



**Weekly Student Bulletin
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students
Friday 14th March 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

I want to take the opportunity this week to say thank you to you all as a body of students for making the sixth form a lovely place to work. We are very proud of all of you, and you are a big part of making this sixth form an excellent place to be. The small things on a daily basis such as the offers of help, smiling and saying hello, small gestures of appreciation and your willingness to engage are all noticed, appreciated and help to build a nice environment to be in. We are also hearing really positive feedback from teaching staff on your engagement in lessons. I do hope that you feel similarly about being here and that, if you do not, you feel you can come and talk to me or one of the sixth form staff about it.

Notices

Year 12 Opportunities

It was lovely to speak to year 12 students with a reminder about the importance of making your time count and making the most of opportunities available. It is also a good opportunity for Mr Potato Head to return. Currently there are a couple of opportunities on offer firstly, the opportunity to apply for the head prefect or deputy head role, secondly the opportunity to take on an active role in the model UN conference On Tuesday 25th and lastly the opportunity to take the EPQ.

Head prefect applications as a written letter or email are to be sent to Mrs Howells by Thursday 27th March with interviews to follow the Thursday after. Information on what to include was shared in assembly and will be emailed to you, however, please do come and speak with myself or Mrs Howells if you have any questions.

EPQ – the expression of interest forms will be shared in tutor time next week and spare copies will be available outside Ms Watson's office. The first session will be on Wednesday 30th April during period 5, however, any Wednesday period 5 prior to this date is available as a drop-in session to ask questions.

MUN Conference

On Tuesday 25th, we will be holding our Model United Nations Conference during tutor period and period 1. All students should be presenting their resolutions in their tutor groups this week and next then a select few will, be put forward in the conference and these will be voted on. It is an opportunity to think beyond our lives in Essex and learn how some international decisions are made. Even if you are not presenting a resolution, you will all be taking part by voting for or against the resolutions. This is another lovely event where we come together as whole year group, I hope you all approach it with the same enthusiasm with which you approached the Enterprise Fair.

Assembly Programme this half term

Here is the current assembly programme for the remainder of this half term – please note there has been a change to the date of the MUN conference. If there are any other changes these will be emailed out to you. Attendance will be taken at these assemblies.

Tuesday 18th March – Student finance delivered by Suffolk university (year 13 students only, year 12 students are welcome to attend if they wish to)

Tuesday 25th March – MUN conference (year 12 students only)

Tuesday 1st April – Assembly for year 12 (year 13 exam week)

Last day of term

On Friday 4th April the school and sixth form will finish at 1.10pm. Lessons will run as normal on this day and there will be period 1-4 lessons. Please see below for the timings.

	Years 12 & 13
8.40am – 9.05am	Tutorials/Tutor time
9.05am – 09.55am	Lesson 1
09.55am – 10.45am	Lesson 2
	Break
11.15am – 12.05pm	Lesson 3
12.05pm – 12.55pm	Lesson 4
12.55pm – 1.00pm	
1.10pm	Buses depart

Year 13 final 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**. The exam timetable has been emailed to you and is on display outside Ms Watson's office.

All students are expected to be in for 8.40am and lessons 1 and 2 will run if you are not in an exam. If you do not have an afternoon exam you may sign out after period 2 if you wish to. All facilities onsite are available for study/revision throughout the whole week.

Year 12 Progression exams

Progression exams - There will be another week of internal exams for year 12 students during the week **22nd – 28th April**.

External exams – there are external exams taking place during May for Health and Social Care, Criminology and BTEC sport students.

Year 12 work experience week – 30th June – 4th July

Please return your forms to Ms Watson as soon as possible.

Year 13 Leavers' event

This year the year 13 Leavers' event is taking place 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.

Student Finance

Student finance is **now open**. If you are applying for university, please complete the online student finance form. This can be found at the following link:

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

Side gate

A reminder that all students should be using the small green side gate to enter the school site and then coming into the Sixth Form via the student entrance. Students should **not** be going through the main reception area. The side gate is open until 9.15am each morning. On a Wednesday the gate is open again from 11am.

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](#)

Live Parent Webinar: How You Can Support Your Child During Exams Tuesday 25th March 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

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

- Helping your child prepare in the week before an exam
- Establishing a good routine for your child the night before

Helping your child to optimise their exam performance

[Click here to register for free](#)

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:

Medicine Career Day - Saturday 22nd March 2025

Dentistry Career Day - Sunday 23rd March 2025

Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 5th April 2025

Psychology Career Day - Saturday 19th April 2025

Architect Career Day - Saturday 26th April 2025

Law Career Day - Saturday 3rd May 2025

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.

Career choices day

Are you a student feeling uncertain about which career path to take? Or perhaps you have many ideas but aren't sure how to choose the right one? We're hosting a free online event called Career Choices Day on Sunday, 6th April.

During this session, students aged 13-18 can receive practical advice on how to identify career options that match their interests and strengths. Just visit www.careerdays.co.uk/career-choices-day to register for the free session.

Easter Revision Crash Courses – Science and Maths

Study Mind is delighted to announce our Easter Revision Crash Courses are now available for your students.

Our Easter Revision classes are led by expert-tutors in which students can gain intensive, effective and interactive GCSE and A-level exam preparation. Every session includes:

- In-depth revision of the most commonly asked exam questions for their chosen subject
- A live workshop with an expert tutor in their field
- Access to a library of past revision recordings
- Practise questions and past papers

Revision techniques and methods for success

[Study Mind's Easter Revision Course](#) – register now

Applications for LSE's Widening Participation Programmes for students in Year 12 (or equivalent).

[The London School of Economics and Political Science](#) is offering your students the chance to gain firsthand university experience with their exciting Widening Participation Programmes.

Virtual work experience – Environmental Agency

We're excited to introduce a brand-new Virtual Work Experience (VWEX) with the Environment Agency, giving students an opportunity to explore careers in environmental protection, sustainability, and flood risk management – all from the classroom or home.

Why Should Your Students Join?

Learn about the Environment Agency's role in *protecting* communities and wildlife.

- ✔ Explore *flood and coastal risk management* and sustainability challenges.
- ✔ Discover career pathways in *environmental science* and *engineering*.
- ✔ Gain transferable skills through interactive *content* and *quizzes*.
- ✔ Earn a *certificate* of completion to boost university and job applications.
 - Students aged 13+

Self-paced learning – Over 6 hours of content

Medic mentor – new work experiences sessions available

[Sign Up | Springpod](#)

MedicMentor

We've had the pleasure of engaging with many students interested in exploring medicine and dentistry through our Get Into Conferences. Work experience is a crucial aspect of a student's journey into a medical career. Not only is it beneficial to observe doctors or dentists in action, but what sets someone apart is truly understanding their roles, decision-making processes, and the dynamics of working within a multidisciplinary team.

I'm excited to share that the new rotation of our Virtual Work Experience (WEX) is now available. This month, your students have the opportunity to delve into Obstetrics & Gynaecology or Paediatric & Dental Surgery, gaining invaluable insights into these specialised fields. The medical programme spans over 6 months, while the dental is 4 months, offering a wide range of specialties for them to explore.

More details can be found here:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

To ensure your students don't miss this fantastic opportunity, they need to attend our upcoming Get Into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry conference, granting them IMMEDIATE ACCESS to the Virtual Work Experience programmes.

Students and parents can register for free at these links:

Medical: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZytt3MGPjvO>

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

If your students haven't attended a Get Into Conference, but would like to join the Virtual Work Experience, they can sign up for the next upcoming conferences on these dates:

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

- Sunday 23rd March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

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

- Saturday 15th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Throughout these conferences, students will have the opportunity to interact directly with doctors, dentists, and medical and dental students. They'll gain critical information on deciding if a career in dentistry or medicine is for them and how to make a competitive application to study at university.

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

Medical Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dental Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to drop me an email education@medicmentorfamily.org or call our team on 01530 417299. Thank you for working with us to make a difference to your students

Swansea University – STEMM summer school

[Year 12 STEMM Summer School](#) – 6-9th July

We are excited to offer our annual on-campus Summer School, giving your students, study and practical opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics (STEMM).

Our three-day residential programme costs £175 per person* and gives students the opportunity to explore various STEMM courses. They will stay on a real university campus and gain valuable insights to help them decide if a STEMM degree is for them.

Your students will:

- Enhance their knowledge and skills by attending a range of subject talks and taster sessions
- Gain experience by attending workshops led by world-leading academics
- Gain insights from current students and recent applicants
- Gain skills which will allow them to stand out from their peers as it will strengthen their personal statement and UCAS application

The closing date is 11 April 2025.

**(This price includes accommodation, all activities and all meals throughout the stay.*

Financial assistance may be available).



Essex County Council | Sustainable Growth

Are you a Year 13 leaver considering applying to Essex Police?

Join their informative session for tips from an experienced officer to make your application stand out!

**19 March 2025
6.30pm to 7.15pm**

The Apprenticeship Hub

Are you a Year 13 leaver considering applying to Essex Police?

If so, don't miss our Police Application session, led by an experienced Police Officer who knows exactly what it takes to make your application stand out.

Join this event for a step-by-step breakdown of the Police application process and tips on standing out in your interview and assessment.

[Register here](#) or find out more by contacting: apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk

ARU Yr 12 Summer Residential Programme

ARU Chelmsford and Cambridge Campus' are running a Yr 12 Summer Residential Programme for those interested in studying Character Design, Business, Law & Medicine. Worth publishing to students and parents via email and school website. Students self apply via the link on the website:

<https://www.aru.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/amplify-your-summer>

Premed – careers in medicine work experience

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

1. In-Person Medical Work Experience Course
 - When: July & August 2025 (Summer Holidays)
 - Where: London Hospitals (Accommodation & Meals Provided)
 - Who: Students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine
 - What: In person work experience including visits to NHS Hospitals, care homes and medical schools.
 - How: Students can view all details of the course [here](#)
2. Weekly Online Medical Course
 - When: Every Monday evening at 7.30pm in March 2025 and April 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](#)

3. Surgery Work Experience Day Live

- When: Saturday 8th March 2025 from 11am-1pm GMT
- Where: Online
- Who: Students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine
- What: Led by NHS doctors, our interactive surgery course is designed to give students aged between 14-18 a meaningful insight into careers in medicine and surgery.
- How: Students can view all details of the course [here](#)

All 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.

Have a good weekend



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