

Nobel News

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Nobel

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Member of the Nobel Community,

Although this has been a short half term, it has nevertheless been a highly productive and eventful period, with a wide range of activities and accomplishments.

We extend our sincere thanks to Miss Gant for her leadership in supporting our students through the Mock Trials competition. This demanding event requires participants to undertake the roles of both defence and prosecution, demonstrating critical thinking and advocacy skills. We are delighted to report that our students were successful and will now progress to the next stage of the competition.

This half term also saw a highly successful Careers Fair, organised by Miss Savo and Mr Brown. The event provided students with valuable opportunities to engage with employers, universities, and apprenticeship providers, enabling them to explore future pathways and ask informed questions. The feedback received has been extremely positive. In addition, Year 12 students attended the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair at the London Excel Centre, further broadening their understanding of post-18 opportunities.

We have also held a number of parents' evenings this term. We are grateful to all parents and carers who attended and trust that these meetings proved both informative and constructive. Following the Easter break, we will hold the final parents' evening for Year 12, ensuring that all year groups have had the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers during this academic year.

Our Sixth Form students, in collaboration with the Diversity Leads, hosted an excellent Cultural Lunch this week, which raised £350 for UNICEF. This event provided a meaningful opportunity for students and staff to celebrate and share their cultural heritage through a diverse range of cuisines, fostering a strong sense of community.

We also held our MFL Celebration Breakfast this week. It is with great sadness that we share the passing of a long-serving and much-valued member of staff, Jillian Gothelf who made a

significant contribution to the development of the MFL department and inspired many students over the years.

Jillian left teaching in 2023 but remained at Nobel to support as an exam invigilator and cover supervisor. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends; she will be greatly missed by the school community.

As we approach the Easter break, our Year 11 and Year 13 students will be focusing on their preparation for external examinations. Revision sessions will take place during the holiday period, and details have been communicated directly to students and I want to thank staff for giving up their time to run these sessions. This marks the beginning of a particularly important phase in the academic year, and we thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards and expectations.

We would also like to remind all families that students should return after the break in full and correct uniform, ready for the summer term. Finally, please note that Monday 13th April will be an Independent Study Day, as previously communicated. Should you need your child to come into school, please contact your Head of Year, as staff will be on site. Students will be set work by their subject teachers, and we have taken parental feedback into account to ensure that the workload is purposeful and manageable. Students will return to school on Tuesday 14th April.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

**Best wishes,
Rav Phagura
Headteacher**

Mental Health & Wellbeing at
Nobel School
Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026
@ 11:15AM NOBEL LIBRARY



We are delighted to
 welcome
 our guest speaker
Rasine Egbe
 MHST Practitioner



**Drop in for a Chat and
 discussion**

Current House ABC Points Totals

March 2026	House	ABC Points
1st	Curie	37515
2nd	Eliot	37459
3rd	Mandela	33576
4th	Teresa	33285

Year 9 Mock Trial Team Triumphs at Stevenage Magistrates' Court

We are incredibly proud to share that our Year 9 Mock Trial team recently competed at Stevenage Magistrates' Court in the local heat of the national Mock Trial competition—and won their round against Stewards Academy.

The students have been working diligently since October, preparing their case and learning about the structure and procedures of the criminal justice system. Their case centred on the theft of a mobile phone by a perpetrator on a bicycle, and the court had to consider whether the person accused was truly responsible for the crime. A key part of the trial explored issues of identification, as the rider was described as wearing a tracksuit and a face covering, raising questions about whether the witness could reliably identify the offender.

To help them prepare, students also took part in a court visit last month, where they had the opportunity to watch a real case taking place. This was an incredibly valuable experience, allowing them to see courtroom procedures first-hand.

As part of the competition, they also met serving magistrates, judges, and the High Sheriff, Nicholas Buxton, who spoke to them about their roles within the justice system.

On the day of the competition, every member of the team represented the school with confidence, maturity and professionalism. Their teamwork, preparation and performance impressed the judges, and all students received certificates and gift vouchers in recognition of their success. The team also returned with some wonderful silverware, which will proudly be displayed in our school's trophy cabinet.

This fantastic achievement means the team will now progress to the regional finals, usually held in London, where they will be given a new case to prepare in a much shorter time frame.

We are immensely proud of every student involved. Their commitment, hard work and enthusiasm have been outstanding, and we look forward to supporting them as they continue their preparations for the next stage of the competition.



Well done to:

**Adewale Adekanye
Joshua Barrett
Joshua Bassett
Isla Brooke
Isabella Currell
Elana Day
Hugo Dziemiach
Harrison Gowlett
Louie Jeffries
Luna Kardhashi
Alice Mihalache
Abbie Munday
Hamidah Omisore
Rebeka Samu
Jasmine Stiles**

**Miss L Gant
Teacher of English**

International Women's Day Event



I had the opportunity to attend an International Women's Day event at Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst, where several inspiring women working in biotechnology shared their career journeys. They spoke about the challenges they faced and how determination and passion helped them succeed in their fields. Hearing their experiences was both motivating and empowering, and it highlighted the importance of supporting women in STEM careers.

Shaivi Bhandari Yr 12



University Challenge at Nobel Sixth Form



Every year, *University Challenge* comes to Nobel School Sixth Form as our students compete for the coveted trophy. The competition begins with all the forms in Years 12 and 13 selecting four students to represent their class. The seven Year 12 forms then compete against each other with questions written by the current Head Boy and Head Girl. At the same time, the Year 13 teams battle it out in a separate room to decide who will progress to the final.

After a closely fought first round and some excellent teamwork from both year groups, the final took place on Wednesday 11 March at lunchtime, with students from Years 7–13 invited to watch the competition. The questions were again prepared by the Head Boy and Head Girl, and the stage was set in the auditorium with a large and enthusiastic audience.

In the final, 12 GBE faced 13 OAN, with the questions asked by the Head of Sixth Form, Miss Reeder. The atmosphere was fantastic, and some younger students even had the chance to answer a question to earn house points.

After a tough and exciting contest, 13 OAN emerged victorious and were presented with the trophy by the Headteacher.

Well done to all the form teams for making this a fantastic event. We look forward to the new challenge next year!

**Mrs J Saville
Head of Yr 12**



Year 12 Students Explore Their Futures at UCAS Discovery Day London

Year 12 students recently attended the UCAS Discovery Day in London, held at the ExCeL Centre, joining thousands of other young people at one of the UK's largest university and careers events. The day offered an exciting and valuable opportunity for students to explore their future pathways in a vibrant, information-packed environment.

With over 150 universities in attendance, alongside major employers offering apprenticeship opportunities, students were able to engage directly with representatives and gain first-hand insight into a wide range of courses and career routes. Whether already set on attending university or still considering different options, the event provided something for everyone.



Throughout the day, students had the chance to walk around the exhibition stands, speak to university staff, and gather guidance on course requirements, application processes, and student life. Representatives were on hand to answer questions and provide clarity on what is needed to secure a place on competitive courses. The event was extremely busy, highlighting its popularity and importance, but also reinforcing how unique it is to have so many universities and apprenticeship providers gathered under one roof.

This experience proved invaluable for our students, allowing them to explore a wide range of institutions they may be considering for their future. It also helped them build confidence in asking questions and making informed decisions about their next steps.

Following the trip, form tutors are now working closely with Year 12 students to begin discussions about their plans after Year 13. As we approach June, students will start preparing for the UCAS application process, using the knowledge and contacts they gained during the Discovery Day to guide their choices.

We would like to thank all Year 12 students for their excellent attendance and engagement on the day. Their enthusiasm and maturity made the trip a great success, and we look forward to supporting them as they take the next steps towards their future careers.



Mrs J Saville
Head of Yr 12

MFL Celebrates Success

On Thursday 26 March, the MFL department were delighted to invite some of our incredible language learners this half term, and their families, in for a celebration breakfast with certificates which were presented by Mr Kay. We would like to congratulate each of the students nominated for their outstanding work and attitude to learning last half term. We look forward to celebrating the future successes of all our students.

Students awarded:

Spanish

Liberty Piper (7C MTE)
Raheem Lawal (7E JBH)
Julia Rocha (7E VLA)
Yashi Patel (7E VLA)
Phoebe Field (7E JBH)
Kayleigh Hamilton (9E RSR)
Davina Dawkins (9C PRD)
Xavi George (9C AKN)
Kayla Anyanwu (9E RSR)
Alfie Vlietinck (9C PRD)
Rylen Walters (10C MGS)
Ella Springall (10C AMY)
Abigail Tonge (12 CML)
Jessica Thomas (13 HON)





French

- Joel Spence (7M BVG)
- Jacob Twyman (7T COA)
- Jake Elliot (7M JFN)
- Leonie Tse (7T MGT)
- Lyra-Rae Redmon-Shackell (7M JFN)
- Elisse Murariu (8T AHY)
- JJ Poynter (8M JSN)
- Luca Ipsas (8T LTL)
- Nabil Zouaoui (8T LTL)
- Leo Stoltmann (8M BLO)
- Leah Paternoster (10T NFD)
- Lily Inman (10T KWY)
- Benjamin Dang (11M EJS)



German

- Daisy Horwood (8C ACN)
- Kimberley Chiura (8E MFJ)
- Matilda Gaudion (8C ACN)
- Harper Alushi (8C ACN)
- Troy Chapman (8C ACN)
- Adele Adekanye (9T RSI)
- Sean Offiong (9M CHD)
- Kaine Hamill (9C CWT)
- Sabastian Jarvis (9M JTL)
- Poppie Grant-Richardson (9M JTL)
- Megan May (11C CQN)
- Connor Sculpher (12 SMY)



Miss M Perez-Lotcho
Head of Spanish

Nobel Careers Fair

On Monday 9 March, The Nobel School Careers Fair took place, where we had over 35 local businesses, services and educational providers all based in the local community, supporting our school and our students from Year 9 to Year 13.

On rotation throughout the day, students enjoyed speaking to these companies and discussing the many various apprenticeships/routes available. Local Post office, EasyJet the NHS and Fire Services, Science and construction companies such as Nemco, MBDA, Morgan Sindall and Etec group, along with local colleges and Universities, to name but a few.

Many students also loved the opportunity to see exclusive cars from H.R Owen. Some of these companies are also part of our Alumni - the Nobel Network - supporting our students' career pathways. Thank you to all that attended and supported us as a school.





If you would to exhibit at the next Careers fair, please contact the school for more information.

Miss J Savo
Careers Coordinator

Dates for your Diary

- **Fri 27 March - school closes at 12:20pm for Easter holidays**
- **Mon 30 March - Friday 10 March (inclusive) EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- **Mon 13 April - Independent Study Day (Students to work at home)**
- **Tues 14 April - All students to return to school**
- **Wed 15th April - Yr 12 Parents' Evening**
- **Mon 25 May- Friday 25 May (inclusive) HALF TERM**



STEM Trip



Last week, as part of the A2A STEM Programme, 9 of our year 9 and 10 students went to Eppendorf in Stevenage.

Eppendorf is a leading international life science company that develops, manufactures, and distributes instruments, consumables, and services for use in laboratories around the world.

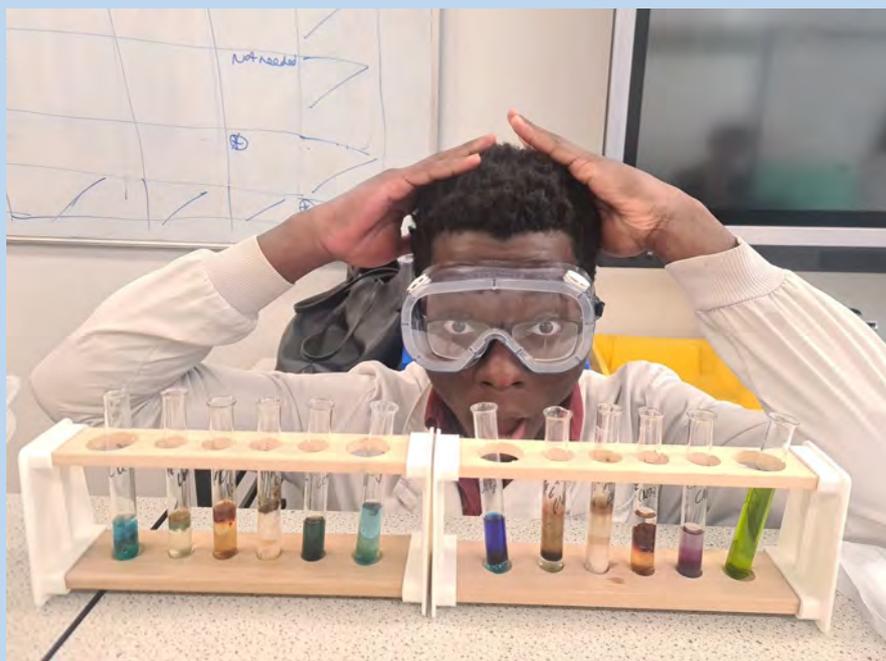
Students took part in a talk from an engineer, following a hands-on activity in their demo lab which they all seemed to enjoy. They asked insightful questions about careers and opportunities and enjoyed the CSI task.



Miss J Savo
Careers Coordinator



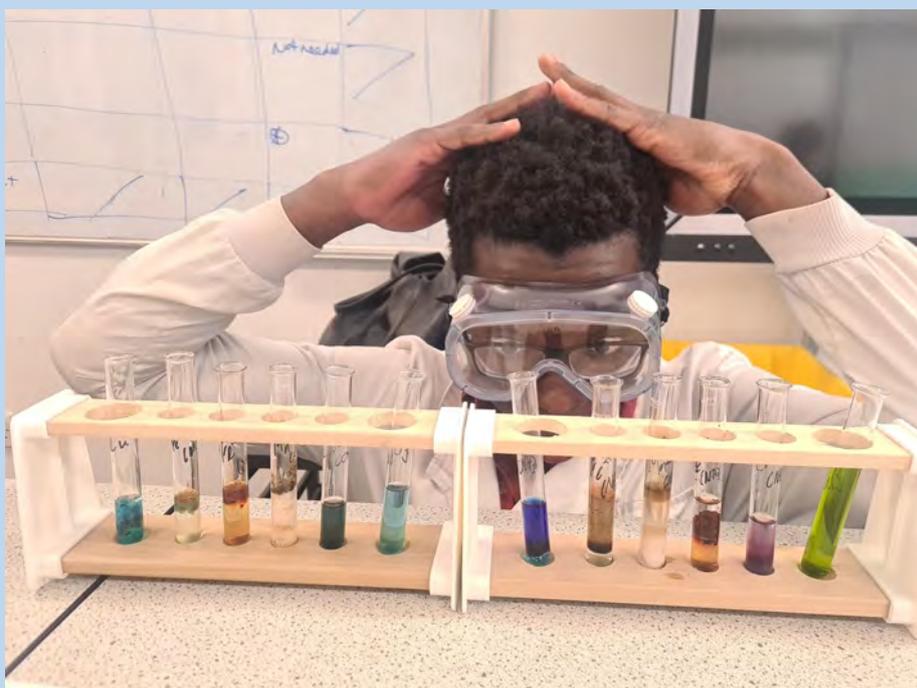
Capturing Chemistry: A Cross-Curricular Collaboration Between Science and Media



This term, students from the Chemistry and Media departments joined forces for an exciting cross-curricular project that combined scientific investigation with creative communication. The collaboration centred on a colourful practical experiment exploring the compounds of transition metals, while Media students documented the process through professional-style photography for a mock school prospectus project.

In the Chemistry laboratory, students investigated the distinctive colours produced by different transition metal compounds. These metals are well known for forming vividly coloured solutions and precipitates due to the unique arrangement of electrons in their d-orbitals. As students carried out the practical work—observing and recording the colour changes—Media students worked alongside them to capture the process through a series of carefully composed photographs.

The Media students approached the task as if they were working on a real school marketing project. Their aim was to produce high-quality images that could appear in a school prospectus, showcasing engaging learning experiences and the dynamic environment of the science laboratories. They focused on composition, lighting, and perspective to highlight both the striking colours of the reactions and the collaborative nature of the activity.



Projects like this demonstrate the value of cross-curricular learning. By bringing together scientific enquiry and visual storytelling, students were able to appreciate how different subjects complement one another in real-world contexts. The images produced will form part of the Media students' mock prospectus designs, helping them understand how schools communicate their identity, facilities, and learning opportunities to prospective students and families.

This collaboration not only celebrated the fascinating colours of transition metal chemistry but also highlighted the creativity, teamwork, and curiosity that underpin learning across our curriculum.

Miss A Pearson
Head of Science

British Science Week 2026

The week beginning 9 March was British Science Week and this year's theme was '**Curiosity: what's your question?**' To allow students to explore the many big questions they have, the science department and ambassadors ran a number of experiments and activities throughout the week.

To begin the week, the science ambassadors gave a series of assemblies showcasing many informative and interactive experiments. Wojciech started it off, by demonstrating Newton's first law of motion which states an object in motion stays in motion, via the inertia beads practical. Then Flynn and Josh continued with an experiment on diffusion with a beaker of salty water and a beaker of tap water putting blue dye into both and demonstrating how the dye sinks or floats based on the density of the water. Alex and Zsolt then followed with the Rainbow Fizz experiment where hydrochloric acid was added to potassium



carbonate with methyl orange and led to a reaction which caused the solution to turn into the colours of the rainbow. Then Phoebe and I were up next with Shooting Sal where we shot a ping pong ball from a launcher, which passed a sensor and caused our stuffed animal helper Sal to fall from the electromagnet he was held by, meaning that due to both objects accelerating at 9.81m/s^2 , they collided in mid-air.

Following us was James and Lucas with the Northern Lights experiment where aluminium foil was added to copper chloride and hydrochloric acid then when a lit splint was put into the flask, it lit up the hydrogen in a fluorescent green and blue mimicking the northern lights. Last but not least, was Joel with the crowd's favourite, the elephant toothpaste experiment where hydrogen peroxide, washing up liquid and a potassium iodide catalyst were added together causing an explosive reaction from both the chemicals and the crowd!

At lunchtime, there were numerous fun and interesting activities which the students had the opportunity to take part in. To start the week off, a paramedic came in and gave a talk about the circulatory system and his experience as a paramedic. Tuesday entailed a session called 'Geology Rocks!' where a geologist gave a fascinating talk about a variety of rock and tectonic themed topics which really rocked! Then Wednesday was a session on space titled 'Space is anybody out there?' giving us an insight into the great unknown. Thursday lunch was then an exciting session called 'Quicksand, how long to live?' on the dangers of quicksand and even doing a fun practical with Oobleck! And finally, the week ended on a high note with an exciting experiment on 'What is the great attractor?'

Overall, Science Week was atom-azing and lab-solutely brilliant, giving the students a hands-on experience allowing them to explore the answers to the many big questions, which we are all curious about. Many thanks to the amazing science department and science ambassadors, who helped to run the activities this week and provided their time to promote the importance of science.

Jessica Jones, Head of Chemistry



Science Week at Nobel





Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!

Join Us in Celebrating Wildlife!
Take part in our Poster Competition and enjoy
Wildlife Documentaries

Help us commemorate wildlife by designing your own A4-sized poster. Please hand your poster in to Miss Jones.

- Submission Deadline: Thursday, May 7th
 - Winner Announcement: Friday, May 8th
- Exciting Prize: An award awaits the winning entry!
A book on oceans and a £20 Amazon voucher

Schedule for Documentaries

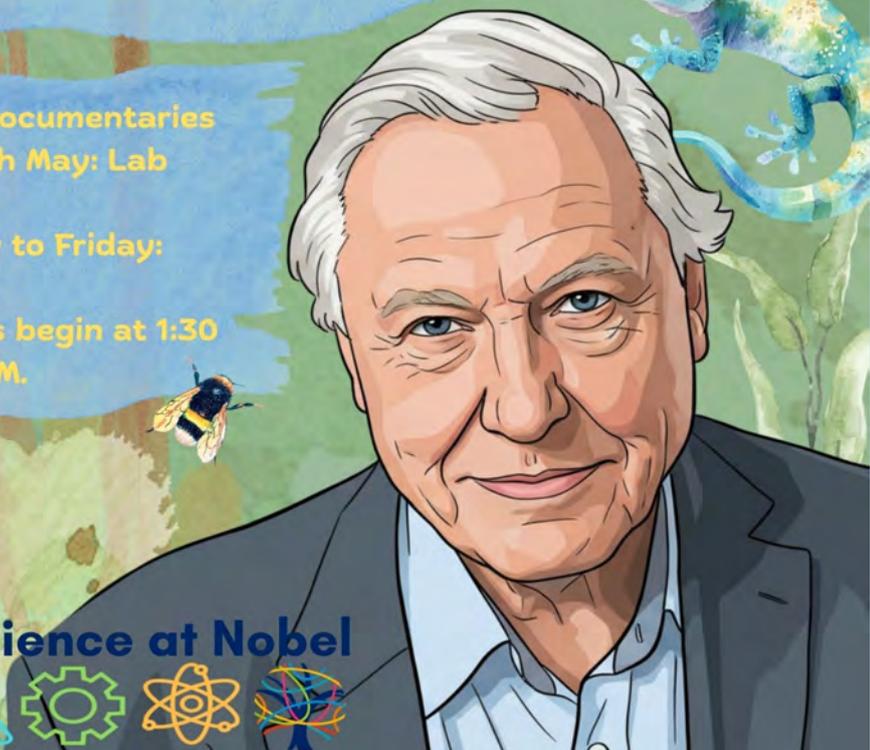
- Tuesday 5th May: Lab 209
 - Wednesday to Friday: Auditorium
- All screenings begin at 1:30 PM.

Bake Sale

Friday 8th
May

Outside the sixth
form study area.

Science at Nobel



Nobel Network - Guest Speaker - Tanya Mullaney



On Tuesday March 24 we welcomed back a former Nobel Student, Tanya Mullaney, to speak to Year 9 students about her career journey since leaving Nobel.

Now working as a toxicologist, Tanya has gained a PhD and has experience across pharmaceutical and biotech industries. She shared her experience in researching and developing new medicines for cancer and rare diseases, and how her work contributes to bringing safe and effective treatment to patients.

She explained the important role toxicologists play in Safety Science, helping to ensure that new medicines are thoroughly assessed before they reach clinical trials. Students also learned about the many different roles involved in medicine development, from early drug discovery right through to clinical studies and final approval.

She gave an insight into what her day-to-day role looks like and offered advice for students considering future apprenticeships or University pathways. Her key message: make the most of

opportunities now, stay open minded and take every chance to learn!

We would like to thank Tanya for giving us the opportunity to hear her presentation which was very informative and interesting.

Mr S Howells
Head of Character and Enrichment

School Notices

School facilities available for community use

Many of the sports and performance spaces at Nobel are available for individuals and clubs to hire after school, at the weekends and during the holidays. From a kids' party with a large bouncy castle in the hall to a reading group in the library, five-a-side football or indoor drone racing in the sports hall, we can host almost every kind of event. Details of the facilities are on the website at <https://thenobelschool.org/venues/about-venues/> and the letting team can be contacted via nobelvenues@nobel.herts.sch.uk

Lunch prices

We are very proud of the quality and range of our food offer at Nobel, and we believe that our prices are comparable to those in other local schools. We do, however, need to ensure that this is affordable to the school, and we will be making some changes to prices after the Easter holidays. Baguettes are currently sold at a loss and will be increased in price to £2.85, whilst various break items (sausage rolls, mini-pizzas, etc) will now have a standardised price of £1.75. Small cakes and biscuits will remain at 95p while larger 'premium' cakes will be £1.45. The price of hot meals is not changing, and students in receipt of free school meals will still be able to purchase a main meal and either a drink or a dessert with their daily allowance.

Mr N Thomas
School Business Manager

Senior Basketball Team

Congratulations to the Senior basketball team who made the District Final for the second season running. Like last year, we faced Hitchin Boys' School in a game of high quality.

A slow start from the Nobel team saw a lot of work to be done in the second half of the game, however a transformative third quarter brought us quickly back into contention. In the end, Hitchin Boys' were able to see out the game with a 41-32 win, in what was a frustrating result with how we played the second half. Whilst we will still look to play some more friendlies later this season, this marks the last official league game of the season for the Seniors. A fantastic achievement to all of the boys for making the final for a second year running. We all hope it will be third time lucky and we'll go all the way next year! MVP: **Caleb Z.**

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Mr J Ferguson
Teacher of PE



Stevenage Sporting Futures



Thanks to a partnership with Stevenage Sporting Futures, 15 girls from Year 7 and Year 8 have had the recent opportunity to learn how to play tennis at Lister Tennis Club. All 15 girls spent the morning working with three professional coaches at the club, covering a wide array of skills including the forehand, backhand, volley, serve and the ability to rally.

With the sun out, it was a great day for all the girls to enjoy a taster into tennis.

As a continuation of the same experience, this week the same girls will spend time learning how to officiate tennis when we welcome another coach into The Nobel School. This whole experience will culminate after Easter when the select girls will help host a tennis tournament for local primary schools. Well done to all the girls involved in the opportunity who have so far represented themselves and the school brilliantly.



We will begin tennis in PE lessons after the Easter break. For those who are a fan of the sport, we have been successful in the Wimbledon Championships ballot for a second year running.

Keep an eye out for the letter on how to apply for tickets in the first week back after Easter .

**Mr J Ferguson
Teacher of PE**

Year 12 Sports Leaders Shine at Inclusion 2028 Commonwealth Festival



On Wednesday 24 March, our Year 12 Sports Leaders had an amazing opportunity to take part in a truly inspiring event, as they prepared to lead at the Inclusion 2028 Commonwealth Festival.

This exciting festival, part of the Department for Education-funded Inclusion 2028 programme and delivered in partnership with the Active Partnerships *No Limits: Year of Disability* initiative, celebrates inclusive

sport and promotes participation, confidence, and enjoyment for all students involved. We are incredibly proud that our students were selected to represent Nobel as leaders and participants at such a meaningful and high-profile event.

The festival took place at Wodson Sports Centre in Ware and featured both an opening and closing ceremony, creating a real sense of occasion. A particular highlight was when two of our students, Hunni Gormer and Leon Metcalf, were chosen to open the festival by delivering the official Commonwealth Games oath:

“We declare that we will take part in the Commonwealth Games of 2026 in the spirit of true sportsmanship, recognising the rules which govern them and desirous of participating in them for the honour of our Commonwealth and for the glory of sport.”

Our Year 12 leaders played a key role throughout the day, leading engaging and inclusive activities for over 100 primary school students from across Hertfordshire. They approached this responsibility with enthusiasm, confidence, and professionalism, quickly building strong connections with the younger students. It was fantastic to see how much the primary pupils enjoyed the sessions, working hard and responding so positively to our leaders.

The students who represented the school were:

Bethany Allardyce, Amelia Karbowska, Olivia Kemp, Elise Kennedy, Florence O'Brien, Sydney Teagle, Jessica Tolmie, Kacey Tolmie, Abigail Tonge,.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our Sports Leaders for their hard work, commitment, and outstanding representation of the school—you were truly amazing.

Many thanks,

**Mrs J Saville
Teacher Of PE**

Year 9 Girls Shine at the North Herts District Football Tournament

We are delighted to congratulate our Year 9 Girls Football Team on their fantastic performance at the North Herts District Girls Football Tournament. The team showed exceptional skill, determination and teamwork throughout what proved to be a highly competitive event.

Our girls delivered some outstanding results, securing wins against JHN, Barnwell, and St Francis, and earning a well fought draw against Priory. As the tournament progressed, the team grew stronger and more confident—so much so that several of the teams they beat went on to reach the final. This reflects just how impressive their performances truly were.

A huge well done to the following players for their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship:

Janeisha Chudasama

Evie Cherry

Elana Day

Rose Anderson

Jasmine Stiles

Layla Haggerty

Lacey Haggerty

We would also like to give a special thank you to Mr. Lawanga, whose coaching, encouragement and positive leadership played a key role in helping the girls achieve these excellent results.

Well done to the whole team—you have made the school extremely proud!

Mrs J Saville
Teacher of PE

Success at National Street Dance Championship



A huge congratulations to **Zofia in 10E ARD** who competed at the National Street Dance Championships at the start of the month.

She achieved some great results:

- 2nd place with her Commercial Team
- 3rd place with her Hip-Hop Team
- 4th place in the Solo category
- Reached the semi-finals in the Duo category

We are all very proud of her achievements! Well done Zofia!

Mrs Camp
Head of PE



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Teacher of PE



Yr 10 Girls Football Tournament



On Tuesday 10 March, the Year 10 girls' football team travelled to Marriotts School to take part in the Year 10 Football Tournament. With eleven teams entered into the competition, the standard of play was extremely high this year and there was plenty of talent on display throughout the event.

The girls competed brilliantly in a series of challenging matches. With limited space on the pitch, it was difficult to fully utilise our fast wingers, but the team showed great determination and worked hard in every game. Although we narrowly missed out on reaching the semi-finals at the end of the first pool stage, the team should be very proud of their performances. They played with excellent teamwork, supported one another throughout the tournament, and approached every match with a positive attitude.

The team was captained superbly by Lucie Pickett, who led the squad with enthusiasm and encouragement.

The squad for the tournament was: **Lucie Pickett (Captain), Elana Day, Emily Grint, Erin Kassir, Evie Dilnut, Zofia Paszhie, Charlotte Spoon and Phoebe Probyn.**

A special mention must go to Elana Day for her outstanding performance in goal. She made a number of excellent saves during the tournament which proved crucial in keeping the team competitive in several matches.

Well done to all the girls for representing the school so positively.

Mrs J Saville
Teacher of PE

Yr 8 Girls Netball Tournament



On Tuesday 10 March, the Year 8 netball team travelled to Marriotts School to take part in a netball tournament featuring thirteen teams. The standard of play throughout the event was extremely high, with many strong teams and talented players on display.

Despite facing tough opposition, the girls demonstrated some excellent passages of netball across their matches. They worked hard to move the ball down the court, communicated well, and showed great teamwork throughout the afternoon.

Although the results did not go our way this time, the team should be very proud of their effort and attitude. They supported and encouraged one another in every game and represented the school brilliantly while competing against a very high standard of opposition.

Tournament squad: ***Sophie Bradley, Ella Celen, Kimberly Chiura, Lily Coles, Daisy Horwood, Paris Narh, Evie-Mae Paine, Poppy Vassie, Antonia Visinar.***

Well done to all the girls for their effort, teamwork and positive attitude throughout the tournament - you represented the school extremely well.

Miss Long
Teacher of PE

Year 7 Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 7 basketball team who have now qualified for the District final.

The Year 7 Hertfordshire league is split into North and South Hertfordshire, with 5 teams in each half. The winner of each half meet in the final to play out the league decider.

Last week, the Nobel squad had a must win game vs King James Academy Royston, with both teams so far undefeated with the winner off to the final.

A slow start saw the team down at half time, but a strong third quarter tipped the lead back in Nobel's favour which was closed out in a strong fourth quarter defensive effort.

Well done to all the boys who have represented the Year 7 team this year and good luck in the final next week. The final will be played at Barnwell on Wednesday 25 March vs Hitchin Boys' School

Mr J Ferguson
Teacher of PE



Year 13 Celebrate Their Final PE Lesson at Nobel

After six and a half years of PE lessons, Year 13 students at Nobel marked an unforgettable milestone this week—their final ever PE session at the school. To celebrate the occasion, students took part in a lively and highly competitive interform benchball tournament, giving each form the chance to work together one last time in pursuit of what can only be described as the biggest trophy you have ever seen.

Adding to the excitement, the Head of Sixth Form Miss Reeder made a special guest appearance, joining in with one of the forms for this memorable finale. Her presence brought smiles, nostalgia, and even more energy to an already buzzing atmosphere.

The competition showcased fantastic teamwork, spirited play, and plenty of laughter. After some brilliant performances across all teams, the final standings were:

- 🏆 1st Place – 13 KMN
- 🏆 2nd Place – 13 MBS
- 🏆 3rd Place – 13 MWG



A huge congratulations to all forms for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and passion—not just today, but throughout their entire PE journey from Year 7 to Year 13.

The PE department would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to every student for arriving each week prepared, positive, and ready to take part. Your energy and commitment have made teaching you a joy.

Good luck for the future!

Mrs Saville and the PE Team



Yr 11 GCSE PE



With the Year 11 GCSE exams soon approaching, Mr Ferguson's GCSE PE class are fully engaged with their revision lessons. As part of this, the class are completing a variety of 'practical' revision activities to try and help past learning stick.



With 'The Weakest Link' playing out in true game show style last lesson, this week it was an old school 'Art Attack' inspired task. After the structure of the heart was recapped in the classroom, the class were split into boys vs girls and given full access to the PE department equipment cupboard. Each team was tasked with building an anatomically correct heart model inside 15 minutes, that students could walk through as if they were red blood cells. Both teams created fantastic models which they then walked through and narrated as they went. Although close, the task win had to go to the girls team. Well done to all involved .



**Mr J Ferguson
Teacher of PE**



Our years 7/8 disco which took place on 13 March was a huge success again. We will update you on the money raised from the event in the next newsletter.

Our Quizine night is our next event taking place on Friday 15 May. It promises to be a fun night with a quiz, games and some tasty food of fish and chips. Please see the poster for more information on how you can join us on the night. We would be very grateful if you have any new/unused and in date items to donate for our raffle on the night. These can be dropped off at reception for the attention of FONS.

For information on FONS please email Kym: kymarthur@btinternet.com

For information on our 100 club raffle contact Jodie: jlainqseattle@gmail.com

Upcoming dates

Monday 27 April - FONS meeting 7pm (library)

Friday 15 May - Quizine 7pm till 10pm

Tuesday 16 June - FONS meeting 7pm (library)

Monday 6 July - FONS meeting 7pm (library)

Kind Regards
FONS Committee



Some of our FON's members who helped at the disco.



Snacks which were sold at the disco.

Friends of Nobel School present...



'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'!

+

Fish&Chips:

'Chef Darren's'
seaside menu with
loads of extras!

= 'Quizine'

Friday 15th May

6.30 – 10.00 pm

Just

**£12.50 per
person!**

(Bring own booze)

Please note.....

THIS EVENT WILL DIRECTLY SUPPORT FUNDS TOWARDS EXTRA EQUIPMENT FOR SUBJECTS.

Please see booking form attached or at the end of the newsletter.

BOOKING DEADLINE: Friday 8th May



QUIZINE - BOOKING FORM

Friday 15th May 2026 @ 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 **** Deadline 8th May (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 up to 6)

(all served with chips, mushy peas, curry sauce, crusty roll, pickled onions and gherkins!)

Fish	Saveloy	Battered Vegan Sausage

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

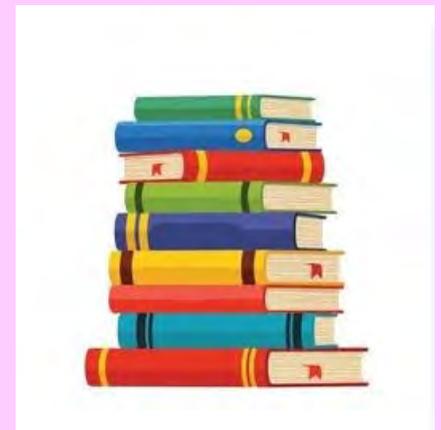


BOOKING DEADLINE: 8-5-26 (Bring your own booze!)

World Book Day Fun

This year's **World Book Day** was especially significant as it fell in the **National Year of Reading 2026**. With just 1 in 3 young people aged 8-18 saying they enjoy reading for pleasure (National Literacy Trust), encouraging our children to read has never been more important. You can read more about this vital government-led initiative here: <https://goallin.org.uk/>.

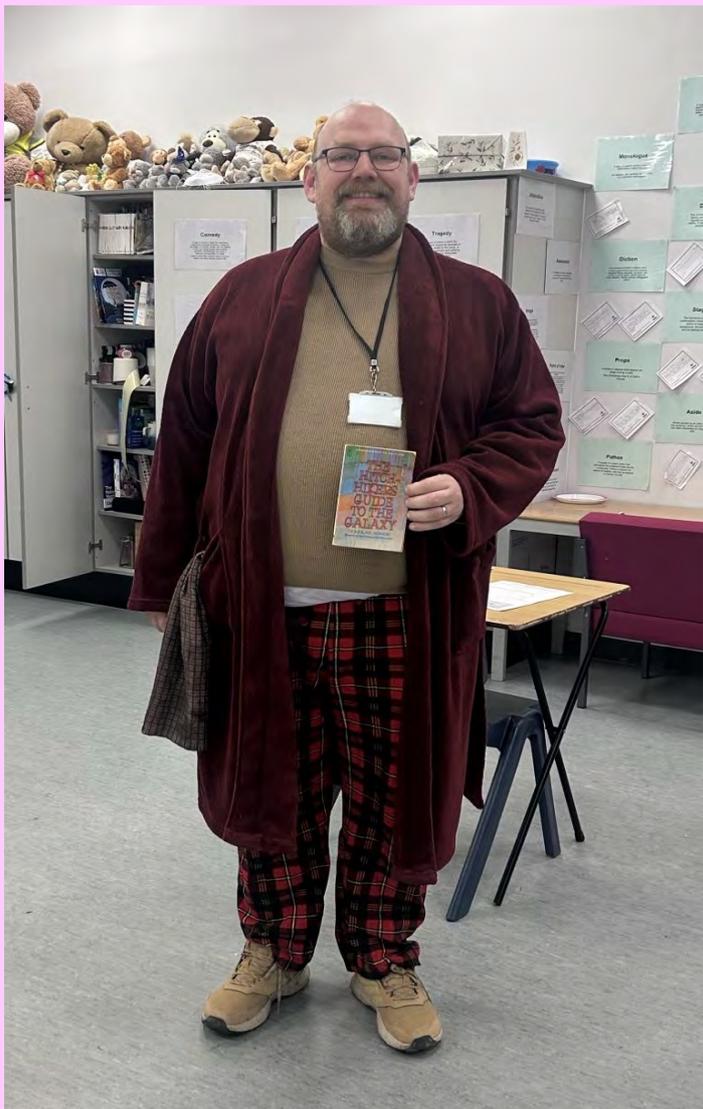
This week, I have delivered World Book Day assemblies with some super sixth formers: Freddie Thompson, Hannah Creighton, Olivia Allen, Miley Yusuf, Lorelai Radelescu, Leena Abdul Hamid and Isobel Renvoize (pictured below). They promoted some of literature's most iconic characters and read extracts from bestselling books to recommend our students borrow the books from the library or read them online. Among the books recommended were: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Hunger Games*, *Matilda*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, *The Great Gatsby*, *The Colour Purple* and *The Scarlett Letter*.



Nobel staff celebrated their literary heroes by donning costumes, and we invited students to enter the 'Guess Who' game to see how many they knew.

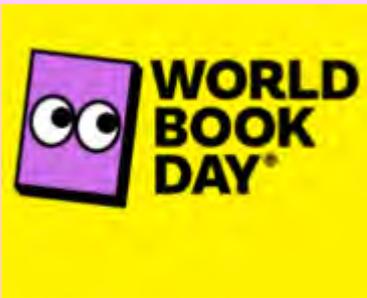
Costumes included Peter Pan and the Darling family and Paddington Bear; Plato and Aristotle raised the intellectual bar and behaviour was kept in check by Miss Trunchball and Ebenezer Scrooge!







Surprise book gifts were given out to some lucky, random students and Librarian, Mrs Hawke, also arranged several book inspired, fun activities for students to complete in the library over lunch time. She has also given out the World Book Day tokens so that students in KS3 can buy a book for just £1 or get £1 off book of their choice at several retailers.



Huge thanks to everyone for taking part and supporting Nobel students' reading.

**Mrs K Di Gregorio
Lead Practitioner and Literacy Lead**



Library News

Women's History Month



Every year during March, we take the time to remember the contributions and achievements made by women over years gone by.

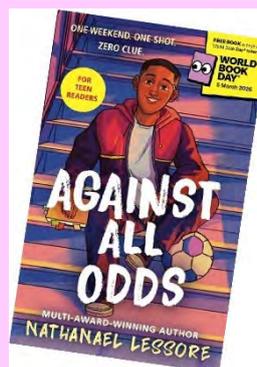
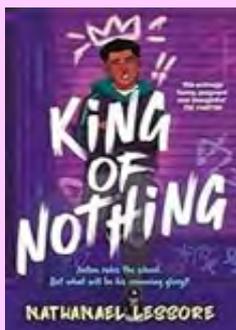
We have lots of books available in the library to remind us and help us learn more about some inspirational women from the past.

World Book Day library competition

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in our World Book Day library competition.

By listening to multi-award-winning author Nathanael Lessore talk about his books, reading and his top 5 recommendations, students were entered into our prize draw.

Our winners were picked from all the correctly submitted answers and have now been notified.



Mrs A Hawke
Librarian

NEW BOOK REVIEWS



All given 5 stars by our students

Each week we have a

Genre focus

This week is Science-Fiction:



Pop into the Library for recommendations and to look at our display

Library Opening Times

Monday 8:15am to 4:15pm

Tuesday 8:15am to 4:15pm

Wednesday 8:15 to 4:15pm

Thursday 8:15am to 4:15pm

Friday 8:15am to 3:45pm

Also remember, you have

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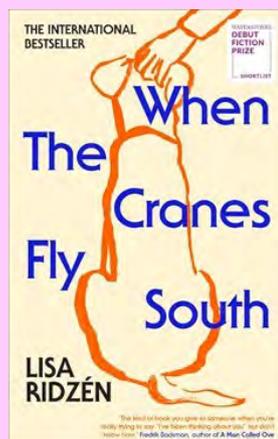
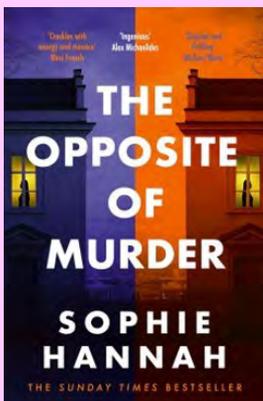
Sparx Reader

whenever you need them

NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

The next meeting will be held in the Library, 6:30pm, on Tuesday 21st April 2026.

The books to read are:



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

Contact: Amanda Hawke:

01438 222600



Developing Character

Dear Students and Parent/Carers

For the two weeks between 20/04/26- 01/05/26 the character focus is on the Nobelian virtue of being **RESILIENT**.

The Character Conundrum for the fortnight is below. Please can you take some time during the fortnight to read through this with your child and discuss what the right moral choice would be.

Character Conundrum 14 – RESILIENT

Dan has not been doing well in science. In fact, he has failed all his tests so far this year. If he is honest with himself, he hasn't exactly been busting a gut to work hard and revise but then he does find the subject difficult. His maths has always been excellent and during careers week he spots the perfect job for him – mechanical engineering. He knows that his maths grade is more than enough but to his horror, he realises that you need a grade 5 in science, and he is way off. What should he do?

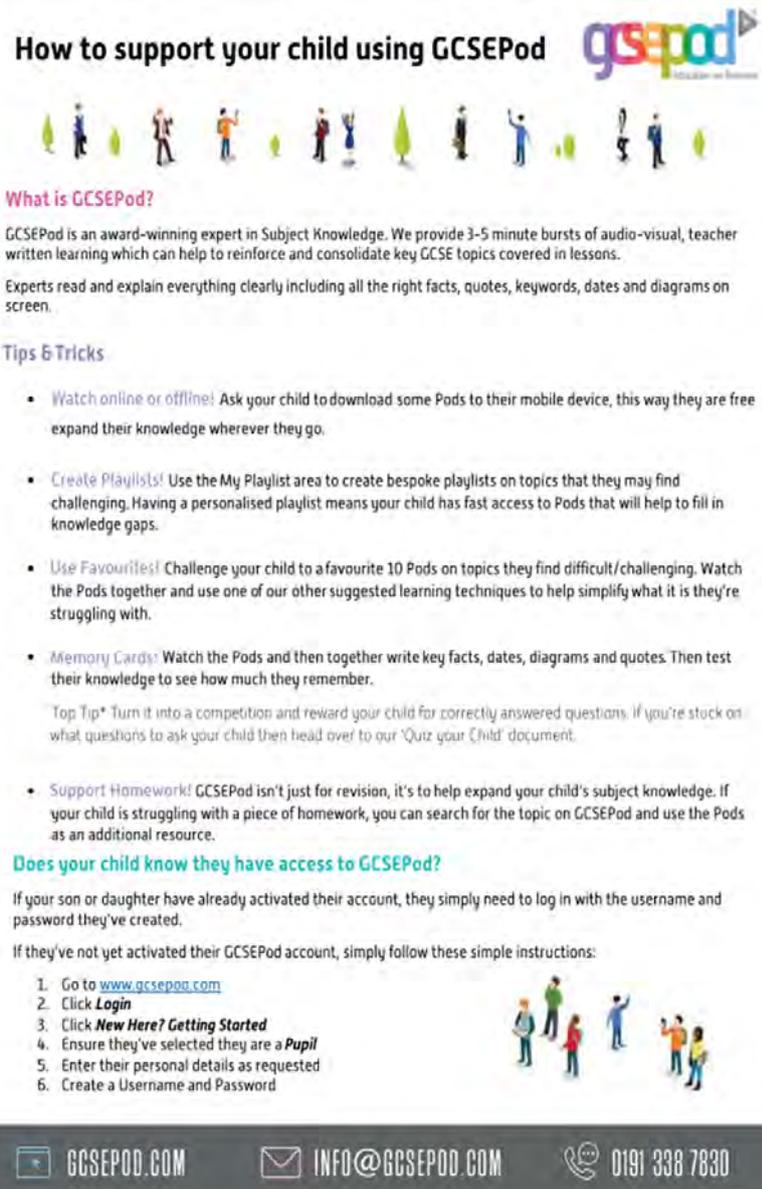
Support

Dan has too real choices here; give up on the idea of being a mechanical engineer or push himself to raise his science grades. Obviously, the latter takes much more hard work and character but also resilience and perseverance. How hard are students prepared to strive for their goals, or do they just give up at the first hurdle. Dan obviously needs to be realistic but, if he is capable of a grade 5 he now needs to go out and get it; whether that be through extra revision sessions, spending more time on it at home or seeing whether someone could tutor him.

Questions

- Can you identify the moral dilemma in this situation?
- Have you ever had a goal that you thought might be unobtainable?
- Have you ever given up and taken the easy option if it looks like things are going to get hard?

- Should Dan consider whether he should take responsibility for the previous test results – did he work hard enough? Could he have done better?
- Have you ever failed at something but blamed someone else for the failure?



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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



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Character Conundrum 15 – GRATEFUL

When Erin chose her options, she decided on Food Tech - everyone needs to cook a bit, don't they? She did not realise that there was so much written work involved. That, twinned with her teacher always bugging her to complete the work and collecting for extra sessions after school, meant that by the end, it wasn't exactly her favourite subject. When she collected her grades on results day, she was pleased with what she had achieved overall but was surprised to find that food tech was by far her best subject. Her parents were pleased, and she obviously thanked them for buying her revision guides etc, but she couldn't quite shake the thought that perhaps she should be grateful to someone else...

- Have you had a teacher who has gone above and beyond to support you – did you tell them how grateful you were?
- Do you ever waste time in lessons, then fall behind but say you had a rubbish teacher?

Warm regards

Mr N Brown

Assistant Headteacher

Support

Ultimately, the results on the piece of paper in the summer after the GCSEs is the responsibility of each individual student. However, when teachers choose the profession, it is almost certainly to help the students be better. When teachers ask students to attend extra support sessions, it is often seen as a punishment or 'stealing the student's time', however few think of the cost to the member of staff. Would they have wanted to stay back after work when they personally did not need to? Obviously, teachers are paid to get the best results for the students, but they cannot sit the exams for them, are not paid overtime and many go above and beyond to give the students the best possible preparation.

Questions

- Can you identify the moral dilemma in this situation?
- Is there anyone else that perhaps had an impact on the quality of Erin's grade?
- Do you think Erin thought of the extra sessions she had to attend more like detentions?



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FAMILY NETWORK EVENTS



10–12pm Tuesday 25th November 2025

Peartree Spring Primary School

10–12pm Tuesday 17th March 2026

Moss Bury Primary School

10–12pm Tuesday 16th June 2026

Peartree Spring primary School

No booking required

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