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FAMILY BULLETIN

A Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of another school year, this week has felt particularly poignant. Every summer brings its goodbyes, but some milestones carry a special weight — the last exam sat, the last uniform worn, the last walk through the gates as a student rather than an alumnus. Like a race approaching the finish line, the final stretch always seems to move fastest, and it is only when you look back at the distance covered that you truly appreciate how far everyone has come.

Last night the Senior Leadership Team had the pleasure of meeting with our Parent Council, and I want to place on record my genuine thanks for the generosity of time given by those who attended. Their thoughtful feedback on our website, school communications, and Dynamic Progress Reports for Years 7 to 9 was hugely valuable. We will be taking that feedback seriously as we plan improvements for next year.

A Fond Farewell to Year 11 From Miss Roberts, Assistant Headteacher

This week marks a significant milestone as our Year 11 students completed their final exams. Watching them walk out of the exam hall for the last time is always a moment filled with pride and a little emotion — for them, for their families, and for all of us who have had the privilege of being part of their journey.

We are absolutely delighted that so many of them will be returning to us in September as part of our Sixth Form community. We look forward to welcoming them back and watching them take that next exciting step in their education. To every Year 11 student and family — thank you for everything you have given to Notley. You have been a wonderful cohort and we wish you all the very best as you await your results.

A huge thank you also to our dedicated staff and to parents and carers for the tremendous support shown throughout this exam season. It genuinely takes a whole community.

Year 13 — End of an Era
From Mr Sainsbury, Head of Sixth Form

Today sees our Year 13 students sit their final exam. It has been a remarkable two years for this group and we could not be prouder of how they have conducted themselves. Their Prom is next week — a well-deserved celebration — and we look forward to marking that special occasion with them. Congratulations and very best wishes to every one of them.

District Sports — Brilliant Performances!
From Mr Harrington, Head of PE

What a day our athletes had at the District Sports! Notley finished **4th overall out of 12 schools** — a fantastic collective achievement — and **our Year 7 girls won their age category outright**. Congratulations to every student who competed and represented the school so brilliantly.

A special mention to our individual medallists:

🥇 1st Place

🥇 Nancy — Javelin
🥇 Lulu — Long Jump
🥇 Nathan — Hurdles
🥇 Ewan — Hurdles
🥇 Matthew — 100m
🥇 Jess — Discus

🥈 2nd Place

🥈 **Amalie — 1500m**
🥈 **Grace — Javelin**
🥈 **Theodore — Hurdles**
🥈 **Ruby — Hurdles**
🥈 Emily — 100m
🥈 Elsie — 800m
🥈 Sofia — Long Jump

🥉 3rd Place

🥉 Nevaeh — 200m
🥉 Yasmin — Long Jump
🥉 Erin — Shot Putt
🥉 Megan — 800m
🥉 Ewan — Discus
🥉 Grace — 100m
🥉 Amelia — Shot Putt
🥉 Neve — Javelin

Year 6 & Year 5 Transition
From Mrs Swan, RSL for Year 7

Next week we look forward to welcoming our new Year 6 students for their Transition Days, along with a Transition Information Evening for families. It is always a highlight of the summer term and a wonderful opportunity for our future students to experience life at Notley High School.

Our Year 5 Coffee Mornings and Tours have proved incredibly popular and are now fully booked — thank you to everyone who signed up. For families with children currently in Year 5, our **Year 5 Transition Sessions** are now open for booking. Places are limited, so we would encourage you to secure your spot as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming so many new faces to our community — both next week and in the years ahead.

Open Morning - Saturday 26 September 2026

General Open Morning: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Early access (Families with additional needs): 9.15am start

Book a Headteacher talk here

Hot Weather Reminder From Mrs Howells, Deputy Headteacher

With warmer weather forecast, we wanted to remind families that **ties and blazers are not required** for at least the next week.

Please do encourage your child to **bring a water bottle to school** each day so they can stay well hydrated throughout the day.

Heart Points

Have a very good weekend.

Mr M Barrow, Headteacher