



Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 7th February 2025

Dear BSF Students,

We are nearing the end of another half term and next week is a four-day week with Friday 14th February being an inset day. Hopefully, all our students will be able to use this day productively as this remains a very busy period for sixth form students.

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 **31st March**.

Teledyne e2v

There will be two employees (and former students) from Teledyne e2v in the sixth form next Wednesday between 10.45-11.45am to speak with any students who are interested about their apprenticeships. They will be set up in Café 6. Please do pop along and speak with them. If any year 13 students who are on the trip are interested in this, please see me and I can pass on their details.

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.

They have had several successful applicants from BSF in the past and still have several Apprentices and Apprentice Graduates that are working with them today.

Work experience – Year 12

You should have received the work experience letters and relevant forms. If you have any questions, please do speak with Ms Watson.

Work experience week is a really beneficial week, and last year some of the current year 13 students had fantastic placements and there was a lot of positive feedback regarding the week as a whole. Please do start planning for this as early as possible.

Academic reading books – Year 12

If any year 12 students still need to hand back in their academic reading books, please could you do this on Monday. For those students who are changing your book this is due happen during one tutor time this week.

Year 12 student feedback/leadership team

Thank you to the year 12 tutor representatives who met with the year 13 student leadership team

during tutor time today to share the views of year 12 students. This will be a regular meeting to over the next half term and shortly we will be looking to form a new prefect team and student leadership team from the year 12 students.

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.

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 22nd-24th 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 28th 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

The Gresham College Young Orator of the Year Competition 2025

Enter by 21 March 2025*

Gresham College is back for a third year, launching our schools' oracy competition in February 2025. For state schools and sixth form students, it's aimed at Year 12 students in England and Wales, S5 students in Scotland and Year 13 Northern Ireland.

The competition promotes the art of communicating complex information in a clear, concise and compelling way. This year the questions have been posed to allow you to answer them if you're interested in STEM [or](#) Humanities/Arts subjects.

Read more here: [//gres.hm/competition](https://gres.hm/competition)

The Competition will:

- support the development of oracy skills
- help students with UCAS applications and job interviews
- inspire students to study an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- promote a deeper understanding of their chosen topic
- introduce students to the inspiring research of world-class academics
- be an opportunity to enhance your presenting skills

How to Enter

Choose ONE of the following questions and please make a reasoned argument:

1. Pick an historical figure whose influence, story or achievements you feel have been either overvalued or undervalued. Argue why this should be redressed
2. Aside from social media, what in your view is the most important positive – or negative – invention of the 21st century, and why?
3. How much is too much wealth?
4. Aside from English and Maths, which subject(s) should be compulsory at school and why?
5. Which book should we all read and why? (this can include both fiction and non-fiction)
6. How do you think the evolution of social media platforms has impacted (either negatively or positively) the way you communicate, build relationships, and express your identity?

Students should submit a recorded video presentation of **no more** than 5 minutes – the main focus should be the student speaking, but you can use images, graphs, slides or other visual props that help explain your points. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to present again in person in London, and there will be three awards (including prizes for the student and their school).

You will need to fill out a form with your entry details and then upload your video file. Please note that the file you upload **MUST** have the student's first name and surname in the title.

If we don't receive the form with your video file, your entry will not be accepted.

You can enter via this link: <https://near.tl/sm/pVBjWr8VH>

Need some tips on what makes a great presentation? [Watch our video](#) featuring Dr. Alex Lathbridge- TV and radio presenter, biochemist, and documentary maker.

Accountancy Apprenticeships: A career path that builds skills and opens doors

Are your students thinking about their next steps? With National Apprenticeship Week approaching (10–16 February), now's the perfect time to explore how ACCA can help them start their journey. Our Accountancy Apprenticeships give young people the chance to develop real-world skills, continue their education, and open doors to a bright future.

https://www.accaglobal.com/uk/en/qualifications/accountancy-career/early-careers/ukschoolleaver/apprenticeships.html?utm_source=buzz_education&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=acquisition&utm_content=help_your_students_get_ahead&utm_term=html_text&dclid=CJ_pnti8rYsDFRyAfAYdNcwffw

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 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 13th March (with RICS – Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors)

- Cambridge on 18th March (with Carter Jonas)
- Bristol on 26th 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 8th – 11th 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

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!

Cambridge subject masterclasses

Subject Masterclasses are subject-specific events that offer high-achieving 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.

https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses?utm_source=SRM_team&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=UKSRM_Information_Newsletters

Opportunities with Anglian Water

We're excited to share some fantastic opportunities available for your students with Anglian Water! As a leading provider of water and water recycling services, we're passionate about investing in young talent and creating pathways to rewarding careers.

We are currently offering:

- Level 3 Practical Apprenticeships
Our apprenticeship programmes provide hands-on experience, professional mentoring, and formal qualifications in fields such as:
 - Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance
 - Water and Water Recycling Networks

- Water Supply and Water Treatment
These programmes are ideal for students looking for a structured route into an exciting career.
- Casual Summer Jobs
Perfect for students seeking practical experience during the holidays, these roles are available at Rutland Water, Alton Water, and Grafham Water. Positions include Café Assistants, Rangers, and Watersports roles, offering students the chance to develop key skills while working in a dynamic and supportive environment.

Benefits for Students

- Develop real-world, practical skills
Earn while they learn
Work alongside experienced industry professionals
Gain insights into an essential and innovative sector

Get in Touch

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at earlycareers@anglianwater.co.uk or jtoyne2@anglianwater.co.uk.

Please note: At this time, we're unable to accommodate work experience requests

National Apprenticeship Week 2025 (10-16 February) Online webinars

If you need support logging in at Sixth Form or for absence from a lesson to attend please speak to Ms Watson.

Search all talks and register below:

https://www.worldskillsuk.org/naw-2025/?utm_campaign=1970414_NAW%202025&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=EdCo&dm_i=5BD4,168DQ,63OG7D,4SX2H,1

They include:

The Big Apprenticeship Assembly

Tuesday 11 February 11:00 AM - 11:40pm

Join Rosie Boddy, Technical Training Officer at Coleg Cambria, and Danny McBean, Electrician at Grants (Dufftown) Ltd as they discuss all things apprenticeships.

Acing apprenticeship applications

Thursday 13 February, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Turn career aspirations into reality! Daisy Seepersad, Careers Development Manager at WorldSkills UK, will guide students through the apprenticeship process. Learn about different levels of apprenticeships and key techniques to craft standout applications.

Medical skills labs

Mid and South Essex Health & Care Academy are excited to announce that we are partnering with the fantastic Medical Mavericks during February half term to offer the opportunity for young people who live in Mid and South Essex and who are in years 10-13, the chance to get hands on and explore careers in healthcare at a free Skills Lab workshop!

Sessions are available on Friday 21st February 2025 and Saturday 22nd February 2025 at our training suite at Brentwood Community Hospital, CM15 8DR and young people can choose either a morning session (9am-12pm) or an afternoon session (1pm-4pm) to attend.

The sessions will be packed with exciting activities delivered by the Medical Mavericks team and will allow students considering a future in healthcare to explore careers in the NHS whilst getting the opportunity to practice skills taking basic medical observations and have a go with other healthcare equipment!

SKILLS LAB

Our People Your Future

Practice your skills at taking basic medical obs!

The Health and Care Academy is working with Medical Mavericks to provide a fantastic hands on workshop where you can explore careers in the NHS whilst getting the opportunity to practice your skills and take basic medical obs!

Activities include...

- Record and print an ECG from your heart
- Use a needle to take fake blood from a dummy arm
- Try your hand at keyhole surgery
- See inside your body with an ultrasound machine.
- Scan your retina with an ophthalmoscope.
- Listen to your pulse with a pulse doppler.
- See your veins under a vein scanner.
- Take basic medical obs.

This opportunity is available to students in Years 10 - 13, who are thinking of a career in healthcare.

REGISTER HERE!

The workshops are available on Friday 21st February and Saturday 22nd February, for a morning session 9am - 12pm or an afternoon session 1pm - 4pm, at Brentwood Community Hospital, Crescent Dr, Brentwood, CM15 8DR

Follow the QR code to book a place.



Out Now! New Guide to Degree Apprenticeships

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is a free 100-page digital guide for Year 12 and Year 13 students, their parents, and university-entrance and careers staff at schools & sixth form colleges.

The new guide is produced in partnership with the Department for Education and The Careers & Enterprise Company.

The guide explains how degree apprenticeships can provide sixth form school-leavers with a debt-free university degree – and a guaranteed graduate job in sought-after professions such as accounting, engineering, banking & finance, law and technology.

Read the Guide

https://degreeapprenticeships.guide/#readtheguide?utm_source=sprint&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=launch

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships features the very latest information and guidance about degree apprenticeships available in 2025, including:

- an introduction to degree apprenticeships, the 'earn as you learn' route to graduate employment
- a foreword from Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills & Apprenticeships
- exclusive interviews with degree apprentices working in different industries & business sectors
- in-depth profiles of the UK's leading degree apprenticeship employers
- expert guidance for sixth form students on the application & selection process
- an A-Z of degree apprenticeship programmes available in 2025

[Read the Guide](#)

Watch the TV Programme

There is a special 30-minute programme to watch on *The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships*.

It explains how degree apprenticeships provide a salaried work-based path to a university degree or professional qualification – and includes interviews with current degree apprentices and senior recruiters from well-known employers, offering tips & advice on how to apply for degree apprenticeships.

The programme is presented by Martin Birchall, editor of *The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships*, and Chanise Evans, a former apprentice and presenter at the BBC.

[Watch the Programme](#)

Degree Apprenticeship Employers

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is supported by many of the UK's top degree apprenticeship employers including [Barclays](#), the [BBC](#) and [AWE](#).

Applications for degree apprenticeship programmes starting in September 2025 are now open. The deadlines for applying for solicitor apprenticeships at law firm [White & Case](#) and the accounting 'Flying Start' programme at [PwC](#) are later in January. Applications for degree apprenticeships at engineering employers [AtkinsRéalis](#) and [Rolls-Royce](#) close in February.

Accounting & professional services firms [Deloitte](#), [EY](#) and [KPMG](#) are recruiting now for their accounting, consulting and technology degree apprenticeships – and applications are open for programmes at investment bank [JPMorganChase](#) and retailer [Lidl](#).

Full details of each of these degree apprenticeship employers appear in the guide.

[More Information](#)

Have a good weekend



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