

Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 9th May 2025

Dear BSF Students,

This week was the final week of compulsory studies for the majority of year 13 students, as the external exam season begins next week. We said goodbye in the leavers assembly which was a lovely event.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that teaching staff will be available and delivering revision lessons until the final examination has taken place in a subject, and all year 13 students are still welcome to attend these lessons. Furthermore, the library and other Sixth Form facilities will be available for study throughout the day, we will aim to have room 229 as a silent study room throughout the exam period as much as possible when it is available. The sixth form tutors and team will be available throughout the exam period for any support that is required.

Notices

Year 13 Leavers' assembly

The final year 13 assembly that took place on Tuesday was a really lovely event. It was lovely to speak to you about the moments to reflect on and hopefully the memories that you will be taking away with you, and to join you in celebrating the many achievements you have all accomplished during your time here.

A huge thank you to Keith S for organising the video of photos and also for speaking to you all and delivering a poignant final message. I hope you all take away something from the words spoken and be very proud of all your achievements.

Subject awards were awarded by subject teachers for overall achievement in that subject over the whole two years and there was also an Endeavour Award, a Community Award and an Overall Achievement Award given out to three students nominated by the sixth form leadership team. All the awards can be seen below and please do make sure you collect your certificate and letters if you have not done so yet.

All year 13 students have been fantastic and should be proud of their achievements. We would also like to take this as the first opportunity to thank all parents/carers for your support and for the continued support throughout the exam season. There will still be key messages in the bulletin each week for year 13 students.

Subject Awards:

Subject	Names
Art (Graphic Design)	Penny S
Biology	Kip G, Keith S
Business Studies	Aimee D, Monty P
Chemistry	Mika R, Shanying G
Computer Science	Maddie W
D&T (Product Design)	Tatem S, Poppy C

Economics	Charlie H, Jasmine R
English Lang. & Lit.	Ezra P
English Literature	Matilda G
Geography	Sophie L
Government & Politics	Alice R, Evy T
History	Renn D, Max N
Law	Abi M, Max N
Mathematics	Kip G, Renn D
Maths (Further)	Ollie H
Media Studies	James H
PER	Jack J
Psychology	Summer H-R, Ellen R
Sociology	Tawana M, Evy T
Criminology	Lily-Rose S, Evy T
BTEC Sport	Chloe B, Al-Amin A
Health & Social Care	Lily-Rose S, Jack Joy

Endeavour Award:

Awarded for – A excellent attitude and hard work towards their studies. For showing resilience and tackling obstacles in pursuit of their goals.

Awarded to – Eli G

Community Award:

Awarded for – their contribution to the Sixth Form and wider school community.

Awarded to – Sophie C

Overall Achievement Award:

Awarded for – Outstanding overall performance and contribution to the Sixth Form. This recognises achievement within subjects and dedication beyond in terms of extra and super curricular activities and for their positive contribution to the wider Sixth Form community.

Awarded to – Keith S

Year 13 Leavers' event – Final payments

To continue the celebrations with year 13 students it will be great to see as many of you as possible at the Leaver's event at Little Channels on Wednesday 25th June 2024. All year 13 students are welcome and can still pay for your ticket via parent pay. Full payment is due by Friday 16th May.

Year 13 – Student finance and accepting offers

A reminder to year 13 students to complete the student finance form. The deadline for completing this is the **16th May**.

Student finance form:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance?step-by-step-nav=18045f76-ac04-41b7-b147-5687d8fbb64a>

[Student finance calculator - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)

This is also the deadline for accepting your firm and insurance offers through UCAS.

Dress Code

The dress code for sixth form is 'Modest, professional and appropriate'. As the weather is getting warmer, we would like to specifically remind you that this means no midriffs should be showing and skirts and shorts need to be a suitable length. More information will follow in assemblies and there will be further communication home if required.

Year 12 Higher Education trips

A letter was emailed out on Wednesday of this week with information regarding two trips for all year 12 students that will support the process of finding out information regarding higher education.

Enrichment opportunity – debate club

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD AT THE SIXTH FORM DEBATE CLUB!

FIND US IN 207, WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME – ALL WELCOME!

Each week, we:

- Research and prepare for a debate on a serious topic.
- Have one or two impromptu debates for fun!

Posters will be shared in tutor groups – do come and ask if you have any more questions regarding this

Important reminders for year 12 students:

- Remember to check your tutor group teams page each week as your tutors add key messages there on the tutor time and personal development information covered that week.
- Remember to log all activities you complete on Unifrog.

Acknowledgements

Thank you to the year 12 students who stayed on Thursday evening to support an event for year 10 parents on supporting students moving into year 11.

Key dates:

Year 12 reports home – Wednesday 21st May

Year 12 Parents evening – Thursday 5th June

Year 12 Higher Education trips – ARU on 10th June, Essex Uni on 12th June

Year 12 work experience week – 30th June – 4th July -Please return your forms to Ms Watson as soon as possible.

Year 13 Leavers' event – Wednesday 25th June 2025. All year 13 students are welcome and can still pay for your ticket via parent pay. Full payment is due by Friday 16th May.

Opportunities for you

This section contains opportunities that are sent through from a variety of different organisations.

The opportunities will vary in nature and be suitable for different students, some of the opportunities will be free and others may have a cost associated to them.

Free Parent Webinar – Elevate Education

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

Tuesday 20th May 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

[Click here to register for free](#)

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- ✓ Understanding how your child's memory works
- ✓ Optimising your child's environment for memorisation
- ✓ 3 practical memory techniques to use with your child this term

Vacancy - apprentice solicitor with Essex County Council

For any year 13 students who are keen on training to be a solicitor there is a vacancy with Essex County Council. Full details on the working for Essex website

- <https://workingforessex.com/apply/apprentice-solicitor-19373?source=workingforessex.com>

Closing date is 11th May 2025.

University of Cambridge – Masterclasses

What are Subject Masterclasses?

Masterclasses are either online or in-person.

Each Masterclass includes:

- Taster sessions delivered by our academic staff
- The opportunity to ask questions and engage with subject experts
- An introduction to the Cambridge admissions process
- Insights into life as a Cambridge student from current undergraduates

Sign up for our [student newsletter](#) to be notified when new events are added.

Who can attend?

Masterclasses are designed for students in Year 12 (S5 for Scotland, Year 13 for NI, international grade 10 or 11, or equivalent) and mature students.

UK and International students are welcome to attend.

In-person Subject Masterclasses

In-person masterclasses will resume at a later date. You'll be able to find details of sessions and how to book on this page when booking opens.

The in-person masterclasses usually take place at the [Sidgwick Site, Cambridge \(University map\)](#). Booking is essential.

Online Subject Masterclasses

- Online sessions run from 4:15pm to 7:00pm (UK time).
- Sessions are delivered via Zoom.
- Booking is essential and closes the day before the event.
- Cost: £15.00. [Funded places](#) are available for eligible students.

Date	Masterclasses session
13 May	Biochemistry and Genetics (part of our Natural Sciences course)
14 May	Land Economy
15 May	Foundation Year (eligibility criteria applies)

Cambridge University Open days - 10 and 11 July

With the UK summer approaching, it's a good time for students to begin thinking about our July Open Days.

Open Days are a great opportunity for your students to get a feel for the University and to visit our Colleges, departments, and facilities.

MedicMentor – Free Live Virtual conferences – Doctors and Dentists

Students who attended our Free Get Into Conferences have been awarded certificates, spoken to doctors and medical students, and now have access to a variety of free programmes, such as our Virtual Work Experience Programmes, which has been expertly developed in partnership with University Hospitals Birmingham Trust.

If you feel that there may be more students in years 9-12 / S2-S5 / NI10-NI13 year groups that are yet to attend, please kindly direct them to the Free Get into Conferences. These events are led by expert Chief Mentors who specialise in medical and dental UCAS applications, providing comprehensive guidance on choosing the correct university, how to write their personal statements, UCAT exam preparation, extracurricular activities, scholarships and more.

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:

Saturday 17th May from 9:30am - 3:30pm

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

Please note that parental attendance is required for safeguarding reasons and to ensure parents are also supported throughout the application process.

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Career days for students

There are new dates for our online Career Days, which provide students with the chance to learn about different careers, receive advice on subject choices, and discover how to apply to university. Each session includes work experience in the afternoon, allowing students to get a feel for the day-to-day aspects of their chosen career. At the end of the day, students will receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

The upcoming Career Days are as follows:

Vet Career Day - Saturday 10th May 2025

Business Career Day - Saturday 12th May 2025

Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 24th May 2025

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 31st May 2025

Performing Arts Career Day - Sunday 26th October 2025

Students aged 13-18 can register for any of the above sessions by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk/career-choices-day.

Key websites to search for/find out about apprenticeship opportunities

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/find-an-apprenticeship)

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/apprenticeships?query=>

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>

[Prospects](#) | [Job & Course Search](#) | [Career & University Advice](#)

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships useful and informative – please share [the link to the guide](#) with your students, their parents, and colleagues.

Have a good weekend



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