

## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

This week the bulletin is coming out to you on Thursday as there is no Sixth Form for students on Friday. This week, we reach the halfway point of this academic year for Year 12, and Year 13 only have two half terms left of their time in the sixth form. Year 12 will all have received your mock exam results now and have had a chance to reflect on these in lessons and created feed ward tasks to help you make progress from here. This is a good time for all students in year 12 and 13 to reflect on where you are now and look at what it is you need to do to ensure that you are going to reach your potential, and in doing so please make sure you use the most of all the support around you. Half term week next week will be a good opportunity to catch up, get organised and set targets for the next half term.

### **Model MUN**

Year 12 students this week had the launch of the Model United Nations project in assembly, and you will all now be delegates for a specific committee linked to a particular Country. I hope you are all looking forward to the general assembly in March and will begin research and planning for your resolutions. We managed to do the draw of the countries in the assembly, and after some indecisiveness from some tutor groups the final countries were decided and are as follows:

The countries are:

12-1 – India, China and Finland

12-3 – Argentina, Iran and USA

12-4 – Brazil, Saudi Arabia and Egypt

12-5 – Libya, France and North Korea

Year 12 reports have been sent out this week including the mock exam grades and learning behaviour grades.

### **Year 13 mock exams**

The next set of year 13 mock exams and the final practice exams before the final ones take place will happen on the week beginning **31<sup>st</sup> March**.

### **Apprenticeship week – 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> February**

This week, we welcomed past students from Teledyne e2v, who offered the opportunity to speak to students about apprenticeships in engineering/STEM general and opportunities at their company. Hopefully this was useful for those that went along.

Teledyne e2v is an engineering company based in Chelmsford that offers apprenticeships for Engineering, Technicians & Business Apprentices. We primarily produce: RF (Radio Frequency) products such as Magnetrons & Thyratrons for the medical, defence, and science industries, and Space imaging components such as CCD & CMOS devices for space missions, selling to companies such as NASA, ESA etc. There are leaflets about their apprenticeship scheme at the signing in table if anyone would like to take one.

There has been lots of other information regarding apprenticeships and some very useful information about applications for apprenticeships on the ARU trip for year 13 students this week. Hopefully it has encouraged you all to ask questions, do your research and prepare yourselves as much as possible for your next steps.

### **Year 13 leavers event**

This year's Leavers' event will be held at The Waltham Barn at Little Channels, Pratts Farm Lane West, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 3PR on **Wednesday 25th June 2025**.

This is always a really lovely evening which involves a buffet, DJ entertainment, a bar to purchase drinks and the opportunity to celebrate your achievements with friends and staff. A letter with all the details regarding the evening and payments is being sent out.

### **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.*

### **Key websites to search for/find out about apprenticeship opportunities**

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

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

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

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

### **Brain training Exam masterclass**

Are your students feeling the pressure of exams? They can join Study Mind for an interactive masterclass Cognitive Skills for Exam Success, led by TEDx speaker and brain trainer, David Amor! He'll share expert strategies to help your students conquer procrastination, sharpen their focus, and achieve outstanding exam results. Parents can learn how to create a supportive home environment for success!

Aimed at all students taking their exams, from GCSEs to university finals and their parents, this immersive masterclass will give them the skills to ace their exams and beat exam stress.

What they'll learn:

- Beat procrastination
- Develop laser focus
- Achieve top exam results

Create a winning home environment

Watch the video to find out how transformative parents, students and teachers have found the masterclass.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

When? 22nd February 2025

What Time? 13.00 - 16.00, registration from 12.15 (GMT)

Where? Hyatt Regency, Stratford, London

There are very limited spaces available for this special in-person event, book now to avoid disappointment.

[BOOK NOW](#)

### **Free LIVE Get into Medicine or Dentistry Conference**

My priority is to provide support to your students and their parents as they make an informed decision about a career in medicine or dentistry. Access to work experience and healthcare professionals is still a barrier, which is why we created the free LIVE Get into Medicine or Dentistry Conference so that students can ask questions directly to doctors and dentists and decide which career is best suited to them:

Register for FREE on the Get into Medicine conference:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Register for FREE on the Get into Dentistry conference:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

While some students have already attended, I'm mindful that there are many who may have missed out. If you could kindly share these details again this week with those students, it would ensure that they too can benefit from the support and resources available to them.

Once your students have attended our Get Into conference, they can benefit from more free support such as:

- Free medical or dental NHS work experience accepted by UCAS Applications and the Medical Schools Council
- Free volunteering opportunities with a variety of medical and dental charities
- Free weekly medical wider reading webinars and recordings
- Free study skills E-learning to boost their revision for exams
- Opportunities to apply for medical/dental school scholarships and awards
- Opportunities to apply for national leadership programmes and extra-curriculars outside of school that can be used for question 3 on personal statements.
- A detailed understanding of the UCAS application process to become a doctor or dentist.

Registration Link for the FREE Get Into Medicine conference:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dates:

- Sunday 23rd February from 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Saturday 1st March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Registration Link for the Get Into Dentistry Conference:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

Dates:

- Saturday 22nd February from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10.00 Registration

10.00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic/Dental Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12.15-12.30 Top tips from a successful applicant (current medical/dental student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical/Dental School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips from a successful applicant and next steps

15:00-15:30 Q&A Session

Students and parents can register for free here:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

### **Norwich University of the Arts - year's 'Beyond The Frame' Photography competition 2025!**

Here at Norwich University of the Arts we are gearing up to award our winners of this year's 'Beyond The Frame' Photography competition 2025!

We're still looking for the finest photography by creative students currently in Secondary (age 11+) to Further Education (e.g. school, sixth form or college, but not degree level).

**Is there a theme?** Yes

This year we are using the UN Sustainable Development Goals as our competition themes and awards will be given under the categories of:

***'Gender Equality'***

***'Responsible Production & Consumption'***

Professional photographers Elisa Iannacone and Richard Seymour will join Norwich University of the Arts' judging panel to help pick the shortlist and award the winners with some great prizes at our event in April 2025.

Shortlisted students will have the opportunity for their work to be put on show at our Beyond the Frame exhibition at Norwich University of the Arts in April 2025.

**Deadline for entries is 26 February 2025, 4 pm.**

**How to enter:**

Students can enter up to three photographs and one piece of moving image (up to one minute in length). They can be a series on the same theme or independent images.

They must all be your own work and have been created after 16 September 2024.

For full information and to apply, please visit the Beyond the Frame website by clicking on the orange button below...

[Beyond The Frame](#)

### **Summer Schools – year 12 students**

#### **ARU – Free residential summer school**

ARU Chelmsford – 6-10<sup>th</sup> July

- Business and Law
- Medicine

ARU Cambridge – 13-17<sup>th</sup> July

- Character design
- Business and law

Apply now



#### **Swansea – STEMM Summer School**

*Please share the below information with students interested in the following subjects:*

- *STEM*
- *Medicine*
- *Geography*
- *Psychology*
- *Sport and Exercise Science*

Explore the exciting world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine at Swansea University! The 3-day residential programme will give you the opportunity to engage in practical sessions held on our Singleton and Bay Campus.

The Summer School is a great opportunity for year 12 students interested in studying a STEMM subject at university.

#### **Program Overview**

Dates: 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Venue: Summer School will take place across both of our campuses, but your drop-off/pick-up location will be SWANSEA UNIVERSITY BAY CAMPUS, SA1 8EN

Cost: £175 per person\*

### What's Included?

- Stay in our on-campus accommodation between Sunday 6th – Wednesday 9th July 2025
- A range of hands-on subject workshops delivered by our academics
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal
- Refreshments throughout the course of the residential
- Evening activities each day of the Summer School
- Opportunity to meet and speak to our current students
- Careers advice and preparation for your university application
- Experience what it's like to be a student at Swansea University

### Application Details

Application Deadline (UK students): **Friday 11th April 2025, 17:00 BST**

Outcome Notification: **End of May 2025**

### **Free Law Insight Programme – Year 12**

[Causeway Education](#) are working with law firm [Watson Farley & Williams LLP](#) to provide a free three-day City Careers Insight Programme from 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The programme involves exploring careers in Law, building networks and gaining relevant skills to use on applications. Students on the programme will also have the opportunity to complete online personal statement mentoring with a member of staff from Watson Farley & Williams in the autumn term.

*Last year, 94% of attendees agreed the programme improved confidence with networking, 86% of attendees agreed the programme helped develop knowledge of applications and assessment centres and 94% of attendees agreed the programme helped develop commercial awareness.*

### Eligibility:

- in Year 12;
- within daily travelling distance to the WFW office (15 Appold Street, London, EC2A 2HB) and able to reasonably travel across the three days (travel costs reimbursed); and
- available for all three days of the programme.

Students can register an interest here: <https://forms.office.com/e/rRnZtyHWNY>. **Deadline to complete this form is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

It is likely that this programme will be oversubscribed. In this case, applications may close early. Eligibility data provided in the form will be used to select applicants. Diversity data is a voluntary part of the application process and will not be used to select applicants but will be anonymised and used for monitoring purposes

### **Part time work - Exciting Opportunity for Aspiring Tutors**

First Class Learning (FCL) Braintree is thrilled to announce an excellent opportunity for young, dedicated individuals to join our established after-school tuition centre in Braintree, situated right here at Notley High School.

FCL is seeking enthusiastic assistants to help deliver maths, English, and science tuition to children aged 5 – 16.

#### **Details of the Role:**

We are looking to employ a few young people to assist with our after-school sessions held on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Our centre is conveniently located within the English block at Notley High School.

#### **Who We Are Looking For:**

We aim to attract keen and committed young people with excellent projected or actual GCSE passes in maths and English, plus other supporting GCSEs. We expect any successful candidates to stay with us until at least the end of Year 13. In return, we offer an excellent opportunity that has proven beneficial for current and past assistants, providing substantial experience for UCAS applications and career choices, as well as offering a competitive income for the hours worked.

#### **Application Process:**

This opportunity is ideal for Year 12 students. Interested applicants are encouraged to register interest and request an application form via [braintree@firstclasslearning.co.uk](mailto:braintree@firstclasslearning.co.uk) or send a text / WhatsApp to 07852 642171 as soon as possible, ideally before Friday February 7, but any time up to half-term is acceptable. Do not miss out on this fantastic opportunity to gain invaluable experience and earn a competitive income while helping younger students excel in their studies. FCL looks forward to welcoming new members to our team!

### **Pathways to property**

A current year 13 student attended this programme last year, so do ask questions if you are interested.

Could you please forward the following opportunity on to your *Year 12 students*. We are running free 1 day, Real Estate Insight days with our Industry partners on the following days in order to help students discover more about careers within the property Industry:

- Birmingham on 13<sup>th</sup> March (with RICS – Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors)
- Cambridge on 18<sup>th</sup> March (with Carter Jonas)
- Bristol on 26<sup>th</sup> March (with Savills)

Applications can be found [here](#) on our website here and will close on 16th February. Priority will be given to those students that live in the local areas and fit within our [criteria](#) however do contact us directly if you have students that you feel should get a place due to other circumstances.

Students will go on a site visit, work on a small project and have a Q&A session with both current and recent Real Estate graduates and apprentices who are now working in the Industry. All events are fully funded by Pathways2property including travel costs to and from the venue.

Students that have attended any one of our programmes will subsequently be able to take part in our work experience and e-mentoring programme and they will also be able to apply for a bursary of up to £30,000 should they go on to study a property related degree at any University. If they apply to study a Real Estate course at the University of Reading they will be guaranteed a contextual offer and will automatically be given a Welcome bursary once enrolled.

Applications are also open for our 4 day residential at the University of Reading on 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July (please see our [website](#) for further details)

We are a charity funded by the Real Estate Industry, based at the University of Reading, who are keen to support students from less advantaged and non-traditional backgrounds. In the 12 years we have been running we have engaged with over 26,400 students - 22% of attendees of our Summer school have since gone on to study or work in property. Further information about our programmes can be found on our [website](#) or you can contact me on: [pathways2property@henley.ac.uk](mailto:pathways2property@henley.ac.uk)

Our programmes are suitable for students that want a career in property or are just unsure of what they want to do to - it may just provide the aspiration a student needs!

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Have a good weekend



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