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# Nobel

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## From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

How about this as a headline?

‘Nobelian scores to help defeat FC Barcelona’

Unlikely as this may seem, this actually happened on Sunday 8 May at Stadium MK. Two of our students - John Freeman in Year 9 (playing in the age group above) and Leon Taylor in Year 10 - both played significant roles in defeating the Catalan giants 3 – 0. Leon, a right back, scored in the first half and John, who came on at half-time played a blinder at left back (he usually plays in midfield). Both boys, who started their MK careers at under 9 level having been ‘scouted’ playing locally, acquitted themselves really well and proved fantastic ambassadors for our lovely school. Imagine: whatever the future holds, John and Leon will always be able to say ‘I played against Barcelona’. Great stuff, we are really thrilled and proud of you!

*John is on my right*

With just a couple of weeks before the examination season really kicks in, it is worth reminding ourselves that practical examinations have already taken place and that we are moving into a potentially stressful few weeks for our older students. We are doing all we can to ensure that Nobelians are really well-prepared and you can support us by ensuring that they get plenty of rest and good nourishment over the examination period.



You may wish to look at this:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3xdq6f>

I read it with interest as my own daughter will be taking her A levels this summer – I’ve come to the conclusion that ‘behind the scenes’ support is probably more appropriate as discussions around the amount of revision a student has or hasn’t done can lead to more stress, when we should be trying to achieve the reverse. We will all have different approaches, but I am convinced that it is best, wherever we can, to build-up confidence at this late stage.

For the rest of the school it is ‘business as usual’ – the summer term can be challenging, especially if we have a few really hot days. However, we are absolutely determined that our standards must not drop over the next few weeks. We are very proud of our school uniform as it compares very favorably with the other schools in the town. We do not have a summer uniform as such, but we do expect students to wear a blazer, tie with top button done up and shirts tucked in. Class teachers will decide on whether ties can be loosened or blazers taken off but, around school it is ‘business as usual’. If we do have a heat wave, we will look at this again.

It was lovely to report on the footballing success of John and Leon at the start of my piece. A reminder that if any of you have similar stories about any Nobelians, sporting or otherwise – or where our students have done a good deed - then please drop me a line.

## ***From the Headteacher cont'd***

One of the best parts of my job is sending well done cards to students but I can only do that if I hear about the good news.

Finally, a reminder that Friends of Nobel are hosting a Barn Dance on Saturday 21 May here at Nobel, complete with licensed bar and raffle - we hope to see as many of you as possible there! See <https://www.facebook.com/events/1530818457213588/> for more details.

As always, thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

Martyn Henson

## ***Primary collaboration update.***

As part of our work to forge stronger links with our local primary schools, I have been working closely with Year 5 and 6 teachers across the town to establish areas where Nobel School can assist in the teaching of KS2 subjects. Throughout this academic year we have hosted Year 5 and 6 classes in our Science Faculty to allow the students to have a hands-on experience of secondary science lessons. We have now taken this working relationship a step further by using a session to deliver learning specific to the topics being taught at Key Stage 2.

On Wednesday 4 May, 55 Year 5 students from Martins Wood Primary School came to Nobel to look at some reversible and irreversible chemical reactions, in support of their current "No Way Back" topic. During the lesson, the students carried out an investigation into two different reactions, which demonstrated a reversible change and an irreversible change. There was much excitement in the laboratory, as the students were given the opportunity to use Bunsen burners for the first time. They will take their results back to Martins Wood and use them in their upcoming classwork.

Mr Walker, Year 5 Teacher, said "I just wanted to say another big thank you for allowing us to visit your labs on Wednesday. Your demonstration has really given us a focus as we launch into our new topic!"

I am very much looking forward to running many more of these sessions in the future, as we continue to strengthen our links with the local primary schools. If you are associated in anyway with a local primary school and think that this sort of session is something that would be useful, please contact me by email ([andrew.smith@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:andrew.smith@nobel.herts.sch.uk)).

Warm regards,

Mr A. Smith, Science and Head of Year 7.



Martins Wood Year 5 getting to grips with Bunsen burners.

## Nobel Thinks! David Dein

On Thursday 28 April we were delighted to invited David Dein into school for our second *Nobel Thinks!* talk. David was the former Vice-Chairman of Arsenal football team from 1983 to 2007. David has also been heavily involved in the creation and running of the Premier league and Vice-Chairman of the Football Association.

Around one hundred year 9 and 10 students took the opportunity to hear David speak about the trials and tribulations of creating the premier league, as well as the lessons he learnt from working with excellent athletes and football managers. He linked the lessons he has learnt to the day-to-day learning that our students undertake in school, and how in order to be successful you need to have in mind an image of what you would consider being successful as being.

At the end of the talk, both the staff and students asked some excellent questions, ranging from did he think it was time for Arsene Wenger to step down, to who was his biggest mistake to not sign. He explained how it is important for students to study and work hard if they want to succeed in the future; hopefully this is a message that our students can take on board for their own futures.

I would like to thank all the staff and students who attended, especially those who asked such excellent questions. It seems that the talk was thoroughly enjoyed, and all students should be commended with their attitudes towards David's message, and his own route to success.

The next *Nobel Thinks!* talk will be given by Stephen McPartland, the MP for Stevenage, and he will be discussing the world of politics, and his own road to success with both parents and students in the latter half of the summer term. Please keep an eye out for further information if you would like to attend.

Dr James Finn





# Lake Garda - Sports Tour 2016



On Sunday 3 April, 81 Nobel students and 7 staff members embarked on a 24 hour coach journey to Lake Garda, Italy, for the 2016 Rugby and Netball Sports Tour. After a very long

coach journey, students settled into the hotel and the girls had the very first training session for netball.

The tour involved students training during the mornings for rugby on Tuesday and Thursday with games to follow in the afternoon. The boys rugby teams travelled to Verona for their games, whilst the girls travelled to Milan.



The games were tough and challenging for both boys and girls teams, as they came up against club players. The under 16s girls team even had the challenge of playing against a national team player; however this did not stop them for battling on with the games.

It is fair to say that the competitive side of the Nobel students really shone through as they played their games, and persevered.

The netball teams competed in a tournament against other English schools that were out in Italy on tour. Again some of these teams proved to be a challenge as they played against experienced players.



## Lake Garda - sports tour 2016



I would also like to take this time to thank Mr Matt Aylott, for sponsoring the school Rugby kit. As you can imagine we do not have enough kits for 5 rugby teams and Mr Aylott very kindly sponsored two kits for the school. A huge THANK YOU once again! I think you would all agree that the kit looks amazing!



During the tour, students

also had the opportunities to visit some of Italy's most iconic and famous cities. The students spent the morning in Verona, home to Romeo and Juliet's balcony. Students had the opportunity to visit the famous balcony, take photos with the statue of Juliette and also purchase a padlock. Thank you to the students who purchased one and dedicated it to the Nobel Sports department and School.



We also spent the day in the famous city of Venice. Here students visited some of the famous landmarks as well as explore the streets of the city. It was interesting for many to see how the locals use boats to travel around the city rather than cars.

On the last day students visited Lake Garda, and wandered round the picturesque town of Garda.

In the evenings students took part in a variety of entertainment. These included a pizza night, bowling and bingo, where students competed for a chance to win High Street shopping vouchers. Congratulations to Freddie Turner (year 8) and Nick Murray (year 10) on winning at bingo.



I am immensely proud of all students on the trip. The level of maturity from all students was exemplary. Students developed as a team and also developed new friendships across the year groups. It is also heart warming to hear that many are already asking when the next sports trip will be on a daily basis....watch this space for more information on the next Nobel Ski Trip – 2017!



## Lake Garda - Sports Tour 2016

Finally I would not have been able to run this trip without the amazing support and hard work of the staff and sixth form student helpers. You were all fantastic and the sixth form students were a credit to the school!



***This is what some students thought of the trip:***

### ***The Italy Trip***

The Italy trip was a great experience, socially and physically. It was great to get some international games with Italian teams. The games were challenging and we all had a great time playing. It wasn't only the gameplay that I enjoyed most but also the social side, meeting the Italian players and having a laugh with them (even though we could hardly understand each other). The visits to all the places in Italy were great as I got to see all of the sights and get closer to the teachers and even my mates. It was a great experience and I will encourage anyone who has the chance to go on this trip.

Ciye Zealand

Year 10



### ***Italy Trip 2016***

I really enjoyed Italy (even the coach trip) because it was time spent away playing sport and learning about a new culture and way of life. Ever since the trip my self-esteem has increased and I have become more confident. The trip was a new experience as you got to connect with people you never normally would – including the teachers. On the trip we went on day trips to Venice and Verona and on the last day we stopped at Lake Garda, where it unfortunately rained. Venice was amazing and a very unique place to go, and the same with Verona, nothing like England! I liked how on the trip, we were given some freedom and were trusted by the teachers on these day trips, and in the hotel. Our girls netball teams had a training session on the first day and had a tournament where my team lost 2 games and won 2 games. The girls rugby team won our first ever game in Milan 5-4 and since then we have become friends with the members of CUS Milano Rugby Team. In our next game, we lost to the older age group but it was an eye-opening experience, especially the standard of players in other European countries.

Eliesha Netherwood

Year 10

Congratulations to all on the tour once again!

Miss Palombo



## Year 11 news...

As exam season is upon us, students and staff alike have been working incredibly hard to ensure that students achieve the grades they deserve.

There have been multiple interventions taking place behind the scenes to ensure year 11 are progressing as they should:

- Some year 11 students have been given mentors to guide them through these final few weeks and provide support
- Assemblies have been targeted to specific core subject revision as well as more general revision skills and tips.
- PSHCEE lessons and form times have been dedicated to personal study and revision time.
- Subject specific interventions continue to take place on a fortnightly rota.
- Mock results surgeries and small group teaching in core subjects has taken place to aid students' understanding of specific exam skills.
- Revision timetable templates have been issued and students have been shown how to revise effectively- including relaxation time- as advised by a recent study featured in *The Guardian*.
- Students were also invited to attend peer mentoring in English and Maths during their lunchtimes where students work together and teach each other as they make their way through past papers and revision guides.

On a non-academic basis I have been working very closely with the Junior Student team to arrange: personalised hoodies; Nobel yearbooks; the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly (28 June 11am), Prom (30 June) and the leavers' video (in fact students now head in the other direction when they see me with a camera!).

I want to take this opportunity to thank the JST for their amazing work this year, and a special mention to our Head Boy and Girl- Jordan Dutt and Rebecca Owen, who have been a fantastic support and have even assisted me leading staff training sessions on behaviour management. The entire team is a credit to their year group and the school.

The year group have spent the past 11 years of their educational lives planning and preparing for this moment and I have confidence that the vast majority of the year group have done just about everything humanly possible to ensure they do their best. I know there have been times where students have felt stressed, frustrated and like giving up but please know that as a school, we have always had students' best interests at heart and will continue to support the year group throughout their journey at Nobel.

Wishing all of year 11 the very best of luck,

Miss Gant

Head of Year 11

## Dates for the diary:

### TERM DATES 2016-2017

#### Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 1 September to Wednesday 21 December

Autumn Half Term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October

Christmas Break: Thursday 22 December to Wednesday 4 January

#### Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5 January to Friday 31 March

Spring Half Term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

Easter Break: Monday 3 April to Monday 17 April

#### Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 April to Monday 24 July

Summer Half Term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

May Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May

### INSET DAYS AND ADDITIONAL SPECIAL DATES

INSET day School begins (staggered start) for year 13, from 1pm	1 September 2016
School begins (staggered start) for year 7 and year 12 (year 13 not required to attend)	2 September 2016
Whole school begins timetabled lessons	5 September 2016
INSET day	5 October 2016
INSET day	5 January 2017 (devolved)
INSET day	6 January 2017
Whole school begins timetabled lessons	9 January 2017
INSET day	21 July 2017 (devolved)
Occasional day	24 July 2017

16 May - external exams commence

19 May - Macdance Vision 'We Love to Boogie'

21 May & 22 May - Yr10 DoE Award camping

21 May - Friends of Nobel school 'Barn Dance'

23 May - Nobel parents' forum meeting

27 May - last day of half term - students finish  
15:05

30 May to 3 June - half term

### Logic puzzle

You have a piece of paper, 10cm by 10cm. Area =  $100\text{cm}^2$ . For some reason, you need a square piece of paper with an area of  $50\text{cm}^2$ . Using the paper you have, what's an easy way of getting the new square?

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**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**19th May 2016**

**WE  
LOVE TO  
DANCE**

## MacDance Vision

15 people a day are diagnosed with cancer in Hertfordshire - come along to this fantastic event to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Primary Schools Camps Hill, Lodge Farm, Mobbsbury, Round Diamond, The Giles, The Leys are all taking part in Macdance to help raise money so come along and show your support.

The event will take place at Nobel School, Mobbsbury Way, SG2 OHS

Adult tickets £6  
Concession tickets £4

Tickets can be purchased from Nobel School reception

Tickets are limited so grab them while you can



### 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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Easy

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It is universally recognised that today's students are the managers of tomorrow and there is now an opportunity to help our future leaders take the first step in qualifying. StudyFlex has developed a number of programmes specifically aimed at students in Years 11 to 13 to enable them to gain a nationally recognised management qualification while still at school.

### ***About StudyFlex***

StudyFlex is an approved centre of the Chartered Management Institute. Their aim is to help managers and prospective managers improve their skill levels by gaining one of the Chartered Management Institute qualifications. Until now, these opportunities have only been available in the workplace.

### ***What is the Chartered Management Institute?***

The Chartered Management Institute is the largest and most prestigious provider of nationally and internationally recognised management qualifications. The award in team leading is the starting point with the opportunity to progress through the national management qualifications programme in

future years. As the champion of management, the Chartered Management Institute shapes and supports the managers of tomorrow.

Over 450 companies use CMI to develop their managers and leaders, including Coca Cola, New Look, Rolls Royce, Serco, Lloyds Bank, British Gas, Silverstone Racing, Police, Army, Navy, RAF and the BGL Insurance Group.

### ***How does it work in schools?***

The team leading and first line management qualifications will give students a head start whether they are moving into work or further education and are excellent qualifications for their CV. They will set them apart from others applying for jobs and university places. Whether they use these skills for personal leadership or management of others, these qualifications will give them more options and opportunities whatever they choose to do.

**This opportunity is open to students in years 11 and Sixth Form. We still have a few spaces left on the course that is running on 11 to 13 July at Nobel. Please contact Julia Marshall for details.**



### ***Nobel - nearly new uniform***

Do you have any spare uniform at home that your son / daughter has out-grown?

If so, please send this into school.

Spare uniform is passed on to students in need, who are very grateful for this form of support. We would really like blazers, skirts, trousers, PE kit and ties.

Please ensure articles are either un-worn or in very good condition.

Thank you for your support.

## Nobel SST news...



With the A2 exams now underway, it is time for the current SST to hand over our positions to the 2016-17 SST who are now preparing to take over. This leads us to announce the new SST core positions as:

Head Girl – Emma Bull

Head Boy – James Marshall

Deputy Head Girl – Jaymie Younger

Deputy Head Boy – Alfie O'Brien

Congratulations to everybody who has successfully become an SST member. We hope they will do a great job in organising events for the school and improving Sixth Form life for the next Year 13 and 12s.

As a reminder, the date for Leavers' Assembly will be the 27 May during the afternoon and will include a pizza lunch in Timebridge. The Year 13 Prom will be on the 1 July and start at approximately 7pm. Vegan and gluten-free food options for those with dietary requirements will be available at both events.

Finally, this will be the final Nobel SST News from this team. We have all very much enjoyed being a part of the SST and being able to make improvements to both the Sixth Form as well as to the school experience of younger years. Thank you very much for reading this and goodbye!

*Written by Michael Tsang*



<b>The Senior Student Team 2015-16</b>			
<b><u>CORE</u></b>		<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
Head Girl: Ellie Ward	Head Boy: Bobby Banks	Phoebe Kettley-Linsell	Harry Bean
D. Head Girl: Hannah Hardie	D. Head Boy: Joseph Barnes	Katy Knight	Olufunlola Oluwole
HATL: Lauren Hayllar		Bret Facey	
<b><u>COMMUNITIES</u></b>		<b><u>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; ORGANISATION</u></b>	
Sam Archer	Ryan Shaw-Hawkins	Dylan Butterfield	Michael Tsang
Bethany Hobbs	Ben Gray	Ben Smith	
Gemma Vadolia	Harpreet Pannu		
<b>SeniorStudentTeam@nobel.herts.sch.uk</b>			

## Library news...



### ***Home Access to Eclipse.net***

The school library system Eclipse is now available for students to access at home. This will enable them to access their own accounts where they can check which books they have out and their due dates. They can search the library catalogue, write reviews on books they have read, reserve books which are out on loan, get further reading suggestions via *Who Next ?* and watch authors talking about their books via *Authors Corner*.

The site can be accessed either via Moodle on a PC or via a free app on your phone, iPad, or tablet.

To access via the Moodle tab on the school website:

- Scroll down to the Library tab and click on *access resources*. The Eclipse icon is on the right hand side of the screen.
- Enter user name (your son/daughter's general school network account username) and password (your son or daughter's date of birth in the following format: day, month, year with no spaces or slashes for example 02042002)

We recommend that passwords be changed once the site has been accessed.

To access the free MLS app please follow the following instructions:

- Search for IMLS on your app provider.
- Download the app.

- For the site please enter the school postcode which is SG20HS and then select Nobel School.

- Click on the blue Log in icon.
- Enter user name (your son/daughter's general school network account username) and password (your son or daughter's date of birth in the following format: day, month, year with no spaces or slashes for example 02042002)

We recommend that passwords be changed once the site has been accessed.

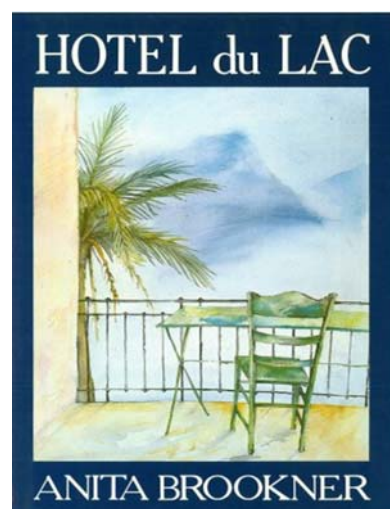
If you have any questions about the Library, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Essakhi

Librarian

NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and  
COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in the Library 6.30pm  
Tuesday 07 June 2016  
The book to read is:



Contact: Rosalind Essakhi: 01438 222600 or email:

[library@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:library@nobel.herts.sch.uk)

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



Emily Hindle



Sanjida Kamali

## ANOTHER ART SUCCESS

Having just celebrated entering and winning the Mayor of Stevenage's competition the art department would like to congratulate Emily Hindle and Sanjida Kamali for having their work featured in the Heart Educational Supplies catalogue for teachers and students to see across the UK. Well done!

The art department



'Macbeth' is being performed at The Globe in central London and would be a fantastic way to recap your knowledge of the play in the lead up to your Year 10 English Literature exam. Tickets on sale now from £5.00 at The Globe.



# Sixth Form Induction

## 4 & 5 July

- Compulsory for all students who would like to join the sixth form in September
- An opportunity for you to find out more about sixth form life
- Experience taster sessions for the subjects you are interested in studying in September



**Nobel**  
Sixth Form





# Extra-Curricular Clubs

## Summer Term



	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCH TIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY		TENNIS - MUGA FOOTBALL - ASTRO KWIK CRICKET - ASTRO BASKETBALL - MUGA	ATHLETICS – All years
TUESDAY		TENNIS - MUGA FOOTBALL - ASTRO KWIK CRICKET - ASTRO BASKETBALL - MUGA	ROUNDERS- All years (Boys and Girls)
WEDNESDAY	CRICKET TRAINING (Boys and Girls)	TENNIS - MUGA FOOTBALL - ASTRO KWIK CRICKET - ASTRO BASKETBALL - MUGA	CRICKET CLUB –All years (Boys and Girls)
THURSDAY		TENNIS - MUGA FOOTBALL - ASTRO KWIK CRICKET - ASTRO BASKETBALL - MUGA	CARDIO TENNIS
FRIDAY	CRICKET TRAINING (Boys and Girls)	TENNIS - MUGA FOOTBALL - ASTRO KWIK CRICKET - ASTRO BASKETBALL - MUGA	STAFF SPORTS

### Puzzle solution

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Easy

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ANSWER:

Fold the four corners of the square into the centre. This doubles the thickness of the paper, and so halves the area.

*The Friends of Nobel School  
invite you to put on your cowboy boots for a fabulous*

# **BARN DANCE**

**and BBQ supper**

**Saturday 21st May 2016**

**7.30 - 11pm, The Nobel School**

**Tickets £10 per person -**

includes first drink from the bar and the following supper:

*90g premium smoked Bockwurst sausage and glazed hot dog roll*

*100% Aberdeen Angus burger (8oz) and Brioche bun + mature cheddar slice*

*Half corn on the cob, coleslaw, green salad, sauces*

*Vegetarian alternatives available*

**Adults only**

**Licensed Bar**

**Raffle**

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*Please return to Mrs Lynn Way, The Nobel School, Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage SG2 0HS*

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

If you require any vegetarian meals, please indicate the number here: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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*If you have any questions please email [friends@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@nobel.herts.sch.uk)*