



Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Thursday 29th November 2024

Dear BSF Students,

It is that time of year where there are still a few weeks to go until another break, and during these next few weeks there is a lot going on in the Sixth Form. It is a busy time, and we appreciate that it can be a stressful time. Please do continue to maintain the sixth form expectations and remain focused on maintaining high attendance and punctuality levels. Please also remember there are staff available for you to speak to if need be.

Notices

UCAS

The internal deadline we have set for UCAS applications is next week. This weekend will be a good one for getting your personal statements completed or as up to date as possible and check your UCAS forms to ensure you have filled in all the relevant details. Remember when you click send you are sending it to Mrs Howells to look over it and not directly to UCAS this means we can check over your form and then add your reference. Please do let Mrs Howells know when you have sent it and look to organise a time to meet with her to go over your form.

Academic mentors – year 12 students

Thank you to all the students who have expressed an interest in this role and indicated your preferred subject. Plans are underway to pair you up with a lower school student and hopefully this should commence soon. We will provide you with more information soon.

Year 11 breakfasts – subject ambassador/prefect support

Thank you to all of the prefects and subject ambassadors who helped out at the breakfast event this Wednesday. It was great to see you engaging with the Year 11's we invited and talking to them about some of the reasons they should apply to study here next year. The same event will take place again next Wednesday with some more year 11's and I would appreciate your support in the same way again.

Assembly – British values

Remember assembly takes place every Tuesday period 1 (there will be no assembly on Tuesday 10th due to the enterprise fair and mock exams).

This week Mrs Howells spoke to you about the four British Values. Hopefully you have a greater understanding of these in terms of the wider community and also within the sixth form community.

Year 12 PD - Enterprise Fair/Interview programme

Enterprise fair – Tuesday 10th December. Hopefully all year 12's are prepared with what you need for

this day. Please do email me any slides that you wish to be shared with the year 7s next week. This week during tutor time you will focus on interview skills ready for your mock interviews that will take place on Thursday and Friday. Please make sure you know when your interview is and arrive in good time.

Opportunity to ask questions about a career in Law

John Fowlers Solicitors are coming in next Thursday to do the mock interviews, if any Year 12 or Y13 students would like to come over at break to the drama studio to speak to them about a career in law they are more than happy to speak to them, you may even be able to ask about work experience opportunities.

Year 13 Mock exam week

Mock exam week begins for year 13s on 9th December. All students are expected to be in for tutor in the morning at 8.40am and lessons will still run during period 1 and 2. If students do not have an exam they are expected in these lessons. There will be no lessons running from breaktime onwards. Year 13 students are welcome to remain onsite to study or leave to study at home.

Mock exam dates

Year 13 – Week beginning 9th December

Year 12 – Week beginning 13th January

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.

Future Careers Experience – Online work experience course

A self-paced programme where students explore tech pathways with activities like CV-building and employability skills workshops. (approx. 7 hours)

[Defy the limits with Amazon: Future Careers Experience | Springpod](#)

Applying to Med School - Work Experience - The PremedProjects Team

We're excited to share two exceptional opportunities for your students aged 14-18 to gain **essential medical work experience**, a crucial step for those considering careers in medicine:

1. In-Person Medical Work Experience Course

- **When:** February 2025 (Half Term Holidays)
- **Where:** London Hospitals (Accommodation Provided)
- **Who:** Students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine
- **What:** In person work experience including visits to dissection rooms, care homes and NHS Kings Hospital.
- **How:** Students can view all details of the course [here](#)

2. Weekly Online Medical Course

- **When:** Every Monday evening at 7.30pm in December 2024 and January 2025
- **Where:** Online
- **Who:** Students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine
- **What:** Led by NHS doctors, students explore medical specialties, such as radiology, pathology, and geriatrics, through interactive real patient case studies.
- **How:** Students can view all details of the course [here](#)

Both courses are designed to address the challenge of securing meaningful medical work experience, providing valuable insights for university applications and interviews.

We'd love your support in **sharing these opportunities with your students aged 14-18**. Full details, can be found [here](#) and just let us know should you have any questions, we'd be happy to help.

University of Cardiff – Webinars and discover Cardiff

We are delighted to say that we will be running our [free webinar series](#) at Cardiff University, following on from it's first year last year. Alongside our monthly [Discover Cardiff](#) series, we have a number of subject related webinars, all of which you can see below.

The webinars will feature a talk on the course, and some will also give prospective students the chance to hear from current students. Aimed at students in all school years, we would be grateful if you could pass this information on so that your students can book on and join us at one or some of our sessions.

Upcoming subject [webinars](#)

Weds 27th November 4pm – **Architecture**

Weds 27th November 5pm – **Nursing**

Tues 3rd December 5pm – **Music**

Weds 4th December 4pm – **Engineering**

Weds 4th December 5pm – **Healthcare courses**

Thurs 16th January 5pm - **Modern Languages**

Ask Cardiff

Join us to find out more about life at Cardiff University, the only Russell Group university in Wales. You will get the chance to ask questions to staff from our accommodation, admissions, finance and student recruitment teams as well as some of our current students. Whether your students are starting their research process in year 12, or finalising their application in year 13, this webinar aims to help with any questions they may have.

Discover Cardiff

Discover Cardiff is a free webinar series designed for year 12 and year 13 students who are interested in going to university. Running monthly until next July, our series of talks and advice sessions cover a range of topics related to higher education. The sessions are tailored to guide you through the

decision-making process – from how to choose a course to what a day in the life of a university student looks like.

Explore Accountancy careers with ACCA's free webinars this December

Don't miss ACCA's finance career insight webinars coming up this December, we'd love for you and your students to join us. These evening sessions are all about exploring the different paths in accountancy and finance and what they can offer.

Each webinar is led by experts who'll share real-life insights to help students picture their future in finance. You'll also get access to resources and workshops to support students as they start planning their careers.

Day in the life of an accountant apprentice

3 December, 18:30-19:15

Get a real look at what an accountancy apprentice does day-to-day. It's more than just numbers – this session shows the dynamic, hands-on side of the role.

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Future leaders: Opportunities for ALL young people in accountancy

4 December, 18:30-19:15

Explore the range of career paths in accountancy and see how they can lead to leadership roles and a bright future, no matter where you start.

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Accountancy & finance application masterclass

10 December, 18:30-19:15

For students ready to take the next step, this session covers everything from writing standout applications to acing interviews and assessment centres.

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Samsung Competition

Offer your students the chance to kickstart their tech careers by entering the [Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow Competition!](#)

Open to **16-25-year-olds**, those who are shortlisted will access:

- Design and business workshops led by experts from the tech industry
- 1:1 mentoring from Samsung employees

It's **free to enter** and all they need is a tech idea!

A link for entries is included in the link above. If anyone is interested, then please do speak to me.

University of Suffolk - events

Business, Computing and Games Taster Day – 22 January 2025

We are delighted to be holding our Business, Computing and Games Taster Day on Wednesday 22 January 2025 for Year 12/Level 3 students to explore the following subjects:

Accounting and Finance

Business

Game Development

E-Sports

Computing

9.45-10.00am	Arrival
10.10-10.30am	Welcome talk and housekeeping
10.40-11.40am	Taster session 1
11.50am-12.20pm	Lunch
12.30-1.30pm	Taster session 2 or campus tour
1.40-2.20pm	HE talk
2.20-2.30pm	Goodbye and feedback
2.30pm	Event finish

Students can look forward to selecting up to two taster sessions in different subjects to experience on the day, as well as the opportunity to go on a campus tour and attend a Higher Education talk.

To book email schools@uos.ac.uk

Health and Life Science Taster Day – 5 February 2025

On Wednesday 5 February, we are holding our popular Health and Life Science Taster Day. The day will run from 9.45am until 2.30pm.

This taster day is a chance for Year 12/level 3 students to learn about people-focused careers. Sessions to choose from will include Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedic Science, Radiotherapy and Oncology, Diagnostic Radiography, Physiotherapy, Sports, Psychology and Counselling, Biomedical Science, Nutrition and Human Health and Wildlife, Ecology and Conservation Science.

The agenda for the day is as follows:

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10.10-10.30am	Welcome talk
10.45-11.45am	Taster session or campus tour
11.45am-12.30pm	Lunch
12.45-1.45pm	Taster session or campus tour
2.00-2.30pm	Student Union Talk

To book email schools@uos.ac.uk (only 20 spaces left!)

Book onto Open Days: https://www.uos.ac.uk/life-at-suffolk/visit-us/open-days/?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=CPC&utm_campaign=Open+Days&utm_id=UG25%2F26&gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIjInF7q3oiQMVv6loCR2rbSM3EAAYASAAEgK4KvD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds

Unable to attend an Open Day? Book onto a campus tour: <https://www.uos.ac.uk/life-at-suffolk/visit-us/campus-tours/>

Free Parent Webinar – Elevate Education

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child
Tuesday 3rd December 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)
[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- ✔ Practical strategies to help your child manage their response to setbacks
- ✔ Building your child's resilience both in and out of school
- ✔ How 'fear of failure' can impact your child's resilience

Oxford and Cambridge University's Next Steps Essex webinar series 2025

This annual programme is run in collaboration by Hertford College, Oxford and Emmanuel College, Cambridge and aims to give students the tools to make a competitive application to Oxford/Cambridge.

The programme will consist of four online sessions run by Oxford and Cambridge Outreach staff, each with a Q&A with current undergraduate students:

- Tuesday 21st January: Introduction to Oxbridge (Y11 & Y12)
- Tuesday 4th February: Entry Requirements & Post-16 Choices (Y11 & Y12)
- Tuesday 18th February: Critical Thinking, Study Skills & Super Curriculars (Y11 & Y12)
- Tuesday 4th March: Personal Statements & Applying to Oxbridge (Y11 & Y12)
- *Interview Workshop (September 2025 TBC)*

All sessions take place online between 17:00 and 18:30.

The following eligibility criteria applies for students:

All students from state schools in the local authorities of Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock are eligible to take part.

As long as students meet these criteria then they will automatically gain a place on the programme. The deadline for signing up is 12pm on Friday 13th December.

Students can sign-up using this online form: [Next Steps Essex 2025 Application Form](#)

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](#)

Have a good weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms A Brewis-Shephard', written in a cursive style.

Ms A Brewis-Shephard
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