



Spring Concert



It was a great pleasure to see such a large audience for the Spring Concert on the evening of 23rd March. Music continues to flourish here at Notley under the leadership of Miss Milton, ably assisted by Mrs Foster. The standard of performance from the choir and the wind band was very high and there were many excellent individual performances.

Many of our Year 11 students performed in the concert, having served the music department well through five years in the school.

We wish them every success with their examinations and with their music-making in the future.

Departures

At the end of this term we say goodbye to the following staff:

Miss Nevard, who leaves the RE department to pursue other interests outside teaching;

Mrs Knight, who leaves the Mathematics department to pursue work in student support;

Mrs Cummings, who leaves the Humanities department after covering for maternity leave during this term.

We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for their contribution to Notley High School.

I will introduce new staff who join

the school after Easter in the next newsletter.

At the end of my first term at Notley I would wish to thank all the staff and students for their hard work over the last term. I have been most impressed with the range and quality of the provision at the school, both within lessons and through the extensive extra-curricular programme. I have highlighted many of these activities in previous newsletters and I emphasise once again that the students here are fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff who provide so much for them.

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In Brief...

Year 7 Disco

Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed their Spring Disco on Friday 26th March here at school.

£434 was raised by the Friends of Notley High School. Thank you to all who helped organise the disco and supported it on the night.

Rachel Hayley

Congratulations to Rachel Hayley in Year 8 who represented the Essex in the Southern Counties Championship at the weekend, coming 23rd out of 120.

Well done Rachel.

Prize Winners

The winners of last issue's Prize Wordsearch were:

Jon Slater	100
Claire Johnson	110
Kimberly Clarke	110

Well done to these students who should see Mr Rowe to claim their canteen vouchers. See page 3 for this issue's Competition.

Easter

We would like to wish all our students and their parents a very happy Easter.

We hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break, and we would remind everyone that the Summer Term will begin on **Monday 19th April**.

Contact the Newsletter

If you have a piece of news you would like to be included in the School Newsletter, email it to:

newsdesk@notley-high.essex.sch.uk

The deadline for submission is the Tuesday prior to publication. Please see the online diary for details at:

www.notley-high.essex.sch.uk/diary

“Have Your Say!”

On Tuesday 30th March, 28 of our students represented Notley High School in the “Have your say” competition held at St Helena School in Colchester.

This is a competition for young linguists in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 where pupils have to perform a dialogue in French or for some in Spanish without notes and with their own personal ending. Year 10 students had to completely create their dialogue from a given topic.

The school is proud of all students who took part and worked hard to practise and learn their dialogue off by heart as well as including intonation and acting and they were all rewarded with a certificate.

Many schools were represented all around Essex and 10 of our students got through to the regional final (on the 19th of May at the Thomas Lord Audley School and Language College, Colchester.)

We wish good luck to:

Lorelle Rayner and Bryony Hanlon (Year 7 French),

Elizabeth Blackburn and Charlotte Hounsell, Claire Morris and Michaela Bentham (Year 8 Spanish),

Luke Clyde and Gemma Canham (Year 9 French)

and James Hodges and Laura McKoy (Year 10 French).

I would like to thank Miss Vella for organising the event, assisted by Mrs Adams, Miss Briand, Mr Lawn and Miss Perennes who also personally coached their group of students.

Mr Thompson, Headteacher

National Science Race

On 19th March 2004, Year 9 pupils at Notley, entered a National Science Race. After giving up two of our lunchtimes, we felt prepared to take part in the Science Race held on Friday. Twenty pupils took part during lesson four, and at lunch, with encyclopaedias, the Internet and CD-ROMs at the ready.

The Science Race this year was open to all secondary schools in the UK. The event is sponsored by the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). The test consisted of 10 questions each worth 50 points, we had to answer as many correctly as we could in the shortest space of time, because there were bonus points available for quick answers. We also had a time limit to stick to because we didn't want to spend too long on a question.

We are also taking part in the photography competition for the best photo taken during the course of the race. We are only allowed to enter one photograph, which will be hard as many of them are good possibilities. We hope we will do as well in this as we did in the science test.

After finishing the test in the quickest time we could, we logged onto the leader board to find that we had done extremely well as many of the schools taking part consisted of year 10 and 11s. We are also very proud as we beat two of the top Grammar Schools in the area. We all enjoyed the experience and we are planning to take part in the race next year, and hopefully do even better than before.

Amy Williams 9O and Jenny Taylor 9S



Above and right: Students who took part in the Have Your Say competition.



Above: The Year 9 Science Race Team

Prize Wordsearch

For this newsletter we have a prize wordsearch for **Years 7, 8 & 9** based on **Easter**. You need to find and circle in the grid each of the names shown below. Then fill in your name and tutor group and return the form to Mrs J Smith (ICT).

All correctly completed wordsearches will be entered into the Draw which will take place on **Monday 26th April**. The prizes for the first 3 entries drawn will win the following canteen vouchers.

- 1st Prize £3**
- 2nd Prize £2**
- 3rd Prize £1**

You can download a copy of this wordsearch from the website.

Visit: www.notley-high.essex.sch.uk/newsdesk



Word List	Betrayal	Centurians	Cross	Cruxifixion	Easter Monday
	Eggs	Good Friday	Jesus	Jews	Judas Iscariot
	Last Supper	Mary	Maundy Thursday	Palm Sunday	Passover
	Pilate	Resurrection	Stone	Thieves	Tomb

Name: _____ **Tutor Group:** _____

Wanted - 50 Front Gardens for the Fête

Bartlett Hammond Estate Agents have generously agreed to sponsor this years Summer Fête by providing a £200 prize for the Grand Draw. In return, we need to find 50 front gardens whose owners are willing to display a board (similar to a 'for sale' board) advertising this fact.

The boards will be erected by the company during May and collected after the school fête in June - no work is required of the homeowner. If we cannot secure this sponsorship the PTA will have to provide the money for the first prize, reducing the Grand Draw profit and therefore the amount of money donated to the school.

Please help us by displaying a board and enabling the school to secure this sponsorship. Simply complete the form below and return it to your child's form tutor during the week commencing 19th April.



Face painting is always popular at the Fête!

Please return to your form tutor.

Name _____ Childs name and tutor group _____

I would be willing to display a board in my garden.

Address _____ Signed _____



SPORTS NEWS

Year 10 Netball Match Report

On March 29th the Year 10 Netball team faced Stansted in the final of the District League.

Notley got off to an excellent start with good shooting from Laura and an outstanding goal from Jade. The defence played brilliantly, allowing us to get a ten goal lead with the score at the end of the first quarter being 10-0 to Notley. The second quarter went just as well with Chloe turning their centres around a number of times. The team remained focussed allowing Notley to be 14-1 up at half time.

The second half of the game continued to go well allowing Stansted to score only two more goals thanks to Lauren and Katies interceptions and rebounds.

The final score was 29-3 to Notley. Well played girls!

Team

Charley Fisk (Capt)	Laura Wenborn	Chloe Bailes
Jade Burfield	Terri Jones	Kelly Pearson
Becky Tyrell	Katie Potter	Lauren Costin

Emerging Schools Rugby - Year 7

Congratulations to the Year 7 rugby team who finished 3rd in the Essex Schools' Emerging schools' competition held at Chelmsford Rugby club.

The team have worked hard this year and have not had much match practice. They finished 2nd in the district competition and were put forward for the Essex Emerging schools' competition run by the Rugby Football Union.

With a chance to play at Twickenham up for grabs the boys worked really hard but were unlucky. Competing against schools from London, Southend and Chelmsford it was tough competition. Well done boys, better luck next time.

Squad:

J. Duckworth, P. Falco, J. Mullen, R. Bone, B. Golds, S. Fltcher, L. Copey, D. Langrish, B. Ladyman, D. Hardy, A. Burton, R. Golding, A. Shepherd, Withams.

Notley vs John Bramston - Football Year 8

After the disappointment of having a fixture cancelled late in the week the Year 8 football team were looking forward to this local derby. The game started well with Notley taking an early lead. They then built on this lead with another two goals in the first half. Notley went in ahead at half time and seemed to be in control.

The control didn't last long when after only a couple of minutes John Bramston scored a run away goal and started to get back into the game. Bramston were then awarded a penalty and pulled themselves back to within a goal. Notley did well to hold on till the final whistle. Nothing like keeping us on the edge of our seats boys.

Team

S. Haydon, S. Jeffreys, T. Hughes, N. Harding, B. Morgan, T. Readhead, M. Smith, N. Gudgeon (captain), I. Eka, L. Jones, T. White, A. Rudkin (sub)

Notley vs John Bramston - Football Year 10

A slightly disjointed team, borrowing a Year 9 player to make up numbers Notley didn't have the best start, going 1-0 down after just 10 minutes. Notley fought back coming close on a few occasions and with just 5 minutes to half time Notley drew level with a well struck shot from Andy Hughes from just outside the area.

Notley came out after half time and started to pass the ball well, they were like a transformed team. And Michael Rendell broke the defence and scored a run away goal, 2-1 to Notley.

After a couple of positional changes and a substitution Notley took their foot off the gas and started to allow John Bramston back into the game. The boys did well to hold onto their lead and came out deserved winners.

Team

S. Sammut, L. Bentley, A. Pope, A. Nuttall, J. Slater, S. Collins, S. Kilmartin, T. Ogan (Captain), A. Hughes, M. Rendell, L. Royce. Subs:- A. Moses, A. Haydon.

Schools Fantasy Football League

Will Snook storms off with Manager of the Month title for March. Snookies Scorers managed to put away 10 goals over the month, finishing with 45 points. This is a full 9 points ahead of Will's nearest competition among the student group, in the Karl King's Rayne Rovers. Mr Clarke's clarkclasscrinkleys were the closest competition from the staff group, narrowly missing out on top spot by 4 points.

Get your transfers in now for April's competition!



Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 22 April	GCSE PE Exams
Friday 23 April	GCSE PE Exams
Monday 26 April	GCSE Dance Exams
	French Oral Exams
Friday 30 April	Newsletter Issued
Tuesday 4 May	SATs
	Year 9 Exams begin
Tuesday 11th May	Digital Editing Masterclass
Monday 17 May	Year 11 Prom
Friday 21 May	Year 10 Reports to Parents