

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Preparing students for life after school is fundamental at Nobel. Our principal aim is that young people leave our lovely school with the wherewithal to make a positive contribution as an employee and a citizen; our training for this starts in year 7. Mr Lovelock and Mr Brown have done an excellent job in elevating our careers education to blue ribbon status. We are now very proud of our programme and this has led to national verification.

Over the last 18 months we have worked to achieve the prestigious 'Investors in Careers Award'. This was externally assessed by CSW Group Limited on 15 March 2022, where the school was judged to be meeting all aspects of the award. A certificate has been issued along with a plaque to display in our school reception.

The External Assessor report highlighted the strengths of the school in terms of careers as:

- ◆ Strong senior management and governor support and a whole school approach to careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG)
- ◆ A dedicated careers co-ordinator who works well with other staff to oversee the careers programme.

- ◆ Good use of the Gatsby benchmarks – there are seven benchmarks, schools need to reach all seven to qualify - to review and plan the careers programme and a philosophy of continuous improvement.
- ◆ Good use of Unifrog – an online careers advice tool - careers platform by students and staff.
- ◆ Work shadowing and work experience
- ◆ Year 8 work shadowing day – 30 June (29 June students have a careers day in school with exciting insights into different career pathways).
- ◆ Year 10 work experience week - 27 June to 30 June
- ◆ Year 12 work experience week - 28 June to 1 July

Less than 20% of schools nationally have met all seven Gatsby benchmarks. This award is a testament to the hard work of the staff but, more importantly, it will have a profound effect on our students.

Have a lovely weekend; my attention will be on Barrow-in-Furness at 3pm on Saturday, as Northampton Town fight for automatic promotion. I am sure you will be doing something far more interesting!

Martyn Henson

Nobel Stands with Ukraine

As you are aware, we have been fundraising for urgent medical supplies for Ukraine, including tourniquets and Celox (which stops heavy bleeding in under a minute) through Dr Tolchenova's JustGiving page (https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/medical-equipment-for-ukraine?utm_term=4d7VJjqzz).



So far, thanks to the generous and selfless efforts of Nobel parents, teachers, and alumni (thank you Mr Burningham), Dr Tolchenova's colleagues at the NCETM, former colleagues and students, we have raised enough for medical supplies that could save at least 45 lives in Ukraine. They have already been received with such gratitude in Kyiv and distributed to different areas of Ukraine according to greatest need. Many people in Ukraine have sent their thanks for such a precious gift.

But we need more!

We hope that students, parents, all staff, and the entire Nobel community will continue to support the fundraising effort through participating in the Mile for Ukraine, Sunflowers for Ukraine, and Cakes for Ukraine initiatives. More information can be found here.



A Mile for Ukraine

- 1) Raise the funds
- 2) Pay your collection through the Gateway
- 3) Walk on Thursday 19 May, Period 5, for the participants
- 4) The more money collected, the more lives can be saved

Sunflowers for Ukraine

Plant sunflower seeds in your garden to show support for Ukraine.

If you plant now you will have beautiful sunflowers in time for Ukraine's National day on 24 August

Packets of seeds cost only £1, and will include a link to a video that explains how to plant and care for your sunflowers.

Available from the breakout area near SC08 and the maths office at break/lunchtimes

All proceeds go to help the people of Ukraine



Cakes for Ukraine

On sale at the end of each day from not-Costa, priced at 50p each.

Nice bags and boxes are available, so cake can be purchased as a small gift.

Dr Iryna Tolchenova
Dr Martin Mienczakowski

Garden House Hospice - Young Entrepreneurs Challenge

On Thursday 28 April, nine Business A level, and Health & Social Care students participated in a trip to the Letchworth Garden House Hospice, where two teams gave Dragons' Den pitches to secure a seed funding of £50 for a business that will give all its profits to the Garden House charity. The group was split up into two teams; Team 1: Mia Coverdale, Jan Hejcman, Taya Brent, Chloe Tebbutt and, team leader, Sampada Jadhav; Team 2 consisted of: Aggelos Apergis, Rayhan Ali, Wasik Choudhury and, team leader, Alex Norton.

The Afternoon began with both teams being introduced to the nurses and staff at the hospice, who told us about the work the hospice does for the local community and how big an impact it makes on the lives of the families it helps. After that, each group was introduced to our assigned mentor, who went through our business plans and the presentations that we would pitch to the Dragons.

We were then directed to the room where the Dragons were awaiting us. Team 2 went first, and got off to a blistering start by impressing the Dragons with their efforts in designing, structuring and developing the business - Tenshi Clothing - in under two weeks. The team were very confident, comfortable under pressure and communicated their goals well, ultimately leading to their success in achieving the seed funding from the Dragons.

The Dragons were also fascinated and absorbed by the fact that we would like to take the business further than just the charity campaign. They were extremely inspired by our organisation of group roles - Alex is the team leader and will oversee all operations and make sure everything runs according to plan; Aggelos' responsibility is the E-commerce side of the business, making sure our website and advertising campaign flows smoothly; Rayhan is the graphic designer and oversees compliance, and Wasik deals with finance.



Team 1 were next up, seeking approval and further advice on their business plan. They presented some strong initial ideas, which allowed the Dragons to give guidance on how to move forward in their business. Their determination to succeed inspired the Dragons to give them a shot at success and they also granted them the seed funding.



Garden House Hospice - Young Entrepreneurs Challenge

After both teams finished their presentations, they were taken on a tour round the lounge, the beautiful garden, gym and the community area, where people meet with family and friends to spend quality time together. Both teams learnt that the Hospice isn't actually a place where people go to pass, but a place to help people with terminal or life limiting illnesses as well as people who feel lonely. There are many schemes to help people engage with one another, and the Hospice sets up occasions where local volunteers from the community come to spend time with vulnerable and lonely individuals. They also work hard to enrich the lives of those in their care by providing medical treatment, activities and entertainment.

Back at school, Team 2 were invited to have a celebration meeting with Mr Henson after their impressive performance with the Dragons.



We would like to thank our great teachers, Miss Petoshi and Mrs Savo, for giving us this amazing opportunity to help others. We would also like to thank the Garden House Hospice for all their hospitality.

Alex Norton: 12AMP & Aggelos Apergis: 12AMP

Friends of Nobel School (FoNS) News

Although FoNS haven't been able to hold many events over the last couple of years, we were very pleased to gather for an enjoyable quiz night in March, where we raised around £300.

We are always keen for more people to join us. It is very low commitment and an excellent way to get to know some other parents while also helping the school. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14 June, at 7pm, in the Nobel School library. Do please pop along if you can.

Please see opposite, the 100 Club winners for March and April.

March 100 Club winners

1st Prize	J Iles	Number 27	£26
2nd Prize	S Marshman	Number 25	£18

April 100 Club winners

1st Prize	J Pennington	Number 39	£26
2nd Prize	T Sandy	Number 42	£18

Duke of Edinburgh

Students at Bronze, Silver and Gold level are all entering their final expedition section of their Award. Below, are students from Year 10, who have now planned their expedition and are ready to embark on their two day one night practice expedition in what, I'm sure, some will soon be describing as the 'mountainous' Hertfordshire countryside.



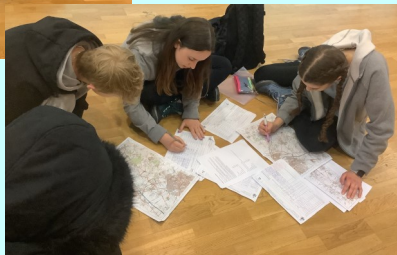
Students in Year 9 have recently had an assembly on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and currently have the option to complete this internationally recognised Award. If you have a child in Year 9 please do encourage them to enrol as it's a challenging yet wonderful experience that they will remember forever, in addition to the qualification they receive, which boosts every CV and is looked favourably on by a number of top companies.

Achieving an Award gives skills, confidence and an edge over others when applying for college, university or a job. Our young people often tell us that doing DofE gives them character traits like confidence and resilience, which can boost their mental health and wellbeing and help them face, and overcome, personal challenges.

At Nobel we have an extensive kit store to support students through their expedition section however we are in short supply of walking boots. If you have any walking boots that your child has now outgrown and you would be happy to pass on for future Duke of Edinburgh students to use, please drop them in to reception for me.

We look forward to welcoming our new group of DofE achievers.

Miss Lisa Steele and Mrs Nancy Field
DofE and Assistant DofE Co-ordinator



Team work is such an important part of successfully completing the expedition, and you will see some dubious-looking marshmallow and pasta towers as students worked with their expedition team in an attempt to build the tallest tower. Well done to team No Name who won this challenge.



Golf update

The arrival of the summer term has seen the start of golf taking place across PE lessons. Over 100 students have experienced golf within lesson time. Year 7 have enjoyed a Friday night after school club as well as taking part in their first golf par 3 competition. This is due to the newly formed North Herts Schools Golf Association. The association has been established to enable as many students as possible throughout North Herts the chance to play golf within a school setting. So far this term, over 200 students across North Hertfordshire have experienced golf. Local schools have been running lunch time and after school clubs. At Nobel students are learning about golf in both PE lessons and an after-school club.

On Wednesday 4 May, 13 Year 10 GCSE PE students all supported the Heritage Schools Primary Golf Skills Challenge, held at Letchworth Golf Club. Nobel students provided leadership of six skills stations. Each station covered an element of golf and students competed against the clock to score as many points as possible. The Nobel students were impressive to watch as they enthusiastically supported the primary students. All spectators commented on how good the Nobel leaders were. Afterwards, we were treated to sausage and chips which was a great end to the event.

On Friday 6 May, a team of six players - Jamie Coxall, Freya Ball, Sofia Turcescu, Evan Ebbs, Joshua Adkins and Lewis Purkayastha, all from Y7 - travelled to Letchworth Golf Club and competed against six local school teams. The team performed very well and finished tied first on 42 points, with Knights Templar School. There are a further four arranged fixtures planned throughout the summer. The competition took place on the 6 hole par 3 academy course at Letchworth GC.



Within curriculum time students have been enjoying using the specialist equipment that was kindly donated by the Golf Foundation and the Hertfordshire County Golf Union. Students have been following the Golf Foundation curriculum and have been learning new skills.

The initiative is also supported by Year 12 students. I would like to mention the valued support and commitment from Grace Belsham, Daniel Robson and Alex Norton, all of whom provided assistance at the Par 3 event. Both Grace and Daniel have also been on hand in lessons to support staff and have, hopefully, gained leadership skills because of their continued support.

Mr Richard Moore



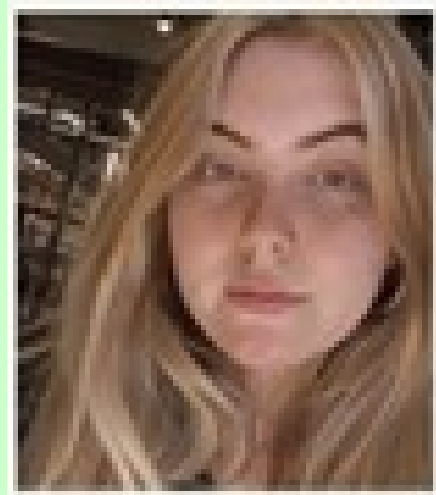
Stevenage Youth Mayor

You may remember in the previous newsletter, we encouraged you to support Y12 student, Paige Abrey, in her campaign to become Youth Mayor of Stevenage. Well, we are delighted to announce that, when the votes were counted last week, Paige was elected to office. Congratulations, Paige, and over to you:

I am excited to announce that I won the election to become the 11th Youth Mayor of Stevenage.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and supported my campaign. I am so incredibly grateful for this opportunity and platform to make a positive and progressive change. I look forward to representing not only our school but all the young people in Stevenage in the future.

I will try my best to represent fairly and honestly reflecting young people's values consistently.



If you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to see in Stevenage, which a Youth Mayor would be able to influence, please email me at 16AbreyC@nobel.herts.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you again for voting for me and I will do my best in this important role.

Paige Abrey - 12NCT

Year 7 Maths Challenge



Back in March, the members of the Year 7 maths club competed in the Y7 Herts for Learning Maths Challenge. We had one successful team make it through to the final which took place on Wednesday 4 May at Marriott's School. Alexander Chapman, Joshua Adkins, Lucas Brace and Atiqur Rahman represented The Nobel School, and had to work together to solve a range of mathematical problems, including a memory challenge! Unfortunately, they didn't win, but congratulations to the group for making it through to the final!

Congratulations also to the Year 8 students Isobel Graham and Flynn Walters, who took part in the Y8 Herts for Learning Maths Challenge, and were placed tenth out of 38 groups in their heat. They were offered a place at the final but, unfortunately, are unable to attend due to prior commitments. Nevertheless, this is a huge achievement, well done to both!

Mrs Emma Gibbons

Maths Teacher

The Inspire Curriculum Essay Writing Competition

Over the last term, our excellent cohort of year 8 Inspire Curriculum students took part in the yearly essay writing competition. The students were guided on writing an academic response to their choice of the following four questions:

- 1) Should toys be gender specific?
- 2) How accurate is to say that all Stuart monarchs failed in their duties?
- 3) Is our behaviour down to our biological nature or are we nurtured
- 4) Do social media companies have a moral responsibility to protect our personal data?

The effort put into writing these essays and the quality of the responses were incredible. I want to say a huge well done to all the students listed below for taking part.

Hameeda Abdulkareem	Freddie Hamer
Blake Artesani	Neve Heller
Wojciech Balaban	Ellie Hyams
Viraj Bhavsar	Jessica Jones
Olivia Chalkley	Amy Miller
Phoebe Chiwambo	Emma Randall
Hannah Creighton	Abigail Tonge
Amber Fraser	Hayley Tse
Joshua Fernandez	Flynn Walters
Archie-Joe Fletcher	Emily Wright
Isobel Graham	Miley Yusuf
Bea Gray	
	Mr Phil Colborne
	Dr Andrew Thomas
	Miss Chloe Lister

Further congratulations go to the recipients of the first, second and third place prizes: Freddie Hamer (8M CLR), Amy Miller (8E ATS) and Hannah Creighton (8T JBT) respectively.





Collection of Exam Certificates

We currently have a large number of unclaimed examination certificates from the 2021 Summer Series, both A'level and GCSE.

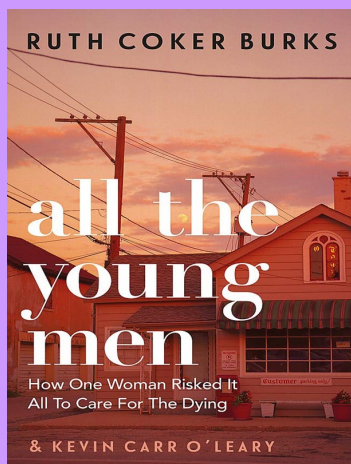
If you have not already collected your certificates do please pop into the main school reception and pick them up.

If another is to pick the certificates up on your behalf, please provide written authorisation, naming your representative and signed by the former student.

NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in the Library,
6:30pm, Tuesday 24 May 2022

The book to read is:



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

Contact: Rosalind Essakhi:

01438 222600 or email:

library@nobel.herts.sch.uk

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

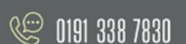
- **Watch online or offline!** Ask your child to download some Pods to their mobile device, this way they are free expand their knowledge wherever they go.
- **Create Playlists!** Use the My Playlist area to create bespoke playlists on topics that they may find challenging. Having a personalised playlist 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



Extra-Curricular Lunch-Time Dance Clubs

Day	Time	Event	Venue
Monday	1.25 - 2.00pm	Tap Dance	Studio or MU15
Tuesday	1.25 - 2.00pm	All Years Dance Club	Studio or MU15
Friday	1.25 - 2.00pm	Open Rehearsal Space	Studio or MU15

Nobel Dance Showcase - Thursday 14 July 2022 - If you have a talent and want to get involved, please email Mrs Llewelyn.

Year 11 Charity Event

On behalf of the Year 11s and the Year 11 team I would like to thank anyone who donated any clothes for our charity appeal. We delivered 21 bags containing a range of items including blankets, children's clothes, adults clothes and shoes.

They were gratefully received by Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and will support in them continuing to provide their life saving service.

Mr Paul Willsher
Head of Year 11



Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 May - Public Exams commence for Years 11 and 13

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June - Half Term Holiday

Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 July - Year 12 Induction Days, compulsory for all Y11 students hoping to take up a place in Sixth Form this September

