



9 October, 2026

HEADTEACHER

Family Bulletin

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Some of the most memorable learning happens away from a desk, and this week has offered plenty of it. Year 9 students travelled to the London Science Museum, a great opportunity to see their classroom learning brought to life. Our Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students visited Chelmsford Theatre to take part in a lighting workshop to enhance their technical skills and understanding which is an important part of their preparation for the course.



In school, Year 9 took part in PSHE workshops on the theme of Stronger Together, and Year 7 welcomed Essex County Fire and Rescue Service for a firework and Halloween safety assembly. With half term and Bonfire Night approaching, this is a timely message, and you may wish to talk it through with your child at home.

Our netball fixtures have also continued, and I would like to thank the students who have represented Notley and the staff who give up their time to coach and travel with them.

In the Sixth Form

Our Year 12 students have been preparing for next week's Enterprise Fair, which they will run with Year 7 during Tuesday's PDT lesson. It is a lovely opportunity for our oldest and youngest students to work together, and for Year 12 to put their planning, teamwork and presentation skills into practice.

PDT time this week has also been given to Model United Nations and UCAS personal statements. Model United Nations is a simulation of the real UN, in which each student acts as a delegate for a particular country. They research that country's position on a global issue, then debate, negotiate and draft resolutions with delegates from other nations. It builds confidence in public speaking, and it asks students to argue a viewpoint that may be very different from their own.

Finally, our early entry university applications are now being completed. These are for Oxford, Cambridge and Medicine, ahead of the UCAS deadline of 15 October. We wish these students every success.

Name change

You may notice a small change over the coming weeks: from 1 November we will formally be known as Notley High School and Sixth Form. The new name reflects what we already are, one school with one community, from Year 7 through to Year 13. Nothing else changes for students or families.

Colder, Wetter Weather: Please Remember a Coat Mrs Howells, Deputy Headteacher

As the weather turns, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day. Students spend time outside at break and lunchtime and when moving between buildings, and those who arrive wet or cold find it much harder to settle and concentrate in lessons.

It also helps a great deal if coats are clearly named, so that anything left behind can be returned quickly.



Heart Points



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



Have a very good weekend

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Mr M Barrow, Headteacher