

# Nobel News

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## From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We had some great news this week. The programme of Character Education, that we have been working on for the past four years, received the National Quality Mark for Character Education. This is a highly-prized award from the University of Birmingham Jubilee Centre, crediting the school for the work we have done with our Nobelians on developing their character. We were able to demonstrate that we have been teaching, in varying contexts, positive values like empathy, resilience and integrity, and that we have integrated these into separate subjects and throughout the school. As I have said on several separate occasions, it is these qualities, along with academic outcomes, that will secure our students a successful and happy future. Huge congratulations to all the staff and, specifically, Mr Brown, who ably guided us through this process.

It has reminded me how, as adults, we need to model empathy and understanding with each other and that, sometimes, in our busy lives, we forget that treating others politely and with respect is essential.

I know that our wonderful reception staff sometimes have difficulties with people who are cross and frustrated with the school. Please remember that we are working together, in partnership, always with the best interests of your children in mind. If there are issues that you need to raise, please do so in a cordial manner so that we can work towards, finding solutions. Debbie and Gaynor, our reception staff, are only the messengers, please be kind and respectful towards them.

As you will be aware, there is more union action next Wednesday and Thursday; unfortunately we will only be able to offer in-school lessons to Year 11 and 13 students. Nobelians in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will need to be working at home, unless a compromise can be reached between then and now. We will communicate the precise arrangements for next week separately.

In the meantime, have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Martyn Henson

# Visit to Anglia Ruskin University

On Thursday 23 February, some of our Health & Social Care students were invited to Anglia Ruskin University, where they spent the day looking at various NHS roles that the university offers. These included nursing, midwifery, paramedics, social work and ODP. The students discovered how they could study for these qualification and were able to speak to current students undertaking these roles, as well as to the teachers. They also had access to the facilities offered by the university.

Students particularly enjoyed taking part in some of the practical activities, including scrubbing up and feeling pregnant dummies! A huge thanks to Mr Burningham, who drove us there and helped arrange this fabulous opportunity for our Nobel students.

Miss Jemma Savo  
H&SC Teacher



*"This visit was a really useful experience, enabling us to understand a bit about life at university and the different routes within the healthcare profession that one can pursue. I learnt a lot, including about career options that I had not considered and did not know much about.*

*The University student ambassadors were all very friendly and helpful when answering our questions, and I will certainly consider the option of university when I have finished my A levels. The experience has definitely made a career in healthcare more attractive to me."*

Madison Gregoriou - 12KKI



## Sports Hall Athletics Competition

On Thursday 23 February, the Year 7 Sports Hall Athletics teams visited Barnwell School for the annual Sports Hall Athletics competition led by the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team. All of the secondary schools within Stevenage participated with the aim of winning the coveted gold medals and winner's trophy.

The Sports Hall Athletics competition is held indoors and features a range of track events including: relay, 2-lap individual and 8-lap paarlauf, and field events including: triple jump, shot putt and speed bounce. Typically, students compete in 2 track events and 2 field events across the competition, requiring an incredible level of skill to be able to participate in a range of different events.

The teams worked incredibly hard, both individually and as a group, participating in a range of track and field events. They supported each other incredibly well.

The Year 7 Girls' team finished an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place, taking home the bronze medals and the Year 7 Boys' team finished an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place, taking home the silver medals. This means that every Nobel student who participated left with a medal.

Well done to the following students:

**Year 7 Boys:** Archie Bray, Samuel Antigha, Tyler Morris, Oscar Bingley, Lenny Hadley, Rhys Allen, Matthew Jackson, Archie Kempster

**Year 7 Girls:** Lucie Pickett, Brianna Dwamena, Ruby Whitby, Evie Dillnutt, Erin Kassir, Lily Jones, Poppy Smith

The PE Department are incredibly proud of all of the teams' achievements.

Mr Regan Carolan  
PE Teacher



## U16s Girls' District Football Tournament

The U16 girls' team participated in a 7-a-side tournament, on Monday 6 March, at Marriotts School. This year, the talent within this tournament from the other teams was exceptional, with players representing England Ladies, Arsenal Ladies and Tottenham Ladies. It was fantastic to watch the talent in the District now.

Our students were such a credit to Nobel, working so hard as a team and scoring some great goals from Isobel Matfield and Rebecca Bell, and continuous pressure from Zara Engmann (Capt). The defence line was solid with Georgia Wells and Lily-Mae Hadley putting in some outstanding tackles within the games.

The girls only just missed out on third place by one goal, but they were outstanding throughout the tournament.



Very well done to:

Zara Engmann (Captain), Rebecca Bell, Lily-Mae Hadley, Isobel Matfield, Georgia Wells, Lucie Curtis and Bethany Wilson

## Year 8 District Football Tournament

Meanwhile, the Year 8 girls also competed in a 7-a-side tournament at Marriotts School on Tuesday 28 February.

The girls had an outstanding tournament by winning one game and drawing three. With this in mind, we thought we would get through to the semi-final. Unfortunately, even with the points we had, we didn't manage to get through to the next round but, to say we didn't lose a game, we were very proud of the ladies.

Well done to all of the students below for their hard work throughout this tournament, you were a real credit to Nobel

Chloe Iles, Abi Iles (Captain), Sophie Barker, Eva Barker, Amelie Moran, Lara Reynolds, Rachel Bell, Ava Saunders and Tallullah Trotman

Mrs Jackie Saville  
PE Teacher

## Year 7 Maths Competition

Our Year 7 mathematicians competed in the Herts for Learning Maths Competition, on Thursday 2 March.

It was a close one, but the Year 7 team finished third out of 13 teams and will be moving on to the final round.

Well done to Amandeep Singh, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Chloe-Mai Noakes, and Sumiran Jadhav for their fantastic work!

Miss Courtney Wright  
Maths Teacher

## World Book Day - 2 March 2023

On Thursday 2 March, Nobel staff and students collaborated to celebrate World Book Day. The theme this year was '*Empathy through Reading*', and, in assemblies, Ms Port and I discussed the unique power that literature wields upon developing empathy between disparate communities.

Staff members generously offered their own examples of books that had been influential in their formative years, and detailed how these books had greatly supported them with their own identity. The books discussed included *Fahrenheit 451* (Ray Bradbury), *The Lord of the Flies* (William Golding) and *Things Fall Apart* (Chinua Achebe). We wanted to emphasise that regular reading not only has the capacity to unlock our academic potential, but also shape our innate moral character, so that we all become kinder and more empathetic individuals.

Additionally, doors around school were decorated with an array of displays, featuring colourful creations covering a variety of books cherished by students and staff alike. This included Mr Lovelock's fantastic '*Sherlock Holmes*' display, Miss Pizan's very atmospheric (and chilly) '*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*', Mr Dutt's innovative '*Mind the Gap*' display, and Ms Richardson's brilliant homage to one of the year 9 RAN books '*A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*', among all the other excellent examples presented around school.

It was wonderful to see the students getting creative and demonstrating their passion for their favourite pieces of literature, and we wanted to express a big thank you to all staff for encouraging students to develop a love of reading.

There were also events in the library where students could enjoy a hot chocolate, a biscuit, and a free book in comfort. Students also took part in the "Shelfie" competition, which involved guessing which teachers' bookcases were depicted.

Many thanks are extended to all the amazing students and staff who helped make the event a success – including Mrs Essakhi, Ms Port, Mr Dean, Mr Paul, and Madison Herd in 12 PFT.

Ms Tabitha Bennett  
English Teacher



# World Book Day - 2 March 2023



## Sixth Form Induction 3 & 4 July 2023

- 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 24 August 2023**



**Nobel  
Sixth Form**

## The Nobel Network

On Tuesday 7 March, former Nobelian and Alumni member, Elana Dance, came in to speak to our Year 8 students about quantity surveying. The students really found Elana's presentation informative, as she explained how she progressed through her school career at Nobel, achieving her A 'Levels in further maths and physics, before going on to study quantity surveying at university. Elana explained that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) are key subjects for anyone wishing to follow a similar route.

Here is some feedback from the students:

- ◆ "Seeing a Nobelian who has been successful, even with some difficulties whilst being at school, has shown it is possible to achieve your goals."
- ◆ "Elana's talk was very interesting - some of the buildings and houses she has worked on were incredible!"
- ◆ *"I am now considering a career in construction/housing"*

It was great to see how successful one of our ex-Nobelians has been, and I am sure Elana will come back into school to talk to more of our students soon. Her talk was highly informative and expertly presented. A huge thank you to Elana for taking the time to visit, and to Barry Burningham, Co-ordinator of the Nobel Network, for all of his continued support.



Mr Steve Howells  
Head of Enrichment

## 'I Am' - A Poem by Ruby McNelly (9RSI)

I am a girl who comes from a family of four.  
That I love and adore  
I am a girl who acts her way into life.  
I am a girl who has been stabbed in the back with an imaginary knife  
I am a girl who loves the sand and seas.  
I am a girl who follows her dreams  
I am a girl who lives in a world of education.  
Even though I would rather go on vacation.  
I am a girl who lives through her food  
That puts her in a good mood  
I am a girl who has an unread story  
I am a girl searching for glory  
I am a girl who has been through highs and lows  
I wish I could go back to dolls and bows  
I am a girl who needs a safe space to call home  
I am a girl who needs a hand  
Like musicians in a band

## Haiku

In celebration of World Poetry Day on Tuesday 21 March, this week, during Anime Film and Japanese Culture Club, we looked at a popular form of Japanese poetry dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Haiku are poems made up of 3 lines, (one containing 5 syllables, one containing 7 syllables and then, finally, another 5-syllable line), which snapshot a moment or feeling. The traditional theme for haiku is nature.

Students read some examples of haiku, were given some photo prompts for inspiration and then wrote their own haikus. Here is a selection of their wonderful work:



### Anonymous

The sun sets over  
The quiet city peacefully  
The city sleeps calmly



### Turner Goodridge 8E MPO

The blooming flowers  
Magnificently standing  
Blowing in the wind



### Mia Fraser 11T NFD

Bees are pretty cool  
Important pollinators  
Buzzing through flowers

Miss Michelle Perez-Lotcho  
Spanish Teacher

## Dates for your Diary

- W/C Monday 13 March:** Science Week
- W/C Monday 20 March:** Year 12 Mock Exams
- Friday 24 March:** FONS Quiz Night (7pm)
- Wednesday 29 March:** Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Friday 31 March:** Last day of term
- Monday 17 April:** Summer term begins



...back by popular demand, **Quizmaster Philcox!**

**FONS Quiz Friday 24 March 2023**

**@ The Nobel School 6.45pm for 7.00pm start  
(Finish approximately 9.45pm)**

Bring your friends and family for a fun evening whilst helping to support Nobel School (questions suitable for ages 11+)

Tables bookable via:

Email: Simply fill in the form below and return to [friends@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@nobel.herts.sch.uk) then pay on school gateway. Please use surname and team name as the reference.

OR

Email: Simply fill in the form below and return to [friends@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@nobel.herts.sch.uk) then hand an envelope with the cash in it to reception with your surname and team name on it.

\*\* £20 per table in advance \*\* (£25 on the door. Limited tables and we cannot guarantee availability on the night.)

Teams of up to 6 people. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles!

Raffle - (donations gratefully received via Reception)

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **No in Team (6 max):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact email/phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like one table for the Quiz Night on 24/3/23. (£20 per table in advance)

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## Roll into Spring

Each year, 20th March marks the first day of SPRING! As we look forward to longer days and warmer weather, try these tasty **Rainbow Spring Rolls** to get you excited for all the yummy vegetables to come over the season.

### Ingredients:

For the roll:

- 1 Spring Roll Wrapper (Rice Paper OR Small Tortilla Wrap)
- Red & Yellow Bell Pepper
- Cucumber
- Carrot
- Purple Cabbage

Any other veggies you like or have in the fridge (it doesn't have to be a rainbow!)

For the dip:

- 2 tbsp Soy sauce
- 1 tsp Hoisin
- 1/2 tsp Rice Vinegar
- 1/2 tsp Maple Syrup
- 1/2 tsp Sriracha

### What to do:

1. Choose which veggies you'd like in your roll and chop them all into thin matchstick-size strips
2. If using rice paper, soak in warm water until it softens and becomes flexible. If using a tortilla wrap, skip steps 2 & 3
3. Remove the wrapper from the water and place it on your chopping board - pat it dry with a paper towel
4. Add your assortment of colourful veggies to the centre of the wrapper
5. Fold the sides in towards the centre, and roll it up tight from the bottom
6. For the dip: measure all ingredients into a small bowl and stir to combine
7. With a sharp knife, carefully cut your rainbow spring roll in half, dip and enjoy!

### Top Tip

If you don't have the ingredients for the dip on hand, soy sauce by itself tastes great too! You can also experiment with other ingredients you have to create your own sauce!



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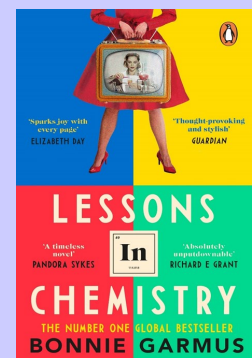
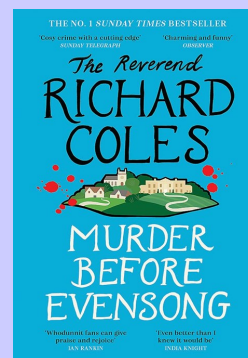
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## NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

The next meeting will be held in the Library, 6:30pm, on Tuesday 25 April 2023

The books to read are:



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

Contact: Rosalind Essakhi:

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