

Nobel News

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From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

As you know school started an hour later at 9:30 on Monday morning, we are incredibly grateful for your co-operation and understanding as it gave us some invaluable and vital training time with staff – our focus was on de-escalation and managing demanding situations. Please rest assured that we are constantly looking to improve what we do.

The examinations have been going well and we are grateful to everyone involved in making them run as smoothly as possible. Our examinations team and invigilators do an excellent job as do my colleagues who chase the odd candidate who has overslept or forgotten the examination. We pride ourselves that all our young people get to take their examinations.

Our fantastic DofE scheme celebrated the seven students who attained their gold award this year with a wonderful day at Buckingham Palace.

Ms Lisa Steele, who leads on DofE, writes:

'We had a lovely day at the Palace. The security was immense, we even had to show multiple forms of ID just to cross the road to get anywhere near. Once in the palace grounds, we had a suggested time to attend the morning refreshment tent for cupcakes and tea, to ensure there were never queues. The palace grounds were beautiful; many envied a private lake and tennis court! We listened to a variety of celebrities (including Harry and Emma Judd, and Tim Peake) all speaking on the theme of achieving personal challenges and the importance of persevering even when you wanted to give up. We also got to meet Prince Edward as he walked through the gardens.'

Our DofE Gold students were: Hywel Evans, Emma Girdwood, Rebecca Kappler Lewis McGuire, Millie Meehan, Ethan Taylor, and Charlotte Telfer. A fantastic achievement, well done and thank you to all the staff who have helped them achieve this wonderful award.

Nobel's performance of 'Matilda' before half-term was a real treat. Thank you to Mrs Llewellyn, Mr Hardy and Mrs Parsley for organising a fantastic show. And well done to the whole cast: Jessica Jenkins, Hannah Creighton, Rose Beech, Alfie Steptoe, Miley Yusuf, Emmanuella Akin- Abolaji, Grace Gover, Zack Hawkins- Smart, Amber Fraser, Amelie Morgan, Isobel Lee, Summer Gore, Maia Forbes, Aaliyah Bello, Alex Keal, Freya Ball, Suzy Tonge, Emily Davis, Shelom Harry, Isabelle Keanelly, Amelie McKenzie, Emily Hone, Katelyn Gollop, Jessica Brew, Kayley Saunders, Anna Blanchard and Maya Behrendt.

And finally, if you had not noticed, Thursday 4 July is Election Day in the United Kingdom. We will do some work on elections with our students over the coming weeks, including our own Nobel Election held on 27 June. The event is being organised by Mrs Gregory with students being asked to present three policies to the school electorate. The election will not follow party political lines and the policies will be domestic, and those that are most pertinent to young people.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Martyn Henson

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 12 Students - Our first expedition of the season ran over the first weekend of half term and included additional training and a Practice Expedition for some of the Gold candidates preparing to embark on their Gold Qualifying Expedition next month. This has been a steep learning curve for these students, who certainly surpassed the challenges they found themselves facing and successfully completed many 'firsts' both individually and as a group.

During our first week back after half term, all Gold students will undertake the planning and organisation of their Qualifying Expedition that will run next month in the Dark Peak District.

We are also receiving letters of application for Senior DofE student leaders, it's lovely to read the reflections of their journeys through Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards - it certainly is an award the students can gain so much from!

Year 13 students - On Monday 20 May, we were privileged enough to join our Year 13 Gold Award holders at a garden party at Buckingham Palace. We enjoyed the opportunity to wander the palace grounds, listen to celebrity speakers speak candidly on satellite stages, listen to Tim Peake discuss challenges he has been presented with and finally listen to Prince Edward as he took time to reflect and celebrate our students' successes. Well done to Hywel Evans, Emma Girdwood, Rebecca Kappler Lewis McGuire, Millie Meehan, Ethan Taylor and Charlotte Telfer.

Year 9 students - After a successful assembly launch and a very well attended information evening, it's lovely to see applications pouring in for next year's Bronze Award. The deadline for this was Sunday 2 June, and all students will be registered on eDofE shortly after this date.

Year 10 students - Students have completed planning for their Practice Expedition and are looking forward to their upcoming adventures through the Hertfordshire countryside.



Miss Lisa Steele
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Nobel Celebrates Student Successes

Congratulations to Evie-Jane Cherry (7E LBT) and her team, Stotfold Turquoise, who won the Sandy Tigers nine-a-side football tournament on Saturday 18 May, scoring 10 goals without conceding a single one. This is a wonderful achievement and Evie-Jane was a key contributor to her team's success.



Congratulations to Oliver Wilson (7T CHL) and his rugby team, Datchworth RFC, who travelled to Brussels, Belgium, to take part in a rugby tournament. There were 24 teams from across Northern Europe playing in the tournament and Datchworth RFC were the only English team. They finished in 3rd place in the tournament, having lost only one game by one try, in the semi-final. Oliver scored a try during the group stages. Well done Oliver!



Congratulations to Emily Grint (8T EES) and her team, Hertford Ladies Under 14 Rio, who have not only accomplished the League Cup double but have also won the U14 Hertfordshire County Cup, beating Hitchin FC 3-1 at the County Ground in Letchworth. Emily is a wonderful advocate for Girls' Football within the school in her current role as a Girls' Football Activator, and has been a key contributor to the successes of the Year 8 and U14 Girls' Football teams this year. Well done Emily!

Congratulations to Pablo Ramirez Rioja (8C AMY) who has just returned from Bucharest (Romania) where he participated in the U13 European Championship, reaching the B final of the competition, playing against some of the best Under 13 table tennis players in the country.

Pablo continues to work hard on his training, showing a strong desire to continue to improve and be the best player he can possibly be. He is picking up a wealth of experience through a range of national and international competitions. We are incredibly proud of all of Pablo's achievements so far!

Further evidence of Pablo's incredible achievements can be found on the Table Tennis England website:

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/dimitrov-and-ramirez-rioja-pick-up-best-results-in-romania/>



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6	Voorburgse Ru...	5	1	31	5

Year 9 Students Explore Higher Education at UH

We are thrilled to share the exciting experience our Year 9 students had recently at The University of Hertfordshire, organised by the University's Widening Access Team. The interactive "Pathfinder Day" split our students into groups and paired them with a university student, who acted as their team leader.

Throughout the day, they worked together in various games and activities, culminating in a craft activity, which gave them the opportunity to demonstrate what they had learned about higher education and the student experience, including student finance. Their team leader also led them on a campus tour where they saw accommodation, the LRC and lots more.

The day was a fantastic opportunity for our students to begin contemplating their future paths and make well-informed decisions about higher education. We are immensely grateful to the University of Hertfordshire's Widening Access Team for making this experience possible. Our students have had the seed of higher education sown. Let's continue to support them to make informed choices for the future that they want and deserve!



Miss Jemma Savo

Assistant Careers Co-ordinator



Running Club

Come and join us on a Friday after school, 3.15pm, meet at the reception. A nice run in the sun.

Mrs Pearson, Mr Bell, Mr Mesher, Miss Savo



Please see below a link to Hertfordshire Local Send Neurodiversity Support :

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/resources-for-parents-and-professionals/the-neurodiversity-hub.aspx>

Y7 Girls' Football Tournament led by Nobel Girls' Football Activators

On Wednesday 22 May, the Nobel Girls' Football Activators led a Girls' Football Tournament for Year 7. This was a special opportunity as it is something that would not have happened without the Activators organising and running this event for their peers. The Activators organised and planned every element of the competition. Beforehand, score tables were organised, Year 7 parents were emailed, certificates were designed and the running order was compiled. On the afternoon of the tournament, the girls refereed pitches, set up equipment, collected equipment, managed teams and timed the competition. Despite the challenging weather conditions, the Year 7s had an enjoyable experience which they would not have had without the Girls' Football Activators. Despite the weather and this being their first event, it was a well-run competition.

Well done to the Nobel Girls' Football Activators. I look forward to seeing them continue to develop their leadership skills where they will lead a couple of girls' football events to local primary schools.

Mr Regan Carolan
Teacher of PE

Student report - On 22 May, the Nobel Girls' Football Activators organised and led a year 7 girls' football tournament to get us ready for coaching in the future. As a group, we have had several practical and theory sessions to develop our leadership skills and learn how to run a tournament. Then, we organised the whole tournament including making posters, team sheets and designing certificates.

We started off by warming the girls up and then getting them into teams, then getting straight into the games. We encouraged the girls to try their best and keep going whether they are losing or winning. Even with the wind and rain, all the Year 7 students had lots of fun.

The winners of the tournament received extra ABC points and all participants received a certificate and sweets! We all had a lot of fun and are excited to carry on with different leadership activities in the future. We have loved being able to run girls' football activities within the school.

Phoebe Probyn 8C MGS and Erin Kassir 8C AMY



Dates for your Diary

Friday 19 July - Last day of term



NOBEL PE AND DANCE



"To encourage maximum participation through an inclusive curriculum, inspiring students to fulfil a lifelong, healthy active lifestyle."

Lunch-time 1:35-2pm

Afterschool 3:05-4:05pm

EXTRA CURRICULAR

	Lunch-time 1:35-2pm	Afterschool 3:05-4:05pm
MONDAY	Tennis (MUGA) all years - JSE Basketball (MUGA) all years - DSN Kwik Cricket (Astro) all years - PWR Choreography club - all years	Athletics (Field) - all years SHS/LPY/PWR/DSN/RCN/CHL/JSE
TUESDAY	Tennis (MUGA) all years - RCN/SHS Basketball (MUGA) all years - PWR Kwik Cricket (Astro) all years - LPY Musical theatre club - all years	Staff meetings and fixtures
WEDNESDAY	Tennis (MUGA) all years - LPY/CHL Basketball (MUGA) all years - NCT Girls Cricket (Field) all years - RCN	SUMMER TERM 2 2024 JUNE
THURSDAY	Tennis (MUGA) all years - RCN/CHL Basketball (MUGA) all years - DSN Kwik Cricket (Astro) all years - LPY	Rounders (Field) all years - RCN/CHL/NCT Cricket (Field/Astro) all years - PWR/LPY/DSN Youth Dance Company - all years
FRIDAY	Girls Tennis (MUGA) all years - NCT Basketball (MUGA) all years - PWR Afro Beats Dance club - all years	Athletics (field) Invite Only RCN/CHL

Please see the PE Department and Dance Extra-Curricular Clubs list for this half term.

Linked to our department vision, our aim with extra-curricular is to give students the opportunity to be active, socialise and have fun whilst encouraging students to fulfil a lifelong, healthy active lifestyle.

Many of the clubs will prepare our students for upcoming inter-school fixtures. **Extracurricular fixtures this half term:** Years 7 to 10 athletics, Year 7 and 8 boys' cricket, Years 7 to 10 girls' cricket and Years 7 to 10 girls' rounders.

Excitingly, and in a Nobel first, an additional clubs update will be released in the next newsletter and to parents in the next couple of weeks detailing the additions to the clubs list to prepare the Netball and Girls' Football teams for the 2024-25 academic year.

To sign up for a club, please visit the Arbor Parent Portal or email Regan.Carolan@nobel.herts.sch.uk. If you have any further questions, please speak to the PE Department.

Mr Regan Carolan
Teacher of PE

Matilda



Well done to the Performing Arts Department and to the entire cast of Matilda, who delivered a series of triumphant performances in the week before half term, delighting audiences, young and old.

Look out for a full review in the next edition of Nobel News.



Girls' Cricket Taster Sessions led by Hertfordshire Cricket

In the final last weeks of Summer Term 1, seven PE classes have been lucky enough to take part in Girls' Cricket taster sessions led by Hertfordshire Cricket. Over 210 students had one of their PE lessons led by Rebecca from Hertfordshire Cricket as part of Nobel's ongoing partnership with the organisation. The aim of the session was to give students a positive experience of cricket and encourage them to get involved with the extra-curricular club.

During the session, coach Bex went through a fun warm up game to get the students ready and excited for the session. Students stood opposite each other in pairs and had to follow a simple instruction such as 'heads, shoulders, knees, toes'. When they heard 'cone' they had to react the quickest to hold the cone above their head before their partner.

Students then moved onto a bowling activity which focused on the correct overarm technique and accuracy, scoring points for hitting a cone or doing even better and hitting the stumps. Once this activity was completed, students had the opportunity to practice their batting and fielding skills in a mini competitive game where all students had the opportunity to bat, bowl and field. It was amazing to see the students so engaged with the sessions, with some students taking part in cricket for the very first time.



Wonderfully, many students have joined the lunchtime club following these sessions. Students who wish to join Girls' Cricket Club can do so by joining Mr Carolan on the field every Wednesday lunchtime, 1:30-2pm.

Mr Regan Carolan
Teacher of PE



Pablo's World Tour Event

A huge well done to Pablo who recently attended an international table tennis competition in The Czech Republic.

He got on the podium at the WTT Youth Contender Havirov but just missed out on the top prize to the second seed. He won all four group matches in the Under-13 Boys' Singles and then beat his opponent comfortably in the quarter final. A 3-1 win against his Polish opponent in the semi-finals set up a final against the second seed of the host nation, ranked 25 places above him in the under-13 world rankings.

Well done Pablo, as always, we are so proud of you!

Further information can be found here: <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/pablo-powers-to-silver-medal-at-wtt-event-in-czechia/>



Physical Education Fixtures Spotlight since 20 May

Please see below some of the sporting fixtures that Nobel have taken part in over the past week, up to and including Thursday 23 May.

Date	Team and Sport	Opposition	Result Player of the Match
Monday 20/05	Year 7 Rounders	Marriotts School	11.5 - 11.5 Draw Annierose B
Monday 20/05	Years 9 Rounders	Marriotts School	4.5 - 3.5 Win Sophia T
Monday 20/05	Years 9 Rounders	Barnwell School	3 - 6.5 Loss Sophie B
Thursday 23/05	Year 10 Rounders	Year 9 Nobel	9.5 - 9 Win Eve F
Thursday 23/05	Year 7 Boys' Cricket	John Henry Newman	Nobel: 50 runs off 15 overs JHN: 54 runs off 7 overs, not out Mason M

Well done to all the students who have represented Nobel over the past couple of weeks. You have made the PE department proud, showing true Nobelian spirit. Every student who represents the school and PE Department at extra-curricular fixtures are awarded with ABC point for each and every attendance

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and guardians who have taken the time to cheer from the sidelines for our teams both home and away. This doesn't go unnoticed and is a big support for our students.

Both parents/carers and students can be reminded of the extra-curricular processes and offering in Physical Education by visiting the following link:

https://nobelhertssch-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/person/regan_carolan_nobel_herts_sch_uk/EffMLje2tAxBoOg5GY8zwwMBqCzU_7Ni7LP1LzhbkFKNPQ?e=d6sh26

To find details of extra-curricular clubs and fixtures, please visit the Fixtures Noticeboard in the PE Department which features upcoming fixtures, results, players of the match and team sheets for each sport.

Mr Regan Carolan
Teacher of PE



The Nobel Network

Former Nobelian, Abbie Hamilton, came in to school to talk to our year 8 students about her career to date, and the pathway she took to get there. Abbie is currently working for the Ministry of Defence, as a support officer.

Abbie attained her GCSEs and followed this with three A levels in psychology, sociology, and politics, achieving Bs in all three. Abbie then took up a place at the University of Leicester, where she studied for a BA in Politics and International Relations. In this course she covered areas such as:

- ◆ International security studies
- ◆ US foreign policy
- ◆ British foreign policy
- ◆ Politics in space



After University, Abbie went on to work for North Hertfordshire District Council and Stevenage Borough Council as a democratic and scrutiny officer. After this, Abbie moved to the Ministry of Defence as a policy officer, which encompassed the following -

- ◆ Movement and transport
- ◆ Advising military and ministers
- ◆ Defence subject matter expert

Abbie highlighted that there are many different routes into the Ministry of Defence, including the civil service fast stream, entry level job roles, apprenticeships, and degree apprenticeships. Abbie encouraged the students to start thinking about their year 9 choices next year and to choose GCSEs that they enjoy, which is also important when making career choices too. She advised them not to be worried about changing direction within their career if there is an area that they find they do not enjoy.

The year 8 students asked some very useful questions at the end and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. We would like to thank Abbie for taking the time to present to our students and to the Nobel Network for facilitating these opportunities for students.

Mr Stephen Howells
Head of Enrichment

If you, or someone you know used to attend Nobel and would like to receive the newsletters and/or help with events, please use the link below to join the network.

NOBEL NETWORK *“CONNECTING TO FORMER STUDENTS AND STAFF”*
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E: nobelnetwork@nobel.herts.sch.uk



Register for Nobel Network membership at: <https://tinyurl.com/Join-the-database>

Phoebe Chiwambo's World Challenge Mural

On Wednesday 15 May, talented artist, Phoebe Chiwambo, unveiled a mural she had created at Martin's House Care Home, where her great grandmother was a resident.

The Mayor of Stevenage, Councillor Myla Arceno, attended the event to cut the ribbon, and also spent time with some of the residents there.

Phoebe raised £275 from the mural towards her World Challenge Trip to Borneo later this summer.

If you would like to donate to Phoebe's just giving page, the link is below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/phoebe-chiwambo-trip-to-borneo-2024?utm_source=offline&utm_medium=qr&utm_term=bMrXjRr6Q

Well done, Phoebe!



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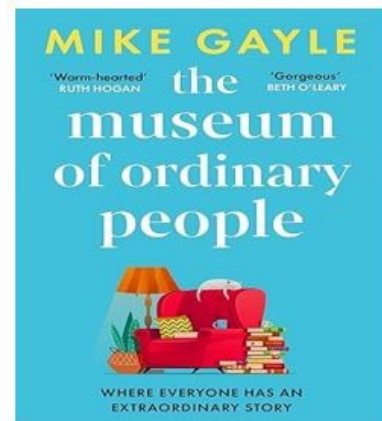
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NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in the Library 6.30pm

Tuesday 16th July 2024

THE BOOK TO READ IS:



Contact: Rosalind Essakhi: 01438 222600 or email:

library@nobel.herts.sch.uk

Read all or part of the book and come and discuss it in a friendly informal group





'Quizine'



Please come and join us in the school hall with your team of up to 6 players for a fantastic, fun evening of food and entertainment.

Quiz:

Our very own,
'Quizmaster
Philcox'!

+

Curry:

'Chef Darren's'
legendary Curry,
Rice, Naan and
Bhaji

= 'Quizine'

Friday 28 June

6.30 - 10.00 pm

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£12.50 per
person!

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DEPOSIT FOR A NEW SCHOOL
MINIBUS.

Please see booking form at the end of
this newsletter.

BOOKING DEADLINE: Friday 21st June



QUIZINE - BOOKING FORM

Friday 28 June 2024 @ The Nobel School (Hall)

(6:30pm for 6.45pm start Finish approx. 9:45pm)



THIS EVENT WILL DIRECTLY SUPPORT FONS PROVIDE THE DEPOSIT FOR A NEW SCHOOL MINIBUS.

Tables bookable via:

Email-Simply fill in the form below and return to trips@nobel.herts.sch.uk

then pay £12.50 per head on school gateway. *Please use surname and team name as the reference.* or

Email-Simply fill in the form below and return to: trips@nobel.herts.sch.uk

then hand an envelope with £12.50 per head cash in it to reception with your surname and team name on it.

** £12.50 per head in advance ** (Due to food preparation requirements, we cannot accept casual entry on the door on the night). There will be a raffle and a 'Heads and Tails' game (Please bring some change/cash too)

Team: Name: _____ **No in Team (6 max):** _____

Main contact email / phone: _____

NB: Food will be prepared in advance to accommodate allergies that have been notified to us in advance, however the kitchen is not completely gluten/dairy free, for example.

I require (add number up to 6)

Chicken Curry	Vegan/Veggie Curry

Team Leader must sign to take responsibility for allergy notification. Sign below	
My team has no known food allergies.	
OR	
My team has the following known food allergies.	

Tick one:

- I have paid via School Gateway using the Surname/Team name.....
- Or I have given cash in an envelope to reception labelled with the Team Name

BOOKING DEADLINE: 21-6-24