

## From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

Students and staff have returned to school after the Easter break in great spirits and ready for the challenges of the summer term. A full programme of support and interventions are in place for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as we move quickly into the examination season. Many Nobelians came in over the holidays to work with staff on preparation and revision. I'm always impressed with the unbelievable commitment of our great staff who are so willing to give up 'holiday time' and weekends to support our students – thank you to the teachers and well done to students for coming in.

As you have appreciated our Easter holidays were different to other schools in Stevenage and I did receive a number of e-mails querying why the school had made these changes. In some quarters, it was even suggested that we changed the dates to suit my holiday arrangements! Far from it: in fact, my teacher wife and young children also had different holidays to Nobel. So, I thought, in the interests of being transparent, I would explain the rationale behind our term dates.

Two years ago, schools in Hertfordshire were given the chance to adjust the holiday dates with five 'occasional' days. We chose to shift the Easter holiday for the following reasons:

- ♦ This would give students in examination groups an extra week in the run-up to examinations, time more usefully spent in school than at home – where teachers can supervise learning and revision.

- ♦ The original dates broke up on a Thursday, which would mean students would miss another Friday. Sixth formers have 4 lessons of one subject on a Friday. It was felt they would be penalised – for this reason, we tried to always break up on Fridays and return on Mondays.
- ♦ By including Good Friday (a bank holiday) into the Easter holiday enabled us to extend the Christmas holiday to January 8.

I totally understand that the ability for schools to set their own holidays causes issues for our families and I am sorry for any inconvenience caused; however, I do need to warn you that this is likely to continue – one local primary school has opted to take a two week break at the end of May.

In future, in order to minimise this disruption, we will endeavour to work closely with our local primary schools so that our holiday dates are as close as possible. This will not always be the case so please check The Nobel School website for holiday dates before you book expensive holidays – there is so much variation that checking the Hertfordshire CC or any other website will not give you the accurate information you need.

As a final point, please take care to check October half-term 2018. Nobel and all other Hertfordshire Schools will be taking the week beginning Monday 29 October, a week later than normal and, unfortunately, a week later than the London schools (my wife and children). Please be assured that we will only ever set holiday dates that best suit our students.

Enjoy a sunny weekend, time to mow the lawn!

Warm regards

Martyn Henson

## Florence's week with the Royal Ballet

My name is Florence Cave and I am in Year 9

Last week I was selected to take part in The Royal Ballet Spring Intensive Programme at The White Lodge in Richmond Park.



I spent the whole week at the famous White Lodge School that was once owned by our Royal Family.

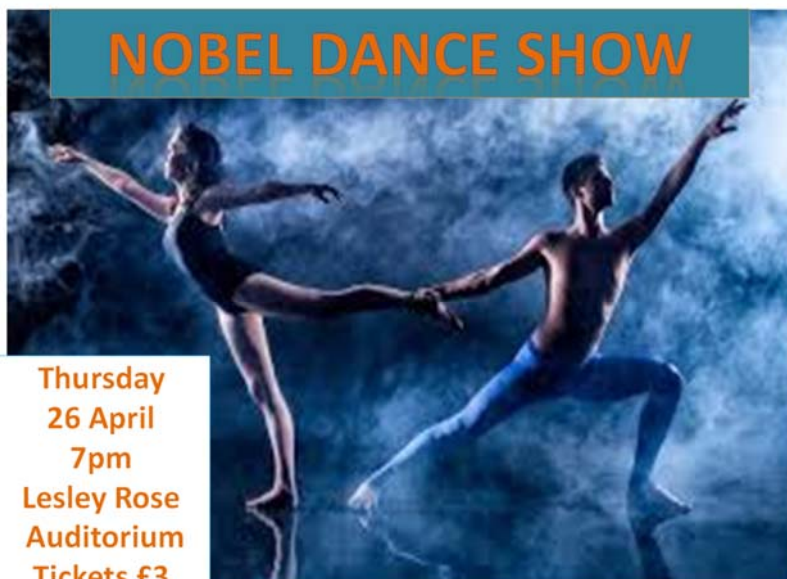
I boarded full time at the School so I got to stay in the dormitories with all the other dancers.



It was an amazing experience to dance in studios where many famous dancers like Darcy Bussell learnt their profession.

We spent each day dancing, learning dances from Swan Lake, and we were lucky enough to be taught by some of the best teachers in the world.

There were dancers from all over the world taking part – as far away as America, China and Australia.



## Logic puzzle

### My Mum and I

My mum was 27 years old when I was born. How old will I be when my age is the exact reverse of my mother's?

Answer: Page 7

## North Herts Schools Book Award

On March 21 the Nobel Book Group were thrilled to attend the North Herts Schools Book Award morning at Knights Templar School in Baldock. Eight schools from across North Herts were represented. Following an in depth discussion of the books the students voted for their favourite. While the students enjoyed their refreshments the votes were counted. We then settled down to a talk by last year's older category winner Miriam Moss. We were enthralled to hear how she came to write *Girl on a Plane* which is based on her real life experience of being on a hijacked plane as a teenager.

At the end of an exciting morning the winners of this year's award were announced.

The older readers category was won by *The Red Ribbon* by Lucy Addlington and the younger readers category winner was *Running on the Roof of the World* by Jess Butterworth. All books are available to borrow from the school library.



Our students with last year's winning author, Miriam Moss

## NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

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

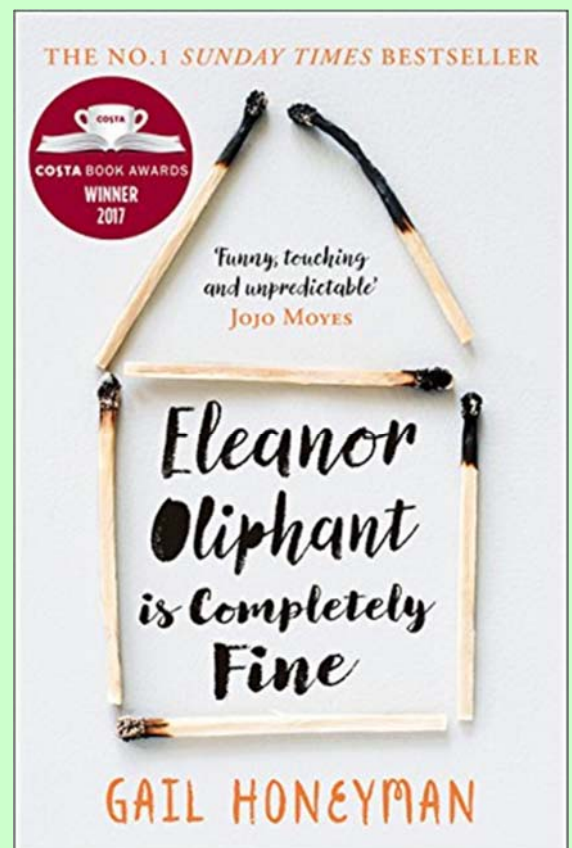
**Tuesday 08 May 2018**

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





# Language learners of the half term

February/March 2018



Mya Desewu	7M BPX
Megan Dhlwayo	7M LSE
Zoe Kitchen	7T PLT
Riley Jones	7T OZH
Harrison Sollis	8M HTR
Osokam Walter-Osedeme	8M SHS
Amellia Lund	8T MHN
Afrah Peeran	8T JKY
Deziyer Thomas	9M CTL
Dorian Krasniqi	9M RWT
Caleb Palluotto	9E GCK
Tom Savoury	10C DCE
Charlotte Rodgers	11M WPY
Jessica Blackburn	11M WPY
Tia Huntley-Peck	13 MMN



Molly Cave	11T BGZ
Cynthia Wordingham	12 GBE



Roni Klaij	7T JPT
Amey Tripathi	7C SMT
Draven Atkins	7E JHS
Sally Yu	7E TSH
Emily Howarth	8C LSA
Isabella Wilson	8C NKS
Charlotte Livings	8E ESR
Tia Anderson-Kobs	8E JBL
Lewis Matthews	9T JBT
Anjun Ahmed	9C DMV
Kia Shah	9T JBT
Rufus Cleary	8C DMV
Jared Trice	10C DCE
Kitty Butterworth	11E SWE



Charlotte Hooper	8T JKY
Claudia Mitu	8E JBL
Habibah Rahman	9M RWT
Alessio Wright	9E DCP
Victoria Robinson	9C RLR
Taylor Inglis	10C NBM
Callum Jack	11T BGZ
Molly Cave	11T BGZ
Rebecca Jull	13 MBS



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## Year 11 celebration breakfast



On Friday 13 April, we held a celebration breakfast for our students in year 11. The 23 students who have made the most progress since the last data drop, were rewarded for hard work, excellent progress and exemplary behaviour.

Mr Henson, Headteacher, in his address to the collective parents and students in attendance, commented that he is *“very proud of these students, particularly those who have really stepped up and have attended one of these celebrations for the first time. Their hard work*

*and commitment will ensure that they are fully prepared for the summer exams and they all deserve to do well. As always, those who continue to work hard and show exemplary attitude to learning are true Nobelians.”*

George Adkins

Amy Allinson

Dominic Buckland

Firdowsy Chowdhury

Matthew Draper

Stephen Goodall

Callum Jack

Phoebe Maidment

Libby Plummer

Ethan Walsh

Kelsey Winn

Rokib Ali

Leilani Baker

Nina Chopra

David Coulson

Ben Felstead

Holly Grace

Shannon Kitchen

Jack Newlands

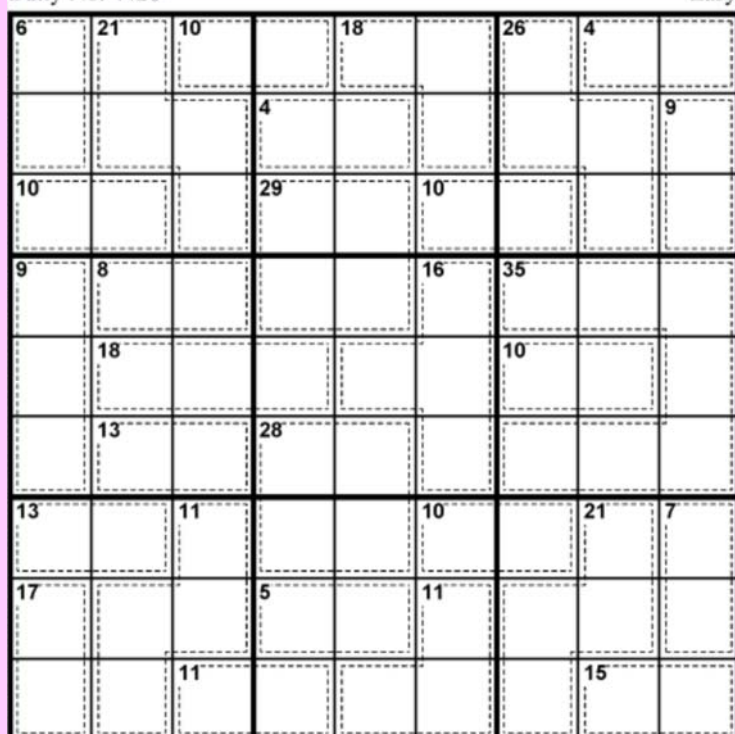
Libby Sypula

Stanley Webb

Ama-Nhyira Wood

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Easy



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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

Solution, page 7

## Salters' Festival of Chemistry - University of Cambridge

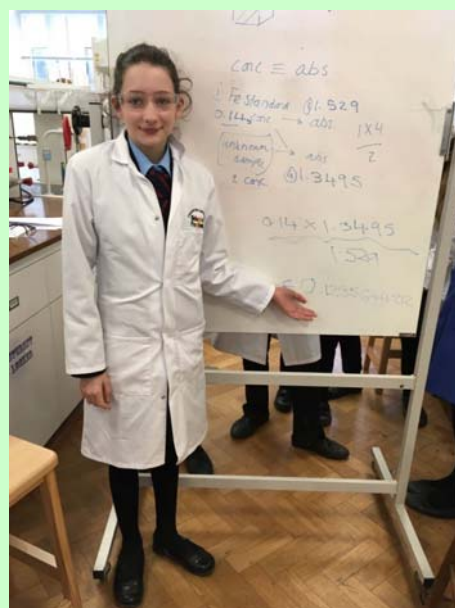
The Salters' Festivals of Chemistry are an initiative of the Salters' Institute. Their objective is to help promote the appreciation of chemistry and related sciences among the young. Salters' Festivals provide the opportunity for enthusiastic young students (years 7/8) to spend a day in a university department and to take part in practical chemistry activities which are fun! Prizes are awarded to the winning teams and all students receive participation certificates and fun prizes. The top teams also win a prize for their school.

On Thursday 22 March a team representing Nobel comprising of Charlotte Hooper, Callum Hodgson, Samuel Hutchinson and Megan Walker-Kosak (year 8) went to the University of Cambridge competition. As a team, they had two practical challenges which tested their team working and skills in accuracy, precision and observation. The main focus of the morning is the "Salters' Challenge" set by the institute and in the afternoon students tackle "The University Challenge", which is a practical investigation chosen by the University. This was followed by a lecture 'It's a gas' which explained the chemistry and roles of the gases which make air combined with some spectacular, and at times explosive, demonstrations!

Mrs Amy Pearson  
Director of Science



The Nobel Team



Megan Walker-Kosak

## Medical Mavericks

The science faculty were visited by Medical Mavericks this week to do workshops with some year 10, 11 and 12 students. Medical Mavericks travel the UK with a mobile hospital and students get the opportunity to experience and use real medical equipment to have an insight into STEM careers that they can get in to.

Students were inspired to choose a range of different careers in the medical industry from doctors and nurses to administration and midwifery. The workshops gave the students the opportunity to make informed career decisions.

They got to record their own ECG of their heart, use a needle to take blood from a fake arm, take a picture of the inside of their eye and much more.

The workshops helped to inspire students of all abilities to see what they can do in the medical industry. There were activities to engage all students, whatever their abilities, skills or aspirations.

Mrs Amy Pearson  
Director of Science





*"I learnt a lot and it was fun at the same time."*

Josh Bull

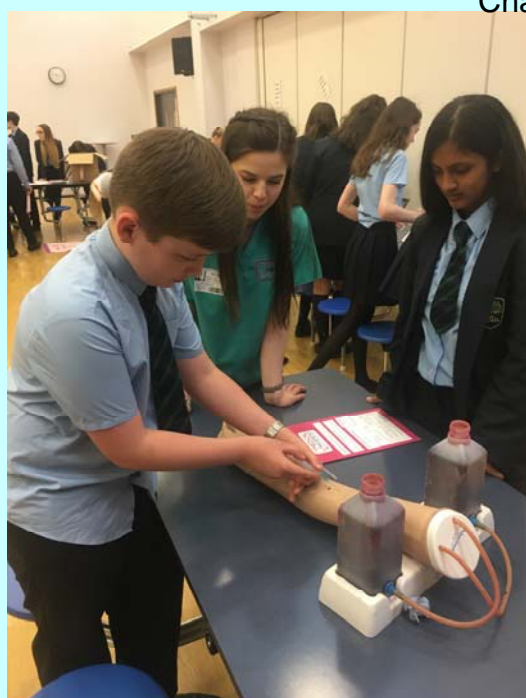
*"I've always wanted to be a nurse but this has made me realise I definitely want to be one."*

Cheche Cheche



*"The workshops were really helpful and useful and fun at the same time. I would like to be doctor."*

Charleene Kazura



# HYH Charity Sponsored Sleepout

Wow! What a truly amazing event!

From the initial stages of organising the logistics, working closely with the charity, liaising with the school and building the team of participants, this event was set to be successful! However, I would never have believed to this extent!

Herts Young Homeless are a local charity that work with young people in Hertfordshire who are homeless or at the risk of homelessness and the work they do is inspirational. It was for this reason that we chose to support such a wonderful cause, and also the fact that we were helping people of similar ages to us, in our own hometown.

It was great to have a team of 30 Sixth Formers and staff eager to get involved and after the full plans being put into place the event was underway! Our initial target was to raise £500, which we reached the morning of the event, after this we raised the target to £800 which would be an extraordinary amount and within a few hours we exceeded this too. On the evening, as a team, we decided to raise the target to £1000 and by promoting the event on social media we reached this by the end of the night! The total is now around £1600 but still going up and we can continue to get donations for this wonderful charity for the next 3 months through our online 'Virgin Money' page, via this link:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TheNobelSchool>

A massive thank you to the local community, The Nobel School and all those who have supported us! A special thank you to:

- ♦ Gangnam Restaurant
- ♦ Sainsbury's, Poplars
- ♦ Tesco Express, Mobbsbury Way
- ♦ Aston Parish Bakery
- ♦ Pig & Whistle pub, Aston
- ♦ Premier shops, Oaks Cross
- ♦ Nando's, Debenhams



The Nobel School Sixth Form work closely with charities and, this year, we have launched a charity project where each form have been encouraged to select a charity, raise money throughout the year and hand this over to the charity at a final presentation assembly. As Head Boy of the school, I wanted to bring together both year groups of the Sixth Form, the staff and the local community in a very exciting and active way whilst raising an amazing amount of money for charity. It has been a true honour to organise this event and raise this amount of money, knowing what a difference it will make!



A comment made alongside a donation is one I think sums up the event perfectly: "A night-time for you is a lifetime for others".

Jordan Dutt  
Head Boy



## Friends of Nobel School - FONS

Tonight, 20 April, sees our rescheduled Quiz Night, postponed from Ofsted week in February - 7pm for a 7.30 start. Teams can be made up of 3 – 6 people and the cost is just £4 per person on the door, so feel free to come along and bring your own drinks and snacks. There will be a raffle to raise additional funds for school, and we are again grateful to Mr Camp for putting the quiz together and acting as quizmaster on the night.

Next Friday, 27 April, is the Year 7 and 8 Disco, from 7 – 9pm. Tickets are £2.50 in advance or £3 on the door, and can be purchased from reception starting on Monday.

The final date for the diary is our third annual Barn Dance on Saturday 19 May. This is a great night, which this year includes a fish and chip supper (alternatives available). There is a cash bar on the night, and more information and a booking form can be found attached to this newsletter. We expect it to sell out, so please get your ticket order forms in soon!

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	G Butterfield	No 28	£35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	G Thompson	No 79	£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](mailto:friendsofnobel@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

## Sudoku solution

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## Dates for your diary

Friday 20 April - FONS Quiz Night

Thursday 26 April - Nobel Dance Show

Friday 27 April - Years 7 & 8 Disco

Monday 30 April - Year 12 mock exams (2 weeks)

Monday 7 May - Early spring Bank Holiday

### Logic puzzle Answer:

*I would be 14, my mother would be 41*

*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**

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*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:

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*If you have any questions please email [friendsofnobel@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnobel@gmail.com)*