



Friday 8 January 2021

Dear Years 12 and 13 Parents/Carers and Students

I would like to start by thanking you for all the support you have given with the remote learning this week. It was not quite the start of term we were hoping for, but I have been so impressed with student engagement and commitment to their learning. I want to particularly mention Year 11 and Year 13 students, who despite the announcement about the changes to the exams this summer, have continued to work hard – which is excellent considering the lack of information we have had. We are still awaiting further guidance from OFQUAL and as soon as we know more, we will share it with the school community.

Please can you ensure that all students in Years 7 - 13 complete the remote learning survey below so that we can support everyone in accessing lessons online. The survey will close at 9am on Thursday 14 January.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pGSzkutqF0WtMGeWgmb4JpDeqyQ_eatAobR5iXzqHxZUNINRWUIGRUI1T09YME5XSVZXSIRITjJRUS4u

Please can you also read the letter sent earlier today from NEMAT about additional data allowances.

Please remember that although school is closed to the majority of students, we are still here and available to support students and their families during this lockdown. Please do not hesitate to contact enquiries@notleyhigh.com. There is lots of useful information below for parents, carers and students.

Next Friday we are launching our new lockdown Notley@Home newsletter, which will be sent to all parents, carers and students.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Dr C Cusick
Head of School

IT Support

If students have any concerns about accessing their work, accessing online lessons or anything technological, please just click on this link: <https://notleyhigh.com/remote-learning> and click on the red button 'Request IT Support'. Alternatively, students can email directly to itsupport@notleyhigh.com

Extra Data

A letter has been sent out separately with details regarding the Government initiative to obtain extra data on mobile devices.

Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Teams

You may have seen posts on various social media sites explaining that you can use an Xbox and PS4 to access Microsoft Teams. Whilst it is true that these devices can be used, the experience is far from ideal and students will have great difficulty engaging with lessons if they access them from these devices. This is mainly, but not limited to, the lack of keyboard and having to use the games controller to type (which is extremely slow and not particularly appropriate for anything more than a word or two). We do not suggest that these devices are appropriate for accessing remote learning.

Coronavirus: Mobile Testing Units

Mobile testing units are at various locations across Essex and they are run by the Ministry of Defence. Please see <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/current-dates-and-locations-for-mobile-testing-units>

Community Testing – Braintree District Council

Anyone who lives or works in the Braintree district can get a test. Priority groups are people who are working in workplaces rather than at home, and/or those who cannot work from home. 11 to 18 year olds and their families are also one group encouraged to have a test. Please see <https://notleyhigh.com/news/item/community>

Online Careers Events for Students, Parents and Carers

Events for Students

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>

Message from the Youth and Community Based Commissioner

The Young Essex Assembly (YEA) is the elected Youth Council for Essex and every two years the YEA hold elections to vote in new members.

The YEA gives young people in Essex a voice as well as leading campaigns to make a positive difference for young people in Essex. However, the YEA isn't just about making sure that young people have a voice and are listened to but also enables the members to grow their confidence and support their personal and social development.

Our elections are now open for candidates to apply, and we are looking to engage as many young people as possible. Any young person living in Essex, aged 11-19 or up to 25 with SEND are eligible to stand for election.

Please find attached an application form and candidate pack for all students to look through to gain further information.

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The Young Essex Assembly is the elected Youth Council for Essex representing the voice of young people.



What can you bring to the Young Essex Assembly?

If you are aged between 11-19 years and live or go to school in Essex, get an information pack today and take your first step to making a difference.



Deadline: Register for election by 5 February 2021



www.young-essex-assembly.org.uk



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What is the Young Essex Assembly?

The Young Essex Assembly (YEA) is the elected Youth Council for Essex.

The YEA gives young people in Essex a platform to speak their views and to be heard. It also creates opportunities to develop their individual skills and knowledge.

The YEA encourages young people to become active members of their local and wider community's and enables them to implement change.

The Young Essex Assembly is supported by Essex County Council Youth Service.



Requirements



This is the level of requirements for YEA members:

- The minimum age to join the YEA is 11 years and attending secondary school.
- The maximum age to join the YEA is 19 years, or up to 25 years old if you have additional needs.
- You must either live, work or study in the district you wish to represent.
- You will be expected to attend a monthly meeting in Chelmsford which we call a Sitting plus a monthly Local Link meeting in your local area.

Expectations



Expectations to achieve:

- You have a duty to represent all young people in your district.
- You will be expected to feed back to local young people on the YEA's work.
- You will be expected to check your emails regularly and keep in contact with staff and your peers.
- If you are elected, your term in office will be 1st June 2021 to 31st May 2023.
- You will need to make your own way to meetings. Public transport can be reimbursed.
- You will be expected to attend monthly meetings in Chelmsford and a local meeting at least once a month during your 2 year term of office.

Seats available

This shows the number of ‘seats’ available in your district and the number of candidates that will go onto the ballot paper.



District	Number of candidates	Seats
Basildon	12	9
Braintree	11	8
Brentwood	6	4
Castle Point	7	5
Chelmsford	12	9
Colchester	12	9
Epping Forest	10	7
Harlow	6	4
Maldon	5	3
Rochford	7	5
Tendring	11	8
Uttlesford	6	4
Total	105	75

“The YEA has helped me improve my debating skills and given me a platform to voice my opinions to others determined to make a change.”

**Bryony, age 15
Harlow YEA**

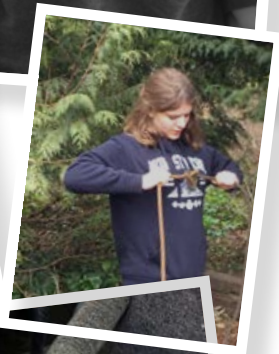
“Through the YEA I have been able to meet like minded people who want to help make a difference. UK Youth Parliament is an exciting experience that has allowed me to echo the voices of young people in Essex on a greater scale and to a bigger audience.

**Davina, age 16
Brentwood YEA & UKYP**

The Young Essex Assembly has been so beneficial to me, raising my confidence and giving me many new skills. I have made so many new friends who I know will stay with me for life. I have had so many great opportunities such as the UK Youth Parliament. i would definitely say the YEA is the best thing that i have ever done!

**Emily, age 15
Braintree YEA & UKYP**

The YEA in action



Being on the YEA and a Member of UK Youth Parliament, I've had great opportunities to meet and work with important individuals I would never have dreamed of meeting or working with.

Prajwal, Age 16
Chelmsford YEA and UKYP Member

What the YEA has been up to!

Youth Voice Development Day

The YEA delivered a Youth Voice Development Conference working with over 200 students across Essex. The attendees looked at how the government spends public money. The young people also developed and delivered a campaign on an issue that they were passionate about.

Working together with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

The YEA members planned and delivered in partnership with The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners an engagement event. This was an opportunity for 90 students from across the County to gain a better understanding of what the Police and Fire services provide.

The students also got the opportunity to take part in workshops including Cyber Security, Hate Crime, County Lines & Human Trafficking.

Violence & Vulnerability Funding

The YEA Members have been awarded some funds to deliver an early intervention project on violence & vulnerability. The young people are currently using this resource to develop and design a workshop style engagement opportunity for young people across Essex.

Climate Change & Environment

The Young Essex Assembly have identified that Climate Change & the Environment is their 2020 county wide project. The YEA are currently working in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society and Essex County Council to deliver a meaningful piece of work that will have a positive impact on young people and their communities in Essex.

We currently have two YEA Members who Co-Chair the Climate & Environment Change Commission in Essex.

Consultations

The Young Essex Assembly members are regularly asked to take part in consultations to gain and give the views of young people in Essex.

These are just a few of the consultations the YEA have taken part in:

- Transport
- Violence & Vulnerability
- SEND
- Equality Framework
- Libraries
- Youth Service Strategic Plan





UK Youth Parliament

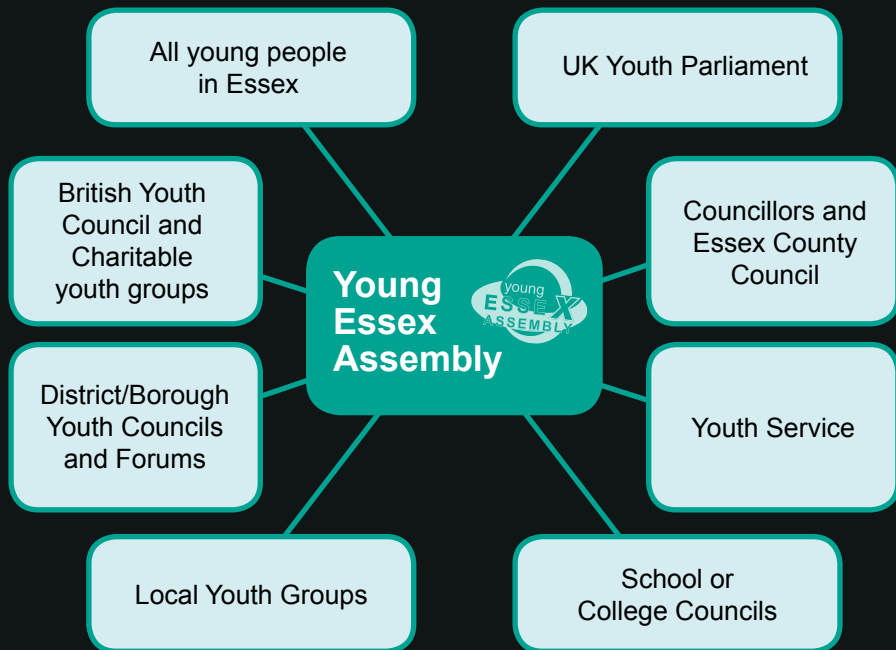


The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) is an opportunity for young people to make a difference and represent other young people's views on a national level. You can be elected if you are aged 11 - 18 years and are already a Member of the YEA. In Essex we have 6 seats available on UKYP.

Overall the UKYP has 369 seats from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It empowers young people to take positive action within their local communities. Every year the UKYP hold the largest youth consultation in the UK. This is called 'Make Your Mark'. It gives a unique opportunity for the opinions of young people to be actively listened to and valued. This enables decision makers to see issues that are actually important to young people.



YEA links with other organisations



Hustings Day

15

19

This is an interactive day of activities and information run by current YEA members and staff. On the day you will have the opportunity to:

- Find out more about the YEA and what it's like to be a member
- Meet existing YEA members and ask them questions
- Find out what YEA members have done in previous years
- Meet the staff that work with the YEA
- Have support to write your candidate statement
- If more people attend than there are spaces on the ballot paper a vote will be held on the day. Candidates not successful on the day will be informed about other local opportunities.

Dates

Hustings Day will run during the February Half Term week from 15th February to the 19th February 2021. You will just need to attend your local event. Once your application has been received your Hustings Day date and time will be sent to you.

To find out more contact: yea@essex.gov.uk



What happens next?

Interested in becoming a member?

- Email yea@essex.gov.uk for an information pack and application form
- Return application form by Monday 5th February 2021
- Attend Hustings Day
- Write your 45 word statement
- If more people attend than there are spaces on the ballot paper a vote will be held at the Hustings Day
- Voting takes place 12th April to the 30th April 2021
- Declaration events 10th May to the 21st May 2021
- First sitting 29th May 2021 – Publicity photos and official welcome by the Council
- Monthly meetings on Saturdays in Chelmsford plus local events, meetings and training as needed.



**“Since joining the YEA
I have learnt loads of
new skills and made
loads of new friends.”**

**Caitlin S, age 15
Epping Forest YEA**

**“I have learnt collaboration is key,
and we can achieve more by working
together. Everyone has different
qualities which can be beneficial to the
team.”**

**Rachel, age 16
Basildon YEA**





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Youth Essex Assembly Application Form

Full name:

Preferred name:

Age:

Date of birth:

Gender:

Home address:

School:

Postcode:

Telephone No.

Mobile:

Email address:

Which District will you be representing? (please circle)

(You need to either be living in this district, attending education, or have another strong association)

Basildon

Braintree

Brentwood

Castle Point

Chelmsford

Colchester

Epping Forest

Harlow

Maldon

Rochford

Tendring

Uttlesford

Is there any additional support you require to fully participate?

Yes

No

If yes, please state below and/or contact yea@essex.gov.uk to discuss.

Does the above person:

Have a medical condition requiring medical treatment or medication?

Yes

No

Have an allergy to certain medications?

Yes

No

Is he/she able to administer his/her own medication?

Yes

No

Why do you want to join the Young Essex Assembly?

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Emergency Contacts		
	Main	Alternative
Name:		
Relationship:		
Address:		
Telephone No. Day:		
Evening:		
Email address:		
If you are under 18 a parent/guardian will need to fill out this part of the application		
<p>Declaration (if under 18 to be signed by someone with parental/guardian responsibility): I understand that my child/ward may leave the centre premises for local visits as outlined in the centre/project programme and hereby give my consent for my son/daughter to participate in such events. I also understand that my son/daughter may leave the premises at other times when I will be informed separately by letter.</p>		
I agree that (full name of young person):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> may be photographed or videoed (for qualification portfolios, displays, newsletter, local press, web site) whilst participating in the activities 	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> can participate in the visits and activities described; can be transported in the private vehicles of staff/volunteers supervising the visit; is in good health and fit to participate in the activities described; can receive medical treatment as necessary. 		
I undertake to inform the youth worker as soon as possible of any of the above information or of any change to contact details. I acknowledge the need for the person named above to behave responsibly and agree to the centre/project's procedures in this respect.		
<p>You are giving your personal data to Essex County Council, so that they can support you being involved in the YEA. I understand that I can withdraw my consent to use or share my information at any time by talking to my youth worker and that this may result in a reduction of services being available to me.</p> <p>I understand I have the following rights about how you use my data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will make sure that I understand how and why my data will be used. I can find the full details on how ECC use data at www.essex.gov.uk/privacy I have the right to access my information. To do this I can contact Transparencyteam@essex.gov.uk or call them on 033301 39853 or by asking my youth worker I can ask you to correct any data about me that is not accurate by speaking to my youth worker or contacting DPO@essex.gov.uk I have the right to ask you to delete my data if I no longer wish to use your services. I understand that you may keep a record of the services you have delivered to me in the past if required by law I can ask you to only use my data in certain ways, or only share it with certain people <p>I can also ask you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stop using my data stop contacting me about services <p>I can find the full details about how you use my data by talking to my youth worker.</p>		
Name in capitals:	Signed:	
Relationship:	Date:	
Address:		
		Postcode:
Telephone No.		

Please post your application form to:

YEA Young Essex Assembly, Essex Youth Services, Essex County Council, 39-42 E Stockwell St, Colchester CO1 1SS
 Or scan and email it to yea@essex.gov.uk