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Meals included**

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***very probably**

**We are now taking reservations for the Ski Trip to
Austria in February 2016.**

See Mrs Segura (PE) or Mr Rowe if you are interested.

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headlines

Welcome to the March edition of OnCampus.

We have had another very productive half term. Students returned refreshed from their half term break in February. Many students enjoyed the annual ski trip to Flachau and the football development tour to Barcelona and details of both trips can be found on pages 14 – 23. Staff are already starting to organise next year's ski trip, returning to the resort of Zauchensee in Flachau from 12 – 20 February 2016.

Our second Impact Day of the academic year took place on Wednesday 4 March, details of which can be read on pages 4 – 7.

In February, thirty Year 8 students were paired up with some Chinese students who visited from the Beijing Chen Jing Lun Middle School in China for a week. Please see page 26 for a report from Mrs Harries, International Links Co-ordinator.

I would like to congratulate James Falp, Aaron Mellor and Danny Bates on winning a gold medal for competing in a three man Kata team as part of the English Karate Federation National Championship in Sheffield in January. Congratulations also go to Isobel West for successfully qualifying to attend the finals of the Young Kennel Club Groomer of the Year competition at Crufts Dog Show recently.

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Students in Years 7 – 10 have been creating some excellent dishes in Food Technology and some very eye-catching products have been made in Textiles. Please see pages 26 – 28 for these items.

AS Business Studies and Economics students had a very informative visit to the New Holland Tractor Plant in Basildon in January and positive comments were received from the guides for the day.

Students are continuing to earn a good number of house points which are achieved from a wide range of activities, events and achievements including merits and commendations, attendance, Impact Days, curriculum competitions, PE inter-form activities and, in the Summer term, Sports Day. The current running totals are Blackwater (NOT) 6635, Colne (HSB) 5960 and Chelmer (LEY) 5840.



Simon Thompson, Headteacher

The school supported Comic Relief on Friday 13 March and a total of £1,255.79 was raised for this worthy cause.

As the final examinations approach for Year 11 students, many subjects and faculties will be offering revision sessions to support students in their preparations, during weekends and school holidays. Details of all revision sessions, pre-public examinations and final examinations can be found on the website, <http://www.notleyhigh.com/exams> Good luck to students in Years 10 – 13 with their forthcoming examinations.

With my best wishes for a very restful Easter break. I look forward to welcoming students back to school for the start of the Summer term on Monday 13 April 2015.

Mr S Thompson, Headteacher



impactday

The second Impact Day of the academic year took place on Wednesday 4 March. A whole host of activities were delivered to students, including a range of external visitors and guest speakers. As always, the students' behaviour was excellent and they were engaged in all that was offered

to them. Many thanks to Miss Short, Miss Old, Miss White, Miss Owst and Mrs Brewis-Shephard for organising the individual year group activities.

Mrs Sutton, Impact Day Co-ordinator

Year 7

Year 7 students and some teachers went to the Discovery Centre. I want to start by saying that the students were amazing in terms of behaviour and throwing themselves into the day and all the activities they got to enjoy; the Year leader and I are very proud. Secondly, I want to say how great the students

and teachers were with the 8 miles walk that we all did; luckily the weather was lovely and we were able to walk in the sunshine. Thank you very much to all parents/carers that emailed and telephoned in to warn us of the flooding; luckily it had all dried up on the day.



"It was good when our teacher got involved"

"I really liked attempting to build a den that didn't fall down straight away, even if my hands got sooooo muddy"

"I am glad the weather was sunny it meant we could run about and have fun"



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Students worked in groups to complete various activities around the centre, including geocaching, den building and team games. A personal favourite of students was the fox and hound game, where they had to work together to either catch the foxes or defend themselves against the hounds. A favourite for the teachers was for students to balance out the giant seesaw perfectly, which really

tested their team building skills and love of mud.

Overall it was a hugely successful day: the weather, students and teachers were fantastic. I hope everyone was not too muddy when they got home and had a good rest.

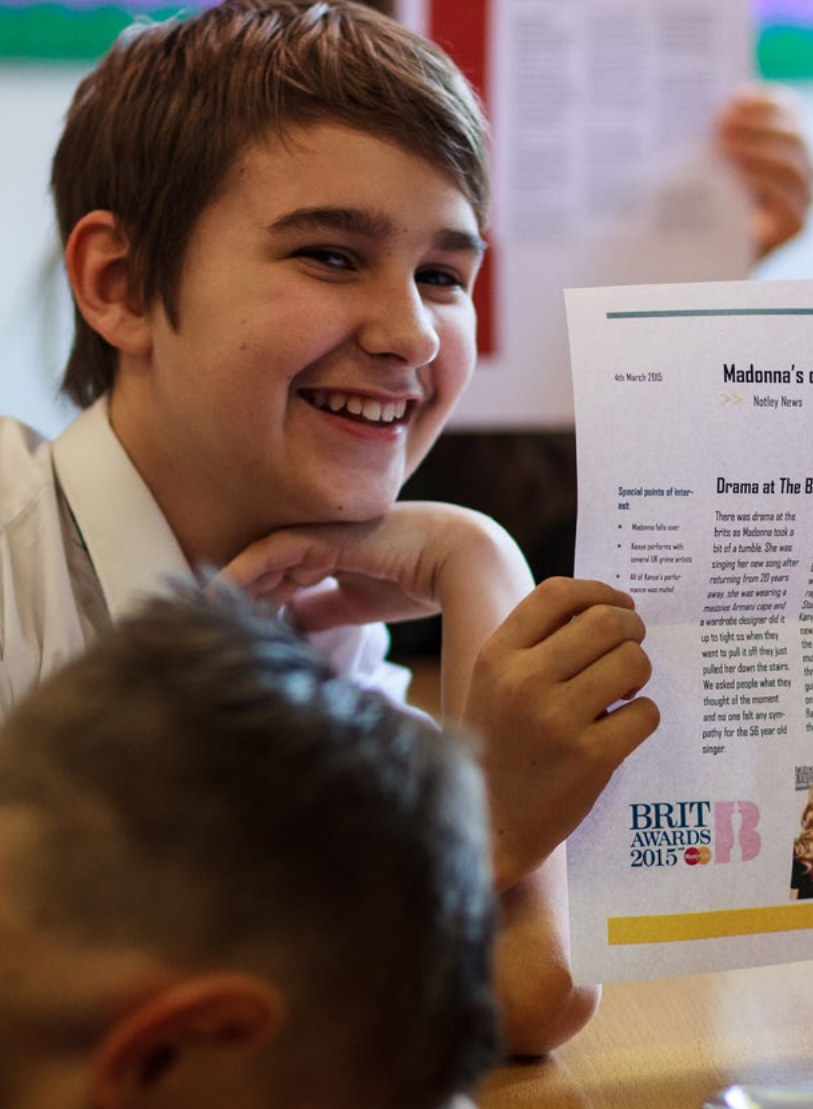
Miss Short, Impact Day Co-ordinator



"I liked working with lots of different people not just my tutor group"

"It was nice to be outside for the day"

"Working together, achieving together"



Year 8

Year 8 spent their day as roving reporters and journalists. Students had to research news stories and create their own form newspaper. Each form was split into different reporting teams including local news, national news and sports news. Students had to research their news stories using a number of sources and conduct interviews around the school; they then had to put their stories together, sticking to tight deadlines.

Throughout the day, students were engaged in their reporting. All groups produced a good quality newspaper at the end of the day which covered a wide range of topics.

The winning house with the most detailed newspaper articles was Colne house, with Blackwater and Chelmer houses in 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

Well done to all involved in the day, and a huge thank you to the staff who facilitated the sessions.

Miss Old, Impact Day Co-ordinator



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Year 9

After a stressful half term of choosing GCSE options, the Impact Day for Year 9 focused on health and wellbeing. Students had the opportunity to participate in various workshops which included stress management, making healthy choices, yoga and learning about contraception.

Behaviour from students was exemplary, especially considering the mature content of the day's sessions. Discussions were held on the importance of self examination for breast and testicular cancer, drama sessions showed the importance of dealing positively with conflict and the fitness session made sure the students came away energized!

Miss White, Impact Day Co-ordinator

"I will use the day to help me stay healthy and stress free." 9S

"I enjoyed it because the teachers made the contraception lesson funny and less awkward, but I still learnt lots." 9E



"I only wish it was over two days, as there were so many useful activities!" 9S



Year 10

Year 10 students spent the day learning about a variety of revision techniques, with outside speakers from Learning Performance.

"I enjoyed Impact Day as it helped me a lot with different techniques. The presenter was really funny and changed my perspective on revising. It helped me greatly." Lydia Barry 10Y

"The day really enhanced my learning. I learnt a lot more revision techniques that will help me, not only for my GCSEs, but also for any other tests I will need to revise for." Amy Bird 10T

Miss Owst, Impact Day Co-ordinator

Year 11

Science, science, science!

For our Year 11 students, it is that time of year where their thoughts are now turning to exams and working towards the grades they need to get into their chosen destinations. Therefore, this impact day saw all Year 11 students working towards achieving their ISAs in a day in science, which will count towards their final GCSE grades.

The day involved research, practical experiments, graphs, exams and a lot of science!

"Working together, achieving together"

The atmosphere from Year 11 students was one of hard work and focus. Below are the thoughts of some Year 11 students from the day....

"I found the off timetable day really useful. Throughout the day I was able to focus on my science ISA. Having this opportunity to have an off timetable day made it easier for us as we could do our ISA all day, whereas normally it would be over the course of two weeks." Ashley Wickham 11B

"The only thing that could have made it better was if our teacher had brought in sweets and chocolate," (Anonymous)

*Mrs Brewis-Shephard,
Impact Day Co-ordinator*



schoolproduction

Grease is the Word



"A fantastic evening, wonderful entertainment and excellent singing!"

"It was wonderful to see such talent both from the performers and from the set design and stage management"

This is just some of the praise given as the curtains came down on Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form's production of Grease. The energy and buzz of the show was infectious and each night saw audiences clapping and singing along.

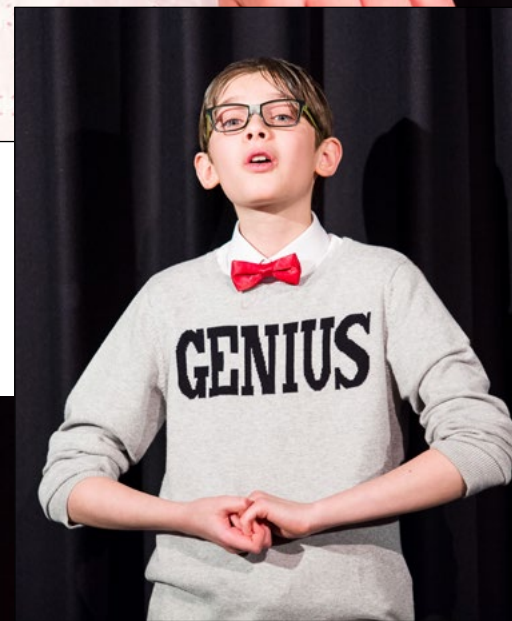


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Ms Monro and Mrs Wingrove drew together a talented team of set designers, who worked tirelessly to design and paint the set. Miss White and Miss Short had the mammoth task of sourcing and organising all the costumes and, with a dedicated team of staff, made sure that each member of the cast was fully made up and ready to go.



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As well as choreographing two fantastic dances, Miss Auston was head costume changer and managed to get Sandy changed and back on stage in record time! Mrs Stringer not only performed fabulously as Miss Lynch but was at every rehearsal, encouraging and alongside all the cast. Her passion and vision for the arts, especially drama, is so appreciated by myself and rest of the drama team.

Mr Rawlings and Miss Arnold made sure that the technical side of things went without a hitch and the stage management team was so dedicated and made some pretty tricky set changes look easy. Special thanks must go to Miss White, my co-director

of the musical. She worked tirelessly to get Grease from page to stage and was a great encourager of both myself and the cast.

This brings me to the fabulous cast, who were the stars of the whole thing. There were a number of challenges that we faced in getting the final show to stage and the cast were so committed and passionate throughout.

Megan Amos 10N wowed as Sandy with her character development and sweet, sweet vocals. Harvey Payne 9S was Danny to a 'T-bird' and the Greasers performance of Greased Lighting will long remain in our memories. There were fantastic





comedic moments with James Rayner 10T as Kenickie, Harry Eagling 10T as Sonny, James Knock 9O as Doody and Henry Farmer 9N as Roger, as we saw Roger do his own personal mooning session!

When the Pink Ladies took to the stage the audience were enthralled and Noreen Mukahiwa 10H, Natacha Maurin 10H, Lilly James 10S and Evie



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Stoneman 10B gave performances which far exceeded their years. The interaction between Patty Simcox played by Kayli Haydon 10Y and Eugene Florzyc played by Jamie Davy 9O had the audience in stitches. The chorus were colourful and vibrant in all the numbers they danced in and the high school dance scene saw hand jive movement to die for.

What a ride directing Grease has been. I absolutely loved it and cannot wait for the next show.

Mrs Hall, Subject Leader - Drama





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skitriptoAustria



Zauchensee - Ready or Not, Here We Come!

This year, we took the decision to extend the ski trip to The Ramsey Academy, Halstead. With 27 students from Notley and 9 from Ramsey we set off early on Friday 13 February.

Yes we know - not the greatest omen.

However you'll be pleased to read that, unlike last year you don't have to brace yourself for an impending trip based disaster story.

The coach was on time and probably the best we have ever had, Dover was open when we got there, we got the correct ferry and the journey was thoroughly uneventful. Long, but uneventful.

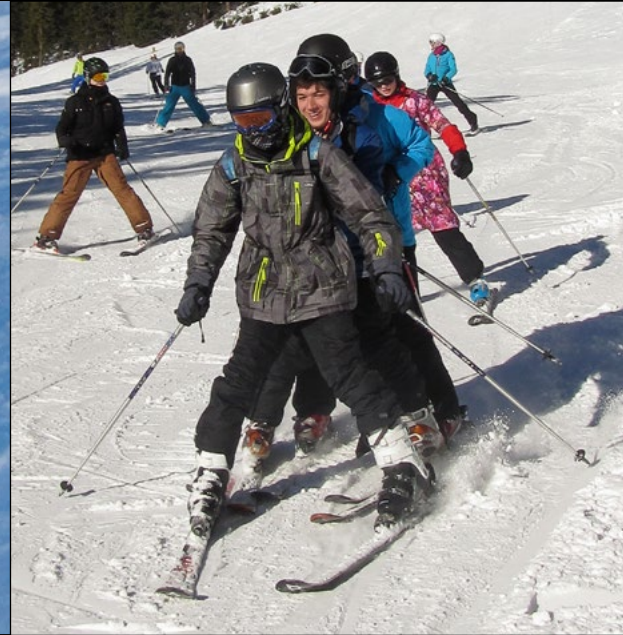




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After one of our better journeys we arrived in resort nice and early, so early in fact we even managed to get the students on their skis in the field next to the hotel. We're not sure what the local people made of our students tramping round and round the field in their skis before sliding down the hill but it was good practice for our beginners.

After a good night's sleep, we were all raring to go and we headed to the slopes of Zauchensee.

The sun was shining and we were all in good spirits. After a tiring and frustrating day for some we returned to rest our aching limbs (even those who had been doing their exercises!).





Day 2 saw another day of wall to wall sunshine and relatively quiet slopes. Great progress was made and by the end of the day everyone had skied from top to bottom including the beginners.

The wally outfits were being worn proudly by students who had done something particularly funny or silly (or let's face it, downright stupid!) the previous day and we saw the first of many of the boys sporting the very lovely dresses!





By day 3, everyone had got their confidence and were trying out the steeper routes, some even venturing onto the black slopes. Days on the slopes turned into evenings swimming and on the roller coaster and a good night's sleep.

By the end of the week all students had made great progress. Some had moved up the groups and others had really improved their technique and control.

We had a fantastic week with a group of great students and I look forward to seeing them all back on the slopes next year.

Mrs Segura, Trip Leader





Sound like fun? Sign up for 2016!

Ski 2016 has just been launched and we will be returning to the resort of Zauchensee in Austria. You do not have to be able to ski and we take our own English speaking instructors with us.

If you would like to reserve a place, please see either Mrs Segura or Mr Rowe for a letter or download one from our dedicated ski website: www.skinotley.co.uk



footballtrip

A Taste of Barcelona

During February half term, we took 58 students on a football development trip to work with Espanyol Football Club in Spain.

The trip was a fantastic experience, with all students representing themselves and the school well. Throughout our time there we managed to train at Espanyol's training ground, work with Espanyol's academy coaches, play matches against local opposition and visit the Camp Nou home of Barcelona FC twice, once for a tour of the stadium and the other to watch Barcelona play Levante in La Liga. A Neymar goal, Suarez scissor kick and a Messi hat-trick made it worth going on the trip in itself!

All in all it was another great trip and one that couldn't run without the help of the staff that went too. A big thank you to Mr Wishart, Mr Hearn, Mr De Gea, Mr Lowes and Mr Reeve. On page 17 is an overview of the trip written by Ethan Wade in Year 9.

Mr Cuningham, Faculty Leader - PE



RCD Español Diary

Day 1: We went to the Español training ground, ate lunch there and went in the gift store selling football tops, footballs, etc. We then went to another training pitch where we had our first training session. In the training session, we got into four groups and we had four 20 minute sessions.

The training sessions were really fun and made us all learn something new. Finally after all of the training we went to the hotel, checked in, unpacked and went to dinner. When it was dinner time had a buffet and it was really nice. Then we went back to our rooms and chilled out until we went to bed.



Day 2: We had a very early start to the day. After breakfast, we got our football gear ready and went to the same training ground as yesterday. We got into the same groups and had four different drills. The training sessions were really good and lots of fun like the day 1 drills.

After lunch in the Español training ground café, we went to the Barcelona Stadium to watch the game. The stadium is massive and we were right near the top of it. The atmosphere in the ground and the game was amazing. Messi got a hat trick and Suarez scored an overhead kick. The game ended 5-0 to Barcelona. The day ended as day 1 with dinner and chill out before bed.



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Day 3: After another very early start we went to the Español training ground where we got into groups of four again. First we did a keep ball drill with all year groups. Then we did the four training sessions, finishing the session off with a game in each year group. The training session was really fun, especially having the game at the end.

Once the training had finished we had lunch in the café then went to a local Spanish team's pitch and

each year group played against their own year. All the year groups lost but the Spanish team were at Barcelona's academy level. The game was good because it showed us how the Spanish teams play; they play really fast and short passing. We had our dinner at the matches.

It was very late once all the games were finished and we were very tired so we went straight to bed once we got back to the hotel.



Day 4: After breakfast we headed over to the Español training ground again where we had a tournament for our final day at the ground.

The teachers were Team Captain, they picked the teams which were a mix of all year groups. The tournament was fun and everyone enjoyed it. Once we had finished the tournament and found out who won we went to have lunch in the Español café. Once we finished lunch we stayed at the Español

training ground for a photograph of all the year groups in front of a giant Español badge.

We went back to the hotel at about 4pm and we just chilled out; some people went to the pools, some people went on a walk around the town and to MacDonald's. After dinner we went back to our rooms and most of us watched the Chelsea vs PSG game on the TV.





Day 5: The final day. We had a bit of a lay in, but still had to get up quite early. After breakfast we packed and made sure our rooms were tidy so that the teachers could check and we could get our £20 deposit back.

Eventually, once everyone signed out, we went to the Barcelona stadium for our self-guided tour but not before a visit to the Barcelona mega store where we could spend our money. It was so good in there, there was so much stuff. Some people got football shirts, training kits, footballs, scarfs, pens and lots of little things. The tour was great, we got

to go in the changing rooms, see the trophies, old Barcelona football shirts and football boots, we got to go around the stadium, and see the tunnel, the manager's seat at the start of games and the team bench for subs.

When everybody was out of the stadium we headed for the airport to go back home to England. None of us really wanted to go home but I guess we kind of had to. Once we got on the coach we couldn't wait to get back home to bed.

Ethan Wade 9Y



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student achievements

Karate Competition

On 25 January 2015, James Falp (9E), Aaron Mellor (9L) and Danny Bates (9O) were selected to represent the Martial Arts Centre in Braintree in competing in a three man Kata team as part of the English Karate Federation National Championship held in Sheffield.

All three students have been committed to their club for the past seven years and trained hard to ensure their moves were in time and precise.

Their commitment paid off - they won Gold!

Crufts Winner

Isobel West 9B and her dog Sky successfully qualified to attend the finals of the Young Kennel Club Groomer of The Year Competition at Crufts dog show recently.

She qualified in Durham last April. She competed against eight other competitors in the 12-16 year old age group Clip & Strip class. Sky is a Norfolk Terrier and Isobel had to groom him as close to show breed standard as possible. Isobel had two hours in the Young Kennel Club ring to groom Sky. Isobel was awarded 3rd place overall, being the highest placed hand strip in the class. Isobel has trained Sky, who is now 5 years old, since he was a puppy.

Isobel has been competing in grooming for three years now and is very pleased to have won 3rd place this year. Isobel also trains for Obedience, Heel Work to Music, Agility and Handling and has been a member of the Young Kennel Club for many years.



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For the 4th year running, the school is taking part in the national Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition. The competition promotes independent learning and aims to improve spelling, encourage correct pronunciation and boost confidence levels.

"I found the Spelling Bee a really great experience. I won the Spanish class competition which gave me a place in the school final. I had to learn 100 words for the competition. I was really nervous at first and when my turn came I had to spell as many words as I could in a minute. Once I had finished I felt relieved and when I found out that I had won, I was so happy!"

Georgia Thomas 7T

The competition consists of four rounds. For each round, students are given a list of 50 words to learn and randomly given words in English which they are asked to say in the foreign language with the correct pronunciation, and then spell using the foreign language's alphabet. Each round lasts for one minute and the winner is the participant who says and spells the most words accurately.

This academic year, students from eight forms in Year 7 have taken part in the first round, and thirty students went through to the school round which took place on Thursday 12 February in the school library. The winners in French were Ysanne Aley 7S and Noah Marsh 7B. The winners in Spanish were Georgia Thomas 7T and Zaki M'Rabety 7H. These students now have 150 words to learn and all four students will continue to practise independently as well as attending the Languages Club every Wednesday. They will represent Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form at the regional final on Wednesday 15 April at Comberton Village School in Comberton, Cambridgeshire.



On behalf of the school and the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty, I wish them every success in the next round.

Miss Rabhi, Modern Foreign Languages Teacher

gcsecatering

Fine Dining

Year 10 students have been developing their presentation skills in a recent catering lesson with a 'Fine Dining' theme.

The task was to design and make fish cakes, but students were also encouraged to enhance their presentation by including some accompaniments. Many of the students added a decorative coulis, some croutons, a garnish or some vegetables cut in the julienne style.

Here are some examples of beautifully presented dishes.

*Mrs O'Neill,
Food & Child Development Teacher*



foodtechnology

Young chefs in the making...

Here are some of the exciting and tasty final products which the Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been making in Food Technology over the last couple of months.

Mrs O'Neill,
Food & Child Development Teacher



textiles

Young designers in the making...

Here are some of the eye catching and beautifully made final products the Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been making in Textile Development over the last couple of months.

*Mrs O'Neill,
Food & Child Development Teacher*





chinesevisitors

In February, we were lucky to host a group of Chinese students from the Beijing Chen Jing Lun Middle School in China. The 30 Chinese students were paired up with our Year 8 students during the week and attended their lessons as well as their extra-curricular clubs. On the Saturday they were hosted by some of the families of the Notley buddies and took part in lots of different activities, for example, some of them went bowling, to the Discovery Centre and even to Lakeside shopping centre.

The feedback from the visit was extremely positive; all the students involved had a great week and learnt a lot. It was hard to say goodbye to them on the Monday afternoon as many of the students had made good friends. Needless to say there were quite a few tears!

In addition to the students' visit, headteachers from the Beijing Chen Jing Lun Middle School visited us for a day. They were greeted by Mr Thompson, Headteacher and Mr Newman, Senior Deputy Headteacher who gave an introduction to our school. They then had the opportunity to observe A level and IB lessons and met with Ms Stubbs, Assistant Headteacher and Co-Director of Braintree Sixth Form, to discuss our IB curriculum. They found the visit very informative and, moving forward, we hope to continue our link with the Beijing Chen Jing Lun Middle School. Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to all staff, Year 8 students and their parents/carers, who made our visitors feel so welcome and also to the Essex- Jiangsu Centre for Chinese Studies, who helped organise such a successful visit.

Mrs Harries, Modern Foreign Languages Teacher and International Links Co-ordinator

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librarynews

World Book Day 2015

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form Library celebrated World Book Day on 5 March 2015; a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and, most importantly, a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

This year students at Notley took part in a number of book inspired and themed activities, including "Guess the Book", "Who is reading that?" and our first interactive Author iPad quiz. A great time was had by all. The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Thanks to the generosity of National Book Tokens Ltd, publishers and booksellers, every student at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form received a FREE £1 book token. Book vouchers can be used at any local bookseller and used to pick one from a selection of exclusive, new and completely free books, or used to get £1 off any book or audio book costing over £2.99 at a participating bookshop or book club. They can also be redeemed through Scholastic's C2C Book Club. Leaflets are available in the library.

You can keep up to date with all the library activities and competitions that take place throughout the year via our special library blog at www.librarychatter.com. The blog has lots of information including what's on in the library, new books, useful resources, top tips and amazing book facts.

Thank you to everyone who came along and took part – Happy Reading!

Mrs Osborn, Library and Resources Manager



headboyheadgirlreport



Adam Grimwood and Scarlett Perrin
Head Boy and Head Girl

It has been a very exciting and busy half term, with a football trip to Barcelona, an impact day, a skiing trip, Year 10 mock exams and Year 11 pre public exams.

Year 10 students have just finished their first set of mock exams and I'm sure all their hard work will show in the results they get, so well done to them.

Year 11 students are busy revising for their pre-public exams very soon and also for their finals in May and June.

A big thank you to the staff for all their hard work this term, setting up revision clubs, organising trips and all the work they did on impact day.

Good luck to all students in their upcoming exams, we look forward to seeing all their hard work pay off and seeing what the rest of the terms holds in store!

housepoints

Notley's House competition runs across the entire academic year.

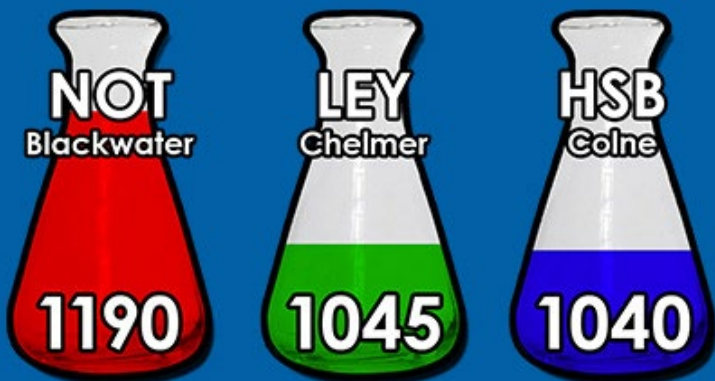
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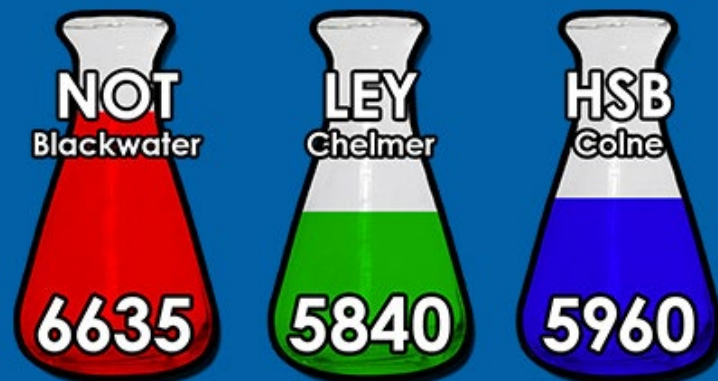
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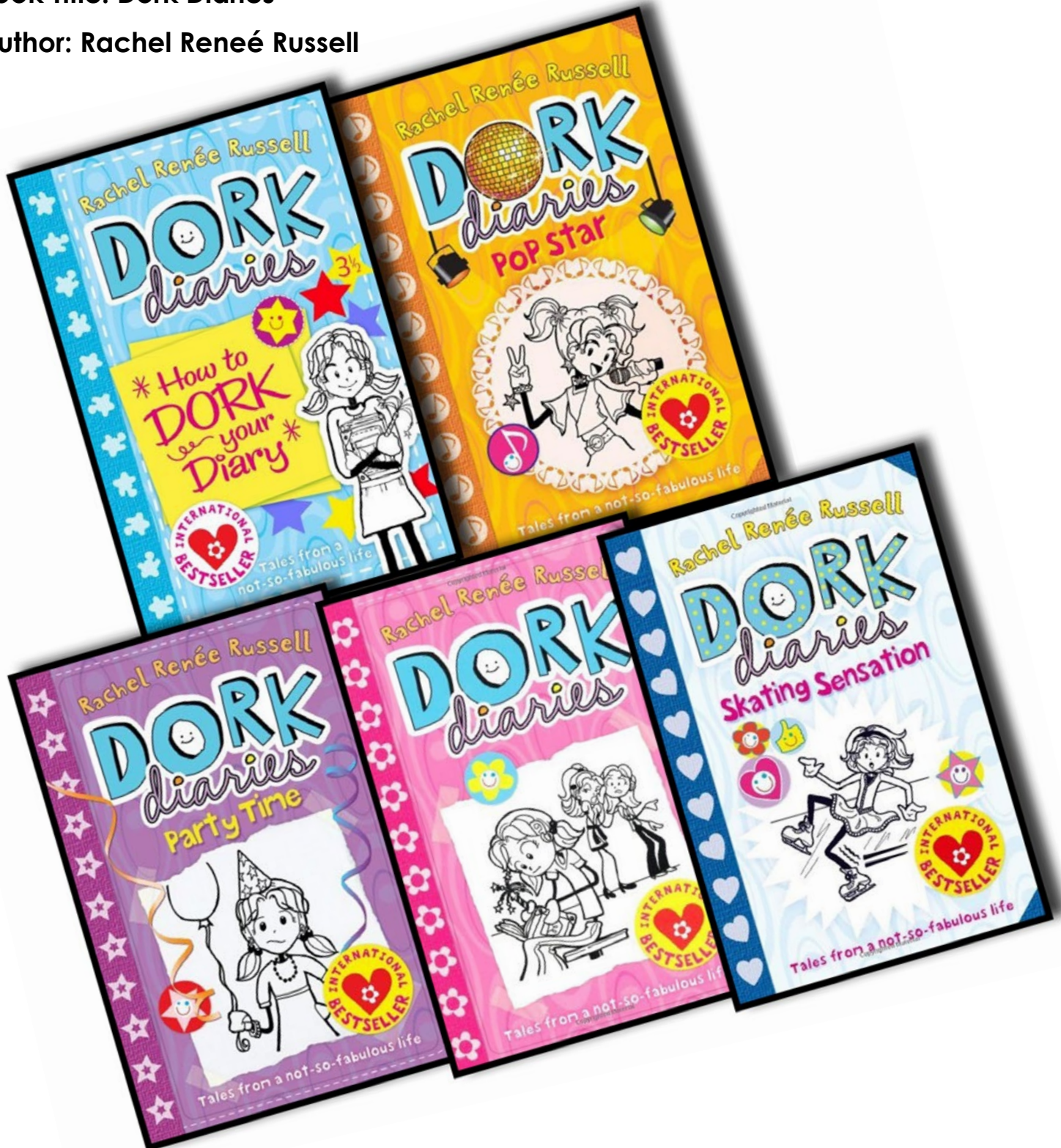
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bookreport

Book Title: Dork Diaries

Author: Rachel Renée Russell



Nikki is really excited because the boy she really likes, likes her too, (or so it first appears), but when he starts to send her nasty text messages and cancels all of their dates, she isn't too sure. Does Brandon like her or not? She wishes he would just tell her the truth.

In my opinion, this book is amazing! The storyline is engaging, the characters will make you laugh and

the book is full of great illustrations. The book is set out like a notebook. The pages are made to look like a real teenage girl has written a diary and the illustrations are meant to look like doodles. It's really creative!

Elle Goddard 8S



PARENTS/CARERS

HELPLINE

01376 332193

Wednesday 9.30 am – 11 am - School term time only

Jan Preston

Home School Family Worker will be available to answer your call to support you and offer advice

Lunchtime Drop-in Session with Jan Preston and School Nurse Cheryl Gerrard

Wednesday lunchtimes in G23

noticeboard



Diary Dates

Here are a few diary items to note. For a full list of diary events please visit the online campus calendar at

<http://www.notleyhigh.com/school-calendar>

Monday 23 March

Deadline for Braintree Sixth Form Offer Acceptance

Tuesday 24 - 26 March

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice

Wednesday 25 - 26 March

Library Event: Easter celebrations

Friday 27 March

Staff Training Day (No Students)

The College at Braintree: 14-16 programme - term ends

Monday 13 April

WEEK A

Summer term starts

The College at Braintree: New term starts for Year 11 students

Wednesday 22 April

Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening
5pm - 8pm

Uniform Wanted

Do you have any uniform that no longer fits, or you no longer need?

We are in need of any items you would be able to donate, especially trousers, skirts and ties.

Thank you.

Mrs Hunter, Student Services

Student Absence/ Late Lines

Year 7 01376 556347

Year 8 01376 556348

Year 9 01376 556349

Year 10 01376 556350

Year 11 01376 556351

The absence lines should be called on a daily basis to report your child late or sick.

Contact the Magazine

We are always happy to receive articles from parents/carers and students. If you have a piece of news you would like to be included in the magazine, you can email it directly to the editor at:

lisa.perkins@notleyhigh.com

The deadline for submission is the Thursday prior to publication.

term dates



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2014-2015

September 2014							October 2014							November 2014							December 2014						
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= Schooldays/Weekends
 = School Holidays
 = Bank Holidays
 = Staff Training Days (No students)

Please note that Monday 1 September 2014 and Tuesday 2 September 2014 are Staff Training Days (no students). In addition, we have allocated three Staff Training Days out of the school days indicated and the equivalent of one school day in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2014 – Friday 19 December 2014 Half Term 27 October – 31 October	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2015 – Friday 27 March 2015 Half Term 16- 20 February	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2015 – Friday 17 July 2015 Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday, 4 May	64 days
Staff training days	Monday 1 September 2014 Tuesday 2 September 2014 Friday 10 October 2014 Monday 23 February 2015	194 days

parentview

In October 2011 Ofsted launched Parent View, which is a facility for parents/carers to give their views about their child's school.

Parent View allows parents/carers to give their views about their child's school at any time of the year. It features 12 questions that cover a range of issues important to parents/carers, such as how well the school deals with bullying, the quality of teaching, whether the level of home learning given is appropriate and a final question of whether or not a parent would recommend the school. Once a small number of surveys are completed, the results for the school are visible in Parent View although individual responses are not.

If you are a parent/ carer you simply need your email address and a password to register on the Parent View website at: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your account has been activated it only takes a few minutes to rate your child's school against the 12 questions.

Thank you for taking the time to give feedback about Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.



socialmedialinks

Below are the official social media sites for Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Any other social media sites are not related to the school.

Notley High School

Facebook:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Geography at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Ski Notley

Twitter:

- Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley High School PE Department
- Notley High School English Department
- Notley High School Philosophy, Ethics & Religion Department
- Geography at Notley High & Braintree Sixth Form
- Notley CPD
- Braintree Sixth Form

Braintree Sixth Form

Facebook:

- Braintree Sixth Form Students
- Braintree Sixth Form Admissions
- Braintree Sixth Form Art Department
- Braintree Sixth Form Psychology Department
- Braintree Sixth Form Sociology Department
- Geography at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

Twitter:

- Braintree Sixth Form Students
- Braintree Sixth Form Biology Department
- Braintree Sixth Form PE Department
- Braintree Arts Theatre
- Geography at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

schoolwebsite

This has lots of key information about many aspects of school life. We would encourage all parents and carers to use our website regularly to keep up-to-date with all that is happening at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

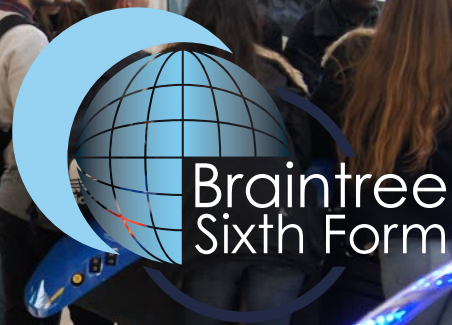
We also have school Facebook and Twitter feeds for keeping up-to-date with information. These can be easily reached from our homepage or via the appropriate apps on smartphones.

The screenshot shows the school's website homepage. At the top left is the school logo, 'NHS Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form'. To the right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, RSS, and Email, along with a search bar and icons for a globe and a document. Below this is a navigation menu with links: Home, News, Information, Curriculum, School Life, Teaching & Learning, CPD, Vacancies, and Contact.

The main content area features a large image of three male students in white karate uniforms with medals around their necks. To the left of this image is a vertical list of news items, with 'Karate Competition' highlighted in blue. Below the image is a text block titled 'Karate Competition' with a sub-headline and a 'read more ...' link.

Below the main content area are four columns of quick links and featured content:

- Quick Links:** Admissions Policy, Exam Results, Find the School, Handbook for Parents and Carers, Ofsted Report, Parent View, Pupil Premium, School Governance, Term Dates, Welcome from the Head, and Translate our site (with a language selection dropdown).
- Latest Newsletter:** Features a thumbnail for the 'oncampus' newsletter with the headline 'In the House!' and a 'View previous newsletters' link.
- Latest Letters Home:** Lists several letters: Letter to Parents (March), Work Experience Update 2015 Letter (March), Iceland Tour 2016: Reykjavik (March), Red Nose Day Letter (March), Year 9 Trip to Kollerworld March 2015 (February), Year 10 GCSE Mathematics in Action Conference Letter (February), and Letter from Chair of Governors re Headteacher appointment process (February). Includes a 'View previous letters' link.
- Home Learning:** Features a photo of two students holding a 'Week B' sign, and icons for 'SMHW Show My Homework' and 'Home Learning Timetables'.



sixthformnews

New Holland Tractor Plant Visit

"This is the greatest day of my life!" George Wyatt

What, you may wonder, would cause such a statement... George had not just collected straight As in his A Levels, seen England win the World Cup, or even won the lottery. The scene was a damp and wind-swept car park in Basildon and the excitement had been generated by a visit to the New Holland Tractor Plant in Basildon, Essex.

On Wednesday 28 January a group of 35 AS Business Studies and Economics students visited the plant to examine the lean production methods that make this one of the most high performing production centres in the country. The trip had been arranged to enable the students to see a production plant in full operation, and to 'bring to life' aspects of their courses.

Students were split into two groups and after an introductory presentation giving the history of the company, and other interesting economic facts, they were taken on a tour, where every aspect of production was observed and explained. After this the group were given a free lunch in the works canteen, followed by the opportunity to visit the company showrooms, where some of the tractors produced were available to see and sit in. There was also a simulator where students were able to see if they had the necessary skills to use a tractor in the field. Students were extremely interested in what



they saw and conducted themselves impeccably throughout the day, gaining positive comments from our guides. Students left with a deeper understanding of the issues surrounding manufacturing and a free New Holland baseball cap, what could be better!?

Mr T Beal, Year 12 Leader



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THAN A QUALIFICATION,
IT’S A WAY OF LIFE”**

Mitchell Wells, IB student

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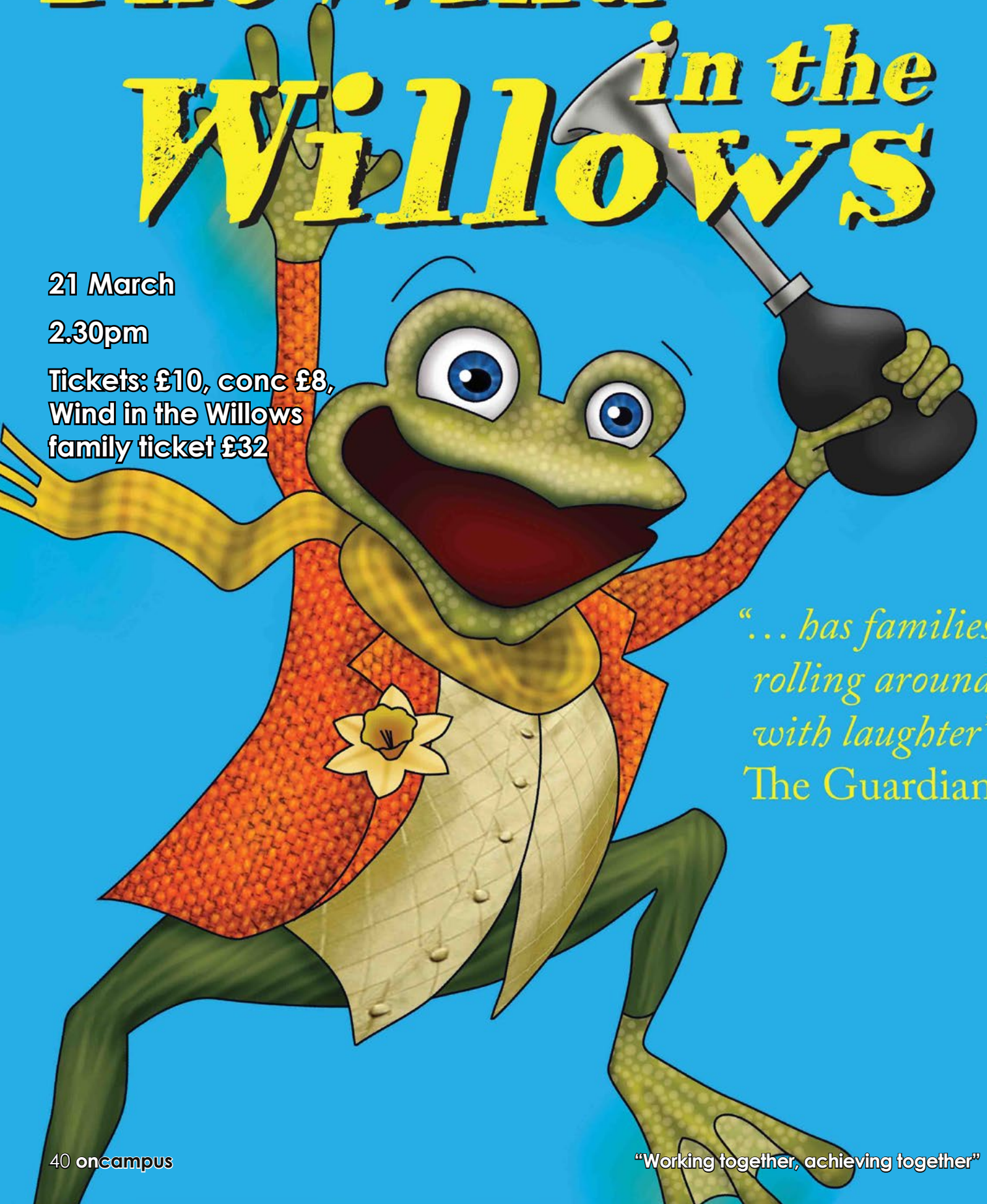
www.braintreesixthform.com

The Wind in the Willows

21 March

2.30pm

Tickets: £10, conc £8,
Wind in the Willows
family ticket £32



*“... has families
rolling around
with laughter”
The Guardian*

braintreeartstheatre



1 April

11.30am & 2.30pm

Tickets: £8, conc £5,
family ticket £20



rhubarb theatre
a kaleidoscope of visual fantasy

The Case of the Curious Suitcase

At a small rural train station three people arrive separately on the platform, waiting to alight on the next train. Strangely, they all have the same suitcase.

Time ticks by, the old tanny announces the train is delayed and the longer the three characters remain on the train station, the more they start to experience rather unusual events.

Potty old porters, waitresses serving the world's worst sandwiches and the never ending lost and found department are only the start of the adventure. As suitcases get muddled, we find ourselves immersed in a quest to discover who the three passengers may be and what they are up to. A show bursting with fun and visual fantasy, waiting for a train will never be the same.

8 April

2.30pm

Tickets: £8, conc £5,

family ticket £20

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