

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's Magazine

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Issue 5



## French Exchange 2014

Spelling Bee

Holocaust Visiting Speaker

Young Shakespeare Company

African Drumming

Fundraising News

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**NOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND BRAINTREE SIXTH FORM PRESENT**



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POSTER BY JAMES COOK

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# noticeboard



## Diary Dates

Here are a few diary items to note. For a full list of diary events please visit the online campus calendar at

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

### 26 - 30 May

Half term

### Wednesday 4 June

SLC residential visit to Skreens Park (Year 7-11)

Year 5 PSL White Court Primary School

### Thursday 5 June

Year 5 PSL John Ray Junior School

Masterchef Competition 8.50am - 1.25pm

### Monday 9 June

Year 5 PSL Terling Primary School & White Notley Primary School

Year 7 Heddingham visit

### Tuesday 10 June

Parents'/Carers' Information evening re History Trip to Normandy 7pm- 8pm

### Thursday 12 June

Year 5 PSL Notley Green Primary School

Arts Festival 2014 6pm - 8pm

Year 7 Heddingham visit

### Friday 13 June

Year 5 PSL Rayne Primary School

### Monday 16 June

Additional PSL Day for Non- Feeder Schools

### Tuesday 17 June

Year 9 DTP and Men C Vaccinations 9am - 3pm

### Wednesday 18 June

District Athletics, Tabor Academy

FONHS EGM 7.30pm - 8.30pm

UCAS Parent/Carer Information Evening 7pm-9pm

### Friday 20 June - Monday 23 June

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Final Assessment (Year 10 students)

### Friday 20 June

FONHS Year 7 Disco 7pm - 9pm

### Saturday 21 June

Rockley 2014

## 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 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:

[lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com](mailto:lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com)

The deadline for submission is the Thursday prior to publication.

# headlines

Welcome to Issue 5 of our school magazine. This edition of OnCampus provides highlights from another busy half term in which students have again participated in a wide variety of activities both in and out of school.

There have been several educational visits, including a Year 12 trip to the 'Getting In' conference at the University of Essex, where students gained an insight into university life.

On 24 April, we were privileged to welcome Mr Otto Deutsch to the school to talk to Year 9, 12 and 13 students about his experiences of the holocaust.

On 25 April, eleven of our Year 9 students delivered a 30 minute literacy lesson to a Year 4 class at John Ray Junior School as part of the completion of their Literacy Leader Award. We were pleased to hear that the staff at John Ray Junior School were impressed with the standard and quality of the teaching and learning delivered by our students.

We are always very proud of our students and their achievements. Details of student achievements will regularly be included in this magazine and, in this edition, we congratulate three of our students, Hollie Crowe, Verity Forster and Alice Boutell, on their sporting success outside of school. In school, Year 7 won the district football final against Honywood Community Science School, which came at the end of an excellent first season, reaching the last 32 of the National Cup and the last 8 of the Essex Cup. Year 11 won the district football final against Maltings Academy, this being their fourth win in 5 years. This is a great achievement by this squad of players, for which they deserve hearty congratulations.

On 30 April, four Year 7 students joined 132 participants in the Spelling Bee Regional Finals at Comberton Village College and I am delighted to advise you that two of our students, Abby Bathurst and Jacob Riley, are through to the National Final on 4 July at Anglia Ruskin University.

We have entered the summer exam season and our Year 11 – 13 students are working very hard. I wish them all the very best of luck in their exams. I would like to thank all the staff who continue to provide excellent support in preparing our students for their exams. Further revision sessions are being held in the half term break between Tuesday 27 May and Saturday 31 May 2014. Full details of revision support can be found on the school website via 'Exam Timetables and Revision Information'.



*Simon Thompson, Headteacher*

At the end of April, Mrs Williams, Co-Faculty Leader – Design & Technology, retired after 13 years of teaching at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

At the beginning of this half term we welcomed Mr Curtis, Co-Faculty Leader – Technology, Miss Webster, Maths Teacher and Miss Old, trainee Geography Teacher.

At the end of this half term we say farewell to Alejandra and Lola, who have been our Language Assistants throughout the year and to Mrs Mee who begins maternity leave.

We wish all staff the very best of luck.

With my best wishes to you all for a happy half term break.

# frenchexchange2014

## Cambridge Visit



The French Exchange party arrived on Saturday 22 March; 20 students with 2 teachers Katie Martinot and Florence Muller. We have had links with the College Pablo Picasso in Toulouse since 2008 and I still have great memories of my first visit there. It's a great moment when families and students meet their allocated pen friend for the first time; everybody is always a bit nervous and excited.

The students from College Pablo Picasso started the week by shadowing their pen friends in school and were amazed by the amount and quality of the technology we use at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. They were also positively surprised by the variety of extra-curricular clubs offered to our students.

The French students had a great time visiting Colchester and were joined by Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form students during their trip to London and Cambridge. They also enjoyed a quiz on the last day kindly organised by Mrs Simkins and Mrs Arnold in the library.

On the first school day all students, hosting and visiting, were welcomed in the library by our Headteacher, Mr Thompson. He highlighted that on the first day there are always

French students on one side of the room and our students on the other and that would change by the end of the week. This was seen at the goodbye party which was a great success, where all students chatted together and parents/carers compared their experiences of the week. All students were presented with a group photograph as a souvenir. All the French students commented on how lovely their host family was and some referred to them as their 'English parents.' Mrs Martinot, who has been involved in the French Exchange for 6 years, mentioned that every year she is so overwhelmed by the generosity of the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form parents/carers.



View the Online Photo Gallery

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photo-galleries-2013/trips/french-exchange-in-cambridge>

“ We are very proud of our links with the College Pablo Picasso ”



I will always remember my school trips and to some extent how they have influenced my life. My first trip was to Spain. It was a magical moment when I could communicate in a different language. Trips do enhance language learning and communicating in the target language makes it real for students. In the sixth form I won a trip to California with 17 other students (all expenses paid) for 2 weeks. We stayed with a family for 5 days and I am still in touch with family members to this day. When I hear that some of the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form families are going to France this summer to visit their new French pen friend I am thrilled! This is what language learning is about - communicating with people and keeping languages alive!





## At Notley

We are very proud of our links with the College Pablo Picasso and although our students are not able to go to Toulouse this year, we have already started to plan a visit to Toulouse next year. The French school is not able to come and see us next year so we will organise a trip rather than an exchange to

take current Year 7, 8 and 9 Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form students to Toulouse. This will be a wonderful trip, I am certain of it.

A big thank you to everyone involved in making this year's exchange so successful:-

- Parents/carers, students and members of staff, who were host families;
- All staff who accompanied the trips, including Mr Rowe and Miss Georgio for the photographs;
- Mrs Harries, who helped out on the last day and had the hard task to say goodbye to the French party;
- Mrs Ryan for her involvement with the administration of the visit.

There is a CD with all French Exchange photos - come and see me if you would like a copy.

Mrs Harries will be organising next year's trip to Toulouse and will have details for you very soon.

*Mrs A Harris, Faculty Leader - Modern Foreign Languages*





## London Visit



## French Exchange 2015

Following this year's exchange, lots of students have mentioned to us that they are really keen to visit France and take part in the exchange next year. As a result, I have already been in touch with the teachers at College Pablo Picasso and have started organising dates. I will let you know all the details after half term, in order to give you plenty of time to reserve a place. It is an opportunity not to be missed!

*Mrs A Harris, Faculty Leader - Modern Foreign Languages*



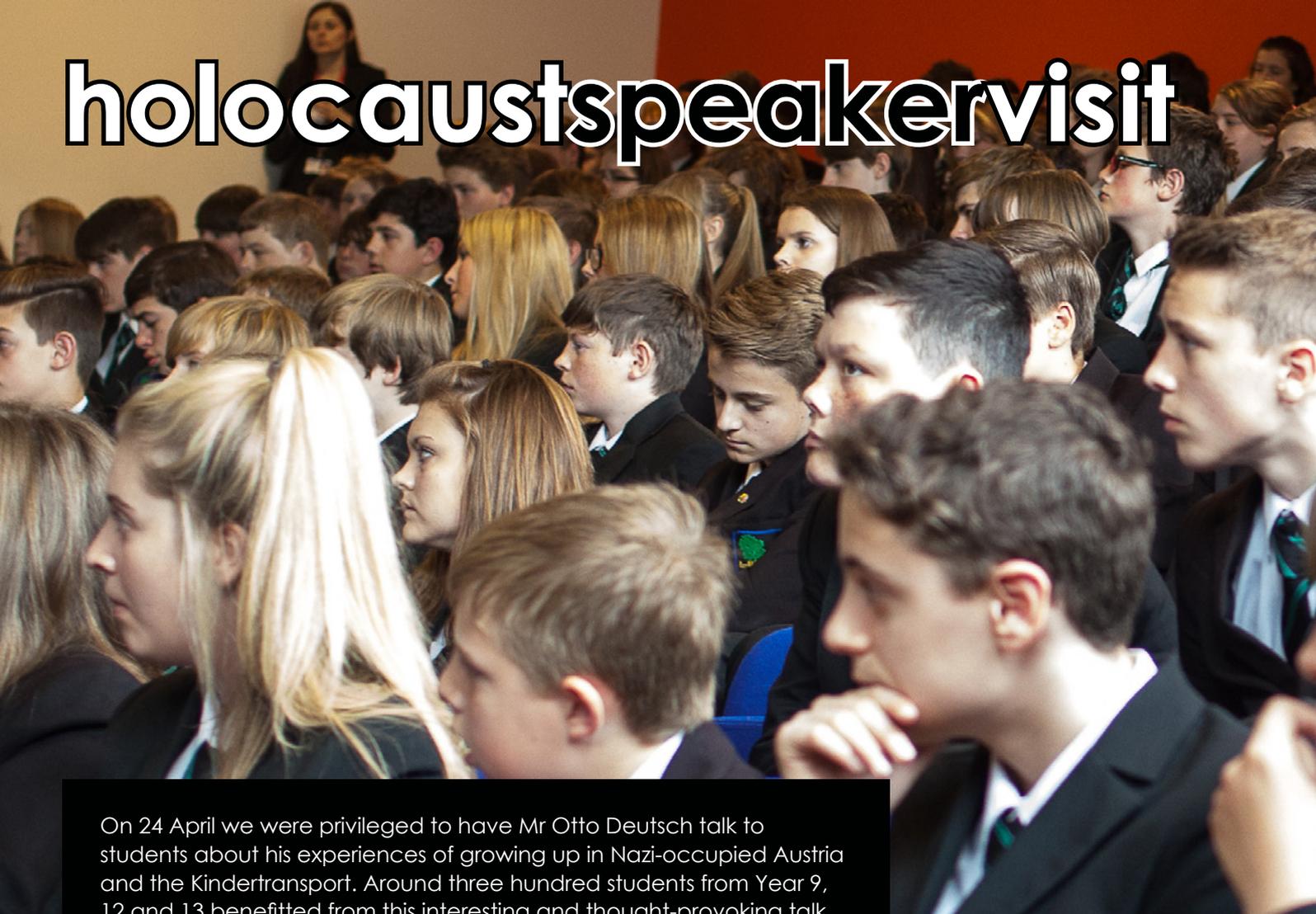
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"Working together, achieving together"

# holocaustspeakervisit



On 24 April we were privileged to have Mr Otto Deutsch talk to students about his experiences of growing up in Nazi-occupied Austria and the Kindertransport. Around three hundred students from Year 9, 12 and 13 benefitted from this interesting and thought-provoking talk. Some of the students have shared their experiences below.

A holocaust survivor called Mr Deutsch came into school to give a talk to both aid our studies and to inspire us with his stories. He talked all about his childhood in Vienna, Austria and the dreadful day that Austria opened their borders to German troops. Mr Deutsch explained in detail how his father was betrayed by a family friend and then went on to discuss how he was taken to the ghettos with his mother and sister. When he said that he managed to get on the Kindertransport but his sister didn't, I was shocked and saddened, only to be made worse when he was told his sister wasn't allowed to go too as she was a year over the age limit.

It moved me greatly as I experienced how he could have felt. The part that was close to bringing tears to my eyes was hearing about the death of his mother, father and sister. Hearing about how he'd lived through such a tragic series of events and yet still upheld his faith and will to talk about something he had every right to never think about again was incredibly enlightening. We were really moved by the experience and it's something we will remember when people no longer have the opportunity to hear about this period of history first-hand."

*Izzy MacDonald, Evie Stoneman and Fae Reynolds 9B*

*Mr Otto Deutsch*



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# student achievements

As a school, we appreciate that often students achieve a lot outside of the school environment. We are very proud of our students and encourage individuals to share their achievements with us. If you would like to submit an article for the magazine

or you are a parent/carer who would like to share your child's accomplishments, please email it to [lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com](mailto:lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com), accompanied by a photograph.

## Hollie Crowe 70

Congratulations to Hollie who has been crowned British Amateur Junior Champion after winning a recent competition in Buckinghamshire.

Hollie has been riding since she was 3 years old and currently has 4 horses. Last year she was the youngest ever rider to be talent-spotted for the British Showing Championship where she was wild-carded to 3rd in the final. She is also a member of the Byrds team (British young riders) and this year she will be competing all over the UK.

We wish Hollie luck in what looks set to be an amazing riding career!



## Verity Forster 9B

Verity has been playing netball for Braintree Youth Netball Club since Year 4, and since then has received awards for Most Improved Player, Manager's Player and Player's Player. She has also represented the school at netball since Year 7 and has been a dedicated and key member of the team.

After recently being selected to attend an Essex County trial, Verity was successful and will now begin a 30 week training programme with the County squad.

We wish her luck with her future netball career.



Hollie Crowe

"Working together, achieving together"

# spellingbee

## Regional Finals

On 30 April, Jacob Riley, Abby Bathurst, Emma Root, and Chloe Eagleton, went to Comberton Village College to compete in the Spelling Bee Regional Finals.

Initially, in September, there were over 9,950 contestants in the East of England. At Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, after being the winners within their form, Jacob and Chloe won the school round in Spanish whilst Emma and Abby got through in French.

On the day of the Regional finals there were 96 people in French and 40 in Spanish.

We each had to call out and spell, in the target language, as many words as we could in a minute. The top 12 in French went through to the semi-finals who then competed against each other to get a

place in the National final. Only 4 people could get through and one of them was Abby Bathurst. In Spanish, the top 8 people went through to the semi-finals, and then competed against each other. Again, only 4 people could go through to the National final and one of them was Jacob Riley. Abby Bathurst and Jacob Riley must now learn another 50 words to make a total of 200 words!!

After the competition was over I said to the students, 'I am really proud of everyone's performances. Despite being nervous, you have managed to keep it together in front of the audience! Well done! You are simply amazing!'

The National final will be held on 4 July at Anglia Ruskin University. Good luck to Abby and Jacob!

*Miss Rabhi, Teacher - Modern Foreign Languages*



# literacy leader award



On Friday 25 April, 11 students visited John Ray Junior School to deliver a 30 minute literacy lesson to a Year 4 class as part of the completion of their Literacy Leader Award. There were 4 different groups delivering lessons to 4 different classes. The lessons covered topics such as adjectives, as well as the use of similes and metaphors. The students involved were Matthew Brand-Barker, Maisie King, Ross Dawson,

Charlotte Hawrylak, Chenise Smith, Holly Clarke, Chloe Elms, Paige Bartlett, Verity Forster, Kaitlyn Short and Isabella Coffey. The staff at John Ray Junior School were impressed with the standard and quality of the teaching and learning delivered by our Year 9 students. Congratulations to you all.

*Miss H Smith, Year Leader - Year 9*

**metaphor** **similie**  
**onomatopoeia**  
**oxymoron**



The 4 actors began by explaining to us how they devised the ideas from the original playscript and how they made choices regarding their portrayal of the different characters. They then showed us their interpretations of various scenes and allowed the audience to join in and decide the way they acted certain roles. This was particularly interesting as we were able to think about each of the characters in the play in lots of different ways.

The performance was engaging, informative and thoroughly enjoyable and it has given us all a greater understanding of Macbeth which will be invaluable to us as we now prepare for our controlled assessments.

*Scarlett Perrin 10L and Mel Reeve 10O*

On Tuesday 25 March, The Young Shakespeare Company came into our school theatre to perform Macbeth to all Year 10 students. Our whole year group are studying the play in English lessons for an upcoming controlled assessment so it was an invaluable experience to see actors bring the script alive.

# youngshakespeareco





**PARENTS/CARERS**

**HELPLINE**

**01376 332193**

**Wednesday 9.30 am – 11 am - School term time only**

**Jan Preston**

**Home School Family Worker will be available to answer  
your call to support you and offer advice**

**Lunchtime Drop-in Session with Jan Preston and School  
Nurse Cheryl Gerrard**

**Wednesday lunchtimes in G23**

# matchreports

## Match Reports

### Year 7 District Football Final

*Result: Notley 2-1 Honywood (After Extra Time)*

The boys started the game very nervously and went behind after 15 minutes. The Honywood striker picked the ball up on the edge of the box and hit a left foot shot that bounced in front of goalkeeper Ben Kirton and in to the net. After the initial set back of going 1-0 down, Notley started to play football. Freddie King, Harry Simmonds and Suwi Siwale linked up well to create a couple of chances for Jack Siebert and Jonathan Humphrey but to no avail. HT: Notley 0-1 Honywood

After the break and a formation change, it was all Notley. Chances came and went but still the Notley players couldn't find a way through! With 20 minutes to go, the breakthrough came. Freddie King collected a throw in on our left and delivered a ball in to the box. The Honywood goalkeeper (who had an excellent game) misjudged the cross which allowed Harry Simmonds to score at the far post. 1-1. Notley had plenty of chances to win the game but ran out of time. FT: Notley 1-1 Honywood

There weren't many chances for either side in extra time but the crucial one fell to Jonathan Humphrey with 1 minute to go in the first half. The ball was played between centre back and full back for Jonathan Humphrey to bear down on the Honywood goalkeeper. As the goalkeeper came out, Jonathan slid the ball past him; a Honywood defender tried in vain to clear the ball but could only slide the ball in to the empty net, cue mass celebrations in the corner! Notley defended well for the rest of extra time and deservedly held on to collect the Year 7 District Football trophy. A brilliant end to an excellent first season which saw them reach the last 32 of the National Cup and the last 8 of the Essex Cup. FT AET: Notley 2-1 Honywood

Squad:

Ben Kirton, Harry Simmonds, Harry Bailey, Callum Millar, James Birley, Jonathan Stoneman, Luke Harper, Freddie King, Josh Smith, Jack Neale, Tommy Cahill, Suwi Siwale, Jonathan Humphrey, Jack Siebert, Matthew Littlejohn, Jaden Walker, Matt Stevens, Louis Smyth.



## Year 11 District Football Final

*Result: Notley 2-1 Maltings*

The game started at a relatively slow pace with neither team being able to carve out many chances. Riley Baker saw a header disallowed for offside after 10 minutes. Maltings had a good chance shortly after which Lewis Hawley managed to tip on to the crossbar.

Just before half time, the breakthrough came. Bailey Jones collected the ball on the left hand side of the Maltings area, took it past one of the Maltings centre backs and drilled the ball in to the bottom corner.

HT: Notley 1-0 Maltings

The second half started much the same as the first with neither side being able to create many chances. After 60 minutes, Notley gave away a soft free kick which was to be punished. The ball was delivered from the Maltings left and despatched in the Notley net by one of the Maltings centre backs. 1-1.

Notley looked nervous for the next few minutes and conceded a further chance which Maltings should have scored from. Then a change in personnel gave Notley a lease of life. Shortly after, we managed to get a corner. Kieran Elliott took the corner which sailed over the Maltings goalkeeper and straight on to the head of Javwa Siwale! 2-1 to Notley... 10 minutes to hold on! The final 10 minutes of the game went by without too much trouble being caused and the boys held on to collect the District Football trophy for the 4th time in 5 years; a huge achievement!

Over the course of the 5 years at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, the boys lost 1 game to opponents from our District.

Squad:

Lewis Hawley, Alfie Long, Charlie Bowes, Javwa Siwale, Coby Aspin, Toby Hyde (c), Ross Ferrell-King, Bailey Jones, Kieran Elliott, James Norris, Riley Baker, Cameron Smith, Owen Benham, Jordan Pitts, James Little, Matthew Bennett, Vern Applegarth, Taylor Fisher.



# fundraisingnews



## GOSH Fundraising

On the week commencing 28th April, 4 Year 8 students held a fundraising event to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

This particular hospital is the leading institution focused on finding better ways to treat childhood illnesses. Each year over 220,000 patients visit the hospital some of whom are students at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. As they do such a great job, our students wanted to give back by doing a little fundraising for them. There were a number of

different activities organised including 'Name the Teddy', lucky dip and a raffle. They also had a bake sale and a lucky lollipop game. In doing so they raised £200 which will help to change children's lives for the better. They would like to convey their gratitude to all those that took part and donated.

## Olivia Coughlan

I am sure you are all aware now that one of our Year 10 pupils (Olivia Coughlan), was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, the week she turned 15.

Olivia has a 30 week programme of some extremely lengthy chemotherapy sessions and surgery ahead of her, despite which she and her family have shown real strength of character and determination. As well as making us all stop and think for a moment how lucky we are to have our health, it has inspired a group of us, to get up out of bed at the weekend and go for a run! We are going to complete the Race for Life at Hylands Park on Sunday 6 July.

If you are able to make a donation it would be much appreciated and can be done via our safe and secure page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/pink-ladies302> or you



could give any donations to Lauren Fisher (10H), Verity Forster (9B), Kaitlyn Short (9B), Lilli Mullings (9N) or Mrs Forster (G45).

Thanking you all in advance.



# EMILY BROWN

advertisement

## AND THE THING

### Emily Brown and the Thing

Could you get to sleep with some Thing outside your window?

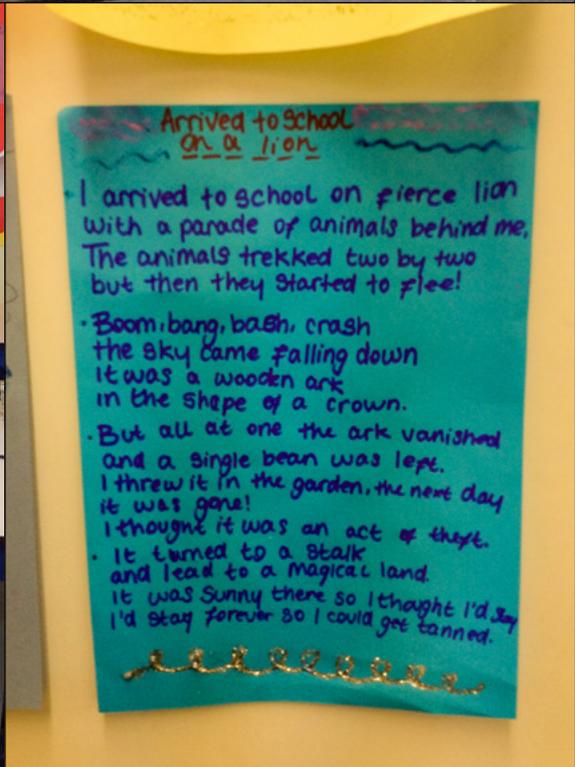
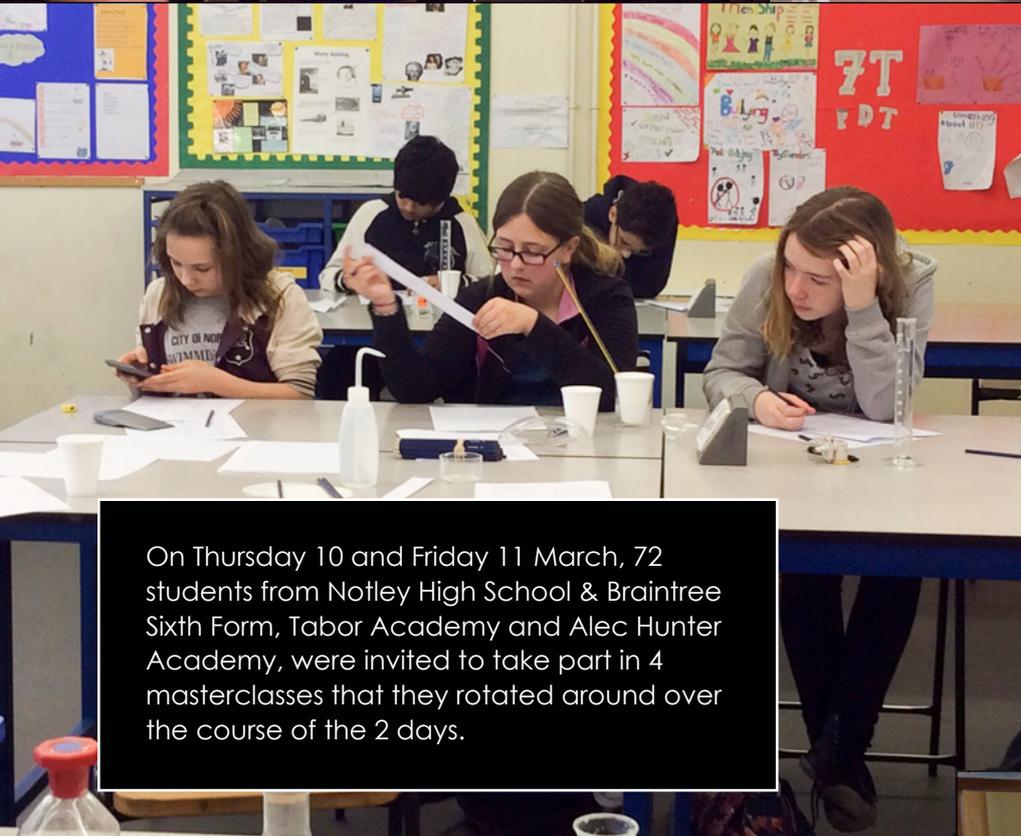
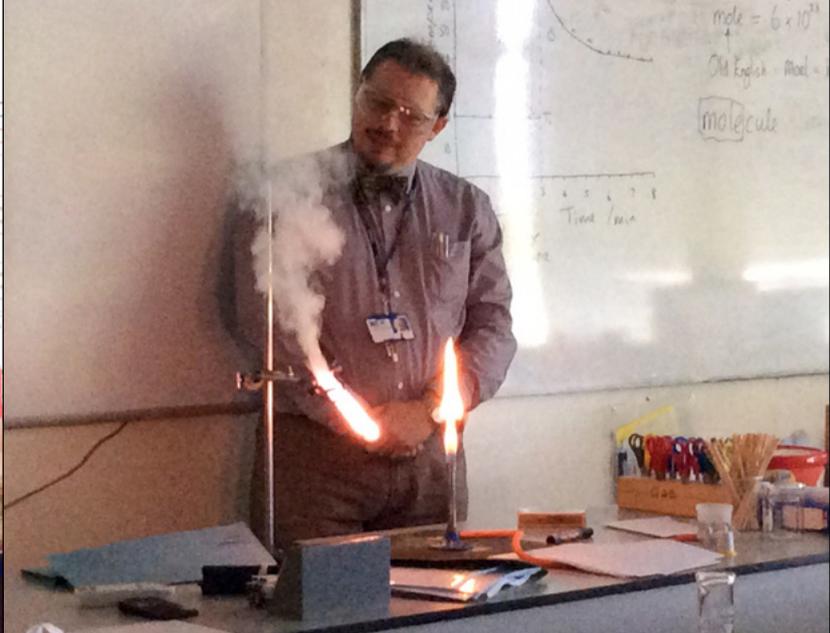
Tall Stories (the company that brought you The Gruffalo) present their brand new show, based on the hugely popular book by Cressida Cowell (author of How to Train your Dragon) and Neal Layton.

Sun 15 June 2.30pm Tickets: £8, £5 concessions  
FAMILY TICKET: £20



# tango

**TANGO Able and Talented Masterclasses for Students in Year 8**



On Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March, 72 students from Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, Tabor Academy and Alec Hunter Academy, were invited to take part in 4 masterclasses that they rotated around over the course of the 2 days.

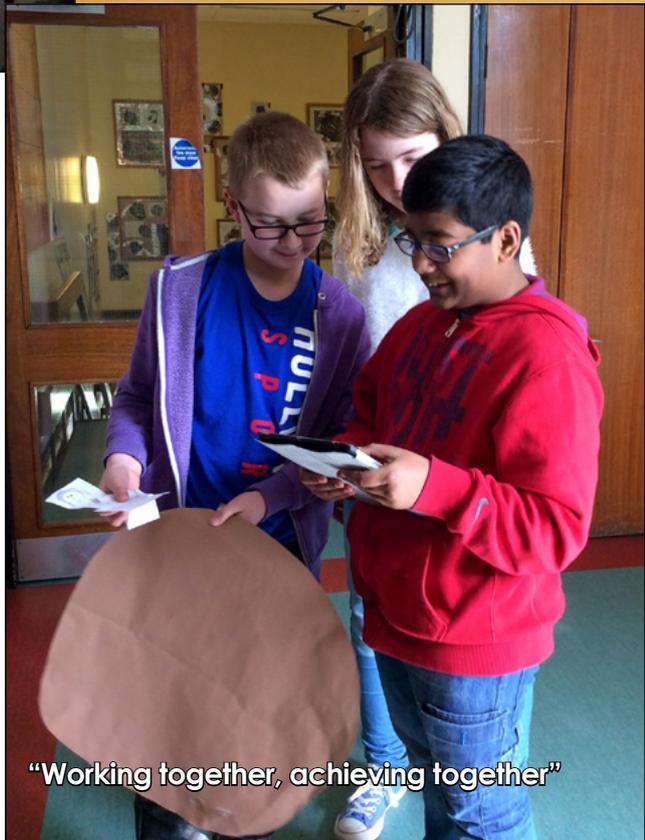
## Bonjour Hollywood!

The first, led by Mrs Harries, used the French language to create a short video. Students studied French video clips and then created and edited their own scripts or stories and performed these to the camera. The second, led by Mr Lee from Alec Hunter, gave students the opportunity to study earthquakes, while Mr Potter's class looked at chemical reactions.

Much of the work covered in these sessions, went far beyond that studied in KS3 and even touched on areas covered in KS5. The final class led by Miss McKenna from Tabor Academy focussed on developing the student's creative writing skills.

I'd like to say a big thank you to the teachers that gave their time to lead these sessions. It was clear from the evaluations that students really enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the activities.

Mrs M Robb, Able and Talented Co-ordinator



# headboyheadgirlreport



We are sad to say that this is our last report as Head Boy and Head Girl. This time last year we were going through the exciting election process to be given the roles, and already our short time is nearly up!

Year 11s will be well into their final exams by now and leaving school altogether very shortly, meaning that the Year 10s will be top of the school, with a bit more responsibility on their hands; we hope you use it wisely!

That also means for the Year 7s, you will no longer be the little ones! Many Year 5 and 6 students will be coming soon for taster days, and we hope you can help in showing them just how good this school is.

We are both very intrigued into who the next applicants for the Head Boy and Girl are and can't wait to see who secure the place. We wish you the best of luck in the role and hope you have just as much fun and experience as we have been given.

For the last time,

*Jarryd Fouché and Grace Hellier,  
Head Boy and Head Girl*

## bookreview

### Kensuke's Kingdom

**Author: Michael Morpurgo**

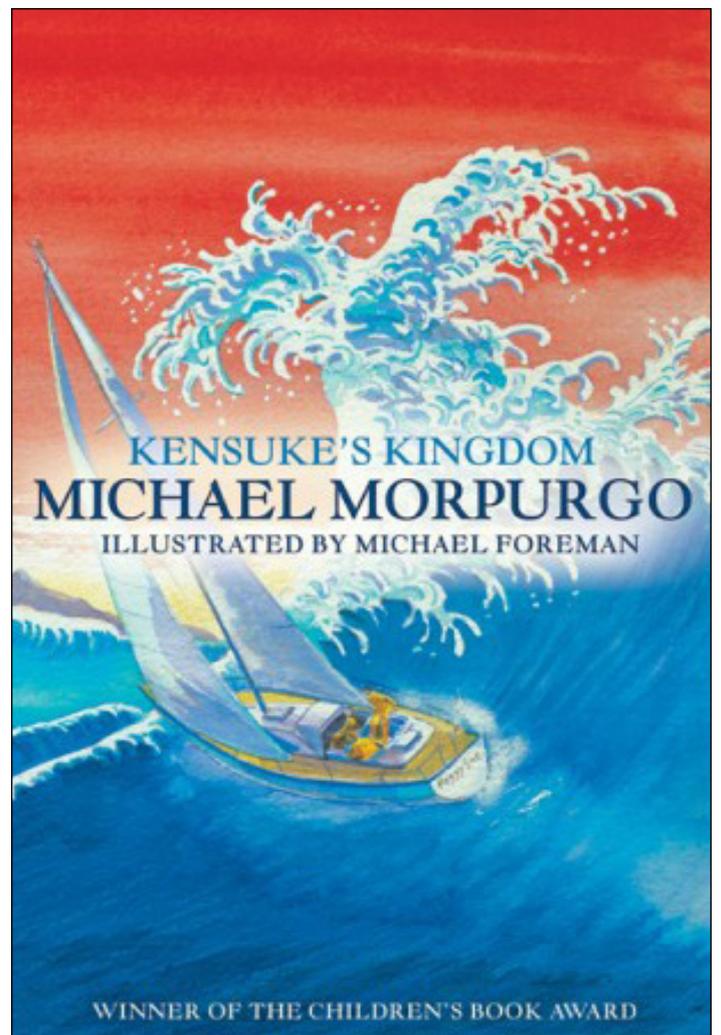
This book is an absolutely thrilling read! There is plenty of excitement in it as well as loads of interesting characters and a great story.

A young boy named Michael falls out of a boat in the middle of the ocean; he gets stung by a deadly jellyfish. Strangely though, he is brought ashore by a mysterious and fascinating man. The story is all about how Michael tries to survive on the island with this wondrous as well as secretive man and how they bond over time.

It is exciting from the very first page and jumps into the story straight away. The author, Michael Morpurgo, keeps a lot of secrets until you near the conclusion of the book. It is very intriguing as it hooks you in and instantly engages you. Not everything is revealed, meaning that you have to just keep on reading. It is a truly wonderful book! This book is for boys, girls, men, women and pretty much everybody who is lucky enough to pick it out. What's not to love?

Alex Deith 8E

*"Working together, achieving together"*



# 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.



## socialmediainlinks

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

#### Twitter:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley High School PE Department
- Notley High School English Department
- Notley High School Philosophy, Ethics & Religion Department

### 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 Students
- Braintree Sixth Form Biology Department
- Braintree Sixth Form PE Department
- Braintree Arts Theatre

# showmyhomework



16 May 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to launch Show My Homework to parents/carers, an online tool that shows all of your child's home learning tasks and deadlines for each piece of work.

Simply visit <https://notleyhigh.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar> to view our school's live home learning calendar and use the filters to view your child's home learning tasks. Alternatively, Show My Homework can be easily reached from the homepage of the school website at [www.notleyhigh.com](http://www.notleyhigh.com).

We will be using Show My Homework fully from September 2014, but plan to start using it from next week to ensure that staff, students and parents/carers are confident with this new system by the start of the new school year. We hope that this service will provide parents/carers with a better insight into how much and what type of home learning your child receives. More importantly, we hope that it will improve your child's organisation, time-management, and help them to keep on top of their workload.

If you or your child have any questions about the service, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team at Show My Homework who are always happy to help. Just email [help@showmyhomework.co.uk](mailto:help@showmyhomework.co.uk) or call 0203 397 7546.

If you would like to get in touch with the school or provide feedback, please contact Mr R Newman via email [robin.newman@notleyhigh.com](mailto:robin.newman@notleyhigh.com)

Yours faithfully

Mr R Newman  
Senior Deputy Headteacher

# africandrumming

## African Drumming

The Music department run a wide variety of clubs and activities. Our drum peripatetic teacher, Mr Timms runs our African drumming group every Wednesday from 10.50-11.20am. This academic year, the ensemble have performed in both the Christmas concert and Spring concert. Below are some photos from rehearsals and quotes from students who participate. New members are always welcome.

### Student Quotes

I like coming to African Drumming Club because....

**“You get to experiment with different sounds on the drum. I think working as a team helps you become more confident!”**

*Chloe Littleton 7B*



**View the Online Photo Gallery**

**<http://www.notleyhigh.com/photo-galleries-2013/events/african-drumming>**



**"It improves my rudiments which can be transferred onto a real drum kit"**

*Joshua Nicoll 9N*

## African Drumming Club

On Wednesdays the school runs an African Drumming Club at break time. The club consists of the school's resident drum teacher Mr Timms and a group of students.

We use the school's Djembe drums and perform in concerts at the end of the term. I enjoy it because I drum and it helps improve my rudiments. We have seen a spike in interest this year and would like to see

more interest. We all enjoy going and hope you will consider joining us. You will start basic and work your way up.

If you are interested in African drumming you can see Mrs Hanna.

*Joshua Nicoll 9N*



**"It improves my drumming skill and technique"**

*Joshua Woolgrove 9N*

**"It is fun and it sounds cool"**

*Harry Ledgerton 7B*

**"I get to play with my friends and because it is fun"**

*Joseph Cook 7B*

**"I like to play with this group of people"**

*Tim Mill 7L*

**"It's very interesting and great fun"**

*Joshua Christie 7B*

**"You will learn a lot of new things"**

*Elijah Sadorra 7L*



**"I like performing in the concerts and I like learning the different rhythms"**

*Ben Truman 7B*

**"I like playing the different rhythms put together to make one big sound"**

*Emma Root 7B*

**"Working together, achieving together"**

## Getting In Conference



On Tuesday 1 April students from Braintree Sixth Form attended a "Getting In" conference held at the University of Essex. The focus of the day was on giving guidance to students about how to successfully apply to a selecting university. Students heard from admissions staff from Bristol, UCL, Oxford and Essex as well as getting an insight from students as to what it was like to study at a top university. Key outcomes of note for all our students included:



- The emphasis which is put on excellent AS grades by selecting universities:
- The need for students to have a passion for their subject and to demonstrate this through wider reading, Extended Project Qualification, attendance at courses, work experience and other enrichment activities:
- The need to focus on one academic area/course when applying through UCAS so that the personal statement can be adequately tailored to the course:
- How important it is to get into the best university possible, when considering outcomes such as job prospects and future earnings.



As always, our students were a credit to the Sixth Form and left the day with renewed enthusiasm for revising, achieving excellent results in their summer examinations and applying to a top university next academic year.



## Holocaust Speaker

On Thursday April 24 April Sixth Form students were privileged to attend a talk by Holocaust speaker Mr Otto Deutsch who spoke about his experiences

of growing up in Nazi-occupied Austria and the Kindertransport. Students said they found the talk both interesting and thought-provoking.



## Year 12 TP1 (Thursday Period 1) Enterprise Projects

Year 12 students were developing their organisational, team working and communication skills by setting up their own small businesses with the aim of raising funds for the Sixth Form chosen charity "Education for All".

The projects involved students in market research, putting together business and financial plans and branding and advertising their products and services.

Companies included a shoe shining service, pizza delivery, pop up Shakespeare performances and a CV writing service. "iBSF" sold phone cases and accessories, and other companies marketed pick and mix sweets, milkshakes, smoothies, pancakes, friendship bracelets and personalised badges.

The company raising the most money was the "Temptations" biscuit and cake company. In total the Year 12 companies made over £300 in profits which will be donated to "Education for All".



"Working together, achieving together"

## Year 12 Student Karate Success

Year 12 student Alice Boutell attended the English Karate Federation's 3<sup>rd</sup> National KYU Grade Championship in Sheffield on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 March. Alice came away with one bronze and two silver medals.

Her silver medals were awarded in the cadet category and senior women's kata final, and the bronze in the cadet's girls' kata category. With this contribution, Alice's martial arts centre brought home a total of 6 medals; two bronze in cadet's girls, two team silvers in cadets and women's kata, one silver in fighting and one bronze pair's kata.

Congratulations to Alice and her teammates on this achievement.



*In action*



*Alice's medal haul*





## Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2014-2015

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Please note that Monday 1 September 2014 is a non-pupil day. In addition, we will allocate three non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, and the equivalent of one school day in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 1 September 2014 – Friday 19 December 2014 Half Term 27 October – 31 October	75 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 5 January 2015 – Friday 27 March 2015 Half Term 16- 20 February	55 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 13 April 2015 – Friday 17 July 2015 Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday, 4 May	64 days
		194 days

# braintreeartstheatre

**Fat Old Dad**

**13 June 7.30pm Tickets: £12, £10**



## **Fat Old Dad**

Widely regarded as The UK's Premier Sixties Music Tribute Band and celebrating 30 years on the circuit.

Enjoy a night of magical nostalgia from these four experienced musicians who take their audiences back to the most influential, high energy, decade in pop music history. This is a great show with a superb party atmosphere. Listen once again to those haunting melodies that were the musical backdrop of that decade.....played live.

## **Secret Kingdom**

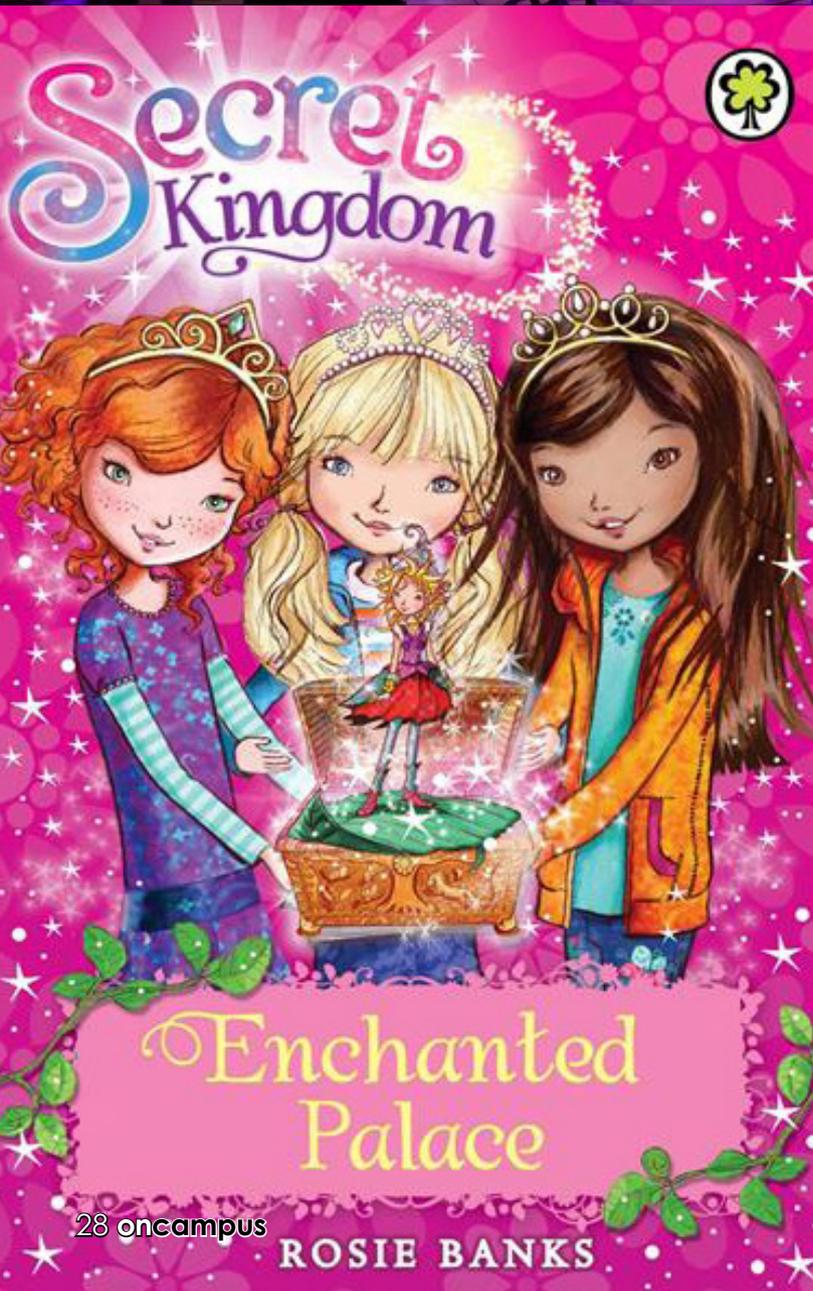
Just Imagine invites you to enter a magical world of friendship and fun! So polish up your tiaras, bring your best friends, and come along for some musical adventures and magical games.

Party dresses and plenty of sparkles are welcome! Storytelling and activities followed by pop up bookshop and a free, exclusive book mark for everyone.

Running time approx 50 mins.

Recommended for ages 5 to 8 years.

24 July 2pm Tickets £6



## The Comedy Club at Braintree Arts Theatre

The Official Comedy Club has arrived at Braintree Arts Theatre. Come and join us for one of our famously funny shows in 2014

Thu 19 June 8pm Tickets: £10 in advance, £12 on the door  
ALL TICKETS ARE 3 FOR 2!



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