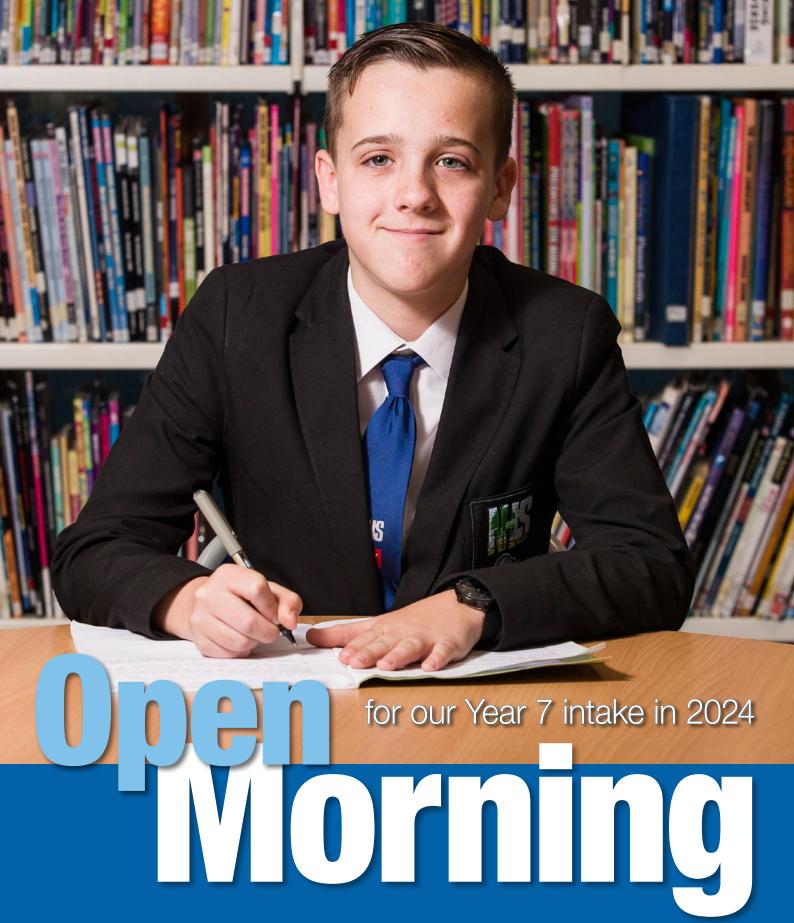


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Sat 23 Sept 9.30am - 12.30pm

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HeadteacherUpdate

As the year draws to a close, It has been lovely to see so many trips and events happening, particularly after a busy exam season.

This term has been one of hard work but also of much celebration, such as our PE Colours Celebration, KS3 and KS4 Awards Presentation Evening as well as our House Competition Day, Pride Picnic and Sports Day. We have held for the first time in many years, a Year 5 induction day for our main feeder primary schools and welcomed our next year's Year 7 cohort for two transition days.

We are delighted to share with you the following improvements to our facilities and classrooms:

- Three brand new classrooms and one computer suite
- Maths classrooms being carpeted in all rooms ready for the Autumn Term
- Sports Hall flooring being replaced
- Painting in corridors
- Two classrooms converted to a dance studio
- Portacabin scheduled to be removed
- Further interactive screens in some main school and sixth form classrooms

Following feedback from parents and carers and consultation within our trust, we are making some changes to the ways we create and communicate students' target grades from the Autumn Term. The intention is that grades will be ambitious, but realistic, so these will continue to be based on students' prior attainment at primary school, but no student will be given end of Year 11 targets of lower than a 4 in any subject.

End of year targets for each student will be created, which will allow students to track their 'flightpath' across the year. These will be single grades, sub-levelled, and we hope this will be more straightforward for students, parents and carers to understand. Students will be informed of their target grades in each subject and these will also be listed on students' reports in the Autumn Term. There will be further detail about this in our Parents' and Carers' Welcome Information Evenings which will be held over the course of the first few weeks on our return in September.

This is to let you know that there are some changes to the teaching groups and curriculum for September for Year 8 and 9 in particular, following a thorough review of the curriculum for this year. In Year 7, students will be regrouped and set in Mathematics and Science from October half term at the latest, once teachers have fully assessed students and considered their prior attainment. In English, they will be grouped in bands from half term at the latest. In years 8 and 9, because students are studying one language rather than two, students' teaching groups have been reorganised in their other subjects to ensure that the groupings for languages work effectively. Students continue in sets in Science and Mathematics and bands will be introduced from October half term at the latest in English for Years 8 and 9.

There have been some changes to the number of hours allocated to different subjects and the teaching arrangements for these. In particular, the teaching of Mathematics has been increased by an hour each fortnight at Key Stage 3 and the teaching of Geography and History has been increased for Years 7 and 8 as well as PER in Year 9. For Years 7 and 8, the timetable will separate Dance from PE (rather than including it within the subject as at present). Personal Development teaching time has reduced by one hour, but the weekly lesson will now be delivered by form tutors at the same time for Years 7-11 each week. We believe this will allow tutors to utilise their knowledge of the students as they deliver aspects of the curriculum such as sensitive subjects, to ensure the curriculum is better tailored to meet students' needs. Computing teaching will reduce to a fortnightly lesson, still ensuring that students cover the National Curriculum but meaning that this subject will be fully delivered by specialist teachers. In Year 9, Technology, the teaching allocation has increased by one hour a fortnight.

We intend that these changes maintain our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum across the school while allowing students to develop the depth of knowledge and skills they need to progress further.

We have a series of Welcome Information Evenings. Dates are as follows:

Year 8: 27 September

Year 9: 25 September

Year 10: 18 September

Year 11: 11 September

Year 12: 14 September

For Year 7, there will be a Settling In Evening on 12 October.

This term, we have been able to purchase over £10,000 worth of books for our Sixth Form students to supplement and enhance their understanding of their A level subjects. Staff chose these books as additional texts of 'Academic Reading' to build their classes' appreciation of the topics they are studying in lessons. Students are being issued with these books for each of their subjects to be used as homework and flipped learning, as well as to improve their literacy even further as they prepare for their next steps of education or work.

The Year of Number launches next academic year, which is an Essex wide initiative to build numeracy skills across all Key Stages. During form time, students will be working on different number challenges to build and develop their skills. Tasks will include: working together to change the ratios of a cake recipe and then making the cake and blind fold angle challenges. We will be running House Competitions as well, to help celebrate and secure these emerging skills.

For staff, training this term has been led in faculties, where each faculty in the school has showcased great examples of practice to help staff check for understanding within their classes. It has been wonderful to see examples of the excellent work going on in lessons across the school, and some of

these have even been taken on by our Pedagogy Prefects (see below) who have led on activities within their lessons as well!

In June, our two fabulous Head Prefects (Keith S and Sophie C) left Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form, after completing their final GCSE examinations. They had worked tirelessly over the course of the academic year developing key initiatives, designing the Yearbook, delivering speeches, supporting the Student Council as well as embodying the Notley Way throughout their academic studies. We will, as a Community, be forever thankful to Keith and Sophie, as well as to our Deputy Prefects Lucy C and Erin F for all the work that they put into making Notley High School the community that it is.

During the months of June and July, we as a school, appointed our new Head Students. Students from year 10, who wished to be Head Students had to first fill in an application form, and from these, nine candidates were selected from the pool of fifteen. All nine students delivered speeches to younger year groups about what makes Notley High School Notley, and what they want to achieve as Head Prefects. The speeches were all breath-taking, and Mrs Swan (year 10 RSL) was left crying on multiple occasions because of how proud she was to see our students step out of their comfort zones and deliver such poignant and mature speeches.

After reading the application forms and listening to students' ideas and visions, two new Head Prefects have been appointed.

We are pleased to announce that from September 2023, Emily Ashworth and Oscar Parry will be the new Head Prefects at Notley High School. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles and cannot wait to share with you in future Notley News what these two achieve.





The past few weeks have been a busy time for the Sixth Form. The Year 13 students have just completed their final A Level and BTEC exams and will enjoy a long summer break and look forward to results day on Thursday 17 August. We wish them well as they start to look forward to the next chapter in their lives.

Year 12 have also been involved in their own exam season and have just completed 'end of year 12 exams' which will indicate their progress as they reach the end of the first year of their studies.

Following visits to Anglia Ruskin University and the Higher Education Super fair at Essex University Year 12 are also embarking on preparing themselves for life beyond Sixth Form. They are beginning university applications, researching degree apprenticeships, or seeking alternative career pathways. All this work will mean they will be very well prepared when they return to begin Year 13 studies in September.

I was privileged to be part of the Sixth Form Head prefect application process during this term, meeting with all the applicants and discussing new exiting ideas such as a debate team that will attend competitions, Sixth Form buddies, Summer School, and more events and competitions for the whole school community to enjoy. I will look forward to working closely with the new prefect and subject ambassadors over the next academic year.

Uniform

I would like to remind everyone of the uniform expectations for September. The wearing of full school uniform is expected as an integral part of the school ethos which promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride. Students are expected to wear the correct uniform, which in brief is outlined below;

Blazer with school badge

Blue knee-length Kelso tartan kilt or plain black trousers

White shirt

Plain black shoes

Tie with coloured House logo

Students are permitted a single stud or sleeper in each ear; no other jewellery are allowed.

When students are participating in PE, they must wear their red or black Notley PE top, black PE shorts (cycling shorts are not permitted from September) and appropriate trainers. Converse are not allowed for PE.

Additional details regarding uniform can be found in the Uniform Policy on the school website

https://www.notleyhigh.com/uniform-policy

Staff Changes

We would like to wish the following staff our very best wishes as they leave Notley at the end of this term to take up new posts, promotion or retirement. On behalf of the wider community, I thank each of them for all they have contributed to the school over the past years and wish them lots of success in the next steps that they take.

We say goodbye to: Mr Riches, Miss Rice, Miss Quinn, Mrs Chandran, Mr Goodwins, Mrs Moodie, Mr Doone, Miss Seymour, Mr Johnson, Ms Tyler, and finally Mrs Hill and Mrs Wingrove who are retiring

after a combined 50 years of dedicated service to the school and its community. We are very pleased that Mrs Hill will be coming back to support in our cover team later in the term.

From the support staff we are saying goodbye to Ms Williams, Mrs Hurst, Mr Brazier, Mr Hart, Mrs Finch, Ms Capon and Mrs Barnard.

We wish them all well, whether that be in retirement or in their new post. They have supported our school very well throughout their time here.

The new staff joining in September are:

- Mr Bryan, Subject Leader for Physics
- Ms Ramachandran, Maths department
- Ms Jagiello, Raising Aspirations and Progress Leader for Maths
- Mrs Sharp, Receptionist
- Mr Biney, Science Teacher
- Ms Pandey, Science Teacher
- Mrs Hyatt, Business Teacher
- Miss Burton will in due course step in to cover Mrs Swan's maternity leave
- Mrs Francis will be joining the Science Team
- Mrs King and Mrs Hooper will be joining the Learning Support Team
- Ms Thompson, Catering Assistant

I wish you and your families a lovely summer break and look forward to the students' return in September.

Miss M Ryan, Headteacher

What a year it has been. I want to start by saying what a joy it has been to be the RSL to this year group. I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of our year 7s and what they have achieved this year. When I think back to the first days of year 7 in September I can see the progress that all have made personally and academically.

When asking staff for things to celebrate in our final assembly comments included 'hardworking, kind, supportive, conscientious, dedicated...' We really do have a lot to celebrate and be proud of. Over 50 year 7 students were celebrated having achieved 100% attendance this year and the top tutor group for attendance was 7.1.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Goodwins and Miss Wharfe for their dedication and hard work with their tutor groups this year. Mr Goodwins will be heading to a new school in September and we wish him the best of luck. Miss Wharfe will be taking on new responsibilities in September and so will no longer be a tutor.

Head Teacher's Commendation

This term the Head Teacher's commendation went to Scarlett H. Scarlett has engaged fully with everything that has been offered to her. Within school Scarlett has taken part in a variety of house competitions and won the Antarctica competition earlier this year. Scarlett loves to play the piano and has tuition from the NHS music department. She loves to run as well and has just represented NHS at the District Sports Finals, where she competed in the 100m and relay events. She carries on her love of sport outside of school - having only started playing 2 years ago, she was offered the chance to sign for Chelmsford City. She has been playing, in the Essex North B Division, with Chelmsford, ever since. She has also just been awarded the award for Most Improved player from her coaches this month. Whilst playing for Chelmsford, this student has also been offered an amazing opportunity, next season, to play in the Junior Premier League, for FC EVO. Showing us again how perseverance and dedication can offer so many new and unexpected opportunities. Scarlett has also raised thousands for charity over recent years, supporting orphanages in Malaga.

Scarlett is everything that a Notley student should be and we are so incredibly proud of her.



Mrs A Spencer-Damps, Year 7 Raising Standards Leader

Student of the Year

Joseph O. in 7.4 is this year's student of the year. Joseph has overcome some huge hurdles this year. He represented the school in the first few weeks of year 7 and gave a speech to prospective parents and students at the open day. Joseph is described by staff as incredibly hardworking, kind and supportive of his peers. He takes pride in all that he does and is exactly what we hope a Notley student would be. Joseph has been supportive of friends and has worked hard to ensure that those who have had bad days are made to feel included and supported. I as RSL am incredibly proud of the young man that Joseph is becoming and cannot wait to see what the next few years hold for him. Congratulations Joseph and keep up the amazing work.

Students of the term

When discussing who would be student of the term tutors faced a real challenge, so many of our year 7s have achieved so much.

7.1 Austeja A	7.2 Thomas R	7.3 Harley G
7.4 Lia D	7.5 Charlotte H	7.6 Scarlett H
7.7 Max S	7.8 Yara M	

Quiz winners

1st 7.7 2nd 7.1 3rd 7.6

"Year 8...completed it mate!" Literally, we have! And what a year it has been! Here are some of the highlights of our final term of Year 8:

Exam Week

The week commencing Monday 26 June year 8 students sat their second exam week of the academic year. I am proud to say that the vast majority of students demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout exam week. It was amazing to see so many students planning and preparing in the revision sessions for upcoming exams. Please can I remind you that the results from exam week will not be sent home to parent but will be shared with students in lessons. This information will also be used to help teachers plan for classes in year 9, ensuring that students are in the correct sets to receive work of appropriate challenge based on their academic ability and performance.



Mr H Morbin, Year 8 Raising Standards Leader

BBC Earth Live Trip

On Tuesday 4 July, over 90 year 8s attended a trip to The Natural History Museum and BBC Earth Live Experience, in London. According to Miss Burton one of the students' highlights was the earthquake simulator in the Natural History Museum which I am told feels very realistic to what you would feel from a real earthquake! Students also enjoyed the BBC Earth Live Experience which I am told was "jaw-dropping" and the BBC Earth videos projected around the room with some interactive activities also available. One student excited commented "this should be a reward trip!", which advocates just how fun this trip was which I am told was a feeling shared by many of the students.

Sports Day

Sports Day(s) took place on Monday 10 and Wednesday 12 July this year with the field events taking place on the Monday, track heats taking place on the Wednesday morning and the track finals taking place on the Wednesday afternoon with the whole school in attendance. There was a lot of participation from year 8 across the two days as students signed up to represent their house in attempts to help their house win the coveted Sports Day Trophy. Whether students were a field or track competitor, made a banner for their house, or simply spectated and cheered on their house or friends on

the day, everyone contributed to making sports day a success again this year.

Rewards Trip

on Thursday 13 July, I was delighted to take over 100 year 8s on the Summer term reward trip to Adventure Island, Southend-On-Sea. It was a really successful trip in which students had lots of fun going on lots of rides, filling their faces with hotdogs, chips and candy floss, and enjoying time with friends at the theme park. One particular comment from a student filled me with joy to hear that "this is the best reward trip ever", which makes all the hours of planning worth it. I hope you will join me in thanking all the staff who have given up their time, unpaid, to support the Year 8 reward trips this term as without them these trips would not have been possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have been supportive of the staff and school this academic year and hope that we can continue to work together and succeed together in ensuring the best outcomes for your child at Notley High School. I wish all you and your child(ren) a wonderful summer break before we return another important year in year 9. Please remember that Year 9s (in September) we return to school on Thursday 7th September. Happy holidays!

I can't quite believe we're at the end of Year 9 and that GCSE's are starting in September. How time has flown. It has been so lovely to get back to what can only be described as a full 'normal' academic year, although I think this is the first time Year 9 will have experienced this with a Covid disrupted year 6, 7 and 8. We've had trips and visits, including trips abroad, after school clubs, school production and music concerts.

As I write this, we still have plenty to look forward to with Sports Day and a trip to the cinema giving some well deserved students an afternoon out of school to watch The Flash. We've had another successful exam week and hope that with all this practice, we'll be so ready for the real thing in under two years' time - scary! We've had plenty of house competitions and lots of success within this, special well done to Maddie R who came first in the house music competition and Willow D who came second. A first and second in our year group I am very proud of!

I'm so glad that parents (and some students) are so willing to share some of the amazing achievements outside school. This is certainly something I love hearing about so please do continue!

I must mention Joshua P. Josh swims for Braintree and Bocking Swimming Club and in the last few months has had some exceptional success. In May, he swam at the East Regional Age Group Championships where he won medals in all his races and became East Regional Champion for 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 100m freestyle. Following this achievement, Josh has been invited to Nationals and has qualified in 50m and 100m in freestyle, butterfly and backstroke! We can't wait to hear how he gets on in the Summer.

Another well done goes to Dylan P. Dylan won the Jack Petchey award and kindly donated his reward money to the PE department. Dylan was nominated by Mrs Greatrex in the languages department for his outstanding commitment to languages. When most people were recovering from Christmas, on Boxing Day 2020, Dylan decided to improve his Spanish. For more than 800 days (over two years), he has EVERY day, used Duolingo. This shows a huge amount of commitment and dedication, and also a thirst for knowledge. Many people signed up to Duolingo during lockdown but as life got 'back to normal', they forgot all about it. Dylan has shown exemplary



Miss K Murdoch, Year 9 Raising Standards Leader

focus and determination and is a role model for other students. I've just tried to look at my own Duolingo account which I set up in lockdown to see how many days I managed and what a failure, the app isn't even on my phone anymore!

Another well done goes to Jack A who rode the London to Brighton bike ride at the end of June, which was a total of 54 miles. This was all done in aid of Make A Wish Foundation and he raised over £1000. The weather wasn't particularly helpful, starting in 30 degree heat and then cycling through torrential rain but he battled on and completed the achievement. Well done Jack!

Lastly but by no means least, I'd like to mention Felicity A. Felicity has received not one, but two Jack Petchey awards within the last 5 months! She has received one of these for her support and help with the Rainbows group each week and the other for her commitment and effort in her synchonised swimming. Felicity is also a committed and hard working student who always completed all work to a good standard and on time, I'm not sure how she manages to fit it all in! Well done Felicity and keep up all your hard work!

Unfortunately, we have got a couple of goodbyes to say and some changes to our tutor team.

Both Mrs Hill and Mr Doone are leaving us for pastures new. They have both been with us since the students started in 2020 and we are all sad to see them leave. Mrs Hill is off to retire and spend some time with her much loved cat and is starting the celebrations with an epic trip around the United States. We wish her all the very best and will miss her and her competitive ways. We hope she'll pop back in to see us from time to time. Mr Doone is off to pastures new with a new role at a different school, we wish him all the very best luck but will miss him within the team.

We are welcoming Mr Burge to 9.5 who some of you will know already as one of our Technology teachers. Mr Burge is very experienced in all aspects of school life having been a year leader himself.

We are also welcoming to Mrs Whitnell to 9.9. Mrs Whitnell is another well-known member of staff from the Drama department. We look forward to having them on the team.

Students of the Term

As always, our staff have been nominating star students of the term.

9.1 Spencer H

Spencer is so committed to all aspects of school life. His academics, he has got involved in house activities, represented the tutor group in a variety of activities and roles and represented the school, most recently in the district sports.

9.2 Patrick W

Patrick showed great commitment to the brilliant club, he has excellent focus and effort in lessons and is one of those students who quietly gets on with things and doesn't make a fuss.

9.3 Oliver F

Oliver is always actively involved in all activities, especially in tutor time. He is hard working and committed to his studies

9.4 Rebecca W

Rebecca really is a role model for other students.

She is already thinking about her application for head student this time next year and is making sure she challenges herself to become well rounded; she is a charity prefect, a Girl Guide, a reading buddy, and has auditioned for Grease after performing in Matilda, she is part of the BAT book awards... there is just so much. Her kindness and caring nature shows through all the time.

Huge congratulations to the following students:

9.5 Joshua P

Joshua is a really committed student both in school with his studies and out of school. He has just recently reached the Nationals in Swimming in six different events!

9.6 Logan M

Logan has worked hard in maths and been moved up to set 1; he always contributes to tutor discussions; his uniform is always immaculate and is an all round great student.

9.7 Daniel K

Daniel is a hard-working student. His punctuality is always perfect as is his uniform. He is polite to all staff and peers and is fun student to have around!

9.8 Freva P

Since starting as Freya's form tutor, she has really grown in confidence, and is so polite and helpful. Her attitude and approach have really shone through. She has also started attending the after-school netball training, which highlights her growth and progress.

9.9 Hayden K

Hayden is one of TG captains and always willing to help and get involved. In 3 years, I've only ever had positive comments about him. He manages to combine being a calm, hardworking student who does everything teachers need with getting on well with a whole range of his peers.

Year₁₀

I can't quite believe we have reached the end of Year 10 already! It has been a busy term for Year 10 students who are now the oldest year group in the school and so take on additional responsibilities, as well as continuing to be role models to the younger years. Congratulations to Emily A. and Oscar P. who have been selected as the Head Prefects. They will work alongside our chosen deputy prefects Abigail J., Acacia H., Caitlin M., Callum G., Danika M., Ethan C. and Nathan C; we are looking forward to watching these students flourish in their roles next year.

I would like to wish Year 10 students and their families a restful and enjoyable Summer break. I look forward to seeing lots of parents and carers at the Year 11 Welcome Evening in September; where we will talk about all things Year 11 to ensure you feel prepared for the important year ahead.

Here are some highlights from this term:

I would like to congratulate Year 10 for their fantastic conduct throughout the June exam period. Their behaviour was excellent and they approached revision and the exams themselves with a mature and motivated attitude; and we have seen some brilliant exam results. I hope that that all students found the process of practising sitting the exams beneficial for them.

We had a successful parents and carers evening where many productive conversations took place.

Congratulations to the Year 10 students have been cast in the next school musical "Grease" and have begun rehearsals already, we cannot wait to see them in action!

We were very proud to watch several Year 10 students representing the school at District Sports and then again to see the efforts put in at what was our final sports day. The hard work of many of these students was recognised at the Sporting Colours presentation where students were awarded for their commitment to sports and the PE department.

Congratulations to Sophie B, Olivia C, Orin B, Tommy G and Jake C who have been selected as next year's sports captains. They work very hard and we look forward to seeing them thrive in this position next year.

Elizabeth F. was awarded the first ever Community Trust Gold Award for her contribution to the wider community through volunteering with Braintree Basketball club. Congratulations Liz!



Mrs R Swann, Year 10 Raising Standards Leader

Connie F. won the Jack Petchey award for her achievements in Ice Hockey playing for the England Under 15s team. Congratulations Connie!

Nick W. and Thilan W. are members of the Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and we are delighted to hear about their recent live performances both locally and abroad.

Year 10 students who are interested in a career in the medical profession went on a brilliantly informative trip to the Anglia Ruskin University. The students left feeling that they had learnt a lot about their potential future professions.

Year 10 GCSE drama students gave an incredible performance of "The IT". Well done to all involved for their commitment to rehearsals and enthusiasm in the final performance.

Many students were invited on a rewards trip to Cineworld where we enjoyed watching "The Flash" for the afternoon. It was lovely to spend time congratulating these students on their consistently excellent attitude and behaviour.

It was a total pleasure to be at this year's Presentation Evening and see several Year 10 students be rewarded for their hard work in a specific subject. Congratulations to Danika M, Callum G, Emily A, Nick W, Acacia H, Caitlin M, Sophie B, Charlie L and Evie L.

Students of the Term

10.1 Nina M	10.2 Freddie D.	10.3 Maja S
10.4 Maciek S.K.	10.5 Orin B.	10.6 Sabina N.
10.7 Emily A.	10.8 Acacia H.	10.9 Oscar P.

During this half term our Year 11 students have completed their exams and had their Year 11 Prom.

Students have all been attending their induction days for their school or college for next year over the past couple of weeks, so I am sure that this has been an exciting time for them, and they are really looking forward to starting their courses next year. Hopefully many our students will continue into our Sixth Form.

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The Prom was held on 27 June at Essex Golf and Country club. All students behaved impeccably throughout the evening and a good time was had by all. Highlights included the awards for best dressed students, Prom couple and best arrival as well as several singing performances from students and staff. The highlight being Mr Coyston's performance of Oasis.



Mr A Harrington, Year 11 Raising Standards Leader

There were some excellent arrivals from limousines to sports cars, to a London bus and a Tractor! Photos of the arrivals can be found on the Notley High Website.

https://prom.notleyhigh.com/photos/2023

We know that the exam period was long and stressful for the students, but they all conducted themselves well throughout their exams and we wish them a restful summer before we see them for results day on 24th August.



Years12&13

This term has been another very busy one in the Sixth Form. It has included new content in all A level and BTEC lessons, coursework deadlines, revision, independent study, exam periods for all sixth form students, trips, talks, progression route information and saying goodbye to our year 13 students.

I am writing this following a lovely celebration evening held at Little Channels with our year 13 students for their leavers' event. The students were a credit to the Sixth Form. It was great to see students and staff enjoying themselves and celebrating everything that has been achieved this year. This event followed on from the leavers' assembly earlier in the term where these many achievements were highlighted and celebrated. The current year 13 students will be missed at the Sixth Form; however, we are really looking forward to seeing them on results day and setting them off on their next exciting steps. We will also look forward to welcoming them back as Alumni students in the future.

This term has been a busy term for exams. Year 12 students have had a week of mock exams which follow on from exams earlier in the year and certain courses have already had some external exams. We hope that when receiving their results, the students will see the benefits of their hard work and that this information will also support with decisions over future progressions and provide areas to focus on over the summer and when returning in Year 13. The sixth form tutor team and leadership team will be having these discussions with all students and will be available for any support needed.

This term has also seen many trips and visits taking place for Sixth Form students including the two trips to two local universities for UCAS and progression information. We have welcomed outside speakers from Aim apprenticeships who have delivered an assembly to all students and a workshop on the application process. History and Politics students have experienced online talks and lectures from a variety of speakers including member of the House of Lords, and our Law and Criminology students have had fantastic experiences going to the Old Bailey in London.

During this term, the new prefect and subject ambassador roles were appointed. Congratulations to George B and Emily C who were appointed as the new Head Prefects for the Sixth Form and to Ruby F



Mrs A Brewis-Shephard, Acting Head of Sixth Form

and Thomas C who were appointed as Deputy Head Prefects. The new prefect team have already been productive and shown their enthusiasm by planning events over this half term including a University Challenge competition between staff and students; planning our end of term BBQ and also supporting at the induction events for the prospective year 12 students. The subject ambassadors have started their roles by mentoring lower school students and planning for a future Subject Fair. All students have made a fantastic start in these roles, and we are looking forward to the new ideas that have been discussed with Miss Ryan, continuing to develop the links with lower school and staff and creating new and exciting opportunities for the Sixth Form.

We always refer to the time in sixth form as being a journey; the journey here at the Sixth Form has now come to an end for our current Year 13, and the start of their next journey is about to begin. We are really excited for them and will always value playing a part in each student's journey to this point. Year 12 are now over halfway through their sixth form journey; this is a great opportunity to reflect and get prepared for next year ahead.

We would like to say thank you to all the sixth form students for making the sixth form a lovely place to work. We hope that parents and students alike will be rightly proud of the achievements of all Sixth Form students over this academic year.

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Head Prefects



Oscar Parry and Emily Ashworth

We are pleased to announce that from September 2023, Emily Ashworth and Oscar Parry will be the new Head Prefects at Notley High School.

We wish them the best of luck in their new roles and cannot wait to share with you in future Notley News what these two achieve.

Student Council

Student Council met four times this term, and discussed many different items but our key focus was on creating a House Competition Day that would engage and challenge our students. The students had wonderful ideas, which then developed into the House Competition Day itself. As a Council, we said goodbye to our year 11 members and are now looking forward to meeting our new year 7 cohort. We have many new ventures to work on

next year, and one is to continue to grow the House system in school. We will also be continuing to develop the school culture, particularly focused on how to educate others about 'banter' to ensure that community continues to thrive and feel safe. We wish our members a restful Summer term, and look forward to working with them again in the next academic year.

Prefect System

This year we have had five Prefect teams who have worked so hard to make dramatic changes to the school system. We are really pleased to announce, that due to the success of the first five Prefect teams we have now created a sixth Prefect team: Artsmark. Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England and our Artsmark Prefect team will be working towards our school achieving the Artsmark accreditation. This year, we have also created Deputy Head Prefects, who will run the Prefect teams with their relevant member of staff.

I am pleased to announce our new Deputy Head Prefect team:

Callum G: Charity Acacia H: Pedagogy
Danika M: Environment Nathan C: Pastoral

Caitlin M and Abigail J: Artsmark

Ethan C: Curriculum

Who will also be supported by the associate deputy prefect team: Matilda F, Nic W, Evie L, Charlie A, Frankie L, Zack G.

We really look forward to developing the Prefect teams over the next academic year

Pastoral Prefects

Pastoral Prefects helped to support during the Year 6 Induction Days, primarily ensuring the visiting students felt settled and guiding them around the school throughout the day. The Prefects also organised the Year 6 students whilst we took photos of all of them ready for their September start; a very important and vital job! As well as their support

throughout the induction process, the group also met at the end of the term to discuss how they can move forward further with their initial work on Resilience and embedding resilience strategies throughout the school and this is something that will continue into the new academic year.

SixthFormPrefectReports

Our first term as Head Prefects has been really busy amidst subject coursework and exam week, but we have already come to love our roles leading the engaging and enthusiastic Prefect Team who contribute to the positive atmosphere in the Sixth Form every day. The two of us and our deputies feel privileged to have helped organise and represent our Sixth Form for internal events such as the UCAS Information Evening and recording of Introduction Videos earlier this term, and can't wait to see our upcoming plans be realised. The Prefect Team have all consistently worked hard to prepare for what has and is yet to come, and below are their thoughts on our first term in these roles.

Emily Crouchman, George Brinkley Head Prefects

As Deputies, we have had the pleasure of supporting and assisting our Head Prefects in leading the Prefect Team during the Summer term. We have so far been very busy planning events to end the academic year and create a closer community ready for our return in September. We are excited to excel in all of our newly gained responsibilities next year and hope to run many more events that enhance the Sixth Form experience going forwards.

Ruby Filmer, Thomas Cockayne Deputy Head Prefects

At the beginning of the half term, we received training from Anna Freud's Peer Mentoring Programme to improve our understanding of a Peer mentor's key responsibilities as well as learning how to best help someone in need. In our recent Prefect meetings, we have discussed continuing the drop-in sessions in September and look forward to providing a safe space for any students who feel they may need peer support to overcome issues both in and outside of school.

Sophie Bartlett, Sophia Ozar, Alfie Potter Mental Health Prefects

We are happy to have achieved our Sports Prefect roles because of our strong passion for our individual sports as well as sport in general. So far, we have helped at Notley High School with District Sports and Sports Day by providing support to the students and aiding the teachers in ensuring the events ran smoothly. Together, we are excited to implement new ideas into sport around the school and Sixth Form, especially by developing the partnership with Tottenham Hotspur.

Caitlin Whittaker, Josh Nicol Sports Prefects





Our roles in Braintree Sixth Form have involved organising events like the end of term BBQ to ensure our first year at the Sixth Form ends as spectacularly as it began. As a trio, we are so happy to have acquired our roles for the opportunities they have given us to organise and collaborate on big future events such as our Year 13 leavers' event. We are super excited to host this and more events across our next academic year and will welcome any requests for other events and experiences students want in the future.

Ruby-Mae Proctor, Caitlan Goodwin, Lucy Williamson Social Prefects

As Student Council Prefects, we are very pleased to have been given the chance to take on our roles as they will allow us to develop transferable skills such as teamwork, communication and collaboration that will be beneficial in the future. So far, we have been involved with Student Council meetings in the lower school and gained a positive insight into what these will be like for next year. We are particularly excited about the opportunity to get more involved with the student populace so that we can listen to and take forth their ideas for advancing the school and Sixth Form alike.

Holly Farrell, Josh Hooks Student Council Prefects

We are happy to have achieved our roles as it gives us the opportunity to build appreciation for the overall Sixth Form experience. We especially look forward to making the outside areas more enjoyable and suitable for socialising by updating the outdoor furniture from metal to rattan and incorporating plants and greenery to make the areas more colourful, pleasant and eco-friendly. We also plan to expand the amount of plants around the Sixth Form exterior to diversify our wildlife and bring a better look to the area. It is our hope that the younger years of the main school will participate in these projects to bring a wider sense of community and highlight the need to restore wildlife.

Harry Edwards, Charlotte Summers Environmental Prefects

As the Sixth Form's Charity Prefect, I will be initiating charity fundraising events across the Sixth Form and main school to raise money for various charities. Within this role I am hoping to emphasise the importance and hard work of many charitable organisations and the vital help they provide in our society. I am looking forward to working alongside local and national charities to both raise money and awareness. Since being appointed Charity Prefect I have been planning fundraising events with the other Prefects, such as a bake sale.

Millie Dowman Charity Prefect



A huge well done to every student at Notley High and Braintree Sixth Form. You have had a brilliant year and we, as a Local Governing Committee, have been delighted to see your development and share in your achievements. We are so proud of you all.

We have enjoyed hearing about all the exciting opportunities, trips, visits and events in school that your young people have been taking part in. Many of us were able to come along to sports day, where it was so lovely to see the students having fun and rallying behind their school house and team mates by encouraging and cheering them on. The spectacle of the staff egg and spoon race was also of course a highlight...well done, Mrs Hill for winning and Ms Gladen for completing it in very glamorous heels!

It's also great to hear about what students achieve and excel at outside of school and we absolutely love browsing the 'Hall of Fame' along the corridor by the drama studio. If you get the opportunity to come in to school, take a look, it's very impressive and captures the enormous range of talent at Notley.

We have also had the privilege of seeing the school in everyday action on many occasions this year during our governor monitoring visits. The students always welcome us, are polite, kind, proud of their work and love to chat to us about their experiences at school – we always appreciate their enthusiasm, as well as their honesty.

The surveys you have completed this year concur with our observations of the many positive changes and improvement over the past year at school in terms of systems and processes, which in turn have improved the culture and feel of school, to make it a more welcoming, vibrant and inclusive community. We recognise there are still some areas that students (and parents/carers) would like to be better and we are working with the school to ensure it further becomes a place where every student feels nurtured, valued and encouraged to be their best self.

Please feel free to get in touch and chat to us and also encourage your young people to do this, as we really value your input.

Since our last update, in addition to our two weekly governors' meetings with Miss Ryan and twice termly meetings with members of the school and Trust leadership teams, we have undertaken a range of 'official' monitoring visits to look at the whole school provision for, Safeguarding, Wellbeing (Pupil and Staff), Disadvantage, Behaviour and ethos, SEND, Careers and Sixth Form provision. Undertaking these visits helps us to match up the information and explanations we are given in governors meetings, with experiences within school.

Our plans for the next academic year are to both continue to provide critical challenge, alongside support to the school as it continues to improve. We would like to be more involved with key stakeholders, like yourselves as parents and look forward to meeting you at school events, open evenings and so on.

As school governors we are all volunteers and don't work for the school, however, school governance has a crucial role in ensuring accountability and challenge, alongside necessary support. It is at times uncomfortable and difficult, but is also extremely rewarding – so if you are interested in joining our team, as a parent, or non-elected governor in the future please get in touch with the Trust governance professional (Aishia Jeffries – jeffriesa@ bridgeacademytrust.org) and we can arrange a chat and also let you know when we have any vacancies.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the school and please don't hesitate to get in touch with us; we hope you have a lovely summer break.

Claire Hooks (Chair), Nichola Goodwin (vice-chair), Ken Yap, Ha Cole, Matt Ager, Amelia Lennox (staff), Colin Freeman (Parent Governor), Jacky Foster





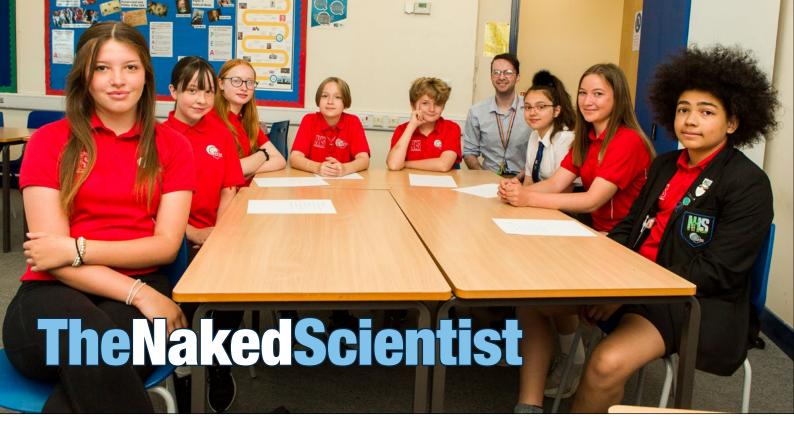


Summer term in The Orchard has been all about the wildlife.

We leave out wild bird seeds, sultanas, peanuts, sunflower seeds, chopped up apple, and fresh water which attracts a variety of different species. The fox cub enjoys the sunflower seeds and sultanas (though he doesn't have any table manners as he eats with his mouth open!) at least his manners are better than the badger's who eats laying down with his nose in the bowl!

The images captured using our wildlife cameras allow us to watch how the visitors interact with each other and their environment. We've witnessed hedgehogs rolling each other defensively, the fox cub getting close to the hedgehogs to get to the food, crows pecking the camera screen and how a magpie family of 7 squabble and peck each other reminding us of the raptors in Jurassic Park!





Dr Chris Smith Radio Broadcast

On 16 June 2023, students from Notley High School were able to ask questions to renowned scientist Dr Chris Smith on a radio broadcast. The year 7 and 8 students involved thought deeply on the questions they would like to ask and came up with some wonderful questions such as, "why do our eyes not pop out when we sneeze?".

While there were some technical difficulties which led to them being asked questions as well while Chris Smith was dialled in, they handled this with poise and calmly answered questions surrounding issues they face as young people today. We are so proud of them

and it shows the resilience of our students when they face unforeseen issues.

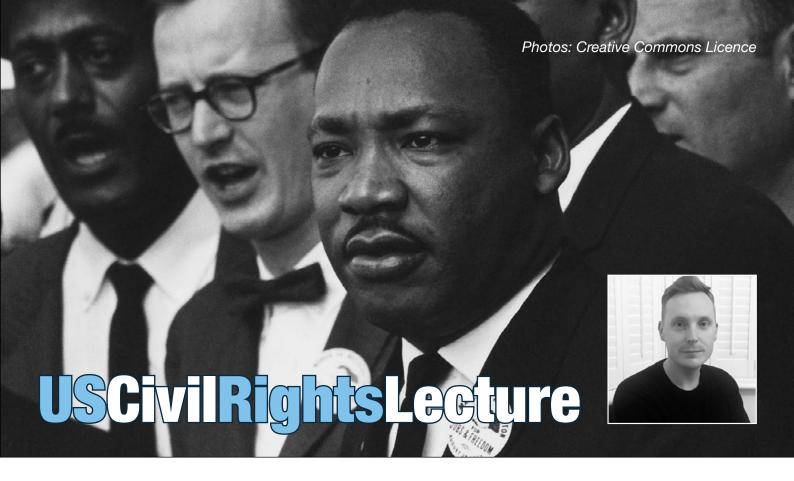
Chris was very complimentary about the questions asked and his answers were fascinating to hear. It was great also to see behind the scenes of a radio show.

Dr Chris Smith is part of Cambridge University's Naked Scientists YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/@NakedScientists

Mrs M Townsend, Deputy Headteacher





On Wednesday 24 May, Year 12 history and politics students from Notley High School and Braintree Sixth form were lucky enough to have a virtual lecture from Dr Nicholas Grant, Associate Professor of United States history from the University of East Anglia.

The session was titled "What do we get wrong about the US civil rights movement? And why does this matter?". Dr Grant started by outlining common myths relating to the history of Black protest in the US. He emphasised how historians have recently questioned the chronology, geography, character and meaning of the civil rights movement. He also pushed students to think about how and why these histories matter today

and how they might be compared to contemporary movements for racial justice. Finally, Dr Grant gave the students the opportunity to demonstrate their interest and knowledge with a series of thought-provoking questions to discuss.

Year 12 students Josh, Tom and Charlie said the talk was "inspiring, engaging and a culturally enriching experience".

We would like to thank Dr Grant for taking the time to broaden our students' knowledge and experiences by bringing the US civil rights movement to life.

Mrs C Cheung





On 15 May 2023, a large number of year 8s attended a rewards trip to Riverside Ice and Leisure in Chelmsford as a result of their hard work and endeavours throughout the Spring term. It was a shame that the trip had to be delayed but it was amazing that we could finally celebrate the students' efforts.

We boarded the coach and there was a mixture of excitement and nervousness in the air, with some students having been ice-skating many times before and confident in their own ability on the ice, and some students attending for the first time. Staff did their best to reassure and motivate students and encourage them to just enjoy the whole experience altogether. Upon disembarking the coach, students were so excited to get inside, get their skates on and enter the ice-rink. So much so that one or two couldn't recall their own shoe/boot size and ended up with the wrong size boots! Luckily, they realised this before they entered the ice and exchanged them for some that actually fit!

Once students were given the green light to enter the ice they did not hang around and off they went. Some of the less confident students were supported by experienced students and staff on the ice and before long they were holding onto the walls themselves or even moving without any guidance.

The students could enter and leave the ice-rink as they pleased, and some made the most of breaks whilst others never left the ice all evening. There were many laughs when Mrs Turner ended up on the floor of the ice (she was ok, she was laughing more than anyone!) but that was theme of the evening; fun and laughter, enjoyed by all! The students had the best time and were singing and laughing all the way back to school on the coach. These are memories that are sure to last a lifetime, or at least until they have even more fun on the next rewards trip!

Mr H Morbin, RSL Year 8







On Wednesday 5 July, the Learning Support department took a group of students to RHS Hyde Hall. Students worked together to develop their social and communication skills through a series of tasks. It was a self-guided trip, where we enjoyed many different activities, including exploring the different gardens, making a list of plants that we would like for The Orchard and our sensory garden. We took part in a scavenger hunt, finding different plants, trees, insects and minibeasts – using our magnifying glasses.

The last task got students really thinking about the environment that they were in through filling in a mini sketchbook with drawings, several types of mark makings and sketches of the plants and animals that were seen in the gardens, as well as working on our photography skills.

When asked about the trip, some of the students said, 'the flowers in the gardens were really pretty' and 'I smiled lots and got to hand out with my friends.'





On Wednesday 14th, Year 12 attended a Higher Education Fair at Essex University. They were able to meet with representatives from a huge range of higher education providers to talk about university courses and requirements, as well as getting the chance to spend the day on a university campus. The students collected promotional material and information from lots of institutions, including big collections of pens and other freebies

Information about higher education and apprenticeships was also shared with parents that week (the presentation is on our website, if you missed it).

Year 12 are now researching courses, universities and apprenticeship providers and starting to narrow

their focus so that they will be ready to submit their applications next term. Many have already started visiting universities for open days. They will be working, with the support of their tutors and the BSF Leadership team, on preparing their personal statements which are a key part of the UCAS application and are also needed for most employment and apprenticeship applications. The idea of 'selling themselves' to providers is a new one to most students so we spend considerable time on this process to make sure the final statement is as detailed and persuasive as possible.

We hope that many of the students will use the summer holidays as an opportunity to gain some experience and hone skills that can be added to their personal statements.





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Gold Award Winner

On 12t July 2023, Bridge Academy Trust CEO Mark Farmer delivered the first ever Community Awards GOLD Award, a recognition of an individual student's contribution to the wider community. The winner of this prestigious award was none other than Notley High School's own Elizabeth Forster, for her incredible efforts volunteering with Braintree Basketball Club and her hard work on and off the court.

'Liz' has spent the past year assisting with the coaching of the club's Under 9s team, selflessly

dedicating her Sunday mornings to help develop the next generation of players. She has also spent countless hours as a Table Official, i.e. scoresheet and timekeeping referee, officiating games for the majority of the clubs home fixtures across all age groups. Alongside her voluntary efforts, Liz has continued to play as an effective leader and teammate for her own team, whilst also progressing through Essex County trials and training with the Essex U15s squad.

Well done to Liz for this fantastic achievement!





On Tuesday 27 June almost 90 year 7's went to Maldon Promenade Park to take part in an event organised by Essex Stragglers to be part of the annual Schools Orienteering Festival.

On arrival the students took part in a series of introductory games aimed at giving the students the skills they would need to complete the orienteering course. In pairs, using a map with the control points located on it, the students then had 30 minutes to race around the park and tag in at as many of the 28 control points as they could.

"I went to Maldon and I have to say it was a very good trip. One of the best trips I have had, it was so much fun! The activities were very good to do. My favourite was when we went around the park looking for certain spots that had something that beeps when you got there and put something into it. I don't remember what it's called but I enjoyed it. Me and my partner loved it. I found out that I was good at giving directions. We got 26/28 and I am proud of it. The other challenges got me to think. I also found out that I have a good memory in remembering pictures. After all of the challenges we ate lunch and it was funny as other people going on the trip kept shouting at cars to honk their horns. Lastly we were able to buy food like ice-cream. I brought a bubble gum ice-cream and I brought a slushie. They were both delicious. I was tired but it was because it was so much fun. The trip was amazing and I am excited for future trips. This trip helped me find my own skills and it was still fun"

Austeja (Year 7 student)

The following pairs of students collected all 28 control points which is a fantastic achievement and showed excellent skills and speed over the course.

Freddie K and Charlie H

Ronnie J and Jacob A

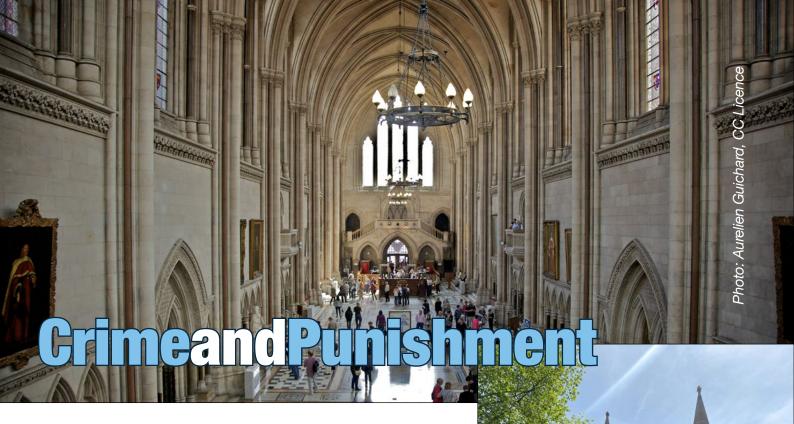
Charli O and Thomas R

Alexia H and Harriet S

Well done to the students above and all students who took part.







On Wednesday 3 May, Year 12 Sociology & Law students had a crime packed day! Starting at the Royal Courts of Justice, students were given a guided tour by a seasoned courtroom journalist who gave students insight into the careers within the legal profession. Students were able to see different types of Barrister and Judge's robes as well as the original transcript from Guy Fawkes' trial.

As we walked through the Royal Courts, students also had the opportunity to sit in the gallery of a number of appeals cases. These included appeals of sentencing based on mental health pleas, in which students saw a panel of three judges pass verdicts on cases which were presented by Barristers.

The tour then continued through the Lincoln Legal Quarter, allowing the students to see the grandeur of the historical training site of Barristers, including the beautiful square gardens in the centre.

Students were of course looking forward to the final part of the day- a visit to sit in the gallery of The Old Bailey Courtrooms. On the day, students had eight murder trials to choose from and spread themselves throughout several galleries. They were able to see forensic pathologists be examined by prosecutors regarding post-mortems, eyewitness testimonies, victim impact statements being given by family members and defendants making their case on the stand.

Most of all though, students were inspired by the ferocity of Judges, the diligence of hardworking Barristers and the general imposing atmosphere and procedures within the courtroom.

We look forward to facilitating more trips to give students this real-world experience in Social Sciences. Keep your eyes peeled for more upcoming exciting trips!

Miss J Seymour









Year 10 Boys Football

In the semi-finals of the district schools competition our Year 10s (shown above) were up against Ramsey. Notley started the match fast playing with real intensity and purpose getting a lot of success in behind the Ramsey defence early on. It wasn't long until Lenny M gave us the lead with a well taken finish assisted by Luke D. Shortly after and Will B made the score line 2-0 to Notley with a good bit of movement and smart finish. Ramsey then scored from a great free kick which knocked our confidence for a while, and we had to battle to keep the lead at half time when we really should have put the game to bed with a number of missed chances early on.

the game again.

The second half saw a change of formation and some substitutions which seemed to really disrupt Ramsey's rhythm and allowed us to take control of

Year 7 Futsal

Along with the continued extra-curricular football opportunities, Year 7 students have been competing in a summer term mixed-house futsal competition held during lunchtimes.

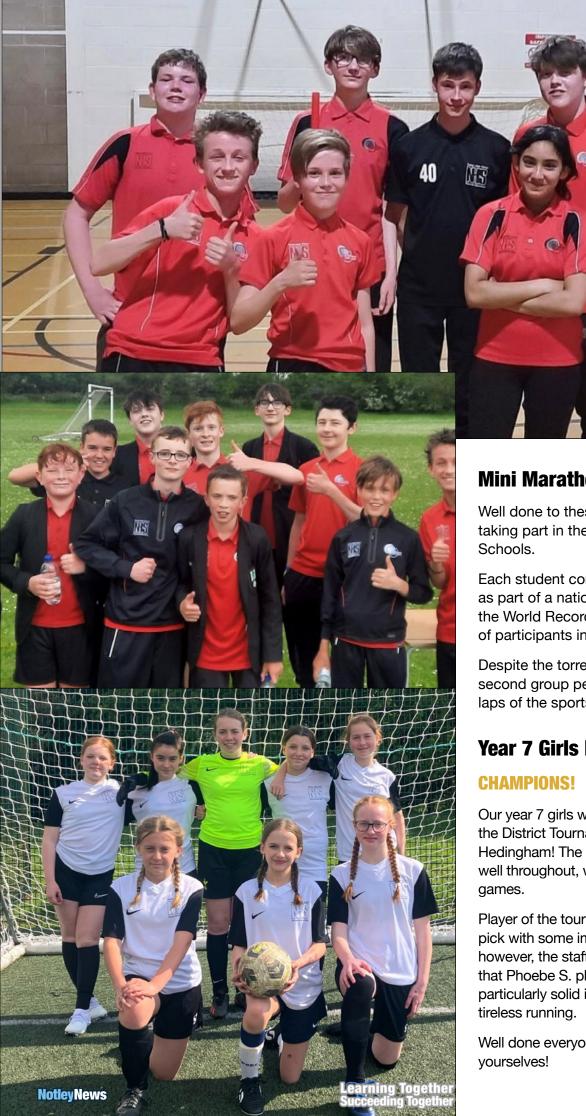
After a complete tournament of competitive futsal fixtures, team RED came out on top, receiving Tottenham Hotspur medals for their hard work, effort & success!

Well done everyone - we are very proud of you!

At this point we were experiencing terrestrial rain that was bouncing off the surface. This didn't phase our boys one bit though and it wasn't long until the goals were flying in with two goals each from Elliot C and Charlie G and a second goal for Lenny M as well as some other missed opportunities to increase our goal tally.

Final score Ramsey 1-7 Notley. Our boys are now through to the final and are waiting in anticipation to hear who their opponents will be. Good all-round performance from the whole squad today but MOTM goes to Elliot C for an all-round quality performance in midfield, scoring two goals and causing problems all game. A special shout-out must also go to Henry G who stepped up to help the boys out in goal and played a great game showing he can mix it with the older boys no problem in a very confident debut.





Mini Marathon

Well done to these Notley students for taking part in the TCS Mini Marathon for

Each student completed a one-mile run as part of a nationwide campaign to break the World Record for the highest number of participants in an exercise event.

Despite the torrential downpour, the second group persevered by running 18 laps of the sports hall!

Year 7 Girls Football

Our year 7 girls were victorious in winning the District Tournament hosted by Hedingham! The girls played fantastically well throughout, winning all three of their

Player of the tournament was a really tough pick with some impressive performances; however, the staff involved all agreed that Phoebe S. played fantastically, being particularly solid in defence and for her

Well done everyone, you should be proud of



U15 Girls Football

Our U15's girls (above) took part in a district football tournament hosted by Hedingham. We showed fantastic teamwork and heart as well as quality in all our games, coming away with a win, a draw and a loss.

All players performed fantastically but Caitlyn E. came away with the players player vote for today!

You made the school proud.

Year 8 Girls Football

Our year 8 girls (right) finished 2nd in the district tournament hosted by Hedingham. All players contributed fantastically, with Darcie getting two goals on her first appearance for the school. Mia was voted as players player for the tournament with deadly set piece taking and hard-working performances. Huge credit must go to Isla, who stepped up to represent the team despite being a year younger than her teammates and opponents. Well done everyone!

Year 8 Boys Football

Our Year 8 boys were unfortunate to lose in their district final to a strong Helena Romanes side.

After going ahead early on in the game through a fine finish from Corey, a moment of lapsed concentration allowed HRS a way back into the game. With a few players playing out of their usual positions, the boys showed fantastic character and attitudes throughout. Player of the match went to Zach who ended up in goal due to an injury and played outstandingly to keep us in the game. Well done everyone, you have made the school and the PE department proud of you all and the progress you have made.





Cricket

Our Year 8 girls took part in the North Essex Cricket tournament hosted by @essexcricket

With limited Cricket experience before today, the girls played fantastically finishing third overall, winning three of our four games. Nancy and Nadin were voted as our players of the tournament, picked by their teammates for great performances particularly when batting and wicket-keeping. Well done everyone!

Exam Week Rounders Competition

During exam week the PE Department organised a rounders tournament for each year group.

Year 7 played in their own tutor groups, and year 8 and 9's sets were mixed and split into 8 teams.

Year 7's played 3 games against the other tutor groups – 7.1 – 7.4 and 7.5 - 7.6. Their scores were added together, and they then played a 3rd v 4th place playoff and 1st v 2nd place final.

The year 8 and 9's played 4 games and were awarded 3 points for a win, 1 for a loss. If there was a draw the outs were counted and the team who achieved the most outs won.

We were really lucky to have beautiful sunny weather every day, and the students represented themselves well. It was fantastic to see students who wouldn't normally do PE together, supporting and encouraging each other.





On Monday 3 July, twelve of our top mathematicians from Year 10 attended a maths competition at Rickstones Academy. They were split into two teams and competed against other schools in the area, solving difficult maths problems.

Both teams performed well, with one of the teams finishing in 3rd place overall. Well done to everyone who took part, you did the maths department proud!

Mrs V Forster, Maths Teacher



Year12MockTral

The Royal Courts of Justice

On Monday 3 July, Year 12 Law and Criminology students made their way into London to represent Braintree Sixth Form as barristers. The students had the opportunity to play either one of three judges, or barristers on behalf of the appellant or the crown and after two weeks of preparation, students arrived ready with arguments along with opening and closing statements.

Before arriving at the Royal Courts, students had the opportunity to watch some criminal trials at the Old Bailey, including the process of jury selection and the judge giving initial instructions.

At the Royal Court, Tom C, Max C and Lucy P oversaw proceedings as our judges, facilitating a trial in a real Royal Court room. Unfortunately, there is a strict no photography policy which means we were unable to get photos of our students in action.

The trial started with an opening statement from Tom C, our head judge. This was followed by opening statements made by Grace M and Kareemah A which then opened the floor for arguments to be given on behalf of both sides, our judges then

asked some well thought out questions which were brilliantly answered by both sides. Finally, Ellie F and Marcie A gave their closing arguments with the judges then retiring to deliberate on their verdict.

Our judges decided that the initial sentence of five years for charges of Joint Enterprise was too harsh and proposed a new sentence of suspended sentence but with a mandatory community service order.

The Social Science faculty is incredibly proud of our students and the brilliant job they did representing the Sixth Form. The workshop facilitator from the court said we had the most prepared students she had worked with and was impressed with the care they had taken in writing their opening & closing statements as well as research into real life cases in which precedents have been set around joint enterprise.

Miss J Seymour







This term, we have launched the higher education journey with our Year 12s. We started this process with two visits to local universities. On June 13th, all of year 12 went to Anglia Ruskin University's campus in Chelmsford where they were introduced to what university life would be like and had tours of the

campus, as well as attending a personal statement workshop and finding out about degree apprenticeship options. The students were praised by the ARU staff for their politeness and maturity, as well as their participation in the activities.





What an exciting year it has been for the Braintree Basketball Blue Devils!

Our U14 team visited RAF Alconbury to take part in a mini tournament and narrowly missed out on the win for the second year running, finishing as Runners Up, but will be back next year to regain that Tro-phy. MVP (Most Valued Player) was awarded though to our very own Finn Byrnes. Shout out to Christy Ryan as supporting coach for the day.

U18 boys won the Harlow CVL competition across the season, finishing the tournament with two strong wins.

Women's team reached the semi-final of the playoffs and are entering the FIBA Ball Out 3x3 competition at Writtle College, 5th August, the largest event across the country, well worth a visit to watch some great basketball for all ages with music, food. Free to spectators.

Men's team won the Shield Cup beating Baddow Eagles 76-65, again MVP awarded to Devils Keith Chipati scoring 29 points. Three of our players alongside two coaches travelled to Barcelona to compete via Russel Hoops in the Globasket international tournament covering U11-U18, with players from across the world.

Notley High Schools very own Henry & Lizzie Forster were also successful in the Essex Trials carried out at University of Essex against some very tough opposition for places.

Alongside the great performances on court there was plenty of social activity off the court. The club supported collections for Braintree Foodbank, raised money for the club by carrying out a charity car wash and had a Christmas quiz evening. The upcoming awards evening will end the season on a high celebrating all the above contributions.





On Friday 7 July, 3 members of the science department visited Yr2 students at John Ray Infant School to deliver a science lesson. The students investigated absorbance of different materials and showed great scientific investigation skills. They took part with enthusiasm, engagement and were a pleasure to teach. Feedback from the staff and students was really positive and they have asked us to visit again next year.

Staff 'Thank you so much for our fantastic Science lesson. I hope we can repeat the experience again.'

Staff 'Thank you, the lesson was brilliant, the students have loved it!'

YR2 student Callum - I liked the fact that we were using different types of paper. I got the right answer.

YR2 student Henry - I liked working as a team.

YR2 student Akasya - I loved the work being harder and we got to do more writing.

Mrs B Pett Excellence Lead - Science









Notley High School/Braintree Sixth Form and Tottenham Hotspur are pleased to announce a new and exciting partnership ahead of the 2022/23 academic year. This will involve a full-time Tottenham Hotspur Global Football Development coach working with Notley/Braintree and our local Primary schools and grass roots football clubs to deliver high quality coaching.

The Football Development Coach will be based at Notley High School/Braintree Sixth Form and will be responsible for overseeing the new Sixth Form Football Development Programme, alongside creating and supporting links with local Primary schools.

The Tottenham Hotspur coach will also work closely across the school and will support the delivery of the extra-curricular sports programme to students in Years 7-11. The aim of this is to develop not only the overall ability of our students, but also to engage students with the true values and life skills of sport.

The Sixth Form programme will allow students to continue their studies within sport alongside developing their practical ability. The link with Tottenham Hotspur will give students the prospect to continue their studies into further education alongside the club itself and the opportunity of pursuing a career within the football industry.

The main aims of the partnership with Tottenham Hotspur are to provide all students, current and future, a clear development pathway from the age of 11 to 19 through sport. There is the opportunity and desire to grow and expand, including a unique Girls Football Development Centre (September 2023). It will also provide a pathway into the Clubs Unique coaching pathway for talented and dedicated students via the Global Football Development Coaching Excellence Centre (CEC) programme. CEC Coaches to receive mentoring, CPD and a clear pathway to move into employment as a Tottenham Hotspur coach.



The 2022/23 academic year has seen so much football and futsal success at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form in partnership with the Tottenham Hotspur Football Development Programme.

Thanks to the support of PE staff and year groupspecific team coaches, we have seen district futsal winners, several district football finalists, a recordbreaking school county cup run and even a district football tournament-winning team!

Along with all the success in tournaments and competitions, we have seen many students involved in extra-curricular football and futsal clubs such as our inter-house lunchtime futsal tournaments.

Our Braintree Sixth Form Football Development Squad have had weekly training sessions throughout the academic year, seeing so much individual player development. The squad visited the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and showed so much improvement as a team as their league season progressed.

We have seen a Braintree Sixth Form student Josh N onboarded to the Tottenham Hotspur Coaching Excellence Centre, where he has been upskilled and involved with numerous Tottenham Hotspur events. We look forward to seeing how his journey develops as he moves into Year 13 at Braintree Sixth Form.

We now focus on pre-season through the summer break & then the new academic year, welcoming our new Year 7 students and continuing to grow and develop our sixth form programme.

Alfie Babb Tottenham Hotspur Programme Coordinator





On Tuesday 27 June we held our Year 11 Prom at The Essex Golf and Country Club.

The event was attended by over 150 students and was a great success. It was lovely to see so many students arrive looking so smart and with lots of different modes of transport from Limos, to sports cars, we even had a London bus and a tractor!

Some of the highlights of the evening were the awards that were given out for best dressed students and Prom couple as well as Mr Coyston singing Oasis, which was well received by the students.

There were lots of brilliant photos taken and fun was had by all throughout the evening. See the photos at:

https://prom.notleyhigh.com/photos/2023

The students represented themselves and the school incredibly well on what was a fitting celebration of their time at Notley.





NEW DATES

Want to learn more about growing fruit and vegetables?

Come and learn how we grow by actively participating on our Kitchen Garden, learning skills you can use at home. Our sessions are limited to 3 people for maximum learning.

Our farmer will show you how to plant and harvest crops by allowing you to work on our land.

You'll be rewarded for your hard work with lunch from the Black Horse Cafe, along with time to ask Farmer Matthew for advice.

> Our next opportunity to work on our kitchen gardening will be. Fri 7th July Fri 14th July 9.30am - 2.00pm







On Thursday 13 July our Year 10 GCSE drama students and our Year 9 soon-to-be GCSE drama students, took part in a performance of The It, by Vivienne Franzmann. Presented in the style of a direct address documentary, Vivienne Franzmann's The IT is a darkly comic state-of-the-nation play exploring adolescent mental health and the rage within.

'It is really small. Whatever it is. But it's here. It's definitely here.' A teenage girl has something growing inside her. She doesn't know what it is, but she knows it's not a baby. It expands. It has claws. Eventually it takes over her entire body.

The cast of 17 had only half a term of rehearsal to complete this challenging production and approached this task with outstanding professionalism. The style of the performance was largely stylised with students working in chorus throughout much of it. Along with the physical challenges came the learning of many lines for all members of the cast.

Quotes from the cast and audience members...

I just wanted to pop you a line to say how much we enjoyed the production of 'The It' last night. The performers were brilliant - the play was powerful and dark. I was so impressed by all the talent.

Miss Francis

It furthered my understanding of how much of a struggle it is to suffer with mental health and helped me have more knowledge of the text for GSCE.

Nina M, Year 10

Before the show the excitement was really buzzing, just like the IT! Being in the performance has really built my confidence and helped me in how to learn my lines. Frankie L.

Being in the performance was so surreal! Thank you to everyone who came to see it. We were so excited before we went on, it felt like we'd become a family. *Caitlin M, Year 10*

It was an emotional performance conveyed in the most beautiful of ways. It was incredible and well done to everyone involved!

Ellie F, Year 13

We are exceptionally proud of what the cast have achieved and look forward to seeing the positive impact being a cast member has had on their studies for GCSE.

Miss White, Subject Leader - Drama





The sports field buzzed with excitement as the athletes prepared to compete in a range of disciplines, on day one of sports day, competitors showcased their endurance, agility, and strength with the following events: high jump, long jump, triple jump, javelin, shot put, discus and 800m. Whereas, on day two, athletes were preparing for their sprints, relay races and the long-awaited staff egg and spoon race! Cheers and applause filled the air with each successful jump, sprint, and throw, as the students pushed their limits and set personal records.

The second day of sports day kicked off with energy and vibrancy as everyone arrived on to the field.

Music was playing, and students waved the colourful banners representing their respective houses.

Throughout the day, sportsmanship and team spirit were on full display. Despite the intense competition, students exemplified respect, fairness, and support for one another. The athletes encouraged their teammates, cheered for their opponents' achievements, and demonstrated unwavering sportsmanship. The sense of unity and camaraderie among participants was palpable, as they celebrated both individual and collective successes. The enthusiastic cheers from students and teachers echoed across the field, creating an atmosphere of joy and celebration.





As the points were being collated by our mathematicians, the staff egg and spoon race was about to commence. All students gathered round the track in anticipation, cheering for their teachers. With a quick start off the blocks, and an egg drop or two, Mrs Hill sped across the finish line with a

spectacular win, becoming our 1st Egg and Spoon race Champion!

After this spectacular show of athleticism and competitiveness by our teachers, the long-awaited results were ready...

Year 7	Total	Rank	Year 8	Total	Rank	Year 9	Total	Rank	Year 10	Total	Rank
Cavell	520	1	Cavell	488	1	Turing	422	1	Winton	384	1
Winton	404	2	Franklin	444	2	Cavell	414	2	Parks	354	2
Turing	362	3	Parks	412	3	Winton	414	2	Turing	342	3
Parks	354	4	Winton	352	4	Franklin	322	4	Cavell	322	4
Franklin	352	5	Turing	308	5	Parks	318	5	Franklin	256	5

Whole School								
	Total	Rank						
Cavell	1744	1						
Winton	1554	2						
Parks	1438	3						
Turing	1434	4						
Franklin	1374	5						

Cavell are the overall Winners!!!

Sports Day was an unforgettable event that united the student body, showcased their athletic talents, and celebrated the values of sportsmanship and teamwork. The day was a testament to the power of sports in fostering a sense of belonging, promoting healthy competition, and building lasting memories. Through this event, students not only honed their

physical abilities but also developed essential life skills, including resilience, determination, and the ability to work together towards a common goal.

Sports Day will undoubtedly be remembered as a highlight of the year, inspiring students to continue pursuing their passions both on and off the field.









Monday, 17 July saw the revival of the school House Competition Day, and what a wonderful day it was. All students and staff were off traditional timetables and were challenged to work within their Houses to complete six different challenges.

One of the challenges was to create an Art piece which best presented their Notley High School experience and their connection to their House. Some works of Art were focused on student life, others on the House crest and other were more symbolic of key aspects of the Notley Way. Students could create their images using paint, pencil or pastels. Students then had to take their work to the House Gallery where Mrs Wingrove was working tirelessly to get the Art work up and ready for the gallery show. It was wonderful to see so many students visit the gallery afterschool to celebrate theirs and others' achievements.

The winning House? Cavell.

Another challenge was team building, where students had to complete four different tasks. One of these tasks was 'bomb disposal' were students had to get the bottle out of the hoop, using just skipping ropes and grit and determination.

One student said that, "the team building was my favourite part. It was great to work with new people. I found the cup challenge the most fun. It looked so easy, but was crazy hard! We were so proud of ourselves when we were done'. The atmosphere around team building was fantastic, and students were engrossed in the different challenges – which even saw students using aerobics steps to make their way across the tennis courts, without touching the floor.

The winning House for team building was **Winton**.

1st Winton (80 points) 2nd Franklin (70 points)

Students also had to escape from the Science laboratories. Working as a House, students in their individual year groups had to complete different Scientific experiments to come up with a code. Linking these codes together, allowed the House to 'escape' from the labs. Year 7s had to find finger prints using a UV light, and then match up the finger prints to the sample. Year 8 were developing their skills in chromatography to discover their code. Year 9 had to test the acidity levels of different soil samples, to find which soil was walked through and finally year 10 had

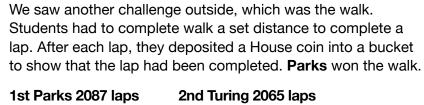
3rd Parks and Turing (55 points) 5th Cavell 40 points.

to recreate a blood splatter through developing skills in projection, angles and force. Students loved the Escape Rooms, and one student commented that:

"It was great to use the skills that we learnt in Science in a 'real-life' context. It has really made me now consider a career in forensics. It's been a great day, but the Escape Rooms was my favourite".

Each House was timed, and the House that escaped the fastest, and won. This House Competition challenge winner was **Winton**.





4th: Franklin 1672 laps

1st Parks 2087 laps 3rd Cavell 2030 laps 5th Winton 1528 laps

Students also had to complete a House Shield. Students had to make the outline of the shield, and then create the House letter using only themselves - whilst being filmed by a drone! These were fantastic! The winning House Shield was **Turing!**

We also had a Spelling Bee and Numbers round, where students were asked to learn key spellings from four different subjects (maths, drama, music and technology) and then had to complete five different number rounds. Students worked really hard on learning key spellings and working out the sums, but there can only be one winner and that was **Winton!**

With Winton winning three out of the six rounds, they are victorious. A huge congratulations to the whole of Winton House, and we look forward to seeing if you can maintain your crown next year.





Pride is celebrated in the month of June, as that was the month when the Stonewall riots took place. Pride is a celebration of people coming together in love and friendship, to show how far LGBTQ+ rights have come, and how in some places there's still work to be done. School Diversity week is a 'Just like us' annual celebration of LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion in education, supported by primary, secondary schools and colleges across the UK. It is a celebration of all people and promotes inclusivity and acceptance for all within the school community.

This year to support Pride Month and School Diversity week we held a Pride Picnic on Monday 17 July. Year 13 Sixth Form students returned for the day to coordinate and lead a very successful Pride Picnic. The field was decorated in Pride colours and flags and the Sixth Form students had set up a table with stickers, mini flags, badges, wrist bands and some face paint.

They enjoyed interacting with students from all other year groups, who then enjoyed a lunchtime of eating lunch together, enjoying ice lollies, relaxing with friends, listening to music, and showing support for Pride Month. It was a fantastic event and lovely to see so many students and staff coming together for a lovely afternoon.

We hope to re-launch our Pride Youth Network next year. This is an opportunity for students to come together and discuss issues around diversity and inclusion. Everyone is welcome, it is an opportunity for students to show they are proud of who they are and accept others for who they are. The aim is to make the school community a place of understanding and acceptance for all.

We look forward to seeing more students involved in the Pride Youth network throughout next year.





NewFoodHallMenus



Food Hall Menu: Week A

Monday Break

Mini pastry selection
Bacon and cheese turnover

Cheese panini

Hot dogs

Tuesday Break

Mini pastry selection
Sweet chilli chicken wrap
Sausage roll
BBQ or cheese panini

Pizza slice 🕥

Wednesday Break

Mini pastry selection
BBQ chicken wrap
Hot dogs

Nacho and cheese
Cheese panini

Thursday Break

Mini pastry selection Sausage roll

Bacon and cheese ciabatta

Chicken goujon wrap

Cheese panini

Friday Break

Mini pastry selection
Sausage roll
Hot dogs
Pizza slice

Snacks

Homemade cookies and fruit pots and jelly, crisps and popcorn

Monday Lunch

Sausage and mash, peas or beans and gravy

Jacket potato with a selection of fillings

Pizza wrap 🕦

Tuesday Lunch

All day brunch
Margherita pasta bake
Steak tikka slice

Wednesday Lunch

Roast dinner with all the trimmings **③**Jacket potato with a choice of fillings **③**

Thursday Lunch

Chicken curry with rice and home made onion bhaji
Cheese pasta with garlic bread

Friday Lunch

Burger and chips
Fish finger sandwich
Sausage, chips and beans

Dessert

Homemade selection of cakes or fruit pie with vanilla custard

Free Dessert!

Take advantage of our Loyalty Scheme and get a **free dessert!**Get your card stamped at the till every time you buy a Main Meal.
Fill your card with **10 stamps** and trade it for a **free dessert of your choice.**See the terms and conditions notice for full details.

Vegetarian or vegetarian option available







Monday Break

Mini pastry selection
Bacon and cheese turnover
Cheese panini
Hot dogs

Tuesday Break

Mini pastry selection
Sweet chilli chicken wrap
Sausage roll
BBQ or cheese panini
Pizza slice

Wednesday Break

Mini pastry selection

BBQ chicken wrap

Hot dogs

Nacho and cheese

Cheese panini

Thursday Break

Mini pastry selection Sausage roll
Bacon and cheese ciabatta
Chicken goujon wrap
Cheese panini

Friday Break

Mini pastry selection Sausage roll
Hot dogs
Pizza slice

Snacks

Homemade cookies and fruit pots and jelly, crisps and popcorn

Monday Lunch

Sausage and mash, peas or beans and gravy

Jacket potato with a selection of fillings

Pizza wrap

Tuesday Lunch

Beef lasange and garlic bread Margherita pasta bake Steak tikka slice

Wednesday Lunch

Roast dinner with all the trimmings

Jacket potato with a choice of fillings

Thursday Lunch

Mexican chicken with rice and nachos
Cheese pasta with garlic bread

Friday Lunch

Dessert

Homemade selection of cakes or fruit pie with vanilla custard

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Social

Below are the official social media sites for Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Please be aware that any other social media sites are not related to the school.

Notley High School

Facebook:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Ski Notley
- Prom Notley

Twitter:

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

Instagram:

NotleyHighSchool

Braintree Sixth Form

Facebook:

• Braintree Sixth Form

Twitter:

• Braintree Sixth Form

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Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form is not responsible for the content of any social media accounts used by people following our official accounts.

HousePoints

Notley's house competition runs across the entire academic year, with students earning points from a wide range of activities and achievements. These are the running totals for the year.



NotleyNews

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form Academic Year 2023-2024

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= Schooldays	= School holidays	= Bank holidays
= Weekends	= Non-Student Days	

Autumn Term: Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 73 days

Half Term 23 October – 27 October

Spring Term: Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 56 days

Half Term 19 February - 23 February

Summer Term: Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 66 days

Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May

195 days

