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headlines

Welcome to the first issue of oncampus for the 2017-18 academic year. It is hard to believe that yet another term has passed, and so quickly.

In the summer edition I shared with you the news that we had managed to access some additional funding to improve significantly the offer and the facilities in the kitchens and canteen area. We were delighted to be able to do this during the summer holidays so that we can prepare and serve a number of different meals, and realise our ambition that the food on offer would appeal to more of our students. We were able to extend and improve the dining area so that the queueing system is better, and more students can be seated to eat – indoors and outside (in a new and enhanced picnic area). The very high volumes of students being served there, and the thirty percent increase in turnover is proof of the success of this initiative.

As I invariably report the school continues to offer a wide range of additional opportunities to students, and we are very pleased that so many of them take advantage of the myriad extra-curricular activities. You can read about many of them in this issue – and I hope that you will enjoy doing so.

Finally can I wish all of you an enjoyable and pleasant Christmas break.

Mr D Conway, Headteacher



David Conway, Headteacher





KS3@awards evening

On Wednesday 11 October students from current Years 8 to 10 collected awards at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's annual Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening.

The evening was enjoyed by students, parents and staff alike in celebrating and recognising the achievements and excellence of Key Stage 3 students during the academic year 2016-17. The prizes collected ranged from excellent academic achievement to positive attitude to learning and included the awarding of several Specialist Awards.

On the evening Mr Conway congratulated the recipients of awards for their consistent efforts and positive attitudes. The evening was also marked with musical performances from Charlie Hooks with a cornet solo and Fae Cassidy with a piano solo. Mr Chris Townsend, Headmaster of Felsted School, presented the Awards and spoke to the audience about the importance of resilience and self-belief.

Many congratulations once again to all award winners.

Mrs C Wager, Assistant Headteacher

Specialist Awards were awarded to;

Daniel Toombs - for excellence in Year 7 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths);

Thomas Finch - for excellence in Year 8 STEM;

Fraser Wallace - for excellence in Year 9 STEM;

Lewis Slade - The Maths Trophy;

Ysanne Aley - The Anne Howard Award for Lower School Humanities;

Islay Poskitt - The Janet Smart Memorial Award for excellence in English;

Kiera Crick - The Gaynor Adams Memorial Award for excellence in Languages;

Emma Harrison - The John Ray Science Prize;

Victoria Fuller - The Award for Outstanding Achievement.



KS4awardsevening

It was with great pleasure that we presented GCSE certificates and prizes along with academic and sports awards at this year's Key Stage 4 Awards Evening. Former and current students and their families, along with staff and governors, were welcomed to the evening, which celebrated the successes of current Year 11s and students who sat their GCSE exams last summer.

Our guest speaker was Lindsay Keable, the England and Superleague netball player. Lindsay spoke to the audience about her journey to becoming an international sportswoman, having decided at the age of eleven that she wanted to play netball for England. Lindsay's theme was the need for effort to match talent, and she illustrated this by explaining that while her own height of 6' 3" may give her a natural advantage, she had to train hard and practise her catching and coordination to have the edge to represent her country. We were delighted that Lindsay was able to present the prizes and awards on the evening. Head Boy Ben Truman and Head Girl Katy Finch thanked Lindsay Keable on behalf of the school.

Special awards were presented to a range of students, including Hannah Bilboe who was awarded the Governors' Prize for academic achievement. Edward Leggett was awarded the Janet Turner prize and Oliver Leggett the Notley Award: both of these prizes

recognise those who have been outward looking and served the community. Hannah Bilboe and James Knock were awarded the Headteacher's Prize for their contributions to school life, and Eleanor Alderman was presented the Chichester Prize for her achievements.

Thank you to our musicians on the evening, Emily Stirrup, Joshua Christie and Louis Smyth for their superb and varied performances, much appreciated by the audience. Well done to all receiving awards and certificates for their work and effort that went into achieving them.

Mrs M Townsend, Assistant Headteacher



head**boy**head**girl**report



We would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the last few months here at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, and a term in which so much has gone on.

At the very beginning of the term we welcomed lots of new Year 7s to the school, ready to start their secondary school journey. They seemed to have settled very well: some of them are already members of the house councils, making a positive impact on the school within the first few months!

In October, many students from across the school, went on a 5 day tour of the Swiss Alps. This was such an incredible experience, learning all about the country, and their culture, as well as the interesting geology of the mountains. Apart from the 18 hour journey, we were doing activities non-stop, making the most of the week we had there. Everyone that we have spoken to has said that they thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

Year 10s have started their GCSEs, and everyone seems to be doing really well so far - keep up the good work! Also, Year 11s have just finished mock week. This was a very stressful week, so we should relax, and enjoy the Christmas holidays.

In November, a group of students went to a Model United Nations Conference in Hertford, where debates on current global issues took place, on themes which include: disarmament, ecology

and environment, economic and social and finally political. This was a very interesting learning experience, and everyone enjoyed the day. Recently a group of Year 11s went on a trip to London to attend Science Live. The day was spent listening to different lectures about different aspects of science, such as one of the lectures about wormholes and how they could be used to time travel. Many students also went to see 'Annie' in London for a rewards trip. This was an amazing experience and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

To celebrate all of the hard work that is shown in Notley High, a KS4 Presentation Evening was held. There were musical performances, which were all very good, and an inspirational speech from Lindsay Keable, a netball player for England. This followed the KS3 Presentation Evening. These were both enjoyable evenings and everyone should be extremely proud of their achievements!

In this last week, many house charity events will occur, such as a lip sync battle, a Christmas fayre and a 'Santa run'. These are all to raise money for our house charities, which are new to this academic year. We wish everyone taking part every success with their fundraising.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Katy Finch and Ben Truman, Head Girl and Head Boy



student governors

The combined stresses of preparing for both the January mock exams as well as focusing on the UCAS application process has made this term a challenging one for everybody in Year 13. However, there has been more to this term than just UCAS and revision.

The start of the term saw the launch of MyMaths Peer-to-Peer tutoring scheme in which a small group of Year 13s voluntarily offered GCSE Maths support to high school students in Year 11 for several weeks. Without these volunteers, as well as support from various members of the Maths department, such a scheme would not have been possible, and for that I would like to thank everybody who took part in it.

Both myself and Verity also attended the Braintree Careers Fair in late September to advertise the Sixth Form to students from a variety of local secondary schools. It gave us the opportunity to showcase many of the great aspects of attending the sixth form from a student's perspective. It was rewarding to see many of the same faces from the Careers Fair at the Sixth Form's open evening last month.

September also brought about the revival of the Sixth Form Student Council under new leadership. It was encouraging to see so many Year 12s consistently showing up to the Council's meetings and sharing countless ideas for the benefit of the Sixth Form Student Body.

I wish everybody a pleasant and relaxing Christmas holiday, but for us students in Year 13, it is now as important as ever to stay focused during such a testing period of our education. Having such drive will ensure that we all achieve the best possible outcomes in the summer – something that I hope all of my peers will experience.

Nabil Butcher, Year 13

The final term of 2017 has come to a close and it's time to reflect back and look forward to 2018.

It's been a busy year for all students but especially the Year 13 students who have been completing their UCAS applications to university and a number have been successful in obtaining offers. It's an exciting time as they work towards the next part of their lives whether that be university or apprenticeships. This term they were visited by a man called Kamal Hyman who gave an impressive motivational speech that passed on the message to students that by working hard this year, it will set them up for the rest of their lives and that now was the time to get focused to achieve their goals.

For the Year 12 students it has also been a successful start to A levels. They've taken part in a number of events and activities such as the roadster day which gave sessions on road safety and then given the chance to drive with an instructor. As well, there was the enterprise fair which involved students developing and selling a product to Year 7 students. There were loads of brilliant products and some excellent selling skills which saw a good amount of money raised for charity.

Overall the students have worked extremely hard this past term and should enjoy the well-earned break. Let's make the next term as successful as this last one.

Finally, I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Verity Forster, Year 13

October 2017

on the roads of Essex



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PEOPLE KILLED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS



72

SERIOUS CASUALTIES



235

MOBILE PHONE OFFENCES



100

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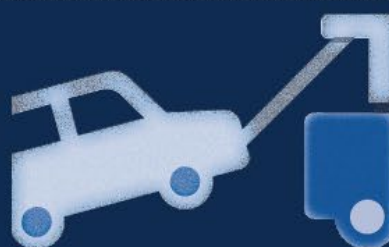
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DRUG DRIVE ARRESTS



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SEATBELT OFFENCES



342

VEHICLES SEIZED NO INSURANCE



176

CARELESS DRIVING OFFENCES PROSECUTED



7,308

NUMBER OF ROAD SAFETY EDUCATIONAL COURSES DELIVERED

year 10 art gallery trip



Photos: Staff on trip

"It was good to see the paintings that we are studying in class. You can see the real colours and the texture of the paint". Lauren Metson.

On 16 November Year 10 Art, Craft and Design students and Art Graphics students visited the National Gallery and Tate Modern in London.

Students enjoyed the walk across Trafalgar Square under the imposing façade of the National Gallery and were intrigued by the current occupant of the fourth plinth, a giant thumbs up by the artist David Shrigley.

Inside the National Gallery students were taken to see a number of still life paintings and discussed the works with gallery staff, particularly the symbolic use of objects. Year 10 Art, Craft and Design students are responding to the theme of 'still life' in their own work.

At Tate Modern students were intrigued by the range of art, installation and sculpture that they saw. They all took part in the installation in the turbine hall entitled 'one, two, three swing!' by the Danish art collective Superflex. The highlight of the day was having a go on the giant swings that formed part of the installation.

Students realised that an actual work of art has much more impact when it is seen in reality.

Ms S Monro, Head of Faculty - Art, Design & Technology



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Year 10 students enjoy 'one, two, three swing!'

Switzerland2017

Photos: Staff on trip



The hills are alive with the sound of Notley

On Thursday 19 October 2017, 47 students accompanied by 5 members of staff, headed off on an overnight journey to the Swiss Alps for the annual geography trip.

To find out about the spectacular sites that students saw after riding cable cars up, down and over mountains to get to them read on....



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After a long bus ride and a trip on the ferry we arrived in Saas Grund, Switzerland. We headed into the village of Saas Fee, a small skiing resort, where we took a gondola to 2793m overlooking the Fee glacier and the view down the valley was amazing. We looked at how the valley had been carved out over thousands of years to create the view we saw in front of us.

Saturday saw the highlight of the trip. We were off to Zermatt and the Matterhorn. We couldn't have asked for better weather with light (although freezing) winds and clear blue skies. Although freezing we were well bundled up with hats, gloves and warm coats. After a train and 2 cable cars we reached the highest viewing point of the Matterhorn at 3883 metres and the view definitely did not disappoint.

We visited the ice caves, which had been carved out of the glacier. Beautiful sculptures had been carved from the ice, a few of us even sat and had our photos taken on the ice throne. We then headed down the mountain and spent some time exploring Zermatt. On the way back to the hotel we stopped off at a beautiful waterfall that the staff had seen as we drove past the day before. In the evening Mr De Gea treated us to some karaoke.







First stop on Sunday was the Mattmark dam, which the bus drivers kindly took us up to see. It was very windy here but we could see the villages in the valley below that had been flooded during accidents, which took place while the dam was under construction. We then drove to the next valley and took 2 cable cars to see the Aletsch glacier. After taking in the views and learning how the ice had shaped the landscape, it was time for a bit of fun and a snowball fight took place. To warm up we all headed inside for a nice cup of hot chocolate. From here we headed to Brigerbad thermal pools where we had great fun in the rapids and on the longest alpine waterslide in Europe, although the water in the pool at the bottom of the slide was a little chilly!





On the final day, due to high winds, the cable cars were unable to run for safety reasons. We went for a walk around the Saas Fee valley where we got to see moraines and braided rivers before heading back into Saas Fee for some free time and lunch. It was then on to tobogganing on the alpine coaster, where great fun was had by all. The last thing we did before climbing onto the bus to head for home was take the valley path back down to our hotel for a warming cup of hot chocolate.

Thank you to both staff and students that made this trip so enjoyable and memorable and an experience for all to remember for years to come.

Ms K Wilcox, Head of Subject - Geography





primaryschoolfootball

On the morning of Wednesday 1 November, Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form hosted a school games primary school football tournament. Year 5 and 6 students from White Court School, Notley Green Primary School, John Ray Junior School and John Bunyan Primary School competed in a round robin competition for a chance to qualify for the next round of the competition later this year.

Four of our own Sports Ambassadors – Millie Carter, Bella Dryden, Matteo Maylin and Taylor Wane – assisted with the running of the event, coaching and officiating alongside the referees. They conducted themselves perfectly and were great representatives of the school.

Overall, Notley Green Primary School finished top with John Bunyan Primary School second, both securing places for the next round of the competition. We look forward now to the many more events we are hosting over the course of this academic year – watch this space!

Miss A McLean, PE Teacher



tabletennis scheme

During the 2016/17 summer term, an opportunity to participate in the Jack Petchey Table Tennis Donation Scheme presented itself to us.

The scheme provides an opportunity for schools to increase table tennis participation among young people, during and after school hours. It gives young people a chance to try something new, develop their skills and, most importantly, have fun. We were successful in our application and have recently taken delivery of four new branded Butterfly National League 22 indoor table tennis tables and an extensive equipment package.

The scheme runs in conjunction with Table Tennis England, who also provide us with teacher/young leader training and competition opportunities and provide support related to table tennis development including news updates. We are all very excited to have this new equipment, which will be used during PE lessons, lunch time clubs and inter-house competitions.

Table Tennis Club is run by Mrs Forster every Thursday lunchtime in the fitness centre. Players of all abilities, from beginner to expert are welcome, so do come along and try it out!

Mr A Cunningham
Head of Faculty - PE & Creative Arts

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notley open evening 2017



There was a real buzz of excitement around school at our annual Open Evening in October 2017. The evening was very well attended by parents and carers considering sending their son/daughter to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form in September 2018.

Once again, we were very pleased that many parents and their children visited the school to get a taste of life at the school. Year 6 students enjoyed taking part in the wide range of activities on offer including

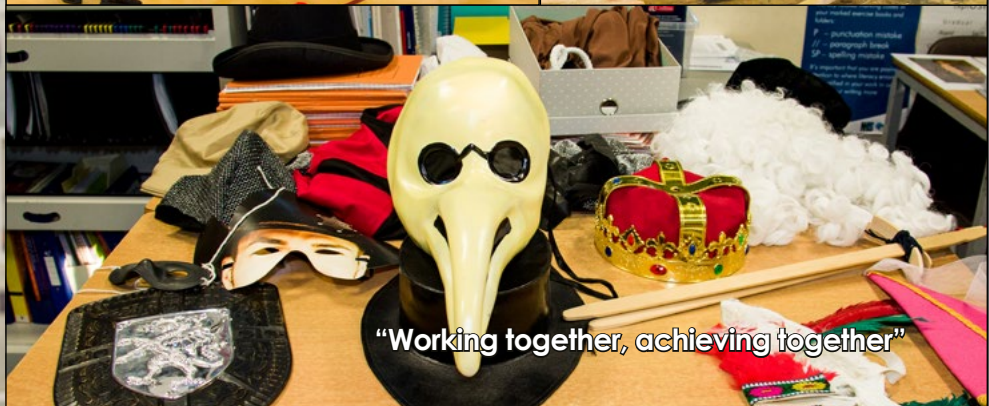
science experiments, Harry Potter themed games in English and sampling food from the canteen.

Many thanks to all students who volunteered to act as student guides, helped run activities in departments or gave speeches on the evening; you were great ambassadors for the school. Thanks also to all staff who helped to make the evening such a success.

Mrs C Wager, Assistant Headteacher



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On Tuesday 14 November the Year 13 A level PE class attended the Human Performance Unit at Essex University where they were able to experience what it would be like to study in a university sports science laboratory, whilst enhancing their own knowledge and understanding of key concepts.

In the morning they underwent an exercise physiology session which gave the students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of VO2 max and the energy systems through a number of fitness tests using high level equipment and teaching from the university's PHD students.

All the students took part in a sub-maximal predictive test on a bike to find out their own VO2 max, and then Joe Sheehan volunteered to take on the maximal test on the treadmill where he worked to exhaustion. Before the students could go to lunch they all took part in an anaerobic performance test which demonstrated their power output.

The students came back after their lunch on campus for a second session which focused on biomechanics. This session gave the opportunity for the students to view the extensive range of equipment used to analyse an athlete's performance. Working in groups the students performed either a golf swing or a tennis




serve, they filmed their efforts and then using specialist software they overlaid their performance with that of an elite performer. From here they identified coaching points to improve their performance and then performed the skill for a second time, this time using the software to compare their own two performances. They finished the day with presentations from all the groups to show their outcomes.

It was an excellent day, where the input and enthusiasm from our students meant they gained some great experiences and will be able to apply the knowledge to their own studies.

Mr R Miller - Associate Assistant Headteacher

Cinderella



On 5 December 2017 Notley High School's Drama Club performed in the magical tale of Disney's Cinderella! Gemma Fugeman, who is one of our Year 11 'Drama Directors', a GCSE student who shows excellence and dedication to the subject, said that she would like to run Cinderella within Drama Club.



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After a few meetings the exciting process began! Our other Drama Directors were also involved in the process; Mason Ramsdale, Ben Truman, Chloe Littleton, James Merrell, Jessica Hill, Amelia Linehan, Emily Culbert and Rebecca Baldock. They began by running auditions and alongside us cast the whole show. This was no mean feat with over 70+ students auditioning. They also supported the directing process and general encouragement and support for the actors, all this alongside their mock and real GCSE exams.


During our journey we decided to dedicate the performance to raising money for Farleigh Hospice, an invaluable charity in our community. The students

did well to put the show together in 8 weeks and worked hard in many rehearsals. On the night it was a sparkling, magical celebration of a classic, with Maisie Speller enchanting her audience as the kind and gentle Cinderella. The Ugly Sisters and wicked Step-Mother's cackles will continue to ring in our brains and who can forget the sight of Patrick Loveard as the graceful, ahem, Fairy God-Mother!

Many thanks to all staff and students who supported the event.

We wish you a very, Merry, Magical Christmas

The Drama Department



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fivegomad@notley

Enid Blyton's Famous Five turn 75 - Hurrah!

Mystery, fun and lashings of Ginger Beer were to be found in the library on 20 September 2017, as students were invited to join us in our celebration of 75 Years of Enid Blyton's Famous Five.

The Famous Five are among Enid Blyton's best-loved creations and countless children have gone adventuring with them since the publication of "Five on a Treasure Island" in 1942, the first of twenty one full length adventures and numerous short stories.

Students from all Years were invited to take part in two activities in the library, the "Secret Code Challenge", where students had to find the hidden pictures around the library and then work out the

secret code. Then they had to complete the "Famous Five Challenge Card" which included solving riddles, animal tracking and testing physical skills – activities that George, Dick, Julian, Anne and Timmy the dog would have loved!

Once students had successfully completed both activities they received a special invite to the special Famous Five Picnic - Ginger Beer all round - hurrah!

Thank you to everyone who came along and took part and a special thank you to Mrs Simkins for her wonderful jam sandwiches! Such fun!

Mrs K Osborn, Library and Resources Manager



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in memory of Jake

Tree planting in memory of Jake Whiteside

On Monday 16 October, a large number of Jake's family and friends of Jake gathered on the school field to plant an oak tree in his memory. Typically, we chose a day when Hurricane Ophelia made an appearance and we experienced high winds and a very odd dark orange sky (something that would have entertained Jake no end!). Mr Conway and Richard (Jake's Dad) battled the noise of the A120 and the wind while Mel (Jake's Mum) was given a spade (apparently something that's not seen very often) and she helped to bed the tree in. Friends and family remembered Jake during this time and then gathered for refreshments in the shelter of the school building.

The tree was planted on the field facing towards the cricket pitch, as Jake was a great fan of playing cricket. The oak tree was also particularly fitting as Jake played for his local cricket club in Rayne and the club emblem is an oak tree.

The oak tree is standing very proud and will be a lasting memory of Jake for hundreds of years to come.

Mrs K Murdoch - Head of House Winton



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modelunitednations

Year 13 and 11 students attended this year's Model United Nations conference at Richard Hale School in Hertford on Saturday 4 November, representing The United Arab Emirates and Norway in two delegations. Students attending came from schools in London, Norfolk, Oxfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire as well as Essex.

After an opening ceremony and speech on the role of the United Nations and the conference theme of unity at times of political challenge and crisis, delegates worked in their individual committees debating a number of resolutions throughout the morning. Committees included Human Rights, Environment and Disarmament, and delegates forged alliances through written debates, proposed

amendments and argued for their countries' respective positions on each issue before voting. The afternoon focused on the General Assembly, with all delegates attending, and it was very pleasing to see the stand-off between the UAE and Norway in the afternoon debate on renewable energy!

Well done to all the delegates involved, some of whom are becoming experienced MUN-ers and some of whom were first timers at the conference. Particular congratulations must go to Katy Finch who was awarded the 'Angel Award' for her contributions. This recognised her willingness to take difficult but ethical decisions. The conference was challenging and stimulating for all involved.

Mrs M Townsend - Assistant Headteacher

The Model United Nations

Every year, more than 400,000 people from primary schools, universities, and beyond take part in a Model United Nations (MUN).

By role-playing meetings like the Security Council and General Assembly, participants get a unique insight into how the United Nations works. They research, debate and try to solve some of the world's most pressing problems just like the real thing. Any UN body or agency can be simulated (the Security Council and General Assembly are the most popular).





sixth form results 2017

Braintree Sixth Form celebrated their best ever International Baccalaureate (IB) results in July, with 100% of the Year 13 IB cohort passing the qualification. The highest points score was achieved by Tamsin Sprawling with 39 points. The average point score for the whole IB cohort was 32 points, above both national and international averages

Braintree Sixth Form celebrated some very strong A level and AS level results in August 2017. This year sees the first results for the new reformed linear A levels. Over 96% of all grades were achieved at A*-E grades with over 35% of the results being the highest grades of A*-B. With an increasing intake to the sixth form we are delighted to be able to offer all eligible students in Braintree the opportunity to take A levels and progress to university, college and career based options. The results were very well deserved by the students who have worked very hard and have been ably supported by both their teachers and parents and carers.

Many of our students have now started courses at university, both locally and further afield. Tamsin Sprawling who achieved 39 points in the IB is attending the Royal Agricultural University to study Rural Land Management. Jessica Firman achieved 38 points in the IB and is studying English Literature with Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia. Taylor Golden achieved A*AB and is studying Pure Mathematics at Queen Mary University of London. Hannah Knock is reading Biomedical Science at the University of Surrey after achieving A*AB at A level. Samuel Perry was awarded A*ABB and now reads Mechanical Engineering at the University of Leeds. Eleanor Youngs achieved AABBC, including a B in the EPQ, and is studying English and Journalism at Coventry University. Erin Knight is studying Media, Culture and Society at Loughborough University after being awarded AABB. Lewis Dryden achieved AABB, including B in the EPQ, and will be joining Kent University to study Architecture next year.





Lewis Cherry achieved A*AC and is studying Maths at the University of East Anglia. Scarlett Perrin achieved AAB and is studying Philosophy at the University of Nottingham.

Twins Lucy and Lorna Upton also both went to university following great successes. Lorna achieved ABBC and is studying Liberal Arts at Royal Holloway, University of London, and Lucy achieved AAB and is studying Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham.

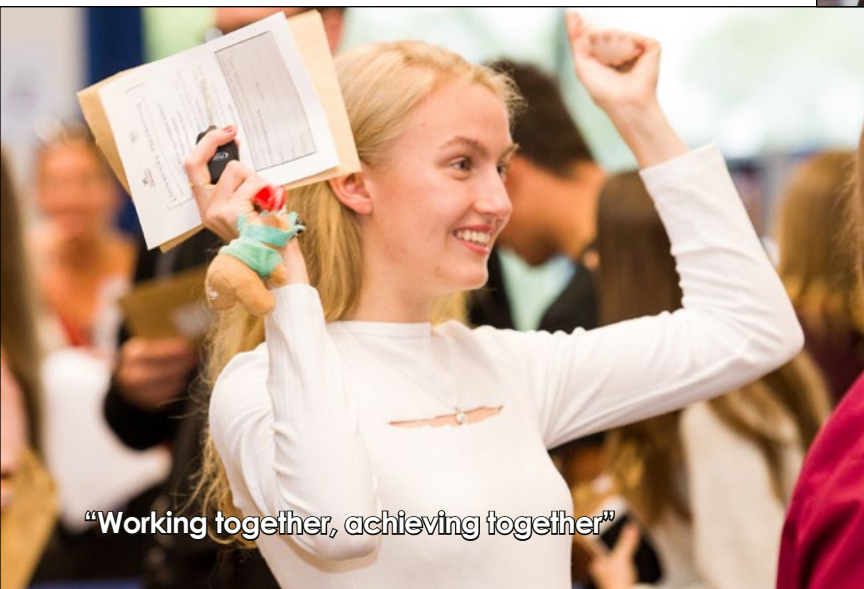
Mr Conway commented "Braintree Sixth Form was set up to offer all local young people a progression route to university and other post 18 career options. It is great to see so many of our students achieving excellent grades and continuing on the next steps of their education and careers. Congratulations and good luck to them all."

Mrs H Sutton, Assistant Headteacher - KS5



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sixthformdestinations

Braintree Sixth Form were delighted with this year's results for our class of 2016. Once again, our students' hard work and persistence paid off and their results demonstrated this, allowing students to progress to higher education or a pathway of their choice. Listed below are the destinations of our Class of 2016.

We hope that they have enjoyed their first term and hope to hear from our alumni in the future.

Anglia Ruskin University

TJordan Calder - Crime and Investigative Studies
Olivia Coughlan - Primary Education Studies
Ellen Dearsley - Child Nursing
Niamh Gibson - Social Policy
Adam Grimwood - Forensic Science
Melanie Reeve - Law
Damian Rogulka - Business with Human Resource Management
Maisie Simmonds - Film Studies and Media Studies
Robert Turner - Computer Networks

Bath Spa University

Morgan Smith - Psychology

Bournemouth University

Isabel Bayley - Psychology
Henry Fitch-Bartlett - Sociology

Brunel University

Eden Schunmann - Games Design and Creative Writing

Buckinghamshire New University

Lauren Phillips - Sports Therapy

Canterbury Christ Church University

Georgia Bannister - Film, Radio and Television Studies

Coventry University

Eleanor Youngs - English and Journalism

GSM London

Benjamin Mitchell - Travel and Tourism

Heriot Watt University

Lucy Merrell - Biological Sciences

Leeds College of Music

Oliver Jenkins - Music Production

Loughborough University

Erin Knight - Media, Culture and Society

Nottingham Trent University

Randy Chuttur - Property Finance and Investment

Open University

Nicole Cockel - Psychology and Criminology

Plymouth University

Taylor Barnard - Business Management
Harry Gilyatt - History

Queen Mary University of London

Taylor Golden - Pure Mathematics

Richmond, The American International University in London (2018)

Megan Willett - Film Studies

Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester

Tamsin Sprawling - Rural Land Management

Royal Holloway University of London

Megan Lane - History
Lorna Upton - Liberal Arts

The University of Buckingham

James Foster - Business and Management
Luana Sagripanti-Natel - Law with Spanish

The University of East Anglia

Jessica Firman - English Literature with Creative Writing

The University of Essex

Claudia Haswell - Sociology
Lauren Hughes - History
Mathew Lemon - Economics and Mathematics
Ellie Parson - Art History
Ella Vickers - Psychology

The University of Hull

Aaron Ferrari-Woodward - Biology
Gregory Mansfield - Physics with Astrophysics

The University of Kent

Lewis Dryden - Architecture
Hannah Greenland - Psychology with Clinical Psychology
Kalei Milligan - Biomedical Science
Isobel Wiseman - History and Hispanic Studies

The University of Nottingham

Lauren Fisher - Sociology
Scarlett Perrin - Philosophy
Lucy Upton - Politics and International Relations

University of Bedfordshire

Lianna Franklin - Special Needs and Inclusive Education

University of Bolton

Gabriel Alidu - Mathematics

University of Brighton

Jasmine Smith - Paramedic Practice
Rosie Stubbs - Applied Psychology and Criminology
Keerthy Vijendran - Biomedical Science

University of Bristol

Jodie Hill - Geography

University of Derby

Alice Escritt - History and Law

University of Chichester

Oliver Hicks – Sport and Exercise Science
Megan Kelly – Sports Therapy

University of Derby

Saskia Ramsdale – Criminology

University of East Anglia

James Bulkeley - Geography with a year in industry
Lewis Cherry - Mathematics with a year abroad
Megan Lynch - Law with European Legal Systems
Ellie Pugh - Developmental Psychology
Alice Roll - Education
Sam Smyth - History

University of East London

Imogen Melamed - Criminology and Psychology

University of Exeter

Tomas Griffiths - Biological Sciences

University of Hertfordshire

Alex Convoy - Physics
Marymay Conway - English Literature and Media
George Hallett - Automotive Engineering with Motorsport
Grace Lambert - Sports Studies/Business
Charley West - Law

University of Leeds

Samuel Perry - Medical Engineering

University of Leicester

Ruth Walters - History and Politics

University of Lincoln

Lewis French - Mechanical Engineering
Megan Gager - English
George Hinds - Criminology
Luke Sewell - Computer Science
Thomas Sewell - Games Computing

University of Northampton

Ella Ingram - Sociology

University of Nottingham

Matthew Thomas - English and History

University of Portsmouth

Rebecca Birch - Geology
Emma Lewsey - Criminology with Psychology
Rosina Rennie - Geology
Jack Savage - Geology
Ben Turley - Mechanical Engineering
Scott Whiteside - Geology

University of Reading

Harrison Ramsdale - Quantity Surveying
Toby Yap - Mathematics

University of Suffolk

Cara Hammond - Diagnostic Radiography

University of Surrey

Zoe Cornwell - International Event Management
Hannah Knock - Biomedical Science

University of Sussex

Luke Robinson - Marketing and Management

University of Winchester

Lindsey Hope - Animal Welfare and Society

University of Worcester

Hannah Bushen - Human Biology and Psychology



battlefieldstrip

Photos: Staff on trip

The History Department always know Christmas is not too far away when our alarm clocks go off on a cold Friday morning at about 2.30am so that we can be at school for a 4.00am departure to Belgium for our annual Battlefields Trips.

The first of these trips took place on Friday 10 November with the second one on the 24 November. The second trip went out on the 24th and gave 58 students the chance to follow the same itinerary.





On the 10 November the weather was due to be wet first thing and then improve and (miraculously) this actually happened with the skies clearing just as we walked out of our first stop at the Passchendaele Memorial Museum. This museum has a fantastic range of artefacts as well as a reconstructed trench system and students took lots of photos and asked lots of questions – in the process we discovered that it took one hour to reload the famously named 'Big-Bertha gun' and looking at the enormous shells you could see why.

The 10 November was actually the 100th anniversary of the taking of Passchendaele Village by the Canadians.

Of this battle one wrote:

"The enemy and ourselves were in the selfsame muck, degradation and horror to such a point nobody cared any more about anything, only getting out of this, and the only way out was by death or wounding and we all of us welcomed either".





When we arrived at Tyne Cot Cemetery it was to see the very end of a special memorial service which had been held to commemorate this. As always students were keen to find their own surnames on the memorial wall which lists some 34,000 men without known graves, and we think we did find the name of

one student's great grandfather who we understand would have been in action at the end of October 1917 almost on the spot where we were standing. Encouraged to think of the 11,000 plus graves as soldiers on parade many students were visibly awed by the scale of losses shown in just this one place.



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We next visited Langemark German Cemetery to see the contrast with Tyne Cot, and to reflect on the losses across nations, and then it was off to the trenches at Hill 62 where students could let off some energy in the tunnel and trench system followed by a hot drink near the warming fire if they wished. Pleasingly everyone heeded the 'don't fall into the puddles' instructions and the only major casualty of the day was the unfortunate bird which hit the coach windscreen as we travelled, with such force that it was cracked; all dealt with calmly by our lovely drivers.

As always our final visit was to the town of Ypres first to the Menin Gate and then to the chocolate shops where I think we considerably helped the local economy.

The students were great company, interested and well behaved and this was commented on by a member of staff at border control at Calais where the 59 students waited so sensibly and passed through the checks in complete silence earning the accolade of being 'the best group we have had through'.

Mrs N Hill, Head of Subject - History





scholasticbookfair

Whether you like horror or humour, the hottest bestsellers or books about space or football, the Scholastic Book Fair had something for everyone.

Students from all year groups had the opportunity to visit the Fair at break and lunch time from the 8–14 November. Books started at just £1.99, so there were great bargains to be found. Books on offer included an exclusive edition of Anthony Horowitz's "Alex Rider – Never say Die", Holly Smales popular "Geek Girl" series and Dara O'Briain's "Beyond the Sky: You and the Universe".

As well as being fun and being able to explore some fantastic titles, the Fair was for a great cause too. For every book purchased we received a percentage for school library funds, which enabled us to buy great new books for the library too. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

Mrs K Osborn, Library and Resources Manager



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blackbeltAmy

On the November 11 Amy Marsh travelled to Byakko Shotokan Association in Yorkshire to participate in a two day karate course and to grade for her 1st Dan Black Belt.

The panel included Sensei John Gardiner who holds numerous national and international titles representing England at an elite level, Sensei Ady Gray who has coached England elite kata squad, and internationally respected Sensei Dave Hazard (7th Dan) founder of the international Academy of Shotokan Karate the purpose of which was to promote excellence. This was an exceptionally knowledgeable panel who have been a major influence in the world of karate for many years.

Amy's hard work, training and listening to her teacher paid off and she was delighted to have passed to become a Shodan (1st Dan black belt) on the Saturday. Unfortunately, not everyone passed on the day as the standards were very high. Amy was straight back to training on the Sunday for the last day of the course, only this time wearing her new belt for the first time! Sensei Dave Hazard awarded Amy her Shodan reminding her that with a black belt comes great responsibility and this is the start of the journey and not the end.

Huge congratulations to Amy – we are very proud of you!

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Photos: Contributed



what's on today's menu?

Mrs Thurman, Catering Manager

Just after break time service one morning in December 2017, Jacob Riley and Kirsty Neilson, Deputy Head Boy and Girl, sat down with our Head of Catering, Mrs Thurman to ask her the burning questions of the day such as:

"Why Notley High?", "How many students do you serve a day?" and of course by the far the important question of all, "What's the recipe for Rocky Road?"

Did they manage to get her to divulge the closely guarded secret of the world's best "health food" snack? Read their interview over the page and find out....





Food Hall Prices

	£		£
bacon baguette	1.90	steak slice	1.30
bacon bagel	1.90	toast & butter	0.20
BBQ chicken wings (5 pieces)	1.30	tray bake (sponge/flapjack)	0.70
bread roll	0.50	wraps	1.50
cup cakes	0.75	yoghurt pot	0.75
fresh fruit	0.50		
fresh fruit pot	0.80	large bottles - milkshake	1.00
freshly made pizza	1.95	large bottles - juice	1.00
grab'n'go	1.95	milk	1.00
homemade biscuit	0.50	water	0.50
jacket potato & butter	1.00		
jacket potato +1 filling	1.40	VAT will be added to staff purchases at the current rate	
jacket potato +2 fillings	1.80		
layered salad	1.50		
main meal	2.30		
main meal - vegetarian	2.30		
onion bhaji	1.30		
pain au chocolat	0.75		
pancakes & maple syrup	1.00		
panini - cheese	1.60		
panini - premium	1.95		
pasta pot - cold	1.30		
pasta - tomato	1.80		
pasta - chicken & bacon	1.80		
portion baked beans	0.50		
portion cheese	0.50		
portion potatoes	0.50		
portion salad	0.50		
samosas (5 pieces)	1.30		
sandwiches	1.80		
sausage roll	1.00		
snack pot	1.00		

Details correct at Sept 2017



Many thanks to Mrs Thurman for giving us an interview during her team's incredibly busy daily schedule.

How long have you been working here for?

19 years

Have you had any previous jobs and what were they?

I have trained as a home-economist, where I had to give food demonstrations.

Also, I have worked for two different German companies, promoting their products where I would go into a kitchen design centre, cook a meal using their ovens and get customers to try the products made. When I got married, I ended up working at the Notley hospital where I worked as a catering manager.

What has been the most enjoyable aspect about your job here?

I think that the most enjoyable thing about working here is the joy of creating food that the students like to eat.

If you weren't the catering manager at this school, what job could you imagine yourself doing now?

I don't really know. I really do enjoy working here.

What made you choose this school over other schools?

There wasn't a particular reason. I was just looking for catering managerial roles and, upon seeing this school, I believed that this was the best option.

How many people do you serve each day?

Around 800-1000 students, on average, as you may see by the queues every break and lunch time.

What do you do in your spare time?

Well, I have a very active grandson! We play Angry Birds and Transformers. In addition, I enjoy cooking, gardening and reading.

What's the most popular food item on the menu?

It used to be chips. However, more recently, it has been southern-fried chicken in a brioche bun.

Why did you choose Love Joes as one of your suppliers?

They have a lot of chicken-based food products, and our student love chicken!

What do you think about the new canteen layout?

It's a lot better for the catering team as we put in a lot of hard work. It's modern and up-to-date. Sales have increased so students also love the new layout.

If you had an unlimited supply of food and money, what changes would you make?

I would make the canteen larger, with new equipment. I would introduce a couple of "snack shacks" outside of the canteen to help stem the long queues as students would not always need to go inside to order food. I would also sell more chicken!

So... lots of people were wondering, what is the secret recipe for your beloved rocky roads?

It's an Essex Schools recipe which we have adapted slowly over the years. We use healthy alternatives, for example low-fat cocoa powder and digestive biscuits. We also add mini marshmallows!



thescholarsprogramme

Year 10 Students at The Scholars Programme

Thursday, 12 October 2017

The University of East Anglia hosted the launch day of The Scholars Programme this year, which was attended by 21 of our Year 10 students on 11 October.

Following the success of a similar programme last year with other students in the same year and the year below, we were delighted to put forward even more of our students to enter this round. The focus of The Scholars Programme is to give students an experience of higher education study and to help students develop the skills and knowledge which will help them to progress to higher education if they wish.

The launch of the programme involved a tour of the UEA campus with university students, a talk about university life and applications from a current undergraduate, as well as a session on study skills. Students also reflected on their own learning styles and preferences before meeting the tutor who will be working with them on their studies. Each Scholars Programme involves a series of seven hour-long tutorials with a current PhD student, which will lead to students writing and submitting a 2000 word essay for marking. These are assessed using A level standard criteria and will be awarded university grades from 'First Class' to 'Third' and 'Pass'. These awards will be presented at a graduation ceremony in a different university. Our students will be working with a biologist



from King's College, London and will be examining the science and debates around the genetic modification of crops.

The day was a great introduction to the course and all those who worked with our students were keen to pass on their compliments about their positive attitudes and engagement. We wish them every success as they work to complete their projects.

Mrs M Townsend, Assistant Headteacher

colchesterzoo

Photos: Staff on trip



On Monday 26 June, 90 Year 8 students had the opportunity to attend Colchester Zoo for the day to extend their learning on the interdependence topic taught by investigating Endangered Species.

The students attended a workshop with Zoo staff where they were informed about the issues that have led to many species becoming endangered and some even extinct. Students were able to get hands on and investigate a range of items which were confiscated by customs; these included a coat made of four jaguars to a rug made of 16 colobus monkeys.

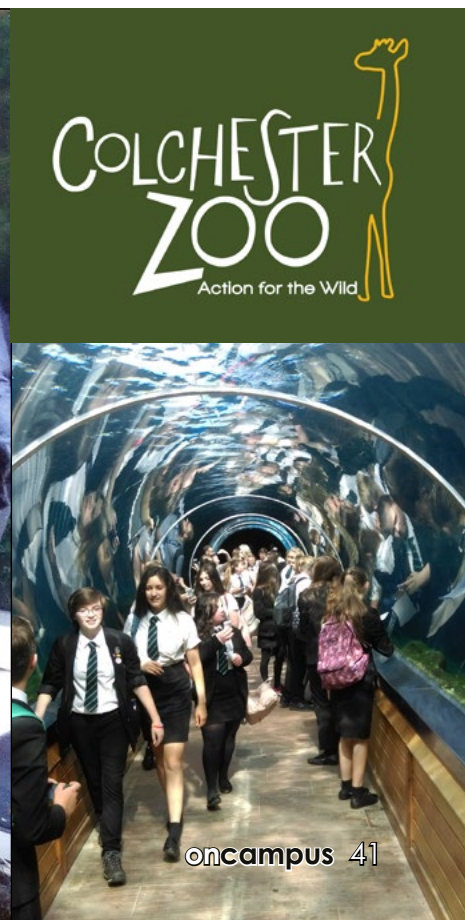
Students then had the rest of the day to explore the zoo and encounter some of the endangered animals mentioned within the workshop.

"On Monday we visited Colchester Zoo. This experience was very enjoyable and eye opening, seeing all the parts of animals people tried to transport. Our favourite part was seeing all the animals around the zoo. Our favourites were Kirk's Dik-Diks because they were cute. Also the goats because you could feed them."

Jessica Long and Katie Fagg, Year 8



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Mucking About

Sat, 17 February

7.30pm

£15.50 all tickets

Lee Hurst, star of BBC1's 'They Think It's All Over' is back on the road in 2018 with his brand new show 'Mucking About'.

In his new show Lee will be exploring the relationship between...

No he won't, he'll be leaving that old twaddle to comedians at the Edinburgh Festival.

There's no journey or message. If you want to go on a journey, buy an airplane ticket. If you want a deep message, run your voicemail through a sub-base woofer. If you want plenty of laughs this is for you.

Lee will be turning up, lobbing gags and funny stuff at you from all angles.

A hilarious night is about to hit town.

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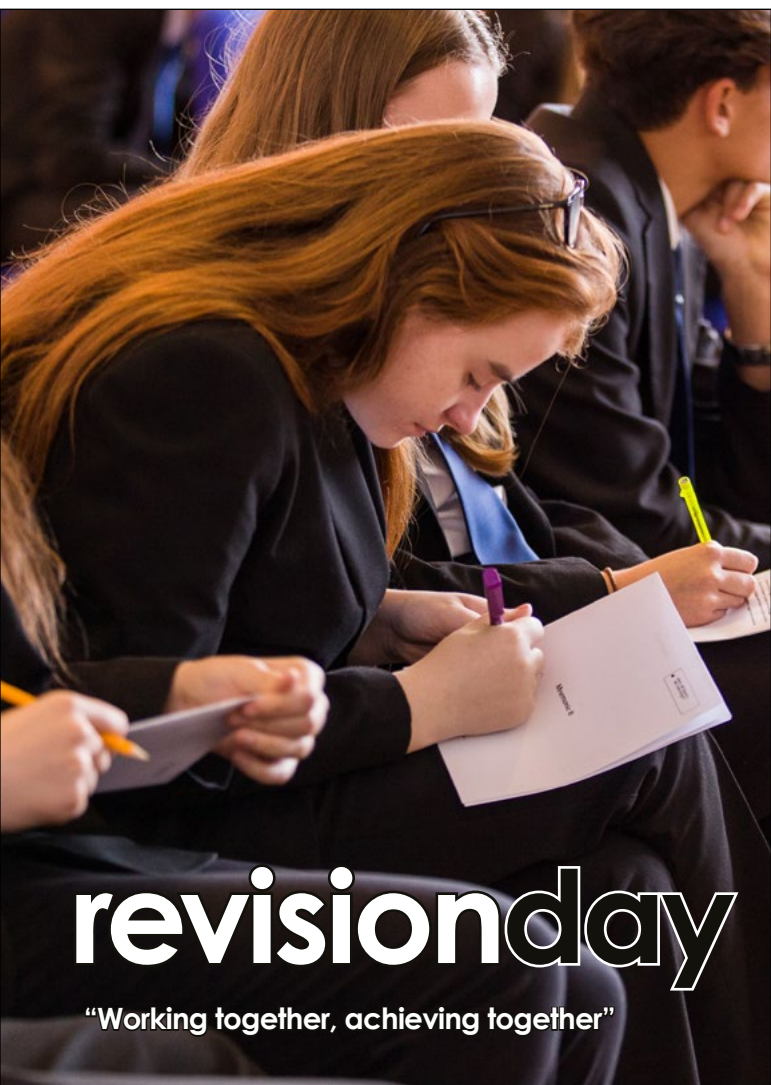
On Wednesday 28 June, a group of Year 12 students travelled to the University of Essex to learn more about the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) process, as well as being given the opportunity to ask the ambassadors any questions.

We were first split into groups and we were then given guided tours of the campus and told of the every day life of a University of Essex student. Once our tour had finished, we were taken to a classroom, where we were taught valuable skills such as research methods and how to best develop a research question for

an EPQ. We were lucky enough to have also been offered a "Student Panel" session; an opportunity for us to ask any questions regarding either the EPQ or University life itself.

All in all, it was a very informative day. Thank you to the University and their ambassadors for making the day enjoyable, and thank you to the sixth form staff for organising the trip. We will most definitely be looking back on the trip with gratitude as we begin our EPQ's in the coming months.

Megan Amos, Year 12



revisionday

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Year 11s started this half term by getting prepared for their public exams this summer. With mock exams approaching quickly, students spent the day focusing on effective revision skills for the key subjects of Maths, English and Science, as well as taking part in a workshop with The Life Skills Company.

The workshop covered twelve key revision techniques as well as the principles behind them. Students were encouraged to try each of these for themselves in order to be able to choose their own preferred methods.

We were delighted with the feedback from students, which showed that when asked to rate the workshop out of 10, 41% rated it at 10, 64% rated it 9 or higher and 85% rated it 8 or higher and 92% as 7 or higher.

Some comments from students included:

'It taught me new revision techniques that I would never have thought of doing'

'Very useful and has given me more ideas how to revise and increase my chances of a higher grade'

'I liked that it showed different techniques that we can use and it also gave examples of each of these'

'We were taught HOW to use the techniques'

Mrs M Townsend, Assistant Headteacher

IBWalesTrip



Photos: Staff and students on trip



On the 11 September, the IB students went to Wales for 5 days. The students stayed at a field studies centre in Llandudno, where they completed their group 4 project analysing the river close to the centre and focused on completing some CAS hours.

Whilst in Wales they also participated in many activities, including a zip safari at Zip World on the first day, walking up the Great Orme in Llandudno, gorge walking and indoor climbing. This trip was enjoyed by all students, as it was a chance to strengthen their group friendship and participate in activities they otherwise would not have done.

Olivia Andrew, Year 13

Merry Christmas

We wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Please note that students in Years 7–13 return to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form at 8.40am on Tuesday 2 January 2018



youthvoicedevelopment



Photo: Staff on trip

Youth Voice Development Day at Chelmsford Racecourse

A group of aspiring Year 8 and 9 pupils attended a trip related to current political topics and debates. The event was held on the 15 November at Chelmsford Racecourse, which boasts a fantastic facility for holding such events. Pupils came from over 20 different schools across the county to share their views amongst themselves, as well as with a vast range of individuals from different government authorities across Essex.

These individuals included the Chairman of Essex County Council, John Aldridge, and Lisa Wilson, who works for Essex County Council as a Commissioning and Transformation Support Officer.

Throughout the day pupils engaged in discussions related to: how the country's money should

be distributed, mental health, transport, voting at 16, support for young carers, protecting LGBT people, the current education curriculum, first aid for young people, work experience hubs and protecting schools' budgets. These topics allowed for a whole host of skills to be developed throughout the day by all of the pupils, which will stand them in a good light when posed with challenges in the future. It was very pleasing to see the high levels of debating skills that were illustrated throughout the day.

The day finished off with a question and answer panel discussion where the pupils from the breadth of schools in attendance could ask the panellists specific questions. This allowed them to ask questions related to the panellists giving

advice, sharing their own experiences and what their intentions are for the future.

The day was run and hosted excellently by members of the Young Essex Assembly. Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Forms' Head Girl, Katy Finch, was one of those members. Massive thanks must go to Katy along with the other members for hosting such an enjoyable and informative day.

Mrs C Wager
Assistant Headteacher





KamalHyman

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form were pleased to host Kamal Hyman for a series of motivational speeches which he delivered to Year 13, Year 12 and Year 10 on 17 October.

Kamal currently runs his own business and has had a number of previous roles, including a particularly memorable turn as an Olympic torchbearer in 2012, following his stint as a youth MP in Peterborough. He was able to draw upon these experiences and deliver a presentation that fully engaged the students in an entertaining and interactive fashion. Kamal spoke about the ways he had re-evaluated his life to grasp the opportunities that he engineered for himself and how desire, inspiration and determination played a part in him reaching his goals. He was then able to use this to make the audience reflect

upon their goals and for them to determine how best to achieve these. The presentation was down to earth, well-pitched and humble in its style. It also mixed in a unique style of entertainment and humour which grasped the attention of the audience and reinforced the message further.

He encouraged students to build dreams rather than chasing them, and to think about the building blocks that are needed for success, rather than hoping for the best. Particularly interesting for the Year 10 students were his explanations of how he himself had chosen to rethink his approach to his own GCSE studies. Thanks to Kamal and his team for spending time with us and making us reflect.

Mr R Miller - Associate Assistant Headteacher



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Chelsea's choice

Essex Youth Service together with the Essex Youth Strategy Groups have commissioned a Child Sexual Exploitation awareness project, Chelsea's Choice.

Our students saw this performance on Monday 16 October in extended year group assemblies.

Chelsea's Choice is an innovative and powerful drama production highlighting the very serious and emotional issue of child sexual exploitation. Essex Youth Service carried out a survey of over 10,000 young people across Essex which highlighted that young people had little or no awareness of CSE and the dangers involved, hence the importance of this production.

Mrs M Townsend - Assistant Headteacher



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Year 10 01376 556350

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

Contact the Magazine

We are always happy to receive articles from parents/carers and students.

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

chris.rowe@notleyhigh.com

Please include any images as separate files. Also it would be helpful to provide a basic caption for your images, especially if there are several students involved.





Photos:
Staff on trip

designmuseumtrip

On Wednesday 20 September we took a group of our new GCSE product design students to the Design Museum in London.

As part of the GCSE course, students participate in the Design Ventura - an exciting national competition which challenges students to design a product for the Design Museum shop. The competition enables students to develop design thinking, creative skills, business capabilities, and employability skills. Working in teams, they are asked to consider the whole design process from initial ideas to budgets, marketing and manufacture to produce a prototype that could be manufactured and sold in the museum shop.

The students were able to participate in a workshop designed to inspire and motivate the students, this was led by industry professionals. They also had time to look around the museum and visit the shop for whom they are designing.

It was a fantastic opportunity at the start of a GCSE course to learn about the design process and to develop skills that will support them throughout the two-year course.

We are looking forward to seeing their developed ideas and outcome.

Mrs E Currie, Design & Technology Teacher



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netball tournament

On Tuesday 14 November the u14 netball team travelled to Helena Romanes School for the North West Essex District Netball Tournament. The girls sailed through the first round with a 12-0 win over Forest Hall School, and faced local opponents Alec Hunter in the second, where excellent defence in the center court helped us to a comfortable 9-1 win. Our next game was a tougher match against Honeywood, but again our defence worked tirelessly to limit their options and brilliant work around the attacking circle meant we won again, this time 9-2.

The girls needed to win their final match to secure their place at the top of the district and, confident after their previous three wins, the girls made easy work of this match, which resulted in a 13-0 win. Overall, the team only conceded three goals in four matches, which is a tremendous achievement they should all be proud of. Most Valuable Player went to Grace Truman (GD) for her excellent defensive efforts.

Miss A McLean, PE Teacher

Diary Dates

In the past year we have introduced a weekly bulletin, which is distributed to parents/carers every Friday afternoon, providing dates of school events that are scheduled to take place the following week, together with reference to letters that have been sent home to parents/carers. Details of term dates are also included. For a full list of diary events please visit the online campus calendar at

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/school-calendar>



SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE


Read everyday 

Compliment 

Embrace change 

Forgive others 

Talk about ideas 

Continuously learn 

Accept responsibility for their failures 

Have a sense of gratitude 

Set goals and develop life plans 

UNSUCCESSFUL PEOPLE

Watch TV everyday 

Criticise 

Fear change 

 Hold a grudge

 Talk about people

 Think they know it all

Blame others for their failures 

Have a sense of entitlement 

Never set goals 

20 years of Harry Potter



Library Celebration

Magic was definitely in the air during the school library's celebration of 20 years of Harry Potter with a special Harry Potter themed activity day.

There were six activities for students to take part in, including Ron Weasley's missing potion challenge, Hagrid's word challenge and Dumbledore's quiz.

All years were invited to take part and students had a fantastic time completing their Harry Potter challenge card.

Students from all houses also had the opportunity to put their creative skills to good use in the October house competition when they were invited to create a crest for their house in the style of the Harry Potter house crests. All entries were put on display as part of the celebrations.

Thank you to everyone who took part in both events, a great time was had by all.

Mrs K Osborn, Library and Resources Manager



Boulogne2017

Photos: Staff on trip

It was a dark and chilly morning in July, and the clocks were striking four. All students were already there with their backpacks full of sugary treats and their phones fully charged for the journey ahead. Luckily for our ears, no-one played "Despacito".

Despite the usual early start, the day went very smoothly and all adventurers really enjoyed the trip. We took 49 Year 7 students who had a great time and we all came back safe and sound after a very long day (we assume we brought back the same students as no parents have complained so far).

First port of call was Dover and the dreaded moment was looming for the party, "The Ferry". Panic was overpowering Mrs Coxon, Mrs Anderson, Miss West and Mr de Gea as they had a feeling that someone would have to deal with sick. "We don't get paid for that" they argued. Fortunately for them, the Gods were on their side and gave their children the strength to defeat seasickness. No sick bag was hurt during the duration of the crossing.

They set foot on French soil at ten hundred local time and confusion took over the Year 7s as the road signs were not in English as they had thought and, worst of all, people were driving on the wrong side of the road, which is the right side bizarrely. Thirty minutes have passed. One boy had heard some terrible stories about a mad baker who would traumatize

children if they didn't speak French and when he found out it was not a myth, the poor boy started saying his prayers and signed his will leaving all his possessions to his pet dog, including his fidget spinner.

Eleven fifteen. Thunder struck, or so they thought. White teeth and grey hair appeared from a corner wielding a wooden rod and muttering some unfamiliar words only known to those who had made two levels of progress in their end of year assessments. The Mad Baker.

No time to react and they were sent to the processing room. "I am too young to die sir" one Year 7 mumbled before he was forced to fight the Mad Baker. "Sel, de l'eau, farine, oeuf, sucre" he said. "Sel, de l'eau, farine, oeuf, sucre" he repeated loudly. No-one knew what he was saying. "Sel, de l'eau, farine, oeuf, sucre", red-eyed and spitting fire he shouted. "The ingredients, it is the ingredients to make a croissant" someone yelled from the crowd, probably a student who got a 2+ in their listening exam. Only by knowing what he meant would they be released from that language prison. "Sel, salt", "de l'eau, water", "farine, flour", "oeuf, egg", "sucre, sugar". The Year 7 student broke the spell and they all cheered in happiness after receiving their reward, some croissants and pain-au-chocolat, for defeating the Mad Baker, who turned out to be the nicest person in the north of France.





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They left the bakery behind and headed for the town centre where new adventures were awaiting them. They discovered the ramparts and the castle on top of a hill, watching the town, protected by its walls. In the citadel they had to face another paramount task: buying nourishment and souvenirs from the French merchants. By that time all Year 7 were feeling confident in their language skills and triumphantly returned with their tummies full and their pockets almost empty.

Some mystical sea creatures were hiding at Nausicaá, the sea of magic. Only the most daring knights would find them and catch them with their enchanted devices. Tortoises, snakes, seals, sharks, jellyfish, penguins!!! They all were trapped and entire families would enjoy them once the party had returned to the land of Olly Murs. The adventure was coming to an end. Only one more challenge and

the brave Year 7 would set off on their journey back home. Just before dawn they reached Auchan, the haunted supermarket, where a spell had been cast and all food was labelled in a mysterious language. If they were to find some nutrients for their way back home (pommes, chocolat, gâteau, bonbons, confiture, pain...), they had to use their translating skills that they had learnt at the French Sorcerers' school of enigmatic languages.

Their quest was a complete success and all the courageous Year 7 decoded the language and were able to find something to keep them alive for the remainder of their voyage. Twenty hours later, sugar still in their veins, and their bags full of sweet memories, all adventurers were taken back to their parents, safe and sound, with another successful day trip to Boulogne.

Mr De Gea Fernandez, MFL Teacher





GCSEhistorytrip

Year 10 GCSE History trip to London

On Tuesday 18 July, 73 students studying GCSE history departed to London in the early morning. The first place we visited was the City of London Police Museum. This museum helped us to understand how the police force has evolved over time and allowed us to see evidence of the history of the police that we have learnt in class.

The next stop was the Jack the Ripper museum in Whitechapel, where we had a guided tour around the museum. The museum had different levels and showed us what life was like for the murder victims and what sort of victims Jack the Ripper decided to target. This gave us an idea of what Whitechapel was like in the 1880s and further developed what we had been learning in class about poverty in East London in the late 19th century.

Lastly, we were taken on a guided walking tour around the significant areas in Whitechapel linked with the murders and why they were able to take place. We looked at areas that showed us what the victims' lives would have been like, such as the doss house.

My favourite part of the trip was the walking tour around Whitechapel because it was interesting to compare Victorian Whitechapel to the current Whitechapel. It was a very enjoyable trip.

Kelly Voang, Year 11



Photos: Staff on trip





marathon@girls

On Sunday 8 October 2017, Year 13 students Leah Roby Smith and Ella Jones ran the Royal Parks half marathon in London to raise money for the charity Scope. Scope completes vital work on behalf of disabled people and their families, offering a range of services such as support, advice and information.

We are very proud of Leah and Ella completing their first half marathon.

Congratulations!

Mrs C Wager, Assistant Headteacher

housepoints

Notley's house competition runs across the entire academic year, with students earning points from a wide range of activities and achievements. Correct at 10 December 2017.



jackpetcheyawards



Kelsey Smith Winner June 2017

Kelsey was nominated to receive this award by one of her parents.

Kelsey's friend became ill and needed to go on a special liquid diet for 6 weeks. She was in a lot of pain and was upset that she wouldn't be able to eat food. Kelsey decided to support her by only drinking liquid during the day as well – she also did this for 6 weeks, going without all of her treats and only having an evening meal. She showed true friendship and sacrifice to support her friend during this difficult period.

Well done Kelsey!

Matthew Freeman Winner September 2017

Matthew was nominated for the Jack Petchey award after a member of staff saw him at Parkrun.

Every Saturday he is usually volunteering and often taking photos of the runners. When he runs, he will stay to help clear down or arrive early for set up. He has developed a keen interest in photography and often contributes to Parkrun in that capacity. He regularly volunteers for Great Notley Junior Parkrun on Sunday mornings also. Matthew has volunteered far more than the purple "25 times a volunteer" t-shirt suggests.

Matthew is a kind and considerate young man and at school we have been very impressed with his ability to remain positive and focused throughout even though he has experienced difficult personal circumstances.

His examination results were fantastic and he continued to support the library throughout his study leave and took a keen



interest in assisting younger members of his tutor group via the vertical tutoring structure.

Mrs Osborn and Mrs Simkins, the librarians, talk of his unique sense of humour, and how he will always say something that makes them laugh; and he is looked up to by the younger student librarians.

He has been a positive role model especially for the more vulnerable students and has always been willing to get involved in a number

of projects and events in the library, for example the Children in Need Fayre for 2015, the Scholastic Book Fayre and end of term events to name just a few. Matthew is always helpful to other students and brings a calmness to the library even when it is really busy.

We are so pleased with his achievements in his GCSEs and we are confident he will go on to be as successful in his A levels.

Well done Matthew!

Jack Jordan Winner October 2017

In the summer term, Jack single handedly organised and produced a fashion show in aid of the Yo-Yo counselling service run by Farleigh Hospice.

Jack took part in a scheme run by the Hospice where they give a young person £50, which can then be used for the basis of raising funds for the Hospice.

Jack loves fashion and would like to be involved in the fashion industry when he leaves school, and so thought of the idea of running a fashion show to raise vital funds for the counselling service. Jack recruited a team of models from his year group, and he then spent hours of his own time making several outfits for each model to wear during the fashion show. Jack directed the show and spent a long time before the evening rehearsing with the models, and choosing

appropriate music and lighting for the catwalk. He also collected a number of prizes for a raffle during the interval, and sold a variety of snacks during the show, all to raise extra money. The show was excellent, and attended by a large audience. The show raised just under £400 for the hospice,

which Jack personally presented to them in July.

We are really proud of his hard work and achievement, and think he would be a worthy recipient of the award.

Well done Jack!



Gabriella Howes Winner November 2017

Winner Gabby was nominated to receive the Jack Petchey award by a member of the community for her brave and inspirational attitude overcoming the serious medical condition of scoliosis.

She has been through an incredibly painful and traumatic journey both physically and emotionally.

Whilst recuperating after her operation, Gabby kept on top of her school work and attended school as much as she could – since January of this year, Gabby has achieved 100% attendance, only having time off school for a medical appointment.

She truly is an inspiration to her peers, family, friends and other sufferers.

Well done Gabby!



term dates



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2018-2019

September 2018							October 2018							November 2018							December 2018						
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= Schooldays/
Weekends

= School holidays

= Bank holidays

= Staff Training Days
(no students)

Autumn Term:

Tuesday 4 September 2018 – Friday 21 December 2018
Half Term 22 October – 26 October

Spring Term:

Monday 7 January 2019 – Friday 5 April 2019
Half Term 18 February – 22 February

Summer Term:

Tuesday 23 April 2019 – Friday 19 July 2019
Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday, 6 May

Training Days

73 days

60 days

58 days

4 days

195 days

Please note that Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 students only will return to school on Tuesday 4 September 2018
The Autumn term begins for all students on Wednesday 5 September 2018

Staff Training Days: Monday 3 September 2018
Friday 23 November 2018
Monday 22 July 2019
Tuesday 23 July 2019
One further training day to be confirmed



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.braintreesixthform.com/photo-galleries/roadster-day-2017>

essexroadsterday

Year 12 Braintree Sixth Form students took part in the Essex Roadster event in November 2017 and all involved seemed to find the day constructive. The event is designed to provide BSF students with road safety awareness and also to give our students a chance to drive a car (many for the first time). Presentations were delivered by Essex Police, Essex Fire Service, Halfords and BDA Driving School who also facilitated the driving experience that our students received.

Feedback from the students shows that this was a successful event with many of the students learning road awareness concepts which they previously did not know. Braintree Sixth Form would like to thank all of the providers for their contribution towards the day and also to our Year 12 students for their commitment to the day. They applied themselves fully and as a consequence, they gained considerable knowledge and acquired a degree of driving knowhow.

Mr R Miller, Associate Assistant Headteacher



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parentview

In October 2011 Ofsted launched Parent View, which is a facility for parents/carers to give their views about their child's school.

Parent View allows parents/carers to give their views about their child's school at any time of the year. It features 12 questions that cover a range of issues important to parents/carers, such as how well the school deals with bullying, the quality of teaching, whether the level of home learning given is appropriate and a final question of whether or not a parent would recommend the school. Once a small number of surveys are completed, the results for the school are visible in Parent View although individual responses are not.

If you are a parent/ carer you simply need your email address and a password to register on the Parent View website at: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> Once your account has been activated it only takes a few minutes to rate your child's school against the 12 questions.

Thank you for taking the time to give feedback about Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.



socialmedialinks

Below are the official social media sites for Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Any other social media sites are not related to the school.

Notley High School

Facebook:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Geography at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Ski Notley
- Prom Notley
- Sport Notley

Twitter:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley High School PE Department
- Notley High School English Department
- Notley High School Philosophy, Ethics & Religion Department
- Geography at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley CPD
- Notley IT Support
- Action Equality

Braintree Sixth Form

Facebook:

- Braintree Sixth Form Students
- Braintree Sixth Form Admissions
- Braintree Sixth Form Art Department
- Braintree Sixth Form Psychology Department
- Braintree Sixth Form Sociology Department
- Geography at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form


Twitter:

- Braintree Sixth Form
- Braintree Sixth Form Biology Department
- Braintree Sixth Form PE Department
- Braintree Arts Theatre
- Geography at Notley High & Braintree Sixth Form









schoolwebsite

This has lots of key information about many aspects of school life. We would encourage all parents and carers to use our website regularly to keep up-to-date with all that is happening at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

We also have school Facebook and Twitter feeds for keeping up-to-date with information. These can be easily reached from our homepage or via the appropriate apps on smartphones.




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Applications for Braintree Sixth Form September 2018

Applications for Braintree Sixth Form are welcomed and the application process, which is an online process, is now open.
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