

# Nobel News

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## From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Nobel is 60 this year (so am I!)

The first headteacher, Mr Leslie Rose, was a wonderful, visionary leader of the school. When the school was born in 1961, it was called Stevenage Technical Grammar School; Mr Rose, with the aid of the Nobel Institute (Oslo), managed to change the name to The Nobel School. Remarkably, Mr. Rose was the headteacher of the school until 1989 and I have been honoured for the last eight years to try to emulate his noble ideals, that are part of the DNA of our lovely school. We still want our young people to achieve academically and to be good people; these will always be our guiding principles.

Mr Burningham, our former deputy head, still works for the school, working with our alumni, so if you attended the school and have not joined the Nobel Network then please contact Mr Burningham, as he is organising a birthday party for the school on Saturday 16 October.

[Nobelnetwork@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Nobelnetwork@nobel.herts.sch.uk) or register to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration event at <https://forms.office.com/r/QPHpTRPPHn>

Students aged 12-15 are being offered the COVID-19 vaccination by the NHS. It is entirely a decision for parents and students to discuss and make between themselves. The NHS are co-ordinating the vaccination process and the school is merely providing a venue.

Finally, school continues to thrive. We are so relieved that we have been able to move back to 'normal' and our Nobelians are now able to shine, let's hope this can continue.

Have a great weekend.

Warm regards  
Martyn Henson

# Science Ambassadors

We would like to welcome our new science ambassadors from year 12.

Leah Bottomley	Kelly Dang
Rhea D'Souza	Grace Elliott
Victoria Faluyi	Deni George-Ochelli
Jessica Hadlow	Samuel Hutchinson
Daud Imran	Jade Jarrett
Maria Kamali	Kieran McManus
Parris Mitchell	Zulqarnain Naqvi
Abdullah Omisore	Dishita patel
Alexis Sarangetta	Giorgi Sidamonidze
Dean Vaughan	

We had some fantastic applications from all the courses we run in science in the sixth form, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Applied science. The science ambassadors will help with a range of activities across the faculty from science club and science week to catch up sessions and a lot more across the year.

A particular well done to our Head of Science Ambassadors, Abdullah and Leah.

Mrs Amy Pearson  
Head of Science



## Library News

We are pleased to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair is now on and will run to **Tuesday 4 October**, during morning break, lunchtime and after school in the Library. There will also be a prize draw to win £25 worth of books from the fair.



Please use this link to browse the leaflet and see a selection of books available <https://d3ddkgxe55ca6c.cloudfront.net/assets/t1629814031/a/ce/bb/teen-autumn-fairs-invitation-v4-2028692.pdf>

Book fair gift vouchers can be purchased in advance if you do not want your child to bring money to school. Please visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

Mrs Ros Essakhi  
Librarian

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 22 September, The Nobel School hosted a 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' for staff. This is something that we have done annually for the past 8 years (albeit, a socially distanced version last year!).

A massive thank you to absolutely everyone who contributed in any way, particularly those who donated, brought in cakes to sell, or were amazing enough to make cakes: Wendy Parsley, Maxine Appleby, Jordan Dutt, Natalia Greed, Jane Nash and Naomi Rose. Corrina Reeder also contributed so much to the organisation and setting up of this event.



Our coffee morning raised £178.58 on the day.

Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to the one in two people, who are now affected by cancer - they rely on public donations as they receive no government funding. Sadly, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Macmillan are expected to lose £175m and propose to make 310 redundancies by the end of 2022.

If you would like to donate, please text **MOBILE to 70550 to make a £5 one off donation.**

All of your generous donations really do make a difference.

Miss Laura Gant  
English Teacher



**Nobel  
Sixth Form**

### Open Evening - Tuesday 19 October 2021

This is an exciting time for year 11 students as you consider where to continue your studies in September

With outstanding progress and results in both academic and vocational courses, in a broad range of subjects, Nobel Sixth Form could be the right choice for you.

This will be a ticketed event and details of how to book your slot will be available shortly. For more information on Nobel Sixth Form, please visit us online: <https://thenobelschool.org/sixth-form/>



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# Duke of Edinburgh Silver Celebration Lunch

Ten Year 12 students, together with key DofE staff and members of the Senior Leadership Team met to celebrate the achievement of completing their DofE Silver Award.

These 10 students have completed Bronze and Silver Awards in the midst of lockdowns which is a true credit to their resilience and perseverance. From this cohort, we have selected three DofE Prefects from those progressing on to complete Gold. Our DofE Prefects will support our Year 10 students working on their Bronze Award.

Congratulations to:

Jorge Burnett  
Benedict Clark  
Shauna Edwards-Ettienne  
Josephine Hamer  
Jenna Lewan  
Georgie Saunders  
Alexander Scott  
Alicia Scott  
Anika Shah  
Angel-Rose Zealand

Miss Lisa Steele

Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



# National Poetry Day - Thursday 7 October

Thursday 7 October is National Poetry Day and, to mark this event, we are delighted to bring you two original poems by Y13 student, Kai Welch-Reynolds, a very talented young poet, whose work featured on these pages back in March.

## The Farmer's Wife

The farmer's wife, dear Allardyce.  
A gorgeous girl with a lust for life.  
Golden hair, and hazel eyes.  
Galway dancer and Jack's delight.  
  
Past wedding bells and rainy spells.  
With love and heart, and honest wealth  
Then sparked a love, 'oh boundless' they'd tell.  
And lived for years in admirable health.

In country bars and up coast inns.  
Through hottest days, and harshest winds.  
With boxty and coddle and Irish gin.  
Jack and Ally would say this hymn.

*Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night.  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Jack walks down with flowers he picked.  
Past crops and trees and a lonely ditch.  
To the top of the hill, where Ally may rest.  
As he sees her again, and pays his respects.

What a wonderful life, they lived together.  
What beautiful memories, they created together.  
What blissful tears, they cried together.  
And the farmer's wife would be remembered forever.

## Colours

I walked into the wilderness once.  
Desolate and dangerous.  
But curiosity outweighed my confinement.  
And I packed my paintbrush with me.

I dyed the dahlias a carmine colour.  
And crimson ladybugs crawled on them.  
I marvelled at maroon apples.  
And climbed to cherry treetops.

I coated the skyline a carrot colour.  
And amber animals started appearing.  
I harvested some golden honey.  
And delightfully guzzled ginger beer.

I covered the crops a canary colour.  
And I saw divine daffodils blossom.  
I beheld beaming buttercups.  
And the blissful bees that pollinate them.

I stained the grass a shamrock colour.  
And I watched every leaf turn lime green.  
I fantasized at meritorious mountains in fern.  
And manoeuvred down the mossy hills.

I decorated the sea a dodger blue colour.  
And admired an azure sky that surrounded me.  
I swam through clear sapphire lagoons.  
And I saw paracanthurus in packs gliding in freedom.

I walked back to the wilderness.  
Ravishing and radiant.  
But the colours had all connected.  
And I didn't fear the wilderness anymore.

## National Poetry Day - Thursday 7 October

Kai has provided a brief narrative for each poem:

*'The Farmer's Wife' is a poem that juxtaposes a stigmatized ideology within a traditional relationship being male dominated, and gives power and prominence to a female protagonist. The poem feeds into Irish culture and beautifully illustrates the life and love that Allardyce gave to the world, and upon her natural death the town remembered her impact forever.*

*'Colours' is a poem that explores a metaphorical representation of the creation of life. It takes a persona of a "god" and implies it as a young child exploring a greyed and boundless nothingness. Every stanza illustrates a different colour as the persona paints the beauty of the world. And with a pure, youthful and adventurous ideology, they create blissful existence for the very first time.*

We hope that you have enjoyed these two beautiful poems, and maybe they have even inspired you to put pen to paper yourself!

## Year 12 Question Time

Following on from the success of this event at our Y12 induction day in July, we have decided to run this termly for Y12 and Y13 students.

On Wednesday 29 September, it was the turn of Y12, and our panel, who consisted of Paige Abrey, Matthew Davey, Grace Elliott, Josephine Hamer, Natalie Igbiosa and Benjamin Skidmore did a fantastic job responding to a wide and diverse range of questions posed by the audience, in what was a very lively debate.

Some of the meaty topics discussed included the military withdrawal from Afghanistan, the abortion ban in Texas, climate change protesters and the benefit system in England, as well as some more general questions.

Headteacher, Martyn Henson, was in the Chair, and the panel were supported by input from Head Boy, Joseph Devitt, and Head Girl, Georgia Hall. We were very pleased to welcome our Sixth Form link governor, Rev Kojo Wood, who was our guest of honour for the afternoon.

The event was filmed by three of our Y12 Film Studies students, Adrian Challis, Oliver Hills, and Teddy Sanderson and, once edited, will be available to view on the sixth form area of the school website.

Thank you to everyone who participated in or supported this event. We look forward to more thought-provoking, topical discussion when we host our Y13 Question Time later this term.

Mr Matt MacGuire  
Head of Sixth Form



## The Next Nobel Oak

In July I wrote in the newsletter about the Nobel Oak, which has long been a symbol for the school.

As part of the school's 60 year celebrations in October, we will be planting a new oak sapling in celebration and to watch over the school for the next 60 years.

We are raffling off the opportunity of planting the new Nobel Oak as part of our fundraising efforts towards building a permanent school historical archive. The winner will plant the new tree on 16 October, at the school's celebratory event and, in addition, will have a named commemorative plaque mounted as a record.



In order to enter the raffle, please use the gateway app/website in the normal way. Each chance to win is £5. DEADLINE is Monday 11/10/21.

Mr Barry Burningham

[nobelnetwork@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:nobelnetwork@nobel.herts.sch.uk)

## Art in Action

Last week, I took 8C RGY outside for their art lesson to try out some art in action. They were tasked with completing two first-hand observational drawings of the school building, under time restraints.

Equipped with their sharpened pencils and A5 paper, Year 8 made their way to the benches by the MUGA to start their drawings. They accepted this challenge in true Nobelian fashion – ready, respectfully, and safely. I was particularly impressed with their attitudes, especially since it was their first time having an art lesson in this style.



Students had to complete one drawing in 5 minutes and a second in 15 minutes. Every single student did really well. They effectively managed to juggle observation and accuracy as well as time management in a fun, unconventional way. It was fantastic to see that, although all students were drawing the same building, every drawing had elements of each artist's hand.

Well done Year 8!

Miss Charli Payne

Art Teacher

# The Friends of Nobel School (FONS) Need You on 23 November

We are very happy to be reinstating face-to-face FONS meetings. This will allow us to properly welcome new parents, particularly those with students in years 7 and 8 whose start has been disrupted by the pandemic.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 23 November, at 7pm, in the Nobel library. We'll have wine, nibbles, tea and coffee waiting for you! Please consider popping along to join us. You do not need to commit to be involved in the committee work (unless you want to), but making suggestions for fundraising or simply attending events really does help.

Please also consider joining the 100 Club at just £2 per month (details at the end of the newsletter).



## July 100 Club Winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	G Williams	No. 49	£24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	A Grant	No. 63	£15

## August 100 Club Winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	C Watts	No. 53	£24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	P Males	No. 43	£15

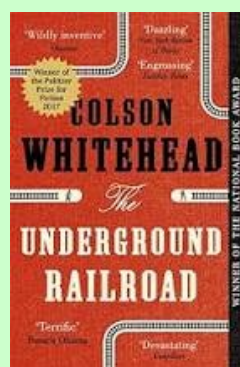
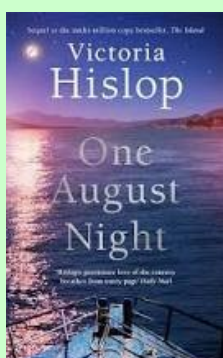
## September 100 Club Winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	G Thompson	No. 79	£24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	D Thomson	No. 18	£15

## NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in the Library, 6:30pm, Tuesday 2 November 2021

The books to read are:



Read all or part of the books, and discuss them in a friendly informal group

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01438 222600 or email:

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## 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, [jlaingseattle@gmail.com](mailto:jlaingseattle@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 check when you drop it off at the school office.

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### FRIENDS OF NOBEL SCHOOL - 100 CLUB

Name: .....

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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: ..... |