



25 September, 2026

HEADTEACHER

Family Bulletin

Reminder: Monday 28 September is a non-student day. The school will be closed to students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 29 September.

A busy week beyond the classroom

It has been a fantastic week for extra-curricular activity at Notley. Our football and netball teams have played fixtures across a range of year groups, and I would like to thank all the students who represented the school and the staff who gave up their time to coach and travel with them.

Year 11 students took part in an externally led GCSE workshop with focused on alternative approaches to revision and learning styles. Year 11 also visited Chelmsford City Racecourse for our Year 11 Careers Event, a valuable opportunity to meet employers, colleges and training providers and to explore the full range of post-16 options and career pathways available to them.

Some of our students with additional needs also visited RHS Hyde Hall as part of the Get Growing initiative. It was a wonderful day, and our thanks go to the Hyde Hall team for hosting us.

Parent Events

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this week's two parent events:

- **Years 8 and 9 online DPR briefing** with Mr Sadler, covering key aspects of our reporting system and how parent/carers can support their child(ren).
- **Welcome to Year 10 Evening** with Miss Roberts, Mr Morbin and Mr Saddler.

It was very good to see so many parents at both events. Your partnership makes a real difference to how well our students do.



Year 6 Tours

Our Year 6 tours have now begun, and it has been a pleasure to welcome prospective families to Notley. I am always proud to walk visitors around the school. Our students' warmth, good manners and focus in lessons speak for themselves, and many visitors have commented on them.

Keeping Students With Allergies Safe: Benedict's Law Miss Murdoch, Designated Safeguarding Lead



From this September, new national requirements known as Benedict's Law apply to all schools in England. The law is named after Benedict Blythe, a five-year-old boy who died in 2021 after an allergic reaction at school. It aims to make sure every school is prepared to prevent, recognise and respond quickly to serious allergic reactions.

At Notley, this means:

- **Clear food labelling:** food served in school is clearly labelled with allergen information.
- **Emergency anaphylaxis kits:** spare adrenaline pens are now kept at key points around the school site, in addition to any pens prescribed to individual students.
- **Staff training:** [all staff receive annual allergy awareness and emergency response training].
- **Allergy policy:** our whole-school allergy policy is available on the school website here: https://www.bridgeacademytrust.org/docs/sharedfolder/policies/Allergy_Safety_Policy_-_September_2026.pdf

If your child has an allergy, please make sure Student Services has up-to-date details, including any care plan and prescribed medication. If anything has changed, please let us know as soon as possible.

Paracetamol and Other Medication in School

Please do not send your child into school with paracetamol or other painkillers to carry themselves. If your child may need paracetamol during the school day, please leave it with Student Services. Staff will administer it only with your written permission. This helps us keep all students safe and ensures we have an accurate record of any medication given.

Your Child's Future: Parent and Carer Questionnaire

Mrs Robb, Head of PDT



We would like to invite all parents and carers to complete the Your Child's Future (YCF) Questionnaire.

This survey has been designed to help us better understand parents' and carers' knowledge, confidence, and awareness of careers education and future opportunities available to young

people. The information you provide will help us strengthen parental engagement and develop a careers programme that is more informed, responsive, and effective in supporting our students.

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Please note that all data collected through the questionnaire is processed by a third party on behalf of the school.

The questionnaire explores topics such as:

- How confident you feel talking to your child about careers and future pathways.
- Your understanding of the different options available to young people after school or college.
- Your awareness of the careers education, information, advice, and guidance provided by our school.
- The support and information you would find most helpful when discussing future opportunities with your child.

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us ensure that all students receive the guidance and support they need to make informed decisions about their futures.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire using the link below:

<https://www.cecparentcarer.co.uk/46416a41-b3cc-49e5-a5ce-e0c52cae9d40>

Sparx Maths: Login Information

Mr Chadwick, Head of Mathematics



Great news! Next week, from Tuesday the 29th, this year's maths homework platform goes live - SPARX Maths.

All students will be assigned an online homework of 30 mins in KS3 and 45 minutes in KS4 each week. Year 11 will also be receiving a regular supply of Past Papers to complete both in class and for homework as this will be essential for GCSE exam preparation.

Here is a video link to explain how SPARX can help your young person in Maths [Sparx Maths Homework - Student Welcome](#)

This is how all students log on:

- Go to <https://maths.sparx-learning.com>

Select Notley High School

- Click the Microsoft sign-in option

Enter your school Microsoft account details

We have made sure "Single Sign-On" is enabled, so that students just use their school Microsoft account and don't need a separate Sparx username or password.

Introducing the Clubs Timetable

Mr Ruffell, Senior Deputy Head



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break Time	Learning Support Club In Learning Support Year 11 Wellbeing In the Library	Learning Support Club In Learning Support Year 11 Wellbeing In the Library	Learning Support Club In Learning Support Year 11 Wellbeing In the Library	Learning Support Club In Learning Support Year 11 Wellbeing In the Library	Learning Support Club In Learning Support Year 11 Wellbeing In the Library
Lunchtime	Learning Support Club In Learning Support	Learning Support Club In Learning Support Arts & Craft Club In the Library Science Homework Support IT3	Learning Support Club In Learning Support	Learning Support Club In Learning Support Manga Club In the Library Year 11 Astro Pi G54	Learning Support Club In Learning Support Pride Club Friday - Week B Games Club In the Library
After School 15.15 – 16.30	Year 7&8 Robotics Club G54	Books & Biscuits In The Library		Dungeons & Dragons Club In The Library	

Have a very good weekend.

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Mr M Barrow, Headteacher