

# News

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## From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

As we enter the last week of the public exam season I can report that both year 11 and year 13 have conducted themselves impeccably. Mrs Behagg, our excellent examinations officer, and her team of invigilators have told me that behaviour has been the best they can remember. However, our students have not only impressed by their conduct but also in their commitment to their work - I pay tribute to their resilience and to the undoubted support they have received from home. They have done us proud and we are confident that this will be reflected in their results.

Our students continue to excel in the sporting realm. Many of our students participated in the Hertfordshire Athletics Championships last weekend. However, I should like to draw your attention to two Nobelians who have been selected to compete for Hertfordshire in the forthcoming English Athletics Championships at Gateshead. Alisha Levy, an English Schools veteran, has been selected for the senior girls' javelin and Dominic Buckland has been selected for the junior boys' discus. Outstanding from both of them - well done!

On a separate note, can I remind you that from September 2016 we intend to use email to send letters to parents. However, for parents that do not have e-mail and to deliver 'legal' documents (such as exclusion notifications), letters will still be delivered in the traditional way. Where appropriate, we will upload a copy of letters issued in the 'Letters and Communications' section on our website (see <http://thenobelschool.org/about-the-school/letters/>). In times of tight budgets, this will save the school a significant amount of time and money.



# Nobel

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In order to ensure we have your current email address on record here at Nobel, I have arranged for a test email and a related text message to be sent to parents this morning. Should you not receive this email, please contact Mrs Way at [Lynn.Way@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Lynn.Way@nobel.herts.sch.uk) as soon as possible giving your full name, together with the full name(s) of children you have studying here at Nobel, so that we may update our records as appropriate.

Finally, we are celebrating the achievements of the whole of year 9 at the Gordon Craig Theatre on Monday 27 June - this is a very special occasion and if you have a child in year 9 I urge you and your family to attend. Please contact Mrs Julia Marshall ([julia.marshall@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:julia.marshall@nobel.herts.sch.uk)) by Tuesday 21 June if you would like to reserve tickets - the whole family is invited.

Warm regards,  
Martyn Henson

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# The Launch of the Bridge!

We are very pleased to invite you, your family and your child to a special evening to launch our new student support facility called The Bridge.

As part of the evening, we will be joined by Fintan O'Regan who is a renowned SEN and behaviour specialist. Fintan has written a number of award winning books and has kindly agreed to visit Nobel to speak to parents and be our guest of honour, officially opening The Bridge.

The Bridge facilities offer students a quiet and calm place to work when they are unable to access their normal lessons and it is also a space that is used for small group work. We are very lucky to have an area that is dedicated to supporting students when they have a specific need.

**The event will take place on Tuesday 28 June at 5.00 pm in the Auditorium.**

Fintan will speak to parents & carers about strategies that can be used at home to support children with SEN or behaviour issues. Research has shown that the number of young people struggling with mental health and other conditions is increasing, and I am sure you will agree that it will be interesting to hear an expert's opinion. The talk will be followed by the 'opening of the Bridge' and a tour of the SEND/ student support facilities.

We will be pleased to offer light refreshments and the evening will conclude at approximately 6.30 pm.

If you would like to join us, please contact Mrs Julia Marshall on 222600 or email [julia.marshall@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:julia.marshall@nobel.herts.sch.uk)

Please note, we have a set number of tickets available for the evening, which will be issued on a first come first served basis. We expect the evening to be very popular, so please contact us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Lynn Amey

SENDCo



*Fintan J O'Regan*

*MA (Management), PGCE, BSc Hons*

## ***Year 7 & 8 DISCO***

Parents are reminded that the last disco of the year for Yrs 7 & 8 is on Friday 24 June from 6.45-9pm. Cost is £2 in advance, £2.50 on the door. Students should make payments to Mrs Horton in reception.

## **Logic puzzle**

The owner of Senior Pete's Pizza decided to celebrate his birthday by giving away free pizza to anyone who can solve his puzzle:

If a pizza's radius is defined as "z" and it's depth defined "a", then what is that pizza's volume?

Can you answer Pete's puzzle correctly?

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## *What's happening in ESS and IT*

Firstly, we would like to welcome back Mrs Dennehy from her maternity leave after the birth of her daughter Orla. Mrs Dennehy returns as Head of Business Studies and Economics.

As a faculty we have spent the past few months preparing our students for their GCSE, A Level and BTEC courses. Our BTEC students are in the final process of completing their assignments and we are anticipating some excellent results across all our courses, both academic and vocational.

We will be launching a new suite of vocational courses across the faculty in September which will require us to develop closer links with local employers. These employers will be directly involved in delivering aspects of the curriculum. Mr Hamilton has been working closely with Glaxo Smith Klein's IT research and development department. They are developing opportunities for students to participate in real life ICT experiences in the corporate work place. Mrs Frost and Miss Amey are working with a local care home for the elderly to develop units of work relating to Health, Safety and Security and Infection Control in care homes.

Mr Bell also attended an Apprenticeship open evening for teachers at Glaxo Smith Klein which resulted in a group of Year 13 students attending an open evening for students, five of whom have made applications to the apprenticeship scheme.

Mr Hamilton recently visited Durrington High School in Sussex and spent the day looking at how they deliver their courses in Year 7, 8 and 9 to ensure that their students are "GCSE ready" at the start of Year 10. He returned full of ideas about how we can develop our courses at KS3 to engage students and increase the number of students opting for computing at GCSE. If anyone is interested in studying computing at GCSE they should start attending "Scratch Club" in September.

"Scratch Club" is a lunchtime and after school club that runs on Mondays and Tuesdays and allows students the opportunity to produce their own game making programs. On Tuesdays, Mr Bell and Dr Finn are working with our most able computer scientists with some Raspberry Pi computers to explore a range of different programming languages. Staff from Wilmott Dixon, the construction firm, are supporting this activity.

The psychology students in Year 12 are currently studying "Mental Health Issues", investigating how the treatment of mental health has changed throughout history and getting to grips with how difficult it can be to diagnose mental illness.

We will be starting a KS3 Psychology Club in September which will be run by our Post 16 students with support from staff. Topics that the club will cover include: improving your memory; visual illusions; altruism; the reasons behind criminal behaviour and non-verbal communication.

We will be welcoming the following new members of staff to the Faculty in September.

Miss Zloh will be teaching Psychology and Sociology

Mr Gopaul will be teaching Psychology and Sociology

Mrs Haggart will be teaching ICT and Computing

Mrs Taunton will be teaching Business Studies

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Dalal and Mr McCleish who are moving on to pastures new.

Mrs Frost

Director of ESS Faculty

## *Greetings from the new SST*

In the last edition of Nobel News, Mr Henson announced the appointment of the new Head Girl and Head Boy. We, Emma Bull and James Marshall, are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Alfie O'Brien (Deputy Head Boy) and Jaymie Younger (Deputy Head Girl) and of course, the rest of the Senior Student Team (SST), to arrange some great events to make the Sixth Form an enjoyable experience for everyone both socially and academically. We are hoping to organise social events such as an ice skating trip, academic events such as our Sixth Form University Challenge and community events like the Christmas Fayre. We also look forward to working with younger students, whether it is welcoming new Year 7s or sharing our experiences with older students as they make important decisions regarding their options. We aim to be a friendly and approachable team that is keen to listen to students' ideas, through our involvement in the Student Voice and Senate.

Our SST this year is made up of five areas: Core, Celebration, Events, Competitions and Project Management. The team is listed below. Everyone will play a key part in planning and coordinating events and we look forward to a very exciting year ahead.

Make sure keep your eyes peeled in future Nobel Newsletters for details regarding ice skating, the prom, inter-house competitions and much more...

Kind regards

The Senior Student Team



Team	Members	Roles
Core	James Marshall, Emma Bull, Alfie O'Brien and Jaymie Younger	Lead the SST and other Student Voice opportunities.  Main communication point between the Sixth Form and the rest of the school.
Celebration	Elisabeth Gross, Phazilah Rehman, Amy Barrett and Martha Nyakumbi	Monitor achievements within the Sixth Form.
Events	Jaden Navjee, Rita Mukwahuri and Georgia Nicholls	Organise and oversee main events.
Project Management	Alex Terrett and Juliette Georges	Maintain our budget and help with coordinating and planning.
Competitions	Luke (LJ) Taylor	Organise fundraising events for our charity and the Sixth Form.

## ***Year 8 news...***

It seems like a very long time since I last wrote in Nobel News about Year 8. I look back on this year with a lot of pride. As a year group, there have been a few ups-and-downs but there is a real feeling that the vast majority are beginning to show their undoubted potential. Year 8 students have made excellent progress in class and 17 students were rewarded at the year group Celebration Breakfast. This has continued since that moment and I am looking forward to excellent exam results at the end of the year. This will set them up beautifully for Year 9. Aside from academia, there has been significant success on the sports field, particularly in football where our boys won the District Cup against John Henry Newman, and on stage, with numerous students involved in school-wide events such as Celebration and MacDance Vision. Most recently, I was particularly proud to see Jack Howard 8T GBE in the Comet last month for helping his friend that had been knocked off his bike by a car. A true Nobelian, if ever there was one.

We also have much to look forward to. The next Year 7/8 Disco will be held at Nobel on Friday 24 June. There was a large number of students from the year group at the last one and I would hope this will be repeated next week. Students seem to have a fantastic time while there. The humanities faculty, and RE department in particular, will be leading an educational visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor in early July. This is a chance for our young people to experience another culture for the day and is always highly recommended by former visitors. I would like to encourage all Year 8 students to attend, it is a fantastic opportunity. We also have Sports Day on the horizon which represents a real chance for our group of athletes to showcase their many talents. I always enjoy Sports Day as it is a time to see the whole school community working together. I would like to see every Year 8 student involved in competing an event (injury and health permitting of course) on July

8 so that they can contribute to their house's achievement points.

As we come towards the end of the school year, it is important that Year 8 students begin to think about the coming year and their GCSE option choices. They will be making these decisions in December and students should be beginning to think what they would like to do now. It is an important decision and one that should not be taken lightly. Students also need to get into good learning habits now, ensuring they are always pushing themselves to improve and achieve. If they do this, they will be successful. That is a guarantee.

Mr B Lee

Head of year

## ***Nobelian wins bronze at Six Nations***

Student Ethan Walsh recently represented England at table tennis at the Six Nations in France - a tough competition with Sweden, France, Netherlands, Germany and Denmark all competing. Ethan picked up some great wins along the way - England just missed out on silver but were happy coming away with bronze in such a strong lineup.

Ethan said about the win "It was a great competition with tough opponents. I am pleased with my performance and bringing home a medal for England - I have another year left in this age group so hope to do even better next year in this event." He is now preparing for the European Youth Championships being held in Zagreb in July – good luck Ethan!



## Library news...

### Volunteer at Your Local Library and Inspire Children to Read This Summer

In 2015, over 18,500 children signed up to the Summer Reading Challenge in libraries across Hertfordshire and we are hoping for a repeat performance this summer, as children flock to libraries during July and August to take part in "The Big Friendly Read", the 2016 Summer Reading Challenge.

To support the children along the way, every summer we recruit an army of volunteers aged 14+. It's a great opportunity to make a positive contribution to your local community and help children to keep reading through the holidays.

Our Summer Reading Challenge volunteers are based in libraries, giving out rewards for each stage of the challenge that the children complete, and listening to them talking about the books they have been reading. We are particularly keen to recruit volunteers aged 14-24 to provide children with reading role models; however, volunteers of all ages are welcome to apply.

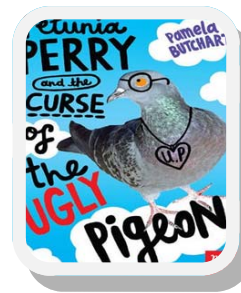
Register as a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer by visiting [www.hertsdirect.org/libraries](http://www.hertsdirect.org/libraries) and following the link to "Volunteer at your library" and selecting the link to the Summer Reading Challenge volunteer role. For further details, please email [srcvolunteers@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:srcvolunteers@hertfordshire.gov.uk).



### Book Corner

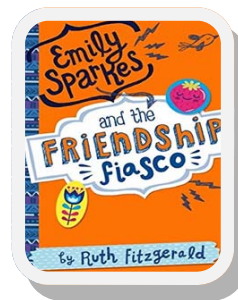


Our featured book display is inspired by the 'Laugh Out Loud' book award. The shortlisted books for 2016 are:



Petunia Perry has decided to write her memoirs. She wants the world to know what it's like to start secondary school with a best friend who stages one-person flash mobs in the canteen,

a mother who over-shares at parents' evenings and an unwelcome suitor who draws pictures of her as a unicorn. But it's when she decides to start a band with a spoon-player and a lead-singer who's a cat that things take a turn for the truly crazy...



Great for fans of Cathy Cassidy and Dork Diaries...

Emily Sparkes thinks having your best friend move to Wales at the same time as your parents decide to have a new baby is probably more trauma than anyone should have to cope with. But things go from bad to worse when she's paired with revolting Gross-Out Gavin for the school trip! Emily is determined to escape him, and when glamorous new girl Chloe Clarke turns up it seems her prayers might be answered.



Doctor Noel is facing his most terrifying situation EVER - a little dog called Napkin has come to stay. That may not sound particularly dangerous, but every POD (Pupil of Dangerology) knows the only safe pet is a pet rock. So

now Doctor Noel is hiding in a wardrobe while Napkin wreaks havoc around the Dangerzone. And all the while Doctor Noel is supposed to be writing his new VERY IMPORTANT handbook on Dangerology (Level 2). That is until the Pet of the Year (POTY) contest is announced and Doctor Noel hatches a plan. There's only one problem. Serial safety-flouter Max WURST is the judge. . .



Barry Bennett hates being called Barry. In fact it's number 2 on the list of things he blames his parents for, along with 1) 'being boring' and 3) 'always being tired'.

But there is a world, not far from this one, where parents don't have children. That's far too random for something so big and important. In this world, children are allowed to choose their parents.

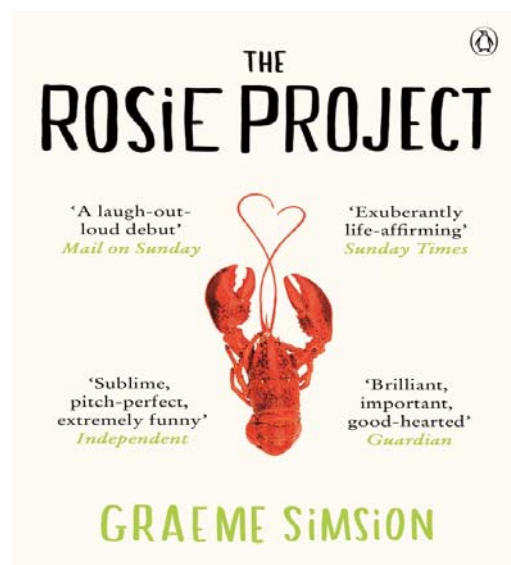
For Barry Bennett, this world seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple...

Ideal for fans of The Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Borrow these and more laugh out loud books from the school library!

## NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in the Library 6.30pm  
Tuesday 12 July 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

## Dates for the diary:

- 21 June - Yr12 Bedfordshire University Convention
- 23 June - Yr10 parents information evening for History trip
- 24 June - Yr7 and Yr8 Disco
- 27 June - Year 9 Graduation Ceremony, Gordon Craig Theatre
- 27 June - Visit Yr 8 Bhaktivedanta Manor (RE)
- 27 June-1 July - Yr 12 Public Services Army visit
- 29 June - Yr12 Biology visit to Whipsnade
- 30 June - Yr 8 visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor (RE)
- 1 July - Yr12 & Yr13 History visit to Hampton Court Palace
- 27 June-7 July - Yr10 Mock exams
- 28 June - Launch of 'The Bridge'
- 30 June - Yr11 ball, Knebworth Barns

### 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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THE NOBEL SCHOOL      A LEVEL ART EXHIBITION  
 Wednesday 22 June 2016      4 – 6pm

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Easy

**Logic puzzle answer**

Volume =  $(\pi)(\text{radius})^2(\text{depth})$

$V = \pi(r)(r)(d)$

So...

Pizza Volume =  $(\pi)(z)(z)(a) = \text{pizza}$

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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, the police, the armed forces 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 from 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 or 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.





# 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