
Careers Leader & Head of PDT**



Notley High School is seeking volunteers from the local business community to support our Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Interview Days on Thursday 10 December and Friday 11 December 2026. This is a fantastic opportunity to help young people develop their interview skills, build confidence and gain valuable insight into the world of work. Volunteers will conduct 15-minute mock interviews followed by 5 minutes of constructive feedback, with students having completed preparation activities in advance. Whether you can spare a few hours or a full day, your support will make a real difference. If you would like to get involved, please complete our availability form and feel free to share the opportunity with colleagues who may also be interested. Thank you for helping us prepare our students for their future careers.

Register your availability here:

[Mock Interview Availability - Dec 2026](#)

For further information, please contact Michelle Robb, Careers Leader, Notley High School at michelle.robb@notleyhigh.com.

Have a very good weekend

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Mr M Barrow, Headteacher

SIXTH FORM AT NOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL

In the sixth form at Notley High School we welcome students from across Braintree and further afield to join our Post 16 courses. In 2025, we had applications from students attending over 40 different secondary schools.

As a sixth form we pride ourselves on strong pastoral care and high academic expectations. We want every student to leave with the tools, skills and confidence to pursue their dreams. We provide opportunities throughout the two years to develop these, ready to head on to University, an Apprenticeship or the workplace.

Study Local, Aim High

Students studying in our sixth form are challenged to be ambitious for themselves and achieve at their best. We pair high academic expectations with constant pastoral support and a personal development programme to give students the tools to succeed. We also encourage students to take on leadership roles within the school community.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our open evening provides an excellent opportunity for applicants to see our sixth form facilities as well as finding out more about the range of courses we have on offer.

The Sixth Form Open Evening is on:

Thursday 19th November 2026
17:30 - 19:30

Sign up via our website or use the QR code below.



COURSES

A Level

Art
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama & Theatre Studies
Economics
English Literature
French
Further Maths
Geography
History
Law
Maths
Media Studies
Music
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion
Physics
Physical Education
Politics
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

Vocational

Criminology
Food Science & Nutrition
Health & Social Care
Performing Arts
Sport



Subject Specific
Entry Requirements



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Applicants are required to meet the sixth form entry requirements in addition to the subject specific requirements for each subject they wish to study.

The sixth form entry requirements depend on which pathway is being applied for:

- A Level Only Pathway - 5 GCSE Grades at Grade 5 and above
- Combined Vocational & A Level Pathway - 5 GCSE Grades at Grade 4 and above

