

## From the Headteacher

### Dear Parents and Carers

As our Year 11 and 13 students begin their examinations - a period of stress and anticipation for each of them – it is worth considering the role that this generation will have to play over the coming years and decades to correct the mistakes and failures of my generation, the so called ‘baby-boomers’. They should face these three inter-connected challenges with creativity and ambition. They all require fresh thinking, innovation, and optimism.

As if poverty and climate change were not enough, they will also need to grapple with keeping peace in an unstable world and, given the other two challenges can only be fixed with international co-operation, seeking to establish peace should be target number one.

We are fully aware of the war in eastern Europe and the total lack of humanity being shown to the brave Ukrainians. However, it should be stressed that, as we concentrate on raising money and support for Ukraine, which is admirable, there is still conflict and subjugation in Palestine, Syria, Yemen and Myanmar, as well as human rights issues in China, amongst many others.

These challenges are immense, but what we try to teach at Nobel is compassion, empathy and understanding, in the hope that logic will win the day and that the more substantial challenges of poverty and climate change can be tackled with co-operation and purpose.

Year 11 and 13 need not worry about such gargantuan objectives now, but it is, nevertheless, true that they will be a part of a generation that has to make massive changes to the way we live.

In the meantime, have a great weekend and a relaxing half-term break.

Martyn Henson

# Garden House Hospice Art Project

In September, Garden House Hospice Care got in touch as part a project to commission ten creative secondary schools within the area to each create a piece of artwork on their behalf. With the theme 'Hope' they wanted students to create a piece of art to look forwards to the future, after what has been a difficult eighteen months dealing with the effects of COVID-19.

Nobel art department rose to the challenge and invited students to get involved. A number of Year 13 students, led by Haiqah Urrehman, presented a creative brief to students from KS3, who then committed to many after school sessions to develop their unique response.

Susannah Parry, the Hospice's Community Engagement Co-ordinator, was presented with the work earlier this term. She was delighted with the outcome and was in admiration of the students interpretation of the theme and handling of materials.

The piece (pictured below) will be displayed within the Garden House Hospice Care building for staff, patients and volunteers to see.

Miss Sharon Sears

Head of Art





# Nobel Stands with (and walks for) Ukraine

On the afternoon of Thursday 19 May, Nobel School came out in force, with staff and students each walking a mile to raise money and show their support for the people of Ukraine.



To date, this event has raised £2543, and donations are still coming in. In addition, the sale of cakes and sunflower seeds has raised a further £700, which means that the grand total for all three projects is well in excess of £3000.

Dr Tolchenova has advised that an order for much needed medical supplies has already been placed with a UK company called Medtree. The order was made in consultation with the Ukrainian team that works between Kyiv and the areas of Ukraine affected directly by the war and where the fighting is heaviest. The order contains 70 tourniquets, 35 celox packets and some bandages. Once it is delivered, it will go to Poland and then to Ukraine.



Sunflower seeds are still available to purchase for £1 per pack and cakes, priced at 50p, are on sale daily, after school.

Dr Tolchenova would like to say thank you so very much to everyone who has helped.



# County Athletics Success for Abigail

We are delighted to celebrate the success of Year 8 student, Abigail Tonge (pictured), a member of the Stevenage and North Herts Athletics Club (SNHAC).

Abigail recently participated in the Outdoor Championships, U15s age category, for 75M hurdles and came second, gaining the silver medal for Hertfordshire.

Well done, Abigail, Nobel is very proud of you.



# Stevenage Starlets Unbeaten League Champions

Congratulations to Year 9 students, Katie Harrington-Pike, Tayah Miguel and Rebecca Bell. All three play for The Stevenage Starlets u14 Navy Girls' FC, and have made a huge contribution to the amazing success achieved by the team this season.

They have won the Hertfordshire Girls' Football Partnership League (HGFPL) Division 1, and gone the whole league season unbeaten. Achievements like this are very rare in girls' football.

Very well done to all three, keep up the good work!





# Pathfinders Visit to the University of Hertfordshire

On Monday 16 May, 45 Year 9 students participated in their first school trip since joining Nobel in a visit to the University of Hertfordshire.

The aim of the visit was to inspire students into considering University as a step on the career path, with opportunities to participate in a range of activities throughout the day, including some fun interactive games around university misconceptions, budgeting, reasons to apply and understanding of university life. Students were then taken on a tour of the University grounds to see what a campus was all about, and the presence of a 'Subway' fast food outlet created quite a stir. The sessions were all run by ambassadors made up of individuals currently studying at the University on a range of subjects,

Students on the trip said:

*"This was a good experience and helped me learn whether or not I would like to consider going to university" - Milly*

*"It was a very educational day and it was good to learn about how the finances can support me to go" - Mollie*

*"I really liked the University grounds – there was some interesting artwork on show. It was a great experience as to what University is like and seems like a great place to go and study" - Harry*

Mr Matt Jones  
Head of Year 9





## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to ex-Nobelian, Ryan Pocock, who completed his Duke Of Edinburgh Gold Award at Nobel School just prior to the pandemic. After a long wait to collect his Award, he was invited to Buckingham Palace on Monday 16 May to celebrate with other Duke Of Edinburgh Gold Award holders.



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a highly recognised award and our students are very fortunate to have the opportunity to achieve their Awards at Bronze level in Year 10, Silver level in Year 11 or Year 12 and Gold level at 6<sup>th</sup> form.



We are currently taking applications for next year's cohort and would encourage all students to consider applying.

Miss Lisa Steele  
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



## Jubilee Cakes

Our resident confectioner, Sally Bolt, served up a treat this week, in readiness for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, with these patriotic cakes.

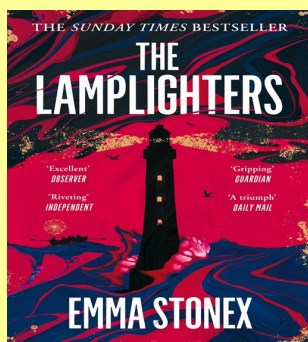


These sweet treats did not hang around long! Well done, Sally.

NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF  
and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in the Library,  
6:30pm, Tuesday 12 July 2022

The book to read is:



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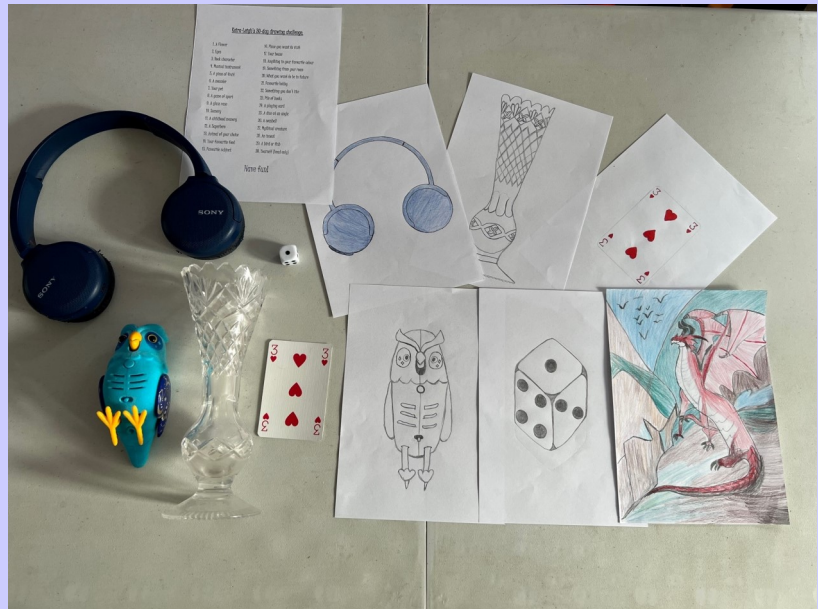
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# Super Curriculum - Art 30 Day Challenge

As part of her Super Curriculum, Year 7 student, Keira-Leigh O'Neill, was required to complete the four tasks outlined below:

- 1) Make your own sketchbook using many different kinds of paper.
- 2) Practice using the formal elements of Art. Get involved with 'The Big Draw'
- 3) Record your drawing challenge in a small sketchbook and try to make a drawing / sketch every day for a month, This could be a quick 5 minute study up to one hour.
- 4) Present your challenge as an annotated journal and share it through the Nobel News or the schools Facebook or twitter pages with ~thebigdraw #drawingchangeslives



Keira-Leigh has worked exceptionally hard and produced some great artwork, as shown above, as well as improving her techniques along the way.

Well done Keira-Leigh and good luck with your next challenge.

Miss Angela Massey  
Art Teacher



**Sixth Form Induction**  
**4 & 5 July 2022**

- Compulsory for all students who would like to join the sixth form in September
- An opportunity for you to find out more about sixth form life
- Experience taster sessions for the subjects you are interested in studying in September

**GCSE Results Day – Thursday 25 August 2022**



## Dates for your Diary

**W/C Monday 30 May - Half-term Holiday**

**Monday 6 June - Return to School**

