



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form



Weekly Bulletin

Autumn Term - Wednesday 16 December 2020

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 2 September -
Friday 18 December
Half Term
Monday 26 October -
Friday 30 October

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 January -
Friday 26 March
Half Term
Monday 15 February -
Friday 19 February

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 April -
Wednesday 21 July
Half Term
Monday 31 May -
Friday 4 June
May Bank Holiday - Monday 3 May

Staff Training Days

Wednesday 2 September 2020
Friday 27 November 2020
Monday 30 November 2020
Tuesday 1 December 2020
Monday 4 January 2021
Monday 28 June 2021

Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1 September -
Friday 17 December
Half Term
Monday 25 October -
Friday 29 October

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 January -
Friday 1 April
Half Term
Monday 14 February -
Friday 18 February

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 April -
Friday 22 July
Half Term
Monday 30 May -
Friday 3 June
May Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May

Staff Training Days

Wednesday 1 September 2021
Friday 26 November 2021
Monday 29 November 2021
Tuesday 30 November 2021
Tuesday 4 January 2022
Friday 24 June 2022

Last Day of Term Arrangements: Friday 18 December 2020

School term ends for students in Years 7 - 11 on Friday 18 December 2020 at 3.15pm.

Students in Years 7 – 11 should be prepared for normal lessons (including remote learning for those students self-isolating) periods 1 to 4. During period 5, students in Years 7 - 11 will meet in their tutor groups for end of term activities, including rewards and awards.

Term ends for students in Years 12 – 13 at 1.15pm on Friday 18 December 2020. Students that are attending the sixth form on Friday will be free to sign out and leave from 1.15pm but they are welcome to work on private study until 3.15pm if they so wish.

The Spring term will start for all students at 8.35am on Tuesday 5 January 2021, a week B.

Safeguarding - TikTok Update Parental Controls with Family Pairing Feature

TikTok is used by many teenagers and sometimes children younger than 13 despite its terms and conditions. Using the new Family Pairing feature can allow parents/carers to guide their child's TikTok experience in a safer way. Features include:

- Search: Decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags, or sounds;
- Screen Time Management: Sets how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day;
- Discoverability: Decide on the account being private (you decide who can see their content) or public (anyone can search and view content).

To find out more information about TikTok's Family Pairing feature and to download a helpful poster go to:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-family-pairing-feature/>

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For more information about the board and for an informal chat please contact participationteam@nspcc.org.uk or speak to Mrs Wager, Assistant Headteacher, who can share further information about the board to students and parents/carers

For Families in Receipt of Free School Meals

Active Essex are delivering FREE Holiday Hunger activity clubs across Essex, providing physical activity and a nutritious meal for over 7000 young people, as well as food hampers to take home for the family.

These are for both primary and secondary aged children, detailed below:

Locality	Ward		Venue address	Dates	Times
Braintree	Halstead/ Witham/ Braintree	Community 360	3 leisure centres	21, 22, 23 December 2020	9.30am - 1pm

Please email - families@community360.org.uk

If you would like to sign up for this, please book as soon as possible, as places are limited.

NSPCC – Young People’s Board for Change



We have received details of an opportunity for young people aged 13-16 to join the NSPCC’s Young People’s Board for Change. The NSPCC are looking to recruit a diverse group of 15 people from across the UK to have their voices heard.

The Board for Change will place young people right at the heart of steering, advising and influencing the work of the NSPCC. Members will be a voice for others, sharing views and ideas with decision-makers. They will have the opportunity to travel across the country to take part in residential, meetings and workshops with other young people, all while gaining experience and having lots of fun.

Recruitment is open until 11 January 2021, with interviews being held between 18-21 January 2021. Young people can apply by completing an online application form at nspcc.org.uk/boardforchange

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Laptop Scheme

For those parents/carers who ordered laptops via the laptop scheme, the delivery of the Apple Macs and HP devices will start to be delivered to your home address from Wednesday 16 December.

These would normally have been delivered sooner, but due to COVID-19 and the worldwide demand for these type of devices, delivery was pushed back to Wednesday 16 December.

Parents/carers who ordered the Stone device, should have been contacted directly by Freedom Tech about the delay on those devices.

For those who missed out on this purchasing portal, we will be opening another one in the New Year and communicate this to parents/carers once open.

Any queries relating to the scheme please call 0203 8575630 or email tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

On Tuesday 8 December 2020, electronic consent forms were sent to parents/carers via email on behalf of the Immunisation Team. A copy of their letter is attached. If you have any queries regarding these vaccinations, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 790 0597.

If you need a paper copy of the consent form, please send an email to Mrs Hunter sharon.hunter@notleyhigh.com
The vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 6 January and Thursday 7 January 2021

Braintree Sixth Form Applications for Year 12 2021



Applications for Braintree Sixth Form Year 12 September 2021 are open on our website. Students can apply online here: <https://www.braintreesixthform.com/applications>

Thank you very much for all applications received since these opened on 4 November 2020. Students in Year 11 who would like to apply should do so as soon as possible. The deadline for applications to be submitted is 22 January 2021. We look forward to hearing from you.

Online Careers Events for Students, Parents and Carers

Events for Students

Virtual Insight Event with BT

Thursday 7 January at 6pm

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131185375991>

Get into the Built Environment: Industry Spotlight Event

Tuesday 12 January at 6pm

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131855638765>

Interested in the construction industry? Virtual Event with Telford Homes

Thursday 14 January at 6pm

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130398562611>

Virtual Insight Event with The Co-op

Wednesday 13 January at 6pm

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131857416081>

Virtual Insight Event with KPMG

Tuesday 19 January at 6pm

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131861060983>

Event for Parents/Carers

Your Child's Future: Parent/Carer Event with IBM, HSBC & Co-op

Hear from employers about career opportunities for your child and get the chance to have your questions answered!

Thursday 28 January at 6pm

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130411330801>

Coronavirus: Mobile Testing Units

Mobile testing units are at various locations across Essex and they are run by the Ministry of Defence.

To get an appointment at a mobile testing unit:

- check if you meet the criteria for testing [click here](#)
- apply online for a coronavirus test [click here](#)

Find out more about how the [NHS test and trace](#) scheme works.

This information will be updated on a weekly basis.

Current dates and locations for mobile testing units can be found via:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/current-dates-and-locations-for-mobile-testing-units>

Letters home this week - Monday 7 December 2020 to Wednesday 16 December 2020

<https://www.notleyhigh.com/letters-home-archive/item/letter-to-year-11-parents-carers>