



2 October, 2026

HEADTEACHER

Family Bulletin

A huge thank you to our students and colleagues for Saturday's open morning. It was one of the busiest we have held, and our students were fantastic ambassadors: confident, welcoming and proud to show visitors around their school. Many families commented on how well they spoke about their lessons and their teachers. Our weekday tours continue, with record numbers booked and real interest in joining Notley next September.

This week also saw our MFL Bake Off, with students producing some impressive bakes inspired by the French- and Spanish-speaking world. Thank you to the MFL team for organising, and well done to everyone who took part. The standard was very high, as the photos show.



Albie B - Greece

The Acropolis



Gian D - Spain





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Year 7 have taken part in a road safety workshop this week, and their behaviour and engagement were excellent. The timing is deliberate. Starting secondary school is the point at which many young people begin travelling independently for the first time, often on longer and busier routes than they are used to, and it is the age at which they are most at risk as pedestrians. With darker mornings and evenings approaching, that risk increases. The workshop focused on helping students understand that a moment's distraction, whether a phone, headphones or simply chatting with friends, can have serious consequences, and that the choices they make on their journey matter. We would be grateful if you could talk to your child about what they learned and about their own route to and from school. These conversations at home make a real difference.



Our extra-curricular programme is in full swing. Fixtures are under way across a range of sports, and students are representing the school with real commitment. Rehearsals for our whole school production of *Oliver!* are also well under way, and the enthusiasm from cast and crew is already clear. We look forward to sharing more as the show takes shape.



We also want to keep improving how we communicate with families about the support your children receive. This week Mr Sadler held an online meeting for parents and carers about Reading Plus, the reading intervention we run in school. Reading Plus is an online programme that adapts to each student, building fluency, comprehension and vocabulary so that they can access the full curriculum with confidence. The meeting was a chance to explain how the programme works, how we use it in school and how families can encourage reading at home. Thank you to everyone who joined us. If you were unable to attend and would like to know more, please get in touch with the school.

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



Heart Points



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a very good weekend.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "Mr M Barrow".

Mr M Barrow, Headteacher