

## From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

Many of you will have read the article in this week's *Comet* about Mr Burningham and our new venture – Nobel Network.

I will write more about Barry's enormous contribution to our lovely school after half term, but you will have gathered that he will be retiring from deputy headship this summer to pursue other interests and activities. He has been at the school for 26 years and deserves a rest! However, we are hoping that he will not be leaving Nobel completely and he will continue with his excellent work on gathering together past Nobelians.

Barry has already signed up nearly 200 former students and we would really like to grow this project much further. Please, if you are a former student, however long ago, please contact Mr Barry Burningham [alumni@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@nobel.herts.sch.uk) We would be thrilled to hear from you or any of your old school chums that you are still in contact with.

School has been very quiet since the last time I wrote to you. Year 13 and year 11 are deep in the throes of their examinations and have responded wonderfully well to the challenge – we will need to wait to see how successful they have been, but I can report that their conduct so far has been impeccable.

If you are a year 11 parent, please encourage your child to attend the pre-exam sessions that we are facilitating before each examination, feedback so far is that these have been hugely beneficial. I'd like to say thank you to our wonderful staff who have been putting on these sessions.

Over the last two weeks, I have been taking assemblies with all year groups about climate change. It was quite hard-hitting, designed to make our students think about the implications for the planet if we continue to squander its resources. We considered the causes and what needs to be done, at the end I made a plea for our school to make our pledge to use less energy, recycle more and to make a positive contribution. I have asked for student volunteers to help us with this and the response has been heart-warming.

As parents, can you support this project by urging your children to walk or cycle to school. It would be great if we could make this effort to cut down on emissions from cars around our school, it also gives Nobelians a chance to get some exercise.

It is half-term next week and I am looking forward to spending some time with my children – may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and joyful bank holiday weekend.

Warm regards  
Martyn Henson

## Nobel Thinks

On Wednesday 8 May, Tom Toumazis MBE came into school to speak to our students and the title of his speech was:

***“Wot they don’t teach you at Nobel School”***

Here he gave an insight into what he had achieved during his career and what characteristics individuals need to develop to make themselves more attractive to future employers. Tom gave helpful hints on what students need to do to be successful.

Tom’s biography is as follows:

Tom Toumazis MBE has a portfolio of directorships focused in technology, media and the arts. He’s a founder investor and Chair of three start-ups, Tagsmart, Fusebox Games and TVbeat and an external director of the Performing Rights Society for Music. Tom has held senior roles at ITV, The Walt Disney Company, Eurosport, Endemol Shine and Yahoo!

Tom is a public speaker, sharing his work/life experiences and encouraging young people to explore careers in the world of media and entertainment. He supports Speakers for Schools and London South Bank University, where is a visiting professor and Honorary Fellow.



Tom is Chairman and Founder of the Childline Board, which has raised over £13million since it was founded in 2005 and, in October, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the NSPCC. He was awarded an MBE in 2015 for services to children. He has run the London Marathon 8 times for Childline. He is a big fan of Arsenal and is currently learning to play chess!

At the end of his speech, there was a question and answer session, and students really came out with some challenging questions.

Mr S Howells  
Head of Enrichment & Character

## Dates for your Diary

**27 - 31 May** - Half-term holiday

**19 - 26 June** - Half Price Book Fair in the library

**1 and 2 July** - Year 12 Induction - compulsory for all Y11 students hoping to join Sixth Form



## Super Curriculum

Well done to Zoe Taylor in year 7 who is the latest student to complete all of the activities for a subject on the super curriculum. She has completed all the history tasks to a high standard, and all have been beautifully presented. Zoe has now moved onto the year 8 history tasks, including a clear and informative booklet about Hatfield House, and a poster on abolishing the slave trade. This is especially impressive, as this is something that Zoe has researched on her own, as she will not cover this in school for another year.

Have you completed all of the tasks on the Super Curriculum? Make sure that you tell your teacher! The Rewards Trip is coming soon...

Mr P Dean  
Lead Practitioner

## Microsoft Digigirlz

On Monday 21 May, a group of year 8 girls got the opportunity to attend an experience day at Microsoft. This initiative, called Digigirlz was the brain child of the CEO of Microsoft UK, Cindy Rose, whom the girls were fortunate enough to meet in person. Aimed at encouraging girls to consider studies and careers in technology, this fun-filled day was enjoyed by all.

The girls got to experiment with new technology including Hololens, a mixed reality device which was great fun.

However, the day was not just for fun and the girls had to come up with a new product to assist people with disabilities. Our girls rose to the challenge and came up with some great ideas which they coded on Micro:bit computers and then pitched to a panel of judges. All the girls gave a confident and accomplished performance and Mr Bell and I were very proud of them.

Well done girls, you were a credit to our school and true Nobelians.

Mrs Field and Mr Bell



## Sudoku Puzzle

Daily No. 4398

Moderate

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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

### Brain Teaser

$$1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9 = 100$$

Can you place + and - signs between the following numerals to make the equation true? You can only use a total of 3 symbols and you cannot rearrange the numerals.

$$1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9 = 100$$

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## Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

On Friday 10 May, we bid a fond farewell to our Year 13 students with a celebration leavers' assembly, hosted by Head Boy, Sam Wiggins, and Head Girl, Erin Oliver.

This is always a momentous event in the Nobel calendar for both staff and students, many of whom have been with us for the last 7 years, marking the start of study leave and the last big push towards the all-important final exams.

Mr Henson opened the show and was the first to wish our students well as they prepare to take their next steps into the world as young adults. He then handed over to Sam and Erin who presented the subject certificates, closely followed by a wide variety of student-designated awards, which were accompanied by much amusement.

The fun and laughter continued with a roll of honour, showcasing photos of each of our students as they were when they joined us way back in 2012 as well as a compilation video showing them as they are now, but outside of school.

We finished with an inter-form competition of Catch Phrase, which was convincingly won by Kai Matthews and Luke Jones (pictured below), on behalf of 13BLK. Well done to all who took part!



Finally, huge thanks to all of our Y13 Form Tutors for everything they have done over the last 2 years.

We are so proud of all of our young people and we wish you every success both during your final exams and beyond.



Media	Keown Cant
Sociology	Elysia Siddiqi
Spanish	Adwoa Bugyei-Kyei
Geography	Jessica Cheeseman
Geography	Dan Jones
Maths	Alexandra Baranova
Mathematical Studies	Emily Thomas
History	Emily Thomas
Biology - Group 1	Joanna Le Fevre
Biology - Group 1	George Mewyes
Biology - Group 2	Erin Oliver
Chemistry	Erin Oliver
Physics	Rebecca Owen
Applied Science	Charlotte Miller
Single Sport	Adam Randall
Double Sport	Harry Burrett
Philosophy	Jessica Callister
Philosophy	Holly Brown
Economics	Alexandra Baranova
Economics	Sandra Shali
Computer Science	Ryan Dance
Computer Science	James Boyer
Art - Graphics	Emily Whittaker
English Language/Literature	Georgia Dale
Art - Textiles	Emily Whittaker
Art & Design	Jay Bradford
Business	Chichi Anene
Theatre Studies	Ella Acton
Theatre Studies	Sarah Higgins
Psychology	Emily Norris-Smith
Health & Social Care	Charlotte Miller
PE	Samuel Wiggins

Mrs J Saville  
Head of Year 13

# Super Curriculum - Healthy Eating Week

To celebrate Healthy Eating Week, Ms Hills has created some additional activities for the super curriculum. There are lots of house points available and the tasks are fun and (often) edible!

Remember to look for the super curriculum tab of the school website to find the **brand new** activities, which are also listed below:

Have breakfast	5-a-day	Drink plenty	Get active
<p>Explain why it is important to eat breakfast before school, and keep a breakfast diary</p> <p>[2 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Have a mixture of 5 different fruit and vegetables each day, document and research when they are in season and why they grow at that particular time of the year. (Remember, potatoes do not count as one of the 5 a day).</p> <p>[2 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Create a brainstorm of a range of unsweetened (no added sugar) drinks. Minimum of 7 different drinks.</p> <p>[2 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Attend at least 1 extra-curricular activity in PE. PE teacher must sign to say you have attended.</p> <p>1-2 activities [2 aspiration points]</p> <p>3-4 activities [4 aspiration points]</p> <p>5+ activities [6 aspiration points]</p>
<p>Make a healthy breakfast for the family to enjoy together. You must include all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Fibre – using whole grains</li> <li>♦ A source of dairy, eg milk, low fat/ sugar yoghurt</li> <li>♦ One of your 5 a day</li> </ul> <p>Take a photo of the breakfast you have made as evidence.</p> <p>[3 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Create a poster to explain why our bodies need 5 a day. Use the following website to help you: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a> <a href="http://www.nutrition.org.uk">www.nutrition.org.uk</a></p> <p>Remember, make your poster creative and encourage people to eat 5 a day.</p> <p>[4 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Drink 2 litres of water per day, which equates to approximately 6-8 glasses. Document and explain why it is important to drink water. Use the following websites to help you: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a> <a href="http://www.nutrition.org.uk">www.nutrition.org.uk</a></p> <p>[3 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Complete 10,000 steps each day for a week. Use a pedometer or your phone (health app) to track the information – remember, you cannot check your phone during school. Screen shot from the phone as evidence.</p> <p>[5 aspiration points]</p>
Super Challenge	Super Challenge	Super Challenge	Super Challenge
<p>Have a different whole grain or other higher fibre food at breakfast, plus at least one of your 5 a day every day for a week!</p> <p>Please take photos as evidence.</p> <p>[5 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Find a healthy recipe, which includes at least 3 fruits/ vegetables and make the recipe. Please take photos of you making as evidence. Use the following website to help you: <a href="http://www.bbcgoodfood.com">www.bbcgoodfood.com</a></p> <p>[5 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Come up with 3 new flavours of infused water, using fruit, vegetables and/or herbs – be creative!</p> <p>Please take photos as evidence. Write a few sentences to describe your new creation.</p> <p>[4 aspiration points]</p>	<p>Download the NHS app, Couch to 5K. Complete and screen shot the distance as evidence.</p> <p>1K [1 aspiration point] 2K [2 aspiration points] 3K [3 aspiration points] 4K [4 aspiration points] 5K [7 aspiration points]</p>





# GCSE **ART** EXHIBITION

Tuesday 11 June 4 – 6pm

In the Art Department, Nobel School



# The Nobel Festival

On Tuesday 18 June, the Performing Arts Faculty is proud to present the very first Nobel Festival, showcasing the fantastic work that students are doing in their lessons across the faculty. There are two performances, one from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and the second from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

We are always looking for additional performers so, if your son or daughter is interested in taking part, please ask them to speak to Mr Gimson, Mr Hardy or Mrs Llewellyn in the Performing Arts office.

We look forward to seeing you there!



# Calling all 'old' Nobelians

We now have over 130 old Nobelians signed up on the database, but we really want many more. If you have a relative or friend that came to the school between 1961 and now, please get them to use the links below or to email [Alumni@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Alumni@nobel.herts.sch.uk)

For the Nobel Network reunion on 13 July:  
<https://tinyurl.com/Nobel-Reunion>

To join the Old Nobel Network:  
<https://tinyurl.com/Join-the-database>

We very much look forward to hearing from you soon.

Mr B Burningham

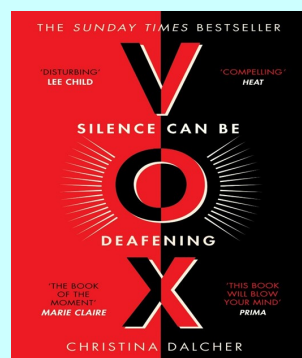
## NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in **the Library**,  
6:30pm, Tuesday 4 June 2019

The books to read are:

**Silence Can Be Deafening**

**The Last Thing She Told Me**



Read all, or part of, the books, and come to 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)

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## Library News: a polite reminder!

Over half term, please hunt out any outstanding books you may have from Nobel School Library. Please check around at home and in the bottom of bags for forgotten library books. Books are issued for two weeks and the date is stamped on the return label. If you need to keep books longer than this bring them into the Library for renewal. Please do not wait for an overdue notice or invoice home. Other students are waiting to borrow that book!

Thank you for your co-operation and have a lovely break.



Mrs Essakhi  
Librarian

## Puzzle Solutions

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### Brain Teaser

ANSWER:  $123 - 45 - 67 + 89 = 100.$