



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

Weekly Bulletin

Autumn Term – Thursday 21 October 2021

Positive Covid test

If a student is unable to come into school because of a positive Covid test, work will be set on Teams for them to complete. This is only if they are well enough. If they are ill, there is no expectation for them to complete the work, but they will have access to these resources for the duration of the year for revision materials at a later date if they need it.

Vehicles not permitted onto school site

Just a polite reminder that Parents/Carers are not permitted to drive onto the premises to drop off or pick up students between the times of 8am – 9m and 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

Students need to come onto and leave the site by foot. If you are waiting in a vehicle to drop off/collect your child, can we please ask that you are mindful of our neighbours.

This does not apply to any student with a disability.

The school gates will be manned/closed during these periods.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

Half Term Workplace Insights – All Year Groups

We've recorded some great conversations on Zoom with people from all walks of life, doing some very different jobs.

You can sign up to watch them and find out more about what they do, and how they got there (and it's not always as straightforward as you might think!)

Sessions include: RAF, Police, Football Coach, Vet, Solicitor, Primary School Teacher, Computer Programmer, Graphic Design, Architecture, TV Producer, Journalist, Finance, Entrepreneur and many more.

Students can find the full list, more information and sign up by clicking on the weblink below:

<https://www.makehappen.org/event/from-vets-to-jets-watch-our-workplace-insights-series-running-25-to-29-october-2021/>

KickOff@3

On Saturday 2 October, one hundred and ninety young footballers from all over the county, including ten of our own students, braved the wind and rain to take part in KickOff@3, a 7-a-side football tournament organised by Essex Police Positive Action team.

KickOff@3 is a charity initiative founded in 2017 by Met police officer Michael Wallace and youth worker Ashley Levien. It aims to build relationships between young people and the police and promote physical and mental well-being and inclusion through sport.

The 13 to 14-year-olds crown went to a team of year 9 students from Notley High, who named themselves 'Goal Diggers', and triumphed over Chelmsford's Coaching Champions on penalties in the final. Other competitors included the South Essex youth charity ATF, a Colchester United Football in the Community side, and two teams of refugees and asylum seekers from Changing Lives in Harlow.

All competitors were given a medal for taking part, with trophies for the winners presented by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Stephen Bennett and High Sheriff of Essex Simon Brice.

Earlier in the day, Michael Wallace, Chief Constable Ben-Julian Harrington and Louise Voyce from tournament partners Active Essex addressed the players to emphasise the unifying power of sport.



Parentpay

Do you sometimes forget to top up your child's Parentpay account for their lunch? Are you getting email reminders to do so? Auto top-up is the solution!

What is Auto top-up?

As part of the Bank Transfer facility, Auto top-up assists parents and carers in ensuring their child's school meal balance is always in credit. It does so by allowing you to set a minimum balance threshold which, when breached, automatically credits your child's meal balance by a fixed amount (configurable by you) using a Balance Transfer payment.

In order to use Auto top-up, you are required to set up the Bank Transfer facility on your account. As soon as this is authorised and completed by your bank, you will be able to use the Auto top-up facility.

How often is Auto top-up checked/updated?

Balances are checked once per day (currently between 1800 – 1900 GMT though times may vary). If the associated balances have fallen below your configured threshold payment of the amount you have chosen will be taken to top up the balance.

What can it be used for?

Auto top-up is currently only available for non-bookable school meal services.

NOTE: Auto top-up does not operate during holiday periods (as determined by your school's or organisation's term dates).

NOTE: Low balance alerts are no longer needed for balances that are automatically topped up and are therefore disabled for that payment item.

Can I pause or disable Auto top-up?

You can pause or cancel your Auto top-up schedule at any time.

For more information and a quick guide to help you set up Auto top-up please see the link <https://www.parentpay.com/bank-transfer-and-auto-top-up/>

Non-Uniform Day – Show Racism the Red Card

The school will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22 October 2021 to support the national Show Racism the Red Card campaign. The theme of the day is Wear Red and we encourage all students to wear an item of red clothing.

Students will be asked to make a £1 donation, but if they wish to contribute more they may do so. If you would like to contribute from yourself this would be acceptable also.

We hope that you are happy for your child to participate. All donations should be made by ParentPay.

BulliesOut

On Monday 11th October 2021, our year 11 prefects attended a virtual training session delivered by BulliesOut.

BulliesOut are a charity who are working to inspire change by 'Stand Up, Speak Out, Stay Safe' when it comes to bullying.

It was a fun, interactive session where our year 11 prefects trained to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. They were taught how to recognise and understand the different types of bullying behaviours and how to encourage fellow students to move from being a bystander to becoming an upstander.

It is a important role that our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors look forward to, and by developing this positive anti-bullying ethos across our whole school, we can create an environment that meets the emotional, academic and social needs of our students and staff.

Creating an anti-bullying and respectful ethos is a powerful way to inspire change.

