



Notley High

School and Sixth Form

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21 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back — Start of the New School Year

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin the new school year, I want to start by sharing some fantastic news and thanking everyone in our school community for their part in it.

Our Best Post 16 and GCSE Results

This summer we have achieved our best ever Sixth Form and GCSE results.

At GCSE, the number of students achieving a Grade 5 or above in English and maths has leapt up by ten per cent compared to last year, with those achieving a Grade 4 or above in the two core subjects is up by nine per cent. For students who are in receipt of free school meals there was a rise of 18 per cent for those achieving Grade 5.

Highlights in the Sixth Form include an 11% rise in A*/A grades, and a 14.8% increase in A*–B grades, a 100% pass rate and 93% of students securing a place at their first choice of university.

These results reflect two years of hard work, resilience and commitment from our students, alongside skilled teaching and support from our staff. Congratulations to every student who collected their results this summer — you should be extremely proud. Thank you, too, to all the staff, families and carers who supported them along the way.

It is a great way to begin the new academic year, and it reflects the direction our whole school community continues to move in together.

Welcoming our students back

A reminder that students in **Year 7, 11 and 12** return to school on **Wednesday 2 September**. All remaining year groups return on **Thursday 3 September**.

Key Dates for This Term

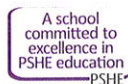
Please find below (and linked) our key dates for the term ahead, including term and half-term dates, INSET days, and events for your child's year group.

Term dates: [Notley High School & Sixth Form - Term Dates](#)

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INSET days (non-student days) are:

- Tuesday 1 September
- Monday 28 September
- Friday 27 November
- Friday 12 February
- Thursday 25 March
- Wednesday 23 June

Parents/Carers' Evenings are:

Year 7:

- Monday 12 October - Year 7 Parents/Carer's Welcome evening 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 13 May Year 7 Parents/Carers' evening 4pm – 7pm

Year 8:

- Tuesday 22 September DPR Information Evening on-line 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 24 June Year 8 Parents/Carers' evening 4pm -7pm

Year 9:

- Tuesday 22 September DPR Information Evening on-line 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 25 February Year 9 Parents/Carers' evening 4pm – 7pm
- Thursday 11 March Year 9 Options evening 5pm – 8pm

Year 10:

- Thursday 24 September Year 10 Parents/Carer's Welcome evening 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 22 April Year 10 Parents/Carers' evening 4pm – 7pm
- Tuesday 27 April 'A Year to Go' information evening 5-6pm

Year 11:

- Thursday 22 October Year 11 Parents/Carers' evening 1 4pm – 7pm
- Thursday 12 November Sixth Form Open evening 5.30pm – 7.30pm
- Thursday 26 January Year 11 Parents/Carers' revision drop-in session 4pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 24 March Year 11 Parents/Carers' evening 2 (Invitation Only) 4pm – 7pm

Year 12:

- Thursday 10 September -Year 12 Parents/Carers' Welcome evening 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 4 February Year 12 Parents/Carers' evening 4pm – 7pm
- Monday 5 July Year 12 Parents/Carers' evening & mini progress meetings (Invitation only) 5pm – 7pm

Year 13:

- Thursday 21 January Year 13 Parent/Carers' evening 4pm – 7pm

Uniform

As we start the new school year, please can we ask all parents/carers to ensure students are in the correct school uniform, including footwear, from day one. A reminder that full uniform guidance, including our approved suppliers, is available via this link: [Notley High School & Sixth Form - Uniform](#)

Attendance

Good attendance is one of the biggest factors in your child(ren)'s success, and we'd ask for your support in making sure they are in school, on time, every day. If you do need to report an absence, the procedure can be found here: [Notley High School & Sixth Form - Attendance contact](#)

Quick links

Access to Arbor, Edulink, Parent Pay, Parents'/Carers' Evening Booking system are all available here: [Notley High School & Sixth Form - Quick Links](#). You may wish to save these as a 'favourite'. If not, this is the first tab under the 'Parents' section of our website.

Payments and School Meals

Trips, equipment and school meals are paid for via ParentPay. Please ensure your account is set up and topped up ahead of the term. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, details of how to apply are linked below.

[Notley High School & Sixth Form - Free School Meals](#)

Medical, SEND and Allergy Information

If your child has a new medical condition, allergy or additional need, or if anything has changed since we last heard from you, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records and put the right support in place. Please email Mrs Simpson via: Julie.Simpson@notleyhigh.com.

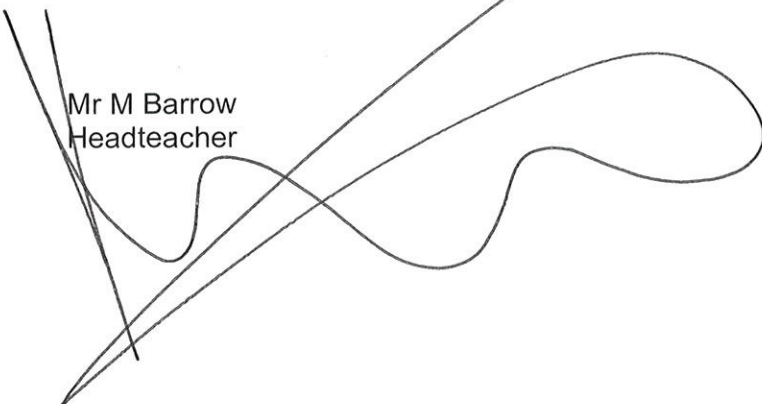
Keeping Your Child Safe Online

As always, we'd encourage families to talk regularly with their children about staying safe online. Guidance and resources for parents are available via the link below, and any concerns can be raised with our safeguarding team at any time.

[Notley High School & Sixth Form - E-safety](#)

I look forward to another successful year together and wish your child(ren) every success as they return to school. A reminder that I run a parent/carer drop-in session every Friday at 8.45 am. This is an opportunity to discuss any questions, concerns, or ideas in an informal setting.

With very best wishes,



Mr M Barrow
Headteacher