5 September, 2025

HEADTEACHER
Weekly Bulletin

A warm welcome back to the new academic year. A particular special welcome to our new Year 7 and 12 students and families joining our community for the first time.

The first week of term has been full of energy and purpose. Walking around the school, I have been struck by how quickly students have settled into routines, how smartly the vast majority are wearing their uniforms, and the positive attitude they have brought into classrooms. Staff have been equally enthusiastic, and there is a real sense of momentum as we begin the year together. Year 11 and Year 13 students are already being guided to establish effective study routines in preparation for their examinations.

From the August "Back to School – September 2025" Letter

In my letter of 20 August, I shared some important information about the year ahead and updates to our school website. I encourage you to revisit it if you haven't already, as it contains details about safeguarding, uniform, attendance expectations, and how we can work in partnership this year. You can find it, along with all future communications, in the Letters section of the school website.

The link is here:
Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form - Back To School - September 2025

Our Updated Website

The redesigned website has been created to make it much easier for families to access key information quickly:

Parents' Section: Attendance, Uniform, and Safeguarding guidance in one place.

- Quick Links: Direct access to Bulletins, Free School Meals, ParentPay, Careers Advice, and E-safety resources.
- Letters Archive: Every letter, including the August update, is published here for reference.

Please do take some time to explore the new site — it will be the main hub for updates and information throughout the year.

The link the canteen menu can be found here:
Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form - Canteen & Meal Menu

The link to this term's PE extra-curricular programme can be found here:
Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form - Extra Curricular

Heart Points

We believe in encouraging and rewarding effort and achievement. Students earn HEART points which focus on positive behaviours for learning and the development of each and every student's character.

We believe that by providing students with HEART points, students are encouraged to engage fully with all opportunities available to them.

They also provide a framework for students to achieve their personal best and to be rewarded for it.

Through our planned curriculum and focus on HEART, we strive to develop 6 character virtues which are in line with our whole school ethos of 'Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire'.

Have a very good weekend.

Mr M Barrow