



## Year 10 Newsletter

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Welcome to the fifth edition of the Year 10 newsletter. This newsletter covers a range of events and stories that have happened over the last term.

Although a short term, this has been a very busy one but as always, our students have made us proud! With the visit from Ofsted last week, there was a big focus on Year 10 as Year 11 were sitting exams. A number of Year 10 students were singled out and quoted by the inspectors and certainly made an extremely positive contribution to the inspection.

Next term will be another busy one as we move towards Year 11. The applications for head boy and girl are now open with a closing date of Friday 15 April. From these applications we will also be selecting our school prefects. Please do encourage your son/daughter to get involved in this process. I'm looking forward to reading the applications and being involved in the whole process.

I hope you and your families have an enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all back well rested on Monday 11 April 2016.

Miss Murdoch, Year Leader – Year 10

### Uniform

Please do ensure you refer to our Uniform Policy when purchasing uniform. Students should wear plain black shoes (not open toe design, trainers, pump or canvas shoes, no stilettos, mules or sling backs, a proper heel not greater than 4cm - no coloured laces or stitching). Trainers are only allowed if accompanied by a doctor's note. Please note boots are not allowed. A Kickers style shoe is permitted but lacing and stitches should be black. The footwear shown below is not acceptable.



## **Attendance and E-commendations**

There are 24 students who have 100% attendance this year which is a fantastic achievement. We are still so impressed with Bobbie Slade and James Knock who have both attended every single day possible at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form so far – since Year 7! All students should be aiming to achieve at least 95% attendance. Each week, we let students know where their tutor group are in terms of attendance with a prize at the end of the term for the top tutor group. Results for this year so far are below:

N – 94.5 %  
O – 94.2 %  
T – 93.5 %  
L – 95.4 %  
E – 93.4 %  
Y – 93.7 %  
H – 92.7 %  
S – 93.8 %  
B – 95.7 %

As a year group, we are currently at 94.1% which is just below the government recommendation of 95%.

## **Star Student Awards**

Star student awards are also presented in the end of term assembly. These students are nominated by their tutors for a variety of reasons such as attitude to school and attitude to learning. This term's winners are listed below. Congratulations to all of you!

N     Jamie Conway  
O     Emily Heissig  
T     Oliver Leggett  
L     Kelsey Ward  
E     Alex Wilson  
Y     Edward Leggett  
H     Harvey Barker  
S     Michael Tomalin  
B     Jodh Basra

A girl and boy student from each tutor group with the highest amount of e-commendations are selected and their names are put in a hat then randomly picked by Mrs Wallace, Rewards and Awards Co-ordinator. The winners this term are Oliver Leggett and Molly Chaloner.

## Year 10 Visit to the University of Essex

This visit gave us a good insight into what university life entails. It informed us of the wide variety of courses available as well as the opportunities open to students, such as clubs, societies and studying abroad. We were able to see how a campus university is laid out and what some of the accommodation looked like.

It was a good experience and has helped me to consider the options available after school and A Levels.

Emily Hynes 10S



## Year 10 Respect Project Residential Trip to the Lake District

A few Year 10 students were invited to attend a residential trip to the Lake District between 12 and 18 December 2015. Our instructors Amy and Luke gave us equipment including hard hats, waterproof clothing, head torches and a rucksack, in preparation for our first adventure on the hills.

We split into two teams and learnt about team work and how to use the navigation equipment. We then made our way to the top of the hill at 710 metres high, where there were many obstacles to overcome, snow being one of them. On day 6, we started on our 24 hour expedition, carrying huge and heavy rucksacks along the way. The expedition was extremely tiring and felt never ending but with the help from all four instructors we eventually made it. At one point in the journey we had to cross over a waterfall and make our way down steep stones.



When we finally arrived at the destination we set up our tents and started cooking our ration packs with outdoor cooking equipment which was hard, but we eventually got there. After sleeping in a tent we made our long return journey and when we finally arrived back at the house we were tired and hungry.

Leon Greer 10L

## Jack Petchey's "Speak out" Challenge Winner 2016



On Wednesday 9 March, 25 Year 10 students were involved in the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge 2016.

We are delighted to announce that James Knock won and will continue to prepare his speech for the North Essex Regional Final on 27 April.

Our first speaking task of the day was a smaller introduction to the speaking to ease us into delivering something in front of an audience, we had to say our name and if there was a story about it, one thing we liked, one thing we disliked and if we had to be somewhere else where we would rather be. I said I like cats because of my ginger cat, I dislike peanut butter because it makes me sick and that I'd rather be in Sweden or a cold country because I burn very easily since I'm ginger.

We came back after lunch and the atmosphere was very different as everyone was incredibly nervous but we were all very supportive. I was genuinely blown away at how serious and brilliant some of the speeches were and I couldn't say a bad word about any of them, everyone in attendance did Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form proud.

I was placed first for our Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge with a speech about awareness for victims of male suicide and abuse. I was very honoured to win as every speech was amazing and I didn't expect to win as the maturity of some of our students was very commendable. Overall it was a very worthwhile experience as public speaking is a very useful skill and everyone had a great time and a very enjoyable day.

James Knock 100

### **Jack Petchey Winner**

Emily was nominated for the award by her peers for the amazing achievement of completing a sponsored silence for 7 whole days!

Emily collected sponsors for her period of silence and managed to raise £270 for the NSPCC. She did not talk, text or use social media throughout this time and managed to continue with all her usual activities including netball and other clubs.



We agree that this is quite an achievement, particularly when so much of what we do relies on communication with others, so well done Emily!

### **Poland Trip**

On Monday 29 February 2016, 45 students and 4 members of staff left Luton Airport for Krakow, Poland, followed the next day by another 40 students and 4 members of staff. The main purpose of our trips was to visit the death camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau.

Despite the cold and rain we started off with a walking tour of the old Jewish quarters in Krakow. Amongst other things, we visited a synagogue, the Jewish cemetery as well as the film set for Steven Spielberg's Oscar winner, Schindler's List. In the afternoon, we visited the Galacia Jewish museum which is home to an internationally acclaimed permanent photographic exhibition which commemorates the victims of the Holocaust as well as celebrates Jewish culture. We ended the day off with dinner at a traditional Jewish restaurant where we were entertained by a talented group of Jewish musicians. Exhausted after a long and busy day we collapsed into bed.

The next morning we woke very early, had our breakfast on the coach, and headed off for our first stop which was Auschwitz.

It is one thing to learn about the Holocaust but it is quite another to stand in the place where it happened and bear witness. We were the first group in to the camp which was quite a surreal experience. As we silently walked around, we tried to process the information and make sense of what we were seeing. For many, this was an impossible task at the time and it is often days, weeks or months later that many truly reflect on the enormity of what they have seen.

Birkenau was a similar experience, as we stood in the place where millions of people were imprisoned and murdered, the haunting atmosphere made the whole event uncomfortably real – the vastness of the camp, the bleak surroundings, the snow and biting cold, the reality of what happened hit home for many.

I am grateful that we were able to make this trip a reality for so many students and that we were able to pay our respects to the victims of such an atrocity. It allowed our PER students to take some of what they are taught in class and reflect on it in a more meaningful way.

Claire Guest wrote a Holocaust Memorial Day poem which ends with:-

We can't change this history;  
We are here too late -  
But what we can do is remember,  
In our thoughts and in our ways;  
Let these memories guide our actions,  
And pray others do the same.

If we can achieve this, then I think we would consider that this trip has been extremely worthwhile.

Mrs Fouche



### **Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening**

A reminder that we have our consultation evening on Wednesday 20 April from 5 – 8pm. The online booking system will be open for you to make appointments from Monday 11 April.

### **Tutor Changes**

We are sad to announce that Mrs Ross will be leaving Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. We wish her the best of luck for the future and thank her for all her work within our year team over the past four years.

Miss Ford will be taking over 10H, working alongside Mrs Robb.