

# News

15 September 2017

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## From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to all our students and parents, I hope that you have had a really good summer. It's been a fantastic start to the academic year. We are working on a number of new projects this year and over the next few editions of *Nobel News* we will explain some of these. Probably the most significant of these changes is around behaviour management; in the meantime, ask your son and daughter whether they have noticed any differences in the first couple of weeks of the new term – I'm sure they will have done.

We were absolutely delighted with the GCSE, BTEC and A level results this year and are pleased that all the hard work from students and staff seems to have paid off. At A level, special mention to Juliette Georges, Elisabeth Gross, Michael Hall, Jaden Navjee, Martha Nyakumbi, Alfie O'Brien, Michael Page, Haroon Urrehman, Jaymie Younger and James Marshall who all gained a clean sweep of top grades. James, Head Boy last year, will be going up to Christchurch College, Oxford, to read Law.

The vast majority of our Sixth Form students are leaving Nobel having maximised their academic performance and more importantly, as well-rounded individuals ready to play an active role in society – we are very proud of all of them.



We are also absolutely delighted with the GCSE results this year. Our students have worked so hard with support from our fantastic staff. Our lovely school really does go from strength to strength.

On another celebratory note, I recently received a letter from Reading University informing me that Adam Stout, a former Nobelian, has just graduated with a first class degree in chemistry. They were keen to tell us that they were 'extremely proud of his achievements' - we are as well, Adam! However, this letter did prompt me to think how nice it would be to have a regular feature in *Nobel News* where we celebrated achievements of Nobelians after they have left us and that this would certainly act as a motivation for our current students. So, if you have any such information about former students, I would like to start an alumni page as a regular *Nobel News* feature. Please pass this information to me via [head@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@nobel.herts.sch.uk)

It's great to be back and I look forward to working with you over the next academic year.

Kind regards

Martyn Henson

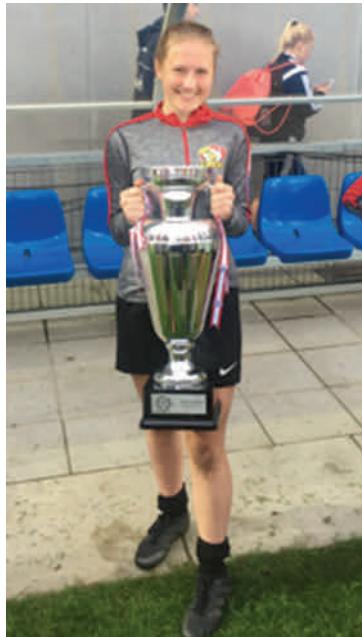
## **"The 'Dana Cup' in Denmark**

Congratulations to Louise Sollis who took a fantastic opportunity to play football for the American team 'Mansfield Crew' during the summer holidays in the 'Dana Cup' in Denmark. The formidable striker played alongside players from Ohio and Tennessee, along with a couple of Danish players, to represent the American team. There were 64 teams at the tournament and the club were unfortunate to be knocked out at the semi final stage, but took consolation in winning the 'Fair Play' trophy. To come 4<sup>th</sup> out of such a large number of teams from the USA, Europe and Africa is an outstanding achievement.

Louise said, *'It was a really fun experience. I got to meet lots of people and the chance to play in Denmark against so many culturally different teams has really developed my football.'*

Louise admitted it was a bit 'weird' playing for an American team with English sides being present, but her ability to adapt, fit in with foreign surroundings and to be so successful, shows us that the 15 year old has a bright future in front of her.

Louise played striker in the tournament with a tally of 3 goals.  
Well done Louise, we are very proud of your efforts.



Mr Spence  
PE Department

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Kiana Moradian in Year 9 who has passed Level 2 Latin with A\* in Core Latin and A\* in Additional Latin (equivalent to GCSE for Cambridge University and the Russell group of universities). A terrific achievement for a Year 9 student. Well done!

Mrs Byrne

## **Logic puzzle**

Weighing Bricks

A bricklayer has 9 bricks. 8 bricks weigh the same amount, but one brick is slightly heavier than the rest. The bricklayer wants to find the heavy brick. He has a balance scale. How can he find the heavy brick in only two weighings?

Solution page 6

## **Now recruiting...**

Three opportunities have arisen within the catering team at Nobel as the service is about to expand. Catering at Nobel strives to use fresh produce in its main meal offering and prepares the majority of its 'grab and go' products from scratch on site. As such, this makes for a busy site and one that is geared towards all staff working in harmony and towards the same goal. The team at Nobel is well established and the candidates that we are looking for to add to our existing staff must be focused, passionate and flexible.

We are now recruiting for the following posts:

General Catering Assistant x 20 hr  
General Catering Assistant x 20 hr  
General Catering Assistant x 35 hr

Please contact the school and ask for catering  
01438 222600

# **Exam invigilators urgently required**

We are looking to recruit exam invigilators to join our existing team and work with us during our school's exam periods, mainly May, June and December. Candidates must be well organised, confident in dealing with young people and able to remain calm under pressure. Experience is not essential as full training will be given. Flexibility in hours will be needed although this can be tailored to work around childcare.

The key focus of this position is to supervise exam invigilation and ensure that exam guidelines and regulations are met.

You will have good leadership and customer service skills and the ability to create a calm, organised and vigilant environment.



Week commencing 18 September

## C is for... corroborate

Verb

confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

"the witness had **corroborated** the boy's account of the incident"

Week commencing 23 September

## D is for... delegate

verb

entrust (a task or responsibility) to another person, typically one who is less senior than oneself.

"she must **delegate** some duties so as to free herself for more important tasks

Please email [hr@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hr@nobel.herts.sch.uk) if you are interested.

Nobel School is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all of its students and staff. The successful candidate will have to meet the requirements of the person specification in order to be offered the post and will be subject to recruitment checks, including an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references. We welcome applications from all suitably qualified candidates regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or religion.

## Sudoku

Daily No. 4090

Easy

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## 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

Solution page 6

## **Team Up Hub – Nobel School Cricket News update**

### **Girls Cricket Teams**

Cricket has risen to a new level this year thanks to the Team up Hub influence. Girls have had their own training sessions with the lady Taverner's coaches on a Tuesday evening throughout the autumn and spring terms culminating in all age groups (year 7,8,9, and 10) competing in the county Taverner's Sportshall tournaments.

Stevenage Cricket Club have also come into school to help run an all ages girls' cricket club where the girls' all-round skills have been developed. The girls have also been encouraged to attend the boys' cricket training sessions and have been an integral part of the boys' cricket teams. About ten girls have represented the different age groups within the boys' teams and have performed very well. This will continue next year with a real focus on offering a cricket club from Christmas onwards, to continue to encourage the girls to continue their participation in cricket in and out of school. About twenty girls from all ages have started training with Stevenage Cricket club which is an excellent outcome from the programme.

### **Activators training**

As part of the Team Hub programme we have trained up twenty girls to become leaders in cricket, 'Cricket Activators'. Hertfordshire County Schools Cricket came into school on June 8 and trained a group of youngsters (30 in total, 23 girls and 7 boys) to be activators -



students assessing and feeding back their performance in umpiring cricket with a county cricket coach. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activators training and have used the skills to help the PE department organise and run Calypso tournaments later in the summer term. All students who completed this days course thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have now become involved in cricket not only in a playing capacity but also as leaders and umpires as well.

### **Girls leading festivals for partner schools**

Throughout the summer term the girls have been invaluable in terms of helping to organise cricket festivals for partner schools. The cricket activators helped to organise and run the following festivals:

- County Cricket Calypso tournament for Primary Schools Level 3 Games at Stevenage Cricket Club on July 5
- District girls' Calypso tournament at Nobel School on 6 July

- Year 7 boys' Calypso tournament at Stevenage Cricket Club, 10 July
- Year 8 boys' Calypso tournament at Stevenage Cricket Club on 12 July

*Activators in action at Stevenage Cricket Club running the Primary level cricket competition.*



### ***Girls' Cricket Year 9/10 Team***

This year has been another very successful year for the girls' cricket team. They have competed in a range of different competitions ranging from Lady Taverners' indoor cricket to Calypso cricket and hard ball cricket.

This summer term they found themselves competing at a regional final in Leicester which was an amazing achievement. The girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the end of the competition and they showed true sportsmanship and valuable qualities and characteristics throughout the day.

The girl's cricket team also won the sports team of the year at our sports presentation evening. Here they are pictured receiving their shield from Mr Ben Wallis, Hertfordshire Schools county Cricket manager.



Since the Team Hub Initiative has been running at Nobel we can see the impact the programme has had on developing girls' cricket. In the near future we hope to start developing netball in the same way, continue to develop the work on cricket at secondary school level and develop our work in the primary schools by sending our activators into the primary school to develop cricket in year 6.

Mr Howells

## Dates for the diary:

<b>18 - 22 September</b>	<b>Year 7 Wymondley woods C &amp; E Mon - Wed M &amp; T Wed - Fri</b>
<b>19 September</b>	<b>Year 12/13 parents' information evening</b>
<b>19 September</b>	<b>Friends of Nobel meeting</b>
<b>21 September</b>	<b>Year 13 Product Design visit to Harrods</b>
<b>27 September</b>	<b>Year 7 Wymondley celebration and food tasting event</b>
<b>27 September</b>	<b>Year 13 Geography trip to London Docklands</b>

## Sudoku and logic puzzle solution

He divides the bricks into 3 groups of 3. He then weighs 2 sets of 3 bricks against each other. If they balance, the heavy brick is in the group that was set aside. If they do not balance, he then takes the group that was heaviest. He has 3 bricks left. He takes the 2 bricks from the 3 and weighs them against each other. If they balance, the heavy brick is the one which is set aside. If they do not balance, the scale will show which is the heavier brick.

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## 100 Club winners for August

Number	Name	Prize
79	G Thompson	£36
7	D Dennhardt	£28



## FRIENDS OF NOBEL SCHOOL

The Friends of Nobel School is a small, friendly group of parents, staff and supporters of the school who meet roughly once a month during the school year to plan a number of events - some of them to raise money for school projects and others just for the benefit of pupils.

### Forthcoming Events

Year 7 & 8 Autumn Disco	Friday 6th October 2017
Quiz Night	Friday 24th February 2018
Year 7 & 8 Spring Disco	Friday 9th March 2018
Barn Dance	Saturday 19th May 2018

If you are able to help in any way, either by joining the committee, helping out at events or offering raffle prizes or skills that you may have, please complete and return the slip below. We also run a profitable 100 Club, with half the money each month being paid out in prizes and half going to Friends' funds. Please tick the box below if you would like to sign up and we will send you the relevant forms. Thank you for your support.

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### Friends of Nobel School

- I would be interested in joining the Committee
- I would be willing to help at an event
- Please keep me informed of future events by email
- Please send me information on joining the 100 Club

If you have any ideas for future events, may be able to donate raffle prizes/vouchers or have any skills that might be useful, please give details below:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student name/form: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Friends of Nobel School, c/o Mrs Lynn Way, Admin Office, The Nobel School,  
Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage SG2 0HS.



Are you interested in gaining a qualification in

# Maths?

Hertfordshire Adult and Family Learning Service  
and Nobel School invite you to a **FREE** Functional Skills course in Maths

You will:

- develop your maths skills in a fun and relaxed way
- enjoy working in a group with similar interests
- apply what you learn to everyday life and situations
- discover strengths in maths you did not know you had
- gain a qualification



This course will take place over the school's academic year

Starts: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Time: 6.15 to 8.45 pm

At: Nobel School

***There is a registration fee of £5.00 per adult for this course, payable with reply slip***

If you are interested please return the slip below to the office

X.....

**Functional Skills Maths course:**

Name: .....

Contact Number: ..... Email: .....

I am interested in the maths course starting on: ...21<sup>st</sup> September 2017.....





## Helping Parents to Safeguard their Children

Saturday 14th October

Conference and workshops run by the  
Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10:00am to 2:00pm

The Oak Room, Hertfordshire Development Centre,  
Robertson House, Six Hills Way,  
Stevenage, SG1 2FQ.



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