

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a challenging two weeks, but no more so than for everyone else in the community. The last six months have been hard for the whole country but we are pleased to be back at school and I can report that learning has been first class. Behaviour at the school has been exemplary and we are very proud of the way our students have adapted to the 'new' normal. However, we will be continually challenged by Covid 19 as we move through this year, and it is vital that we stay calm and do all we can to protect everyone at school.

As you know, year 11 have been learning from home since Wednesday morning and they have reacted fantastically well. Having been sent home at 10:50, the vast majority of them were on-line by 11:15 and engaging in their science lessons.

Some of the things we have done to keep 'bubbles' apart have worked so well that we will certainly look at retaining them when we get back to 'normal'.

For example, separate dining and break facilities have been beneficial to all groups, and lunchtimes have proved much calmer and easier to manage. We are constantly looking at our current provision and how we might extend and improve what we do.

Year 11 will be back at school on Monday but, might I remind you that, if your child shows any of the key symptoms then you should not, under any circumstances, send them to school.

In this eventuality, seek to get a test as soon as possible and let us know the result straight away. This way we can keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your support, have a great weekend and take care.

Warm regards
Martyn Henson

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

Five determined and motivated Year 13 students, Alex Boxer, Tia Zealand, Thomas Long, George Craig and James Marsh, who missed the opportunity of going to the Peak District to complete their Silver Award in June have returned, taken heed of the new socially-distanced requirements and completed a successful Silver Practice expedition locally. Their two day, two night expedition resulted in students swapping their campsite for the school field, erecting a tent each and cooking meals for one; yet, despite the cooler weather, they have overcome all obstacles, persevered and completed their Silver Practice Award. Their resilience and determination to succeed is a real credit to them!

Miss Lisa Steele
DofE Co-ordinator



GCSE Artwork

A fantastic display showcasing our current Year 12 Art Graphics students, Kiah Shah and Clara Juanillo's GCSE coursework.

Kiah says:

Over the two-year course, Art Graphics has been an engaging mix of various starting points that have lead to many unexpected outcomes. With the freedom to design for almost any company - the type of advertisement or design ideas being endless - there were an incredible amount of possibilities, which could have taken any turn.



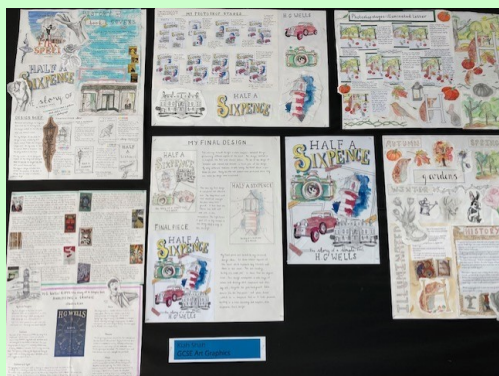
My ideas always stemmed from my own interests, as the inspiration can then be prolonged throughout the project, letting my creativeness blossom. My final pieces were carefully constructed with much thought.

Each project starts with a single word as the stimulus, and all exploration is done based on this word. It is incredible to see how it evolves over time from something so simple. Following the whole project, visually documenting each stage, is like a manifestation of all the thoughts in my head. It's really nice to see this progress from project to project, and also how my work has improved during the two years.



Clara says:

Art Graphics was such a treat to study at GCSE. I saw it as a breather from the more intense, brain-focused subjects and always took the opportunity to really express my more creative side. During the first few topics, we were really guided through the process and, as the course progressed and we gained confidence, we had more freedom to approach it from our own perspective, which I really enjoyed.



Friends of Nobel School (FONS) News

Friends of Nobel (FONS) are very glad we have been able to continue to support Nobel School. We were able to help the school purchase 12 more visualisers in June, and we are all pleased that students are able to benefit from learning in classrooms again.

As we are not currently able to run the discos or quiz nights, we are looking at other ways to raise funds. One idea we are pursuing is an online auction. If you would like to help with this effort, please contact us through Barry Burningham (former Deputy Head) at barry.burningham@nobel.herts.sch.uk

For the foreseeable future, FONS have decided we will be meeting on Teams (similar to Zoom) and, in order to join you will need an email link, which you can get from Barry Burningham by emailing him as above. We have yet to set a meeting date for October, but will include information in the next Nobel News.

We have continued to run our 100 club monthly draws throughout this last six months but, during this time, we have had a number of people end their subscription and would welcome some new participants. Please see the attached form at the end of Nobel News for more information. Without greater participation, we may need to re-evaluate whether to continue the 100 Club raffle.

The winners of the 100 club drawing for the last few months are listed opposite.

April 100 Club Winners

1st	K Weekes	No. 60	£26
2nd	N Pedder	No. 58	£17

May 100 Club Winners

1st	S Betts	No. 96	£26
2nd	C Hodgson	No. 46	£17

June 100 Club Winners

1st	T Walsh	No. 99	£26
2nd	P Males	No. 43	£17

July 100 Club Winners

1st	P Heyes	No. 22	£24
2nd	J Rodgers	No. 65	£14

August 100 Club Winners

1st	G Williams	No. 49	£24
2nd	J McGuigan	No. 57	£14

Satchel One

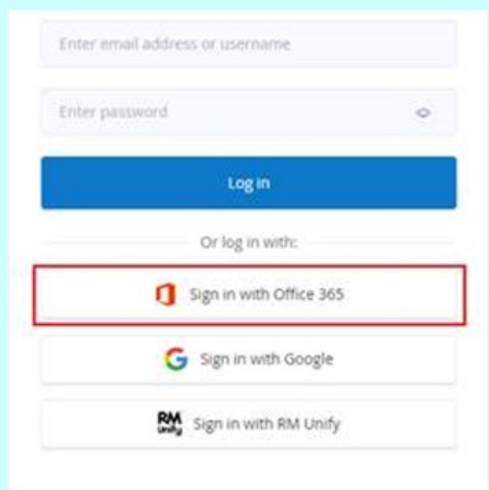
Satchel One, previously known as Show My Homework, enables you, as parents, to view all homework set for your child and when it is due in.

To get started, all you need to do is click on the Show My Homework tab at the top of the home page of the school's website or visit www.satchelone.com and search for The Nobel School, Mobbsbury Way. To create a parent account you need a code from school - If you need a new one, please let me know.

You can also download the free app from **Satchel One** to your phone, tablet or iPad. This will allow you to receive notifications of homework set and the deadlines given. This is a really easy way to support your child in ensuring they stay on top of the work they are being set.

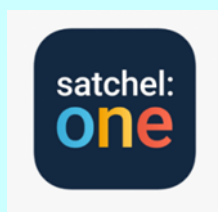
Your child will use the same sign on for Satchel One as they do for their school email account. When they login to Satchel One they must click on the orange "Sign in with Office 365" button as shown in the picture below, then enter their school email address followed by their usual school password, when prompted.

Please note that, if you or your child has misplaced or forgotten your login details, you can still see the whole school PLT calendar by clicking on the Show My Homework tab at the top of the home page of the school's website. You can then filter by year group to find relevant homework that has been set.

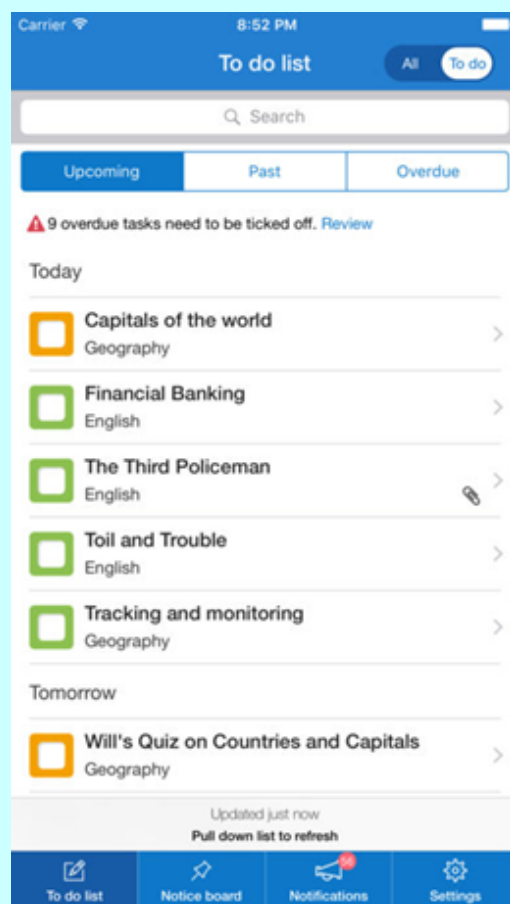


Many of the homework tasks now being set make use of multiple choice quizzes to support students to regularly practise retrieving information in order to ensure that it is genuinely learned and not just retained for a few days. In order to complete quizzes students must be logged on or their score will not be saved.

If you require a new parental PIN then please contact me in school and I will be able to send you one. Any Year 7 students who are still having difficulties getting logged on do need to let me know so that I can help resolve any outstanding problems. Please email me at naomi.rose@nobel.herts.sch.uk



Mrs N Rose
Deputy Headteacher





Science club.

Who is it for: Year 7

When : Monday 3:00-3:45

Where: Hu08



How to support your child using GCSEPod



What is GCSEPod?

GCSEPod is an award-winning expert in Subject Knowledge. We provide 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, teacher written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics covered in lessons.

Experts read and explain everything clearly including all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and diagrams on screen.

Tips & Tricks

- **Watch online or offline!** Ask your child to download some Pods to their mobile device, this way they are free expand their knowledge wherever they go.
- **Create Playlists!** Use the My Playlist area to create bespoke playlists on topics that they may find challenging. Having a personalised playlist means your child has fast access to Pods that will help to fill in knowledge gaps.
- **Use Favourites!** Challenge your child to a favourite 10 Pods on topics they find difficult/challenging. Watch the Pods together and use one of our other suggested learning techniques to help simplify what it is they're struggling with.
- **Memory Cards!** Watch the Pods and then together write key facts, dates, diagrams and quotes. Then test their knowledge to see how much they remember.
Top Tip* Turn it into a competition and reward your child for correctly answered questions. If you're stuck on what questions to ask your child then head over to our 'Quiz your Child' document.
- **Support Homework!** GCSEPod isn't just for revision, it's to help expand your child's subject knowledge. If your child is struggling with a piece of homework, you can search for the topic on GCSEPod and use the Pods as an additional resource.

Does your child know they have access to GCSEPod?

If your son or daughter have already activated their account, they simply need to log in with the username and password they've created.

If they've not yet activated their GCSEPod account, simply follow these simple instructions:

1. Go to www.gcsepod.com
2. Click **Login**
3. Click **New Here? Getting Started**
4. Ensure they've selected they are a **Pupil**
5. Enter their personal details as requested
6. Create a Username and Password



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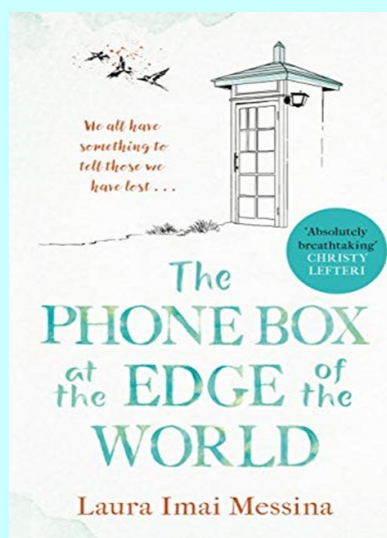
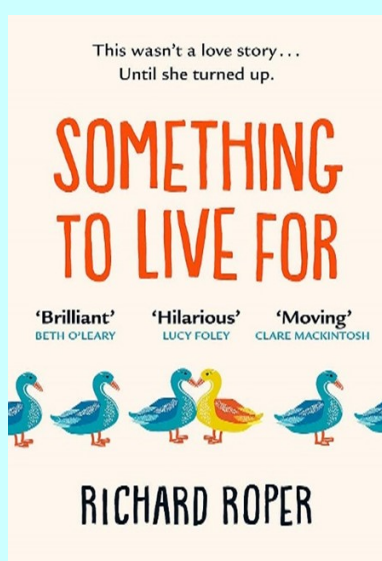
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NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held **remotely (or in the Library if we're able to)** 6:30pm, Tuesday 3 November 2020

The books to read are:



Read all or part of the book, and discuss it in a friendly informal group - Contact: Rosalind Essakhi: 01438 222600 or email: library@nobel.herts.sch.uk

FRIENDS OF NOBEL SCHOOL – 100 CLUB

The Nobel School has a thriving Parents' Association and as part of our fundraising events for the school we run a successful 100 Club.

Each person who joins the 100 Club pays £2 per month, and half the money raised each month goes towards our funds for the school whilst the remaining money is divided into two prizes, 60% for the first prize and 40% for the second prize.

We are always looking for new members, especially as this is an easy way to raise much needed money for the school, and a way for parents to contribute whilst having a chance to win some money themselves.

Membership is not limited to 100 members – the more members, the more money is raised for the school. Members can have (and are encouraged to have!) more than one entry in the monthly draw by paying the additional subscription. Payments can be made by standing order. (*Applicants must be over 16.*)

The easiest way to join the club is to complete the form below and either drop it off/mail it to the school office (sealed envelope marked for Friends of Nobel School (FONS), The Nobel School, Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage, SG2 0HS) or you can email the information below to Jodie Laing, jlainseattle@gmail.com. Once your form or email is received, Jodie will contact you with the bank details for you to set-up a standing order through your online bank or app.

If you would rather do an annual cheque for £24, then complete the form and enclose the cheque when you drop it off at the school office.



FRIENDS OF NOBEL SCHOOL - 100 CLUB

Name:

Address:

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Telephone/mobile:

Email:

Quantity of numbers required _____ at £2 per month (£24 per year).

I would like to set up a standing order ☐ or

I attach a cheque for £24 (payable to **The Nobel School Parents' Association**) ☐

By signing this form you are declaring that you have received and accept the Friends of Nobel School 100 Club Rules and Regulations.

Signed: