

**PRESENTATION
CURRICULUM PRIZE WINNERS 2011/2012**

YEAR 7

	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT
English	Ella Jones	Matilda Kilkelly
Maths	Justin Bray	Alice Thurston
Science	Francesca Deane	Dexan Charlery-Warner
Modern Foreign Languages		
French	Rachel Merritt	Ross Dawson
Spanish	Lilli Mullings	Chloe Sainsbury
ICT	Victoria Harvey	Charlotte Hawrylak
Technology		
D & T	Luke Hagger	James Rayner
Food/Textiles	Kristian Burrows	Kaitlyn Short
Humanities		
Geography	Louise Rummel	Abigail Heissig
History	Kieron Smith	Thomas Bickers
PER	Abigail Munro	Evie Stoneman
Creative Arts		
Art	Lucy Hawtin	Chloe Howard
Drama	Tia Quinn	Carlann Meechan
Music	Holly Whipps	Rory Hayhurst
PE	Myles Peacham	Maisie King
Speech & Language		
	Connor Corney	Alexander Phillips

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YEAR 9

	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT
English	Harriet Mill	Megan Walden
Maths	Georgia Rogers	Ashley Neale
Science	Harry Gilyatt	Grace Hellier
Modern Foreign Languages		
French	Alice Dunham	Enrico De Vivo
Spanish	Jack Walker	Holly Harnwell
ICT	Naomi Settington	Matthew Gillard
Technology		
D & T	Jordan Atkinson	Robert Hedger
Food/Textiles	Elise Coppin	Marc Hughes
Humanities		
Geography	Robert Ponder	Luke Fleming
History	Calum Bradd	Pip Roberts
PER	Emily Warwick	Joshua Elms
Creative Arts		
Art	Kate Potter	Lily Arkwright
Drama	Olivia Marsh	Verity Fisher
Music	George Stiff	Mia Shearwood
PE	Alfie Long	Jarryd Fouché
Speech & Language		
	Daniel Parker	

YEAR 8

	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT
English	Ella Ingram	Toby Yap
Maths	Rebecca Birch	Samuel Perry
Science	Benjamin Mitchell	Thomas Sewell
Modern Foreign Languages		
French	Benjamin Harrison	Amber Hayden
Spanish	Robert Mound	Isobel Wiseman
ICT	Lisa Potter	Keerthy Vijendran
Technology		
D & T	Megan Lane	Chloe Barnard
Food/Textiles	Joshua Hagger	Eleanor Pugh
Humanities		
Geography	Henry Fitch-Bartlett	Gregory Mansfield
History	Amber Cook	Hannah Knock
PER	Olivia Coughlan	Kalei Milligan
Creative Arts		
Art	Yan-Yan Li	Holly Everett
Drama	Thomas Nicoll	John Boswell
Music	Melanie Reeve	Josephine Bryan
PE	Ryan Reynolds	Tyler Christou
Speech & Language		
	Joseph Cresswell	Robert Rooke

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SPECIAL AWARDS

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS AWARD

Year 7

Holly Clarke

Year 8

Emily Mallott

Year 9

Laura Humphrey

MATHS TROPHY

Jack Gill

THE ANNE HOWARD AWARD FOR LOWER SCHOOL HUMANITIES

Charlotte Dimech

THE JANET SMART MEMORIAL AWARD

Rachel Harvey

THE GAYNOR ADAMS MEMORIAL AWARD

Gabriel Alidu

THE JOHN RAY SCIENCE PRIZE

Claudia Chitty

**AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF NOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Jessica Eaton-Fearne

Welcome to the Year 8 Blog!

The Year 7 bloggers had a well deserved rest over the summer and we are now back and ready to report again! We have a whole new team and a new name - The Year 8 Blog. Our new bloggers are Ross Dawson 8Y, Dexan Charlery-Warner 8O, Chenise Smith 8B, Amy Baker 8O, Matthew Duncan 8L, Carlann Meechan 8B, Harry Eageling 8T, Ewan Benning 8T, Kayli Haydon 8Y, Megan Amos 8N and Devon Sumner 8O. Our talented group of budding bloggers will be keeping you up-to-date with all of the latest Year 8 news and here is the best place to find it. The bloggers will be covering events throughout the year, as well as giving their own opinions on some of the most current topics in society today. So please come and visit us regularly, whether it is to have a nosey look at the latest Year 8 news, or to comment and give your own opinion on some highly controversial topics!



You can find the blog by clicking on the icon on the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form homepage or by clicking on this link: <http://www.notleyhigh.com/year-8-blog>

Emily Meets the Prime Minister

Since winning the Diana Award, I have been asked to help out at a number of different events. One of the most amazing, was the honour of going to Downing Street and meeting the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Emily Davis 11E

Emily Davis (second from right) meets David Cameron and George Osborne at Downing Street



Dear Parents/Carers

September 2012

Severe Weather Procedures for 2012-13

During any periods of severe weather this winter, our website will state one of three things by 7.30am at the very latest:

- School open as normal
- School closed
- Severe weather procedures in place

We will aim to put this message on our website as early as possible, or the previous evening depending on the severity of the weather conditions.

If our severe weather procedures are in place the procedures listed on page 10 will apply. These procedures can also be seen on our website.

Please note the particular arrangements for public examinations. Even if we are closed due to severe weather, we will endeavour to run public examinations for those students that are able to travel to school.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Newman
Senior Deputy Headteacher

Maternity Leave

Mrs A Harris, Faculty Leader in the Modern Foreign Languages department, is departing at the end of this term for maternity leave. We wish her well for the imminent arrival of her new baby.

Student Absence/Late Lines

Year 7 01376 556347
Year 8 01376 556348
Year 9 01376 556349
Year 10 01376 556350
Year 11 01376 556351

The absence lines should be called on a daily basis to report your child late or sick.

Contact the Newsletter

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

lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com

The deadline for submission is the Thursday prior to publication.

ICT News

ICT Lessons at Notley



Everyone in the ICT and Business Department is really pleased with the new rooms that we now have.

70 would like you to know what they have been doing in ICT so far this year

"When you log on there has to be a fall stop between your names"

"We learnt how to get onto our email account and send emails"

"We learnt how to log on to SAM Learning"

"We have learnt how to use a master slide in PowerPoint"

"We have learnt about E-safety rules"

"We have learnt about folders and sub folders"

"We have learnt about logging on and off"

"We have learnt to attach documents in e-mails"

"We have learnt expectations"

Year 8 ICT

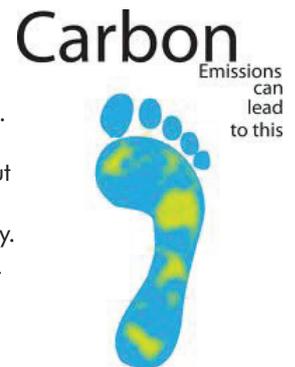
In Year 8 we have been looking at global warming and carbon footprints on Microsoft excel.

In the first lessons we have been having class discussions on if we think global warming is really happening, in other lessons we have been creating our very own carbon footprint calculator.

The calculator has been made on Microsoft Excel because it has lots of functions to choose from, like data validations which are drop downs so that you can choose from a variety of answers; we have used several formulae

such as Lookups and IF statements. Finally we thought about how to make it user friendly.

Nicole Willett
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International School Library Day



Students at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form celebrated International School Library Day on 2 October 2012. The International Association of School Librarianship first celebrated an International School Library Day in October 1999. The aim of this special day was to draw attention to the importance of school libraries

in the education of children. At Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form the library invited students to come along and take the "guess the character and book" challenge. Students were given 8 objects and had to work out the name of the character or the book title from the object. Bonus points were awarded if they could successfully name the author of the book. Students had great fun testing their logic skills and putting their knowledge of books to the test.



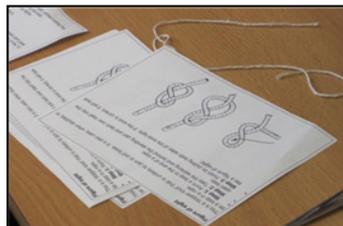
If you receive a paper copy of this newsletter please ensure we have your correct email address on file so you will receive an electronic copy, Please email

lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com

Survival! 16 - 17 October Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form Library

On 16 and 17 October students navigated their way to the library to take part in two days of activities based around the theme of Survival!

Activities included, animal tracking, knot tying skills, newspaper bridge building and making a survival hat. The library was also promoting a range of new books on the theme of Survival. This included titles on bushcraft skills, stories by Chief Scout and lifetime explorer and adventurer Bear Grylls.



Diary

Here are a few diary items to note, for a full list of diary events please visit the online school calendar at <http://notleyhigh.com/school-calendar>

5 Nov - Khaki on Campaign Year 9 Presentation

9 & 16 Nov - Ypres - WWI Battlefields Trip

12 Nov - Children in Need Talent Show

16 November - Children in Need (non-uniform day)

19 - 30 Nov - Year 11 mock exams

22 Nov - BSF open Evening

23 Nov - FONHS Christmas Shopping Evening

WE'VE DONE IT!!!!



On Wednesday 19 September, Penguins A'hoj, our 2 girl & 3 boy CHANNEL SWIMMING RELAY, along with our coach Roger Duncombe, set off for Dover... by car I mean! It was finally the opportunity we'd been waiting for, to swim the 22 mile stretch of the English Channel. We waited excitedly on the pier, in the lovely sunshine, as the boat arrived; little did we know it was, in fact, not our time. The wind speed hadn't slowed enough and after a short trip out behind the sea walls, our pilot decided to bring us back. A new time was quickly arranged; the following morning at 3am. We decided to stay in a hotel over night to conserve as much energy as we possible, along with all fingers and toes crossed!



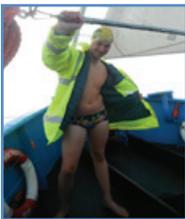
Thursday 20 September was our time. Once again we boarded the Viking Princes and chugged out into the darkness of the night. In no time at all, our first swimmer, James Rulton (16), was on the beach ready to go. The sound of the horn echoed around us and he was away. Our first

two swimmers, James and Ed (18) swam in the pitch black, followed by Alanah (17) who was next and got us off to a roaring start! In this third hour Alanah had to stop and tread water so we didn't get flattened by one of the many massive cargo ships travelling across our path. I was next (Alice 17) with Kai (16) after.



Before we knew it, France was closer than The White Cliffs of Dover; the finish was in sight. We passed a 3 mile boy at around 7½ hours, but then the tide turned... It was pulling us away from France!! When my second time to swim came (at 8 hours) I was swimming flat out against the fierce tide with my hour soon passing. The pilot directed me to swim horizontally to the coast in order to make up as much ground as possible for Kai to finish. Kai was then finally in, for the last leg. With the pilot now in the dinghy guiding him to the shore, Kai was sprinting for glory!!

We landed in France in 9 hours and 14 minutes, amazed and triumphant at the time we had achieved. We had worked so hard and were now the third fastest crossing in 2012, as well as breaking a number of records. We all slept very well that night, although still buzzing from our success. Roger has been brilliant. He has worked extremely hard for us, giving up so much of his "spare time". We would never have been able to take on this challenge without him and we are extremely grateful for everything. Thanks Rog!



THANK YOU ...

Our appreciation cannot be expressed enough. I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of my team, to **THANK YOU, SO VERY MUCH**, for your generous donations and support throughout our swim.

We couldn't be happier with the money we've raised, knowing especially it's going to a very beneficial cause, KIDSCAPE and will help many children in need. We are continuing efforts to raise more money but so far we have beaten our target of £2000 and have raised around £2800! This makes everyone's efforts all the more worthwhile and maybe even cancels out a few of those jelly fish stings!!!
Alice Park 13F



The Friends of Notley High have been working hard over the past year to raise much needed funds for those wish list items that the school's budget just can't stretch to. We held a meeting on 3 October and agreed to fund the following items:



- 10 Graphic Tablets for ICT & Business
- 1 Notepad for Learning Support
- 8 x Voice recorders and 3 Flip Cams for Modern Foreign Languages
- 2 x Easi-view Visualiser for Music
- Mini-Vane Anemometers for Geography
- 40 x Saws and 3 x Mitre saws for Design & Technology
- 1 x Kenwood Chef for Design & Technology

A GRAND TOTAL OF JUST OVER £1,700 IN DONATIONS

We hope that your children benefit from some if not all of these items.

You now have the chance to find out what The Friends of Notley High School are doing – future events, how we spend the money we raise, what we discuss at our meetings and when we are next due to meet by just clicking on our logo on the front page of the school website – please take time to have a look and see what fundraising events we are organising.

We hold our meetings monthly or bi-monthly in the school library normally on a Wednesday at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend or have any fundraising ideas then please contact TheChair@FoNHS.info

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 7 DISCO – 9 November 2012

Letters will be sent out to all students in Year 7 & 8 regarding the discos.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

6.30pm – 9pm 23 November 2012

Stalls for all your Christmas Shopping needs under one roof

All that Glitters Costume Jewellery Moggy's Pickles Holo Clothing Scentsy Candles & Scarves The Beaded Box
Studio 90 – ceramic tree decorations Flip-in Hair Xcellz eyebrow threading Katie's Kitchen R & RJewellery
Honey & Candles G & G Crafts Xmas Decorations & Gifts Bags & Boots Market Stall Stocking Fillers



Jamie
at home



Chocolates for
Chocololics



My Secret Kitchen

EllaPure



If you would like a stall at the Christmas Shopping evening please contact TheChair@FoNHS.info

QUIZ NIGHT – 26 January 2013

If you would like to book a table (maximum 8 people per team) at our very popular Quiz Night then please contact TheChair@FoNHS.info

All bookings are on a first come first served basis

Icarus Theatre Company brought 'Romeo and Juliet' to Braintree Arts Theatre on 22 October

"Violent delights have violent ends..."

Following on from the success of **Macbeth**, the highly acclaimed **Icarus Theatre Collective** presented a bold and exciting new production of Shakespeare's most tragic tale – **Romeo & Juliet**. Opening at **The Kings Theatre, Southsea, Romeo & Juliet** have embarked on an international tour.

In defiance of their families and in secrecy from their closest friends, hopeful young lives burn amidst a celestial and cataclysmic backdrop. Sun and moon shine down on star-crossed lovers as they hide their passion and sexuality from their warring families and their closest friends. Misadventure, family pride, and ancient quarrels abort and bury the most joyous of beginnings, the most hopeful of love stories as Romeo and Juliet, driven apart, find their world becoming a constricting, single mausoleum of fate and death.

Icarus Theatre Collective launched in 2004. Lauded as one of the most fearless and dynamic theatre companies in the UK, their reputation for punchy and vibrant productions of contemporary and classic theatre continues to grow. The company's productions have won countless accolades including **Time Out's** Critics Choice, as well as receiving great praise from critics and audiences alike and winning awards from as far afield as Romania (Best Production and Best Actress, **The Lesson**). Over the years, the company have performed their work both nationally and internationally, including their award-winning production of R.C. Sheriff's **Journey's End**, which played to sell-out houses on its national tour.



Rock Out to your Favourite Bands at Braintree Arts Theatre!

Braintree Arts Theatre is excited to invite your inner rock and roll child to our live music events this autumn and winter. Lovingly and passionately recreated, calling these bands 'tribute acts' does not do them justice. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Floyd Effect

Saturday 24 Nov, 7.30pm

Tickets: £17.50

The authentic live tribute to the music of Pink Floyd. Featuring lasers and projections, the show concludes with a complete performance of one of the greatest pieces of music ever written; "Dark Side of the Moon". An unforgettable experience that will take you on a journey from the Gates of Dawn to the Dark Side of the Moon and beyond.

The Stones

Friday 14 Dec, 7.30pm

Tickets: £17.50

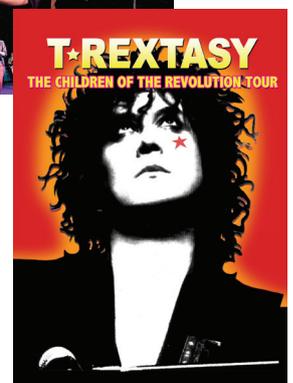
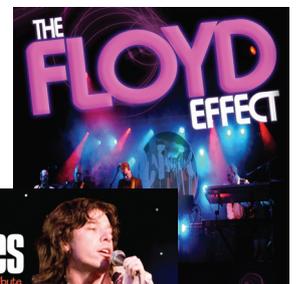
"The Stones" bring to the stage all the energy and excitement of a live Rolling Stones concert. This is not a "tongue in cheek" approach, but a serious tribute to their music: The greatest tribute band in the world pays tribute to the greatest rock and roll band in the world, in a show so close to the original that you will simply not believe your eyes or your ears!!

T-Rextasy

Friday 1 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: £18

T-Rextasy have now been performing around the world for 20 years, a career that ironically outlives Marc's very own T.Rex. The band has been described by many as 'beyond the boundaries of tribute'. Truly a rock'n'roll concert for all ages! If you would like to know exactly what a Marc Bolan concert was like in the 1970s, this show is for you!



For a full show and event listings please visit our website <http://www.braintreeartstheatre.com/whats-on>

Discounted Student Tickets for all Braintree Arts Theatre Productions

Braintree Arts Theatre is proud to confirm that we are able to offer discounted student rates for all of our upcoming productions. Prices will vary from show to show but each production will have a discounted student rate beyond the already reduced concession price offered. Such upcoming shows include *The Canterbury Tales*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Barry Norman's Favourite Films* and *An Evening with Tony Benn*. For a full season line up please visit our website www.braintreeartstheatre.com

For more information and to book your student tickets please visit either Kelly or Dom at the Braintree Theatre Box Office, weekdays 10am-6pm or Saturdays 10am-3pm.

Half Price Comedy Tickets for all NHS Staff!

Braintree Arts Theatre is pleased to announce that all future Funhouse Comedy Night tickets will be offered at **half price** to all staff. Tickets which cost the public up to £12 will only cost you £5!

Here's how you claim your half price Comedy Night tickets: Either come and see Kelly or Dom at the Braintree Arts Theatre Box Office (Monday-Friday 10am-6pm & Saturday 10am-3pm) or call 01376 556 354. You won't be able to book these discount tickets online, this is a special deal open only to NHS staff!

Our next Comedy gig is on 25 October and features Gary Delaney, as seen on 'Mock the Week' - book your tickets today! We have an exciting line up of award-winning and nationally known comedians; check out our website www.braintreeartstheatre.com to find more information.

The small print: Limit 2 half price tickets per NHS member of staff per show, offer subject to ticket availability.

Funhouse Comedy Club

3 for 2 on all tickets!

£10 (£12 on the door)

Local Real Ales

8pm (bar opens at 7:15)



Gary Delaney
25 October 2012



Nathan Caton
21 February 2013

Box Office
opening times:

Weekdays 10am - 6pm
Saturdays 10am - 3pm



Gerry K
20 December 2012



Patrick Monahan
31 January 2013



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NOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL & BRAINTREE SIXTH FORM

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES FOR 2012-13

If it is deemed that there is severe weather, the following severe weather procedures will apply.

To keep up-to-date with the latest announcements staff, parents/carers and students should check:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form website
- Braintree Sixth Form website
- Text messages issued by Schoolcomms
- BBC Essex Radio and website
(103.5 and 95.3FM, 729, 765 and 1530MW, DAB digital or via the BBC iPlayer)
- NHS/BSF email accounts (staff and students)

Buses pick-up times will be one hour later than their normal times. The main bus companies Flagfinders and Wicks will be notified of our intentions but we will not contact all other taxi and minibus companies and parents/carers should talk to them directly about whether they will be running a service. Furthermore, Wicks will not run a service into the Terling group of villages if snow is considered by them too dangerous but will always try to ensure the main route from Witham to Braintree is covered. Parents/carers should contact Wicks directly for further information.

Students that walk to school or travel to school by car should aim to arrive by 9.30am.

For students that arrive before 9.30am:

- Students in Years 7-11 should go straight to the canteen and wait there until they are told to move to registration at 9.30am.
- Students in Year 12-13 should go straight to Café6 or the Common Room. They should then go to Period 2 at 9.45am.

Any public examinations will start at 9.30am (instead of 9.00am). Afternoon examinations will run at their published times.

Staff should arrive from the normal time if it is safe to do so, and supervise students that arrive before 9.30am.

To maintain student safety, we will be insisting that students remain inside the building throughout the day, with the only times where they will need to go outside the building being when they move to areas at lesson changeover.

As ever a decision about sending students to school in difficult weather conditions must be made by each individual family, as local conditions can vary considerably. Students should think carefully about their footwear to and from school and wear the most appropriate footwear they have to help them manage on very slippery paths local to the school. Students should then change into their normal school footwear on arrival. Students should also ensure that they are warm, wearing an appropriate coat, hat and gloves.

Staff should sign in at the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form campus reception on arrival or at Student Services in the main building. Partnership staff from other schools should also sign in at the campus reception on arrival. Please do not telephone the Campus Reception or Student Services to do this.

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form will finish at the normal time – 3.15pm.

There will be no after school lessons/clubs/detentions/meetings or late transport for students in Years 7-11 unless the weather has improved considerably during the day. We will communicate our position clearly on the school website.

There will be no period 6 or enrichment activities beyond 3.15pm for Braintree Sixth Form students unless the weather has improved considerably during the day. We will communicate our position clearly on the Braintree Sixth Form website.

In the event of worsening weather conditions during the school day necessitating closure, we will give as much notice as possible and communicate this decision by the modes of communication listed above. Any students in Years 7-11 that have problems getting home should report to the canteen. Any sixth form students that have problems getting home should report to Café6. The senior leadership team will work together to ensure that these students get home safely. We will not allow students to leave the site unless we are confident that parents/carers are aware and approve of arrangements.

Further information: School Closure

The decision to close Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form rests with the Headteacher and the senior leadership team. The school will only be closed as a last resort e.g. travelling becoming hazardous, or if the site is not safe for students and staff.

If school is closed, students in Years 7-11 should ensure all home learning is up-to-date for when they return to school. Some teachers will wish to contact students via email to set work if it is appropriate to do so. If a school closure period lasts more than three school days, all teaching staff will set work via email/VLE from the fourth closure day.

If Braintree Sixth Form is closed, sixth form teaching staff will set work for students and send details via email/VLE from the first closure day.

If the school is closed, public examinations will still take place for students that are able to travel to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Morning examinations will start at 9.30am (instead of 9.00am) and afternoon examinations will run at their published times. Any exceptions to this would be clearly communicated via the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form websites.

Internal examinations will be re-scheduled for when school is open again.

Once a decision has been made to re-open after a closure period due to severe weather, this information will be given using the communication methods listed above.