

## From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

My senior colleagues and I have been visiting every lesson, every day since the beginning of term back in September. We call in to check that everyone is working as hard as they possibly can, and this has proved to be very successful and popular with teaching colleagues as well as students. Lessons are focused and we have seen a real improvement in the work that students are consistently achieving. We need you to do the same at home; check books, challenge your children to be the very best they can be. In the past, too many of our students have settled for the moon when they could be reaching for the stars. It's incumbent on all of us to push our Nobelians academically as well as developing their good character.

Mr Brown, with the support of Mr Lovelock and Mr Howells, is currently looking to develop further our character curriculum, with improved work experience opportunities. I will report back to you about this further in Nobel News after Christmas.

In the meantime, I can report great news from year 9, where three students: Charlie-George Brown, Joe Thompson and Rania Soued won the eastern regional heats to progress to the finals of The Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers competition at Birmingham NEC in March next year. They conducted research into the diffusion of food colouring in Skittles, with different volumes of water. Well done, you are a credit to our lovely school.

Finally, I need to inform you of some important forthcoming dates. First, next Friday, 29 November, is a school holiday – I am sure you will have seen this date in the calendar but I wanted to remind you. Second, the autumn term will finish at 12:15pm on Thursday 19 December. Finally, to remind you that year 11 mock results day is on Thursday 5 December at 2pm.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards  
Martyn Henson

For the past few months, I've been attending The British Film Institute's Future Film Academy as it was the perfect opportunity for me to decide what I want to do in the film industry and to get a better understanding of the experience and expectations of film. I can assure you that I have learnt a huge amount from this course within the span of a just a couple of months!

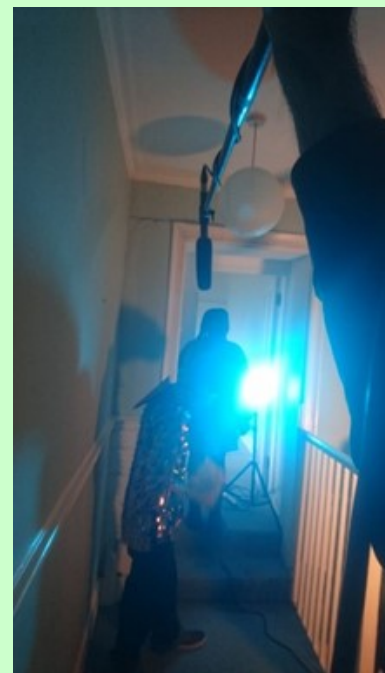
The Future Film Academy facilitates twenty 16-19 year old aspiring filmmakers to produce their own short film of less than 10-minutes duration. For my role, during production, I was a sound recorder; in the post-production phase, I was an assistant editor and, in this course, you are instructed how to use the equipment by professionals in the film industry.

Being able to use the equipment required for capturing sound in a double system helped me to understand the physical operating rather than just simply knowing it. I learnt how to use a H6 handy recorder, the exterior boomer and dead cat skin, the reason for the sound recorders, handling the weight of the mic and how to adjust it.

During the production week, from 21 - 25 October 2019, being able to sound record was so much fun and fascinating, as it allowed you to understand and grasp everything else on set, for example the viewing of the camera and the colour grading.



Being a sound recorder isn't difficult but is most definitely an important role in the production phase. However, one of the most challenging scenes we had to take involved the microphone being projected onto the wall with a gelled light. Long story short, we don't want the mic on show nor its shadow. That shadow was one of the most difficult distractions in our film, as it would always get in shot and, if it didn't, the mic wouldn't capture enough!



If I continued to talk about my week, I'd probably end up writing a whole book worth of information, so I'll end this article by saying that if you are really interested in what goes on behind film (such as copyright, cinematography, directing, editing, etc., **but not acting**), then I strongly recommend applying for this course <https://www.bfi.org.uk/education-research/5-19-film-education-scheme-2013-2017/bfi-film-academy-scheme> It will help you understand what roles best suit you and provide you with more opportunities in the future.

Makhail Rehman 12GBE

## Year 9 Options

Year 9 students are busy making decisions about the subjects that they would like to continue to study during Key Stage 4.

We were delighted to welcome most year 9 students and their parents to our Options Fair on Wednesday 13 November. This event gave them an opportunity to discuss courses and ask questions of subject teachers to help inform the decision making process. Students have also been working through activities in tutor time to assist them with making their choices.



The booking system will be open from 21 until 28 November and parents will be able to book an appointment with a specified member of staff. Please visit [www.nobel.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://www.nobel.parentseveningsystem.co.uk) to book your appointment, logging in with the following information:

Student's First Name / Student's Surname / Student's Date of Birth

If you do not have access to the internet or have any problems logging in, please email [liz.maden@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:liz.maden@nobel.herts.sch.uk)

Mrs N Rose  
Deputy Head

## Year 9 Careers Visit to Elstree Studios

On Monday 18 November, 100 Year 9 students were given the opportunity to attend a careers fair at Elstree Studios in Borehamwood. The students were treated to talks from the managing director of Elstree Studios who highlighted the many careers available in the ever growing Creative Industries. They then had the opportunity to speak with a range of professionals on the different jobs available and were able to see what each involved. These ranged from makeup, lighting, location scouting, to prosthetics and animation.

The students really enjoyed the visit and were given an insight into how to get into the industry and the sheer number of careers that they could consider.

Mr M Jones  
Head of year 9



## Subject Ambassadors for Science

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent science at Nobel. You will likely be seeing us in lessons, helping in extra-curricular activities or representing science at Nobel School events.

Our team of ambassadors consists of: Leah Thomas and Dasha George-Ochelli leading biology, Pathanchali Thevacumar and Gemma Wallis leading chemistry, Alex Boxer for physics, Callum Roulson for applied science and George Ewbank and Naomi Mbewe as heads of science.

We look forward to encouraging and inspiring Nobelians to pursue science, and to see our young scientists develop to follow their ambitions well into the future. More than anything, we want to help make this happen.

George Ewbank and Naomi Mbewe



## Roche - Generationext

On Friday 15 November 2019, our year 12 chemistry class visited Roche in Welwyn Garden City, to participate in the 'Generationext' programme. Our class was divided into two groups and we took part in an immersive theatrical activity. The tasks involved us doing various different science related activities and solving different problems. For example, we were instructed to explore for clues in a room which led us to unlock a safe. Additionally, we had to find suspects and interrogate them to acquire information on how to defeat the criminal who was planning on eradicating the human race.

It was certainly an enjoyable experience and it gave us an insight into the pharmaceutical industry. Most importantly, this visit was highly inspiring because we were given the opportunity to talk to people from different scientific fields which enabled us to get a better understanding about the different science related careers.

Gemma Wallis and Pathanchali Thevacumar  
Ambassadors for Chemistry

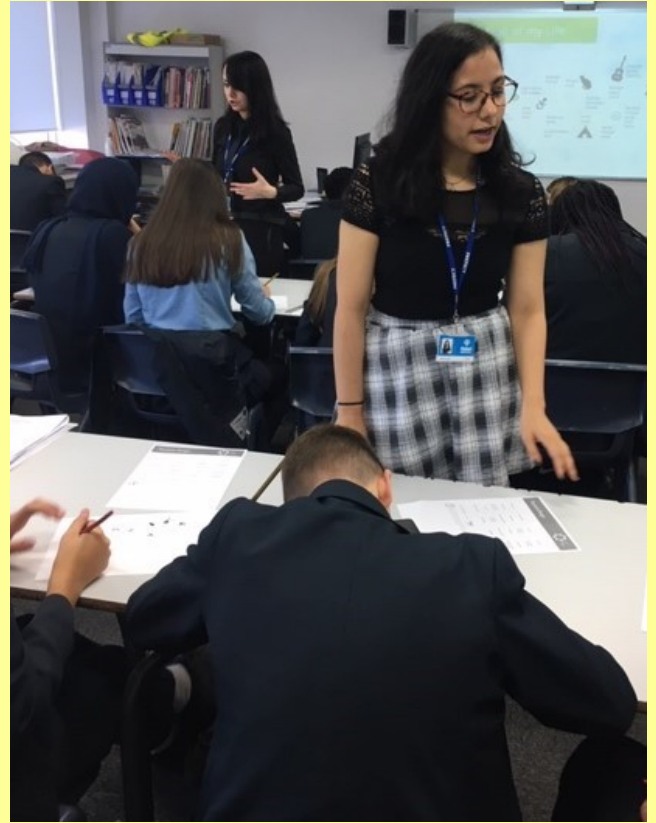
## Work the Change: 5 and 6 November

Work the Change is an employability training programme for young people in the UK designed to ease the school-to-work transition. Helping young people understand what employers are looking for and how they can assess their own skills and experiences. Sixth Form students are trained to deliver workshops to Year 10 students.

Year 12 student, Taylor Inglis, describes her experience below:

*“Personally, I found my experience in Work the Change a highly rewarding one. I know many people were discouraged from taking part by the fact that it is quite a large commitment of your time. The only thing I can say in response is that it’s a payment of only ten hours for an experience that you can’t find anywhere else.*

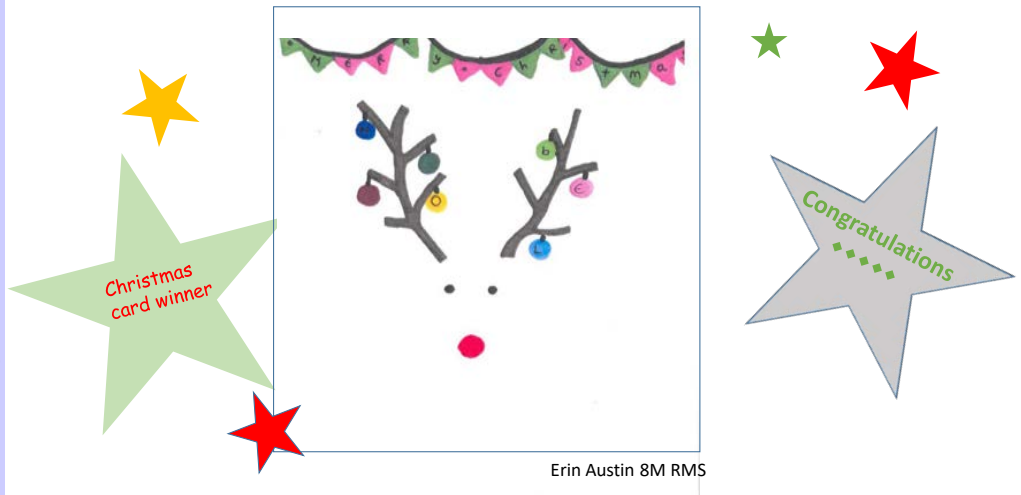
*The leaders made it so easy to understand, and it benefits the year 12s as well because you’re learning about employability skills along with the year 10s. It opens so many doors, and gives you so much to talk about not just in UCAS applications but job interviews and in any other situations where you find yourself in a position of having to talk about yourself. It’s such a valuable experience, and builds your confidence and knowledge. I would 100% recommend it to anyone else who may be considering it.”*



# Nobel Christmas Card Competition - Winners Announced

There was some stiff competition amongst year 7 and 8 students to design the annual Nobel Christmas Card. Mr Henson received in excess of 125 entries and had a very difficult task selecting the three winners, whose designs are featured below. Congratulations to Erin, Daniel and Ellis and very well done to everyone who entered.

## CONGRATULATIONS ERIN



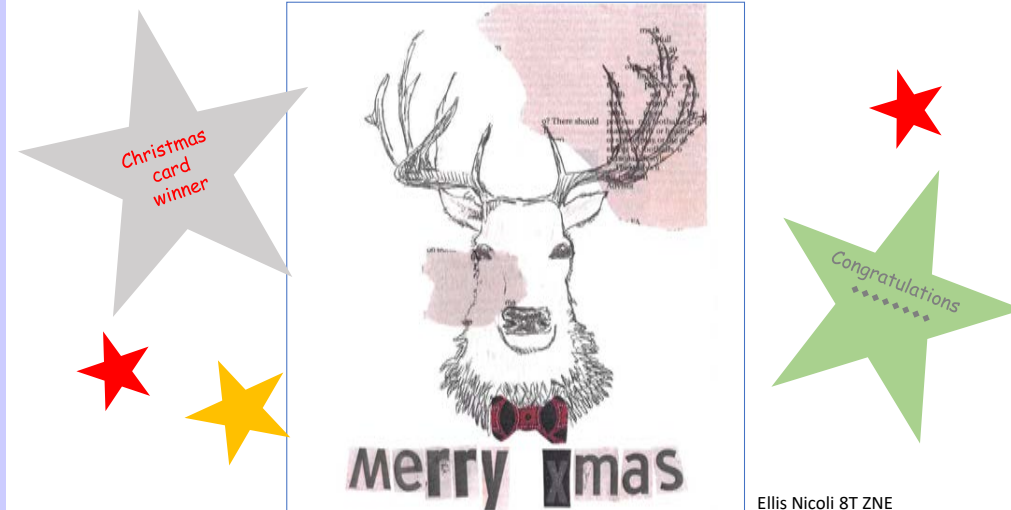
Erin Austin 8M RMS

## CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL



Daniel Markland 8E PCN

## CONGRATULATIONS ELLIS



Ellis Nicoli 8T ZNE

# Nobel and Stevenage Community Food Bank

Form 7T KPR are hoping to make a difference this Christmas to families who find themselves in sudden financial crisis by working with Stevenage Community Food Bank.

If you have any spare food items that you would be willing to donate, please help 7TKPR to make this a happier Christmas for those in need. Thank you for your support.



7T/ KPR are Partnering with Stevenage Community Food Bank

Please help us provide families with some Holiday Cheer.

Donations are welcome up until 13 December

## Donations Needed:

### Christmas List

Custard  
Mince Pies  
Christmas Cake  
Crisps  
Savoury Snacks  
Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Gravy Granules  
Sponge / Christmas Pudding  
Cream Crackers  
Box of Biscuits  
Tubs of Chocolates  
Selection Boxes  
Pickles  
Pickled Onions

Tinned Meals  
Chilli Con Carne  
Chicken Curry  
Meatballs  
Irish Stew  
Chicken in White Sauce  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Potatoes  
Pasta Sauce  
Jam  
Peanut Butter  
Orange Squash  
Tinned Fish  
Rice  
Coffee

## Nobel Environment Group

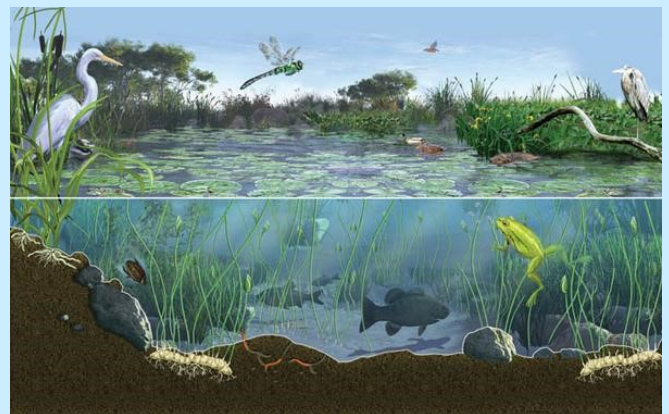
We need you!

Since the end of the last school year, I have been running an environment group with the help of Mrs Rose. As a group, we aim to reduce the impact the whole school has on the environment to contribute to our battle against climate change. We have established three key areas, which we want to tackle:

1. Increase the amount we recycle as a school and decrease the amount of litter in the school
2. Clean up the pond - over the last few years the school's pond has deteriorated, therefore we wish to bring it back to life with a big clean-up of the pond and, hopefully, encourage wildlife to adopt it as their home turning it from a deteriorating pit into a fresh, new, booming ecosystem
3. Reducing the school's carbon footprint by reducing the amount of electricity we use, limit the amount of plastics we produce and limiting our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

However, we need your help.

Firstly, please encourage your sons and daughters to get involved, to reduce waste and recycle more. If you have any ideas or information to support us, especially on the best pond life and the best way to maintain the pond, please feel free to contact us via Mrs Rose [naomi.rose@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:naomi.rose@nobel.herts.sch.uk)



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# Christmas Lunch

18 December 2019  
Student Price: £2.25

ROASTED TURKEY WITH ROASTED POTATOES, STUFFING, PIGS IN BLANKETS, VEGETABLE MEDLEY WITH REDCURRANT GRAVY

Or

CHARGILLED VEGETABLE TART (Vegetarian/Vegan)

&

CHRISTMAS THEMED CHEESECAKE

Or

POACHED PEACHES WITH BLUEBERRIES (Vegetarian/Vegan)

accompanied by carol singing and served by members of staff

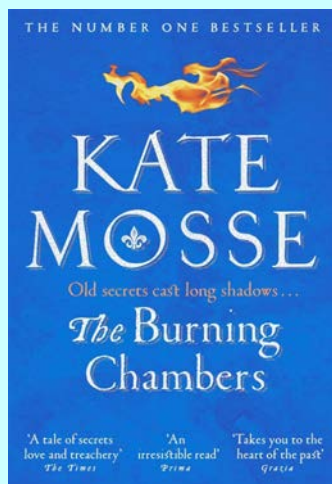
Tickets available from the Grab 'n' Go counter using your card - must be bought before 11 December.

Students on Free School Meals should collect their tickets from Mrs Way, in the main admin office.

## NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in **the Library**, 6:30pm, Tuesday 3 December 2019

The book to read is:



Read all, or part of, the book, 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)

## Dates for your Diary

**29 November** - Occasional Day - school closed

**11 December** - Year 11 Consultation Evening, 3:15 - 6:45pm

**18 December** - Presentation Evening, 6:00 - 8:00pm

**Please note that Mobbsbury Way will be closed for resurfacing from 8.00pm-5.00am between 22/11/2019 – 27/11/2019**

