

From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

As you may be aware we have changed the way we approach behaviour management in the school. We are only at the beginning of this process as it will take three years to fully implement everything we want to achieve. Since last summer we have been working at developing this exciting initiative and already we have seen a dramatic reduction in both behaviour points and fixed term exclusions. In fact, one of our ambitions is to eradicate fixed term exclusions completely. However, this will take time to achieve so please be patient! We are aiming to provide a facility in school that deals with students who have been 'excluded'; we will keep you informed about that but as you can imagine it will need us to reorganise some resources and school budgets are incredibly tight at the moment.

Therefore, our change of approach is certainly paying dividends. Furthermore, one of the really lovely new innovations is 'Hot chocolate with the Head' which happens every Friday break in my study. Students who have really shone around the school are invited to discuss their achievements with me and share a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit. Almost 70 Nobelians, listed on the next page, have enjoyed this experience so far this year. All of them true Nobelians!

'Hot chocolate with the Head' will continue next year and I very much look forward to sharing Friday break with many more Nobelians who have 'gone the extra mile'.

On a different note, as a school it would appear we are more popular than ever. We are currently working with our primary colleagues to ensure that our new year 7 cohort will be successfully inducted into the school. However, there were more families than ever who were disappointed with the secondary school they were allocated. Over the next few weeks the Independent Appeals Panel will hear appeals from 55 families who desperately want their child to come here but currently there isn't a place for them. That must be terribly unsettling for an 11 year old; as a parent, I have great empathy with their plight.

Finally, Ken Maynard a well-respected ex-teacher and true Nobelian passed away just before Easter. I asked Ron Freeman, who has worked at the school since 1967, to write a few words in his memory:

'I can remember how welcome Ken made me feel when I joined the staff. Over the years, I watched him give the same welcome to other new staff, helping to shape them into the teachers they were to become. He was very highly regarded by staff and children'.

A reminder to those of us who have the privilege to work in and lead this wonderful school that we are only ever its current custodians.

Hopefully the sun will shine this weekend.

Warm regards

Martyn Henson

Hot Chocolate with the Head

Well done to all of the students who have enjoyed hot chocolate with the Head so far this year:

Sachi Shah; Victor Ramirez-Rioja; Courtney Morris; Kirsten Owen; Luke Gregory; Chloe Piper; Hywel Evans; Georgie MacKenzie; Milikah Younas; Abraham Araba; Nasifah Kamali; Chelsea Moriarty; Jade Bolt; Connor Wilson; Scarlett Nightingale; Zafeerah Rehman; Aidan Randall; Tom Lopez; Katelyn Iminia; Yusef Jami; Sidney Lawson; Harvey Barlow; Kade Nelson; Farhad Ahmed; Scarlett Ingram; Zoe Booyse; Leah Surmound; Nishant Sharma; Alex Marshall; Keisha Anderson; Sunny Evans; Bradley Shaw; Ben Patterson;

Danielle Atkinson; Lylah O'Brien, Osokam Walter-Osedeme; Finlay Kassir; Abraham Araba; Christopher Suleman-Kosoko; Ryan James; Elle Colbourne; Charlie Coles; Joseph Heyes; David Traian; Sophie Odira-Hansing; Emily Adaway; Reo Upton-Mohun; Katie Furr; Natasha Urrehman; Moyin Okenla; Sophie Duncan; Jake Vale; Lewis Matthews; Rhea D'Souza; Alex Marshall; Kayleigh Hughes; Brandon Cook; Isla Edwards; Erica Buckwell; Holly Smith; Charlotte Robinson; Jordan Dutt; James Paget; Kelsi Rogers; Leighton Littleton; Harvey Joyce; Tahir Mahmood; and Tedi Winston.

Art Textile Success

Congratulations to all our Art Textile students featured in the Heart Educational catalogue . This year has been a bonanza year, Nobel students have featured 11 times throughout the catalogue.

So well done to the following students for being such inspiring, creative Nobelians;

Beth Miller, Isabel Croucher, Imogen Bennett, Lillie Vincent, Ellie Davies, Molly Samson and Charley Robinson -Airs.



The London Marathon

Nobel School is very proud of former science teacher, Danny Davis, who, last month, completed the London Marathon. Danny was supported by colleagues from the Nobel science team, who went to London to see him race in what was the hottest London Marathon ever.

Dr Davis was raising money for 'Fight for Sight', and he would like to thank all those who have donated to this very good cause, as he is nearly at his target of £2000.



NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in
The Crown at Aston 6.30pm

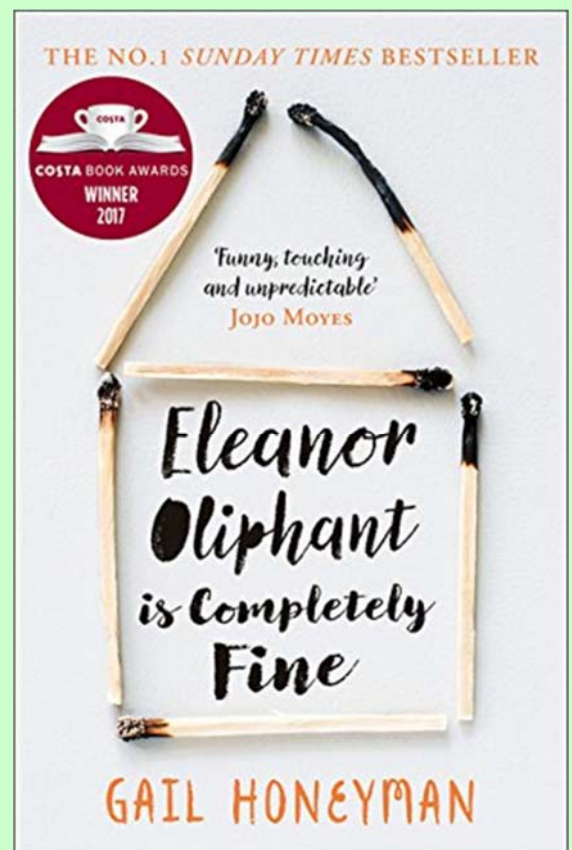
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The book to read is:

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

Read all or part of the book and come and discuss
it in a friendly informal group

Contact: Rosalind Essakhi: 01438 222600 or
email: library@nobel.herts.sch.uk



Strive for Five Maths Conference

On Friday 27 April 15 students, accompanied by Mr Martin and Mr Moore, attended a GCSE 'Strive for five' Mathematics conference at the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London.

The conference covered a range of key topics which will support students in securing a grade 5 in their GCSE Mathematics. Students covered topics such as ratio, percentage change, volume and problem solving. At the end of the conference the students listened to a motivational speaker who highlighted the importance of self-belief and resilience throughout the learning process.

The group took lots away from the day, and the conference highlighted key areas that need to be considered when preparing for GCSE mathematics.

Well done to the following students who were a credit to the school and displayed an exemplary attitude towards their learning and behaviour. These students displayed all the hallmarks of being true Nobelians:

George Adkins	Daisy Brown
Jade Burton	Alfie Bygrave
Rudy Clifton	Paris Gould
Sophie Lambert	Jaden McDermott
Lilly Mortimer	Elise Saunders
Courtney Spicer	Beth Tilbury
Maisie Wickham	

Mr Moore
Maths teacher

Year 9 Celebration Breakfast



On Friday 20 April we held a celebration breakfast for our students in year 9. The 30 students, who have made the most progress since the last data drop were rewarded for hard work, excellent progress and exemplary behaviour. Mr Camp, Head of Year 9, commented: *"What a wonderful morning rewarding the success and progress of our year 9 students. These students have the correct attitude to become as successful as they can be. Keep up all the hard work!"*

Jack Bannister	Hasnna Begam
Tahmina Begum	Joe Broom
Elle Colbourne	Kate Cowan
Olivia Dale	Ahmed Eid
Boaz Ekunyan	Victoria Hansard
Scarlett Ingram	Isobel Larking
Alex Marshall	Olivia Matfield
Bradley Munyebvu	Emily Osborne
Kaitlin Peebles	Archie Robson
Eve Sidebotham	Maizie Spicer
Connor Stout	Skye Tinsley
Deziyer Thomas	Ellie Towler
Haiqah Urrehman	Anika Vadolia
Sam Whitby	Isabelle Wilkinson
Rae-Ann Williams	Molly Woodard

Year 8 Celebration Breakfast

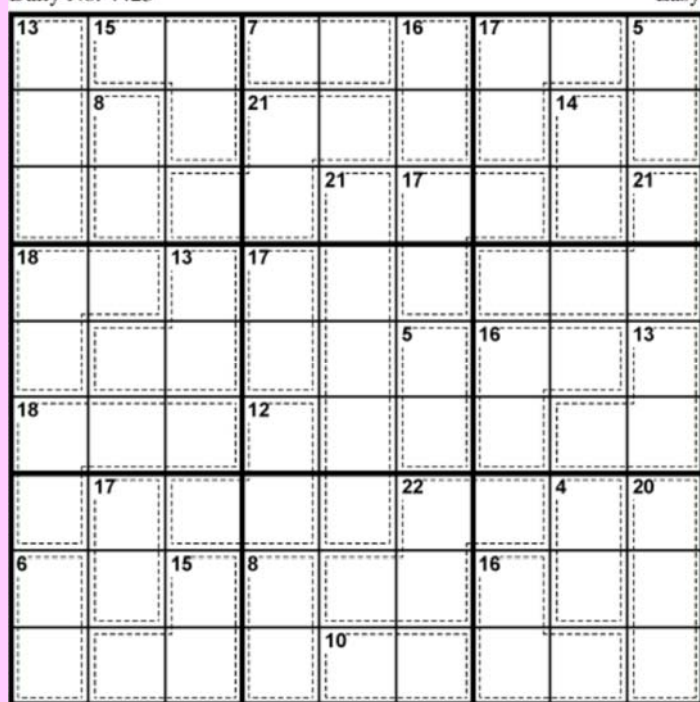


On Friday 27 April we held a celebration breakfast for our students in year 8. The 28 students, who have made the most progress since the last data drop, were rewarded for hard work, excellent progress and exemplary behaviour. Mr Spence, Head of Year 8, commented that he is *“delighted and extremely proud to be able to celebrate this success with our hard-working students and their families.”*

Paige Abrey	Masroor Badar Asad
Grace Belsham	Lewis Benson
James Blackburn	Samuel Bland
Jethro Canda	Olivia Carter
Sophia Collier	Rojay Elizée
Jessica Hadlow	Natalie Igbinosa
George Lamb	Sidney Lawson
Tabitha Lee	Ellie Lightfoot
Georgina Markland	Emily Milne
Aqil Rehman	Victor Ramirez Rioja
Georgie Saunders	Alicia Scott
Anika Shah	Harrison Sollis
Chloe Tebbutt	Eleanor Tinsley-Marshall
Ella Whitworth	Osokam Walter-Osedeme

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Sudoku puzzle

Instructions

- Place 1 - 9 once in each row
- Place 1 - 9 once in each column
- Place 1 - 9 once in each 3x3 box
- Complete the 'sum cages' such that the total of the numbers in each cage is the number stated at the start of that cage

You are not allowed to repeat any numbers within any sum cage

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Logic Puzzle

Answer page 7

Book Price

A book costs £5.00 plus one half of its price. How much does the book cost?

Parents' Forum Minutes - 24 April 2018

In attendance:

Kelly Hagland, Kojo Wood, Julia Brettell, Sarah Taylor, Jane Rodbard, Barry Burningham.

Student Safety:

There was a discussion around the issues regarding safety to and from school. The main issues surround students not having 'road sense'. This includes being on phones whilst crossing roads, expecting cars to stop and riding bikes without regard for others (or themselves). **Action – the school to continue to deliver the road safety assembly and for Form Tutors to regularly highlight safe practices with tutees.**

There was also discussion about the road into the carpark and the risk that this poses to students. Some parents have been witnessed driving at excessive speed and this has been reported to the school. The school do put regular reminders in the newsletter. There are 'near misses' each week. We discussed closing the gates and having different exit points. These are not feasible with the current layout. **Action – the school will remind parents about safe driving, will encourage students to walk to school and will ask the police to patrol more regarding the layby and unsafe turning, etc.**

Transition Documentation:

Forum members agreed to proof the documents again to see if there were any positive changes that could be made. This year's documents were thought to be a real improvement. The fact that the letters and the documents themselves made it clear where they had to be returned was helpful. The documents went to families with the Headteacher's letter and this was seen as a positive change. Students were able to read about the school within a week of getting their places, rather than waiting for the primary school visits.

This was very well received. **Action – Forum members to suggest any changes to the school asap.**

There was discussion about items that were mentioned e.g. calculators and book covers. Parents suggested a return to the shop idea where they could purchase these items much more in advance, rather than in a rush in September. **Action – the school will have a shop at the new parents' evening on 9 July 2018.**

Review of the documentation for reporting to parents:

Parents valued the assessment data that they receive. **Action There was a discrepancy with concern codes which is noted and will be changed by the school.**

The sheets were well received and parents valued the explanation each time. Reference to the information on the website would be a useful addition. **Action – school to reference additional support materials.**

Parent Pit stops:

The concept that the school uses of 30 minute training/information sessions for staff was thought to be a good idea for parents. Suggested topics were, assessment, teen issues, etc.

Meeting closed at 7:00 pm

Friends of Nobel School - FONS

Thank you to all those who came to the Quiz Night on Friday 20 April – we had a fantastic turnout of over 100 people, and raised almost £500 for school funds on the night.

Last Friday we held our second disco of the year for Year 7 and 8 students, raising over £350 during the evening through the sale of drinks and refreshments. Thank you to the band of Sixth Form volunteers who came along to help – it was much appreciated.

Our next event is our annual Barn Dance on Saturday 19 May. Tickets are selling well for this event, with one of our regular attendees ordering 24 this year! We expect to sell out, so please get your orders into Reception soon. A ticket order form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Lastly, the winners of the 100 Club draw for April are:

1 st	J Williams	No 33	£35
2 nd	G Hooper	No 29	£25

The 100 Club costs just £2 a month for a number in the draw, with 50% of the proceeds being paid out in prize money and 50% going to FONS funds. For more information on this or any of our events, or if you think you might be able to help out on the Committee, please email friendsofnobel@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Sudoku solution

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Translation Facility

In an effort to make our website as accessible as possible, we have installed a facility to change the website language for each page.

The button to select languages can be found at the bottom right of the website.

We hope we have identified most languages but, if there are others, do please let us know.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 5 May - Early Spring Bank Holiday
- Saturday 19 May - FONS Annual Barn Dance
- Friday 25 May - break for half-term

Logic puzzle Answer:

£10. If it's price is x then $x = 5 + \frac{1}{2}x$. If you subtract $\frac{1}{2}x$ from both sides of the equation then $\frac{1}{2}x = 5$ and so $x = 10$.

Nobel Forthcoming Visits

21 June 2018 - Year 7 visit to the Natural History Museum (open to all year 7 students please check your email for information or contact Reception)

25 June 2018 (8C & 8E) and 26 June 2018 (8M & 8T) - Year 8 visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor (open to all year 8 students please check your email for information or contact Reception)

08 – 12 October 2018 - Slapton Ley (open to all Year 10 students studying GCSE Geography please check your email address for information or contact Reception)

08 – 12 October 2018 - Normandy MFL Visit (open to all students in year 7, 8, 9 and 10 that are studying French. Please check your email address for information or contact Reception)

July/August 2019 Ardeche Adventure - see flier
opposite and letter on pages 9 & 10

ARDÈCHE ADVENTURE

Camping la Savane, South of France

- 1 INCREDIBLE TWO-DAY CANOE DESCENT WITH OVERNIGHT BIVOUAC
- 2 ON-SITE SWIMMING POOL, BEACH AREA AND CAFE BAR
- 3 A WIDE RANGE OF EXCITING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS

Located in the ever-popular Ardèche region, this camp is nestled amongst the trees on the banks of two rivers near the traditional town of Ruoms. Offering beautiful views, this large, private camp boasts an on-site swimming pool (with lifeguard), a beach, cafe/bar, volleyball areas, games room, shop.

It is ideally located for adventure with amazing activity sites located on-site or within walking distance. The highlight for many is the two-day canoe descent of the Ardèche River Gorge including an overnight stay at a purpose built bivouac site. Our expert river team will be there to support you every step (or stroke!) of the way. You can also enjoy caving in the local limestone caves and rock climbing as well as completing activities such as raft building, high ropes, kayaking and archery or perhaps a more sedate visit to Ruoms market. There will also be some time to explore the local area, such as an optional visit to Ognauc Caves (same height as the Niagara Falls) or just relax by the pool or the beach back at camp.

Accommodation

Your group will stay in our private tented villas, each made up of up to 22 pre-erected tents, a volleyball area for games and a central marquee for dining and socialising. Two large toilet and shower blocks with a new private leader toilet and shower unit for 2017.

Activities

 Canoeing
  Rafting
  Swimming
  Skiing
  Rock climbing
  High ropes
  Night walk
  Caving
  Archery
  Horse riding
  Volleyball
  Games room
  Shop

Sample itinerary - Ardèche Adventure Programme by coach (9 days inc travel)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
FRI		Depart	Overnight travel
SAT	Travel	Arrive / lunch / river swimming pool / relax	Dinner, river talk & preparation
SUN	Breakfast & transfer to the Ardèche River canoe descent (packed lunch on the riverbank)		Dinner & overnight at the bivouac camp
MON	Breakfast, Ardèche River canoe descent (packed lunch on the riverbank)	Ardèche River canoe descent Travel back to camp	Dinner, swimming pool / games
TUE	Breakfast / caving	Cooked lunch (on-site) / high ropes	Dinner / films
WED	Breakfast / Exploration of your choice (Ognauc Caves & visit to Vallon are included) Packed lunch		Dinner / Acorn's gift table
THU	Breakfast Rock climbing, swimming	Cooked lunch on-site, Raft building / target sports	Dinner Acorn's gift table / town visit
FRI	Breakfast Ruoms market	Cooked lunch on-site Kayaking & Giant slides	Dinner, depart & overnight travel
SAT	Travel		Return home

Please note that the above itinerary is a sample programme and is subject to change.

To get in touch please call: 01383 398 870 or email: INFO@ACORNADVENTURE.CO.UK

Charity Football Match

On Sunday 6 May at 9:30am, there will be a charity football match on the Astroturf at Nobel in order to raise money for Mia Percival.

Mia is the daughter of former student Alan Percival (who attended Nobel between 1994-1999), who is currently battling leukaemia. This has been publicised in the Comet in recent weeks.

<http://www.thecomet.net/news/family-overwhelmed-by-support-as-stevenage-tot-mia-battles-leukaemia-1-5424869>

The match has been arranged by a group of ex-Nobelians, who, upon hearing this sad news, wanted to support Alan and his family at such a difficult time.

The football teams will be made up of a group of ex-Nobelians and a team of Alan's ex-primary school friends.



Picture of Mia from the article in the Comet

Everyone is welcome to show their support in person, or make a donation on their [gofundme](#) page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/miamoo>

April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

The Ardèche Adventure, South of France 27 July - 4 August 2019

In a bid to inspire a love of the great outdoors amongst our students, we are offering a fantastic opportunity – an outdoor adventure expedition to the South of France. It will take place in the picturesque Ardeche region of France which is a popular outdoor adventure destination, with 35km rivers, crags and caves. Our aim is to give our students the opportunity to experience adventure in an environment that encourages a passion for the outdoors, individual confidence and 'community spirit.'

The total cost of the tour will be £680 and includes a packed itinerary, which you will find attached, with plenty of extra activities to provide a rich experience. In order for the visit to run, we will need a minimum of 35 students and, if this number is exceeded, there is a possibility to increase the number of students to a maximum of 54. If we are lucky enough to have more than 54 students show interest in this trip and pay their deposit, the students will be selected through a ballot.

The cost will also include:

- Return travel from the UK by coach and ferry
- Acorn Adventure assistance in resort
- Full board accommodation
- Canoe Descent
- Overnight bivouac (camping out under the stars!)
- Outdoor activities (high ropes, climbing, rafting, etc.)
- Evening entertainment

Often referred to as the 'Grand Canyon of Europe', the real highlight of this expedition is paddling the world famous Ardeche River Gorge, by open canoe. This incredible two day river journey with overnight camping, will be led by Acorn Adventure's experienced and qualified team, who will instruct our group how to paddle and will guide us safely down the beautiful 35km stretch of the river. This will certainly be an experience that your child will never forget!

Please note that the first payment of £150.00 to secure a place is non-refundable. Acorn Adventure confirm that, providing deadlines are met, there will be no surcharges. If deadlines are missed, this could lead to additional costs. Financial support may be

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available for students who qualify for pupil premium/ free school meals. Please contact Julia Marshall if you would like to discuss this possibility. If you do qualify for funding from pupil premium and it is agreed for this visit, please note the initial £150 deposit will need to be paid by you.

The general conduct of your child will be taken into consideration as the school reserves the right to make decisions to withdraw students from the visit if their behaviour falls short of the high standards that we expect of Nobel students.

Unfortunately, once money for a visit has been paid we are unable to provide any refund unless a student is forced to withdraw at the last moment through illness or injury. Any refund is subject to a successful insurance claim by the school which relies on a doctor's certificate and completion of the school's travel insurance documentation. If a child/parent changes their mind or moves school and withdraws from the visit then no refund can be given. Charges are made by providers upon receipt of the first deposit so the school will be charged in full for the place reserved. Parents and guardians are responsible for the full cost of the trip once the first payment is made.

If you would like your child to be considered for this expedition, please complete the reply slip and return to Mrs Horton in the school office by Friday 18 May 2018.

If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely

Miss N Chalkright

Miss N Chalkright
Second in PE and visit leader



The Ardèche Adventure, South of France: 27 July – 4 August 2019

Please complete tear-off slip and return to Mrs Horton by Friday 18 May 2018.

I would like my child _____

to take part in Ardeche Adventure and enclose the initial deposit of £150.

Please make cheques payable to Nobel School.

Name of Child Form

Signed Parent / Guardian Date

12 BLK Charity Quiz Night

18 May

7pm until 9:45pm

(Doors open at 6:45)



12 BLK Sixth Form are running and hosting a charity quiz night to be held at Nobel School on behalf of Garden House Hospice Care.

The quiz will have 8 rounds of questions based on a variety of subjects. Teams should be of between 4 -8 people. Entry fee per team is £10

There is a capacity limit in the hall so please book your team in advance using the Nobel School Comms payment system or drop your team name and entry fee to the school front office. We do need to know numbers in advance so that we can order sufficient refreshments. Please indicate on the booking slip the number of people in your team.

We have a licensed bar for the evening, serving a variety of alcoholic and soft drinks, all profit made after the purchase of these will go to the charity.

Snacks and nibbles will also be on sale on the evening.

A raffle will be organised during the evening with a variety of prizes displayed at the entrance to the hall.

We would ask that mobile phones are stored in the middle of tables and not used during the event except for emergency contact.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nobel School and helping us raise money for Garden House Hospice Care. Garden House Hospice Care provides a wide range of services for patients, their carers, and families facing a life limiting illness.

Yours sincerely

Nobel Year 12BLK Form group

Reply Slip

I would like to enter a team in the sixth Form Charity Quiz night.

I enclose £10.00 CASH/ Cheque or have paid on the Nobel School Comms payment system (delete as necessary)

My team consist of _____ team members

*The Friends of Nobel School
invite you to put on your cowboy boots for the third annual*

BARN DANCE

Saturday 19th May 2018

7.30 - 11pm, The Nobel School

Tickets £12 per person

Including a choice of the following:

Fish and chips

Jumbo Sausage and Chips

Chicken Nuggets and Chips

Veggie Burger and Chips

Adults only

Licensed Bar

Raffle

✕+

Please return to Reception at The Nobel School in an envelope marked 'Barn Dance 2018'.

I require _____ ticket(s) and enclose £ _____ cash/cheque (cheques payable to Nobel School PA)

Please specify how many of each food choice required below:

Fish and Chips:		Sausage and Chips:		Chicken Nuggets and Chips:		Veggie Burger and Chips	
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Name: _____ Child's name/form (if applicable): _____

If you do not have a child at Nobel, please provide postal address and tickets will be posted to you:

If you have any questions please email friendsofnobel@gmail.com