



Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Sixth Form Students,

We are now settled into the next half term, which is a busy one, with many big events included such as the enterprise fair and the mock interview programme for year 12 students and UCAS deadlines and a week of mock exams for year 13 students.

Notices

Mock exam dates

Year 13 – Week beginning 9th December

Year 12 – Week beginning 13th January

Mock exams

The timetable is very close to being finalised and should be available to see and added to Arbor next week.

UCAS – Year 13

A reminder that our deadline is – **Monday 2nd December.**

Trip – Winter Wonderland lakeside

We would love to be able to run a Sixth Form trip to the Lakeside winter wonderland on Thursday 12th December. An email has been sent to you all with details and a link included to express your interest. Please do read this and complete the form if you would like to go, so we can plan accordingly.

Academic Reading

This has been launched this week with year 12 students. The benefits of academic reading have been shared during tutor time and all year 12 students should have selected their first book from one of their 3 subject areas. You will go the library during one tutor session next week to collect this book, with the aim of having read it by 6th January on return from the Christmas holidays. You will have the opportunity to collect the books from your other subjects during the next two terms. Every subject area has one main academic reading book, with many subjects having more books available to take out in the library, and access to journals, subject magazines and some subjects highlight specific academic reading within subject materials. Please record all academic reading that you have completed in Unifrog. There are still plenty of materials available in the library for year 13 students to take out an access too.

Entering and Leaving the site

Students should not be entering or leaving the Sixth Form through the main reception. You must go through the student entrance and the side gate, unless there is a reason that we are aware of.

Interview Programme – year 12

The timetable for the year 12 mock interviews, which will be taking place on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December, has been printed and is displayed on the window outside Ms Watson's office. All year 12 students need to check their time slot and ensure you arrive to your interview on time.

All interviews will be face to face and will take place in the Drama studio. A letter will also be given to you nearer the time, with the date and time of your interview. Please make sure you have sent a letter of application, such as you would send to an employer, to your tutor by next Wednesday 20th November.

Christmas food bank collection – November 18th-22nd

A reminder that we will be collecting food to donate to our local food bank, in time for Christmas. Please bring in any donations directly to the humanities office, or drop them off in Ms Watson's office.

Winter shopping list 2024

Food items

- Cold meat tinned
- Hot meat tinned
- Jam
- Chocolate
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Sponge puddings
- Packet custard
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned fish
- Instant snacks i.e. pot noodle
- Tinned hot snacks
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned potatoes
- UHT Milk



Non food items

- Comb
- Face cloth
- Nail clippers
- Small torches
- Male/Female deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene products
- Male/Female shower gel
- Male/Female shampoo

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.

Kooth Future Council competition

There is just 1 week left to enter the Kooth Future Council competition. Your students (aged 15-18) could become part of our first-ever youth-powered content team. Winners will collaborate with social media stars in creating mental well-being content, whilst learning skills in video editing, content creation, and leadership - valuable tools for their future college applications and career paths. The experience and mentorship they'll receive could make a lasting impact, building their confidence and broadening their horizons.

How can they get involved?

We're inviting students to answer the question: "How do you overcome negative emotions?" through their creative expressions, whether original artwork, photography, video, or writing.

Entry deadline:

All entries are due by Friday, 15th November. To make sure your students don't miss out, please share this opportunity and encourage them to submit their work at [//www.kooth.com/future-council](http://www.kooth.com/future-council).

Swansea University Masterclass Series

We're delighted to share the return of Swansea University's Masterclass Series, taking place between 18 – 21 November.

Our free masterclass webinars are delivered on current topics by lecturers who are experts in their fields. They give your students an idea of the topical developments taking place within subjects they may be interested in studying, and can help to support course choice.

Our registration page is live. Please encourage your students to register.

Do click on the link and look at the list – there are lots of subjects being covered.

[Masterclass Series Registration - Swansea University](#)

Civil Engineering

[Virtual work experience](#)

ICE's on-demand virtual work experience programme is tailored for students aged 14 to 18.

It's completely free and opens the door to exciting careers - plus gives students bonus material to help them stand out on personal statements and CVs.

KS3-5 students can explore our interactive careers website, [ICE Inspire](#). It's got quizzes and lots of fascinating information about how civil engineers are shaping our world. Students can also virtually meet real life Civil Engineers and find out more about the career.

EDT (Engineering Development Trust)

***Applications are now open** for our hugely popular [Residential Insight into University Courses](#).

These are summer schools at various top Universities that run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings, so that they get the full university experience.

For Year 12 students / S6

Courses taking place June-Aug 25

Accreditation: Silver [Industrial Cadets Award](#)

***Applications are now open** for our [YINI-Year in Industry Placement scheme](#)

An EDT placement will give students an opportunity to continue their STEM journey after leaving school or college and take a paid gap year to help inform and shape their future career choices. They will gain invaluable experience working in industry, develop their skills and knowledge, and boost their future employability. We have vacancies with companies across many areas of STEM from leading FTSE 100 companies to small innovative start-ups. EDT placements are accredited at

Industrial Cadets Platinum level meaning that the student's experience during their year in industry is quality benchmarked and recognised industry-wide.

For Year 13 students /S6

Placements will start July/Aug 25

Accreditation: Platinum [Industrial Cadets Award](#)

STEM SMART scheme Cambridge

University of Cambridge - Masterclasses

We are excited to tell you about the Subject Masterclasses which we are running this autumn.

Subject Masterclasses are subject-specific events that offer students in Year 12 (S5 for Scotland, Year 13 for NI, or equivalent) the chance to experience typical undergraduate teaching at the University of Cambridge, and to learn more about a topic of interest.

The events are designed for all students looking to apply in October 2025, including mature students.

[Upcoming Subject Masterclasses](#)

19 November Education

26 November Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion

27 November Sociology

28 November Music

These sessions are all taking place online

[Subject Masterclasses | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

Each Masterclass includes:

- two taster sessions delivered by academic staff from the University
- the opportunity to ask questions
- an introduction to the Cambridge admissions process
- the chance to hear about life as a Cambridge student from current undergraduates

Cost

The cost of our online Subject Masterclasses is **£12.50**

Funded places are available for students who meet any of the following criteria:

- In care, or care-experienced
- Eligible for Free School Meals
- Seeking asylum, or with refugee status
- Household(s) in receipt of Universal Credit
- Financial hardship

To apply for a funded place students should complete a short form and include a supporting statement from their school or college with an authorised stamp or signature.

Please [visit our website](#) for more information and the application form for funded places.

The complete university guide – league tables 2025

Visit the complete university website to see the league tables for 2025

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

Career days

There are new dates available for your students to attend career days online taking place online over the next couple of months.

Career Days give students an insight into different careers that might appeal to them, advice on subject choices and how to apply to university, followed by work experience in the afternoon to help them see what the career may be like. Students receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

Students who are aged 13-18 can register to join the online days by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk

The schedule is as follows:

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 23rd November 2024

Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 30th November 2024

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session that interests them and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

Have a good weekend



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