



**Weekly Student Bulletin
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students
Thursday 26th June 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

This is coming to you on a Thursday as tomorrow Friday 27th is a staff training day and are not in the sixth form. Tomorrow will be an excellent day for getting started on your personal statements and UCAS research.

I am also writing this rather tired following a late but fantastic evening at the Year 13 Leavers' Event at Little Channels. It was a really lovely evening, and it was great to see all of you there smiling now your exams have come to an end and also celebrating everything you have achieved in your time at the Sixth Form. All staff at the Sixth Form are really proud of all your achievements, it was a pleasure to spend the evening with you all and you were again on the evening a credit to the Sixth Form. A big thank you goes to Ms Arthur and Lily-Rose S and Rhiannon C for coordinating it all.

Notices

Work experience – next week

Next week 30th June – 4th July is work experience week. I really hope all students find this a valuable experience and enjoy your placements. I look forward to hearing all about them when you return. We will be making phone calls to all placements throughout the week. If you have not handed the form back into Ms Watson, you will need to arrive at the Sixth Form for 8.40am on Monday morning as usual.

Personal statement workshop – Tuesday 8th July

There will be a personal statement for all year 12 students on Tuesday 8th July during period 1. This is being delivered by an outside provider from the University of East Anglia (UEA). It will be held in the theatre with a round table set up, resources will be provided but all students will need a pen.

University open days

Please let Ms Watson know if you have any university open days booked. The open days will be authorised if you can provide a booking confirmation email.

Academic Reading

Please could Year 12's return your academic reading books if you have finished with them. They can be left on the trolley in the library or the returns box. If you wish to continue reading your book please ensure this is returned no later than Friday 11th July. Many thanks in advance for your co-operation.

Library Competition – Win a Euro 2025 Football!!

A competition will run for the next 2 weeks to design a football kit for the Women's Euro tournament 2025. There will be one 1st prize for the school library and one for the sixth form. The

winning entry will receive a Euro 2025 football and all entries will receive a sweet when they submit their entry. Design templates can be collected from the sixth form library desk from next week. Closing date for entries is Friday 4th July. Good luck!

End of term BBQ

All students should have received an invitation to attend the end of term BBQ. It will take place on Wednesday 16th July starting at 1.30pm. The prefect team will be discussing any additional ideas over the next couple of weeks.

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.

Find a university open day

<https://www.opendays.com/>

<https://www.whatuni.com/open-days/>

Links from the UCAS talk:

- Learning from others – [student videos](#) and [blogs](#).
- [Career options](#) – use the [job profiles](#) to explore different career roles and pathways, or take the [Buzz quiz](#) to find out more about individual strengths, and what roles may suit you.
- The [Career Finder tool](#) is ideal for considering options after education, including searching for [apprenticeships](#).

Free parent webinar – Elevate Education

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated

Tuesday 1st July 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- Using praise and reassurance to motivate your child
- Setting relevant and effective goals for your child
- Helping your child to stay motivated long-term

Essex University – Clearing information

Essex Clearing will open on **1 July 2025**, with UCAS opening a few days later on 5 July 2025. If your students haven't received their results, they may decide to wait until they have received these before making an application.

More information about the application process at Essex is available on [our webpages](#), as well as information to help [those who already have an offer](#) and for anyone preparing for [Clearing](#).

Throughout July and August, we will also be hosting a series of webinars to help students and their parents and guardians, prepare for Results Day and Clearing.

- **9 July, 5.30-6.30pm** - [Results Day and Clearing advice for parents and guardians](#)
- **9 July & 6 August, 4.00-8.00pm** - [Drop-In Sessions](#) - ask us any questions!
- **12 August, 4.00-5.00pm** - [Preparing for Results Day and Clearing](#)
- **13 August, 5.30-6.30pm** - [Discover Essex with our Student Ambassadors](#)
- **15 & 16 August, 5.00-6.00pm** - [Everything Essex](#)

These sessions are designed to offer students advice and guidance in the lead up to Results Day, help understand how the Clearing process works and provide a chance to hear from current students who joined Essex via Clearing.

The Everything Essex series will cover topics including accommodation, Student Finance and student life on campus. Learn more [here](#).

Essex Uni open day - Saturday 21 June, 9.00am-4.00pm

Our Open Day provides the perfect opportunity to explore our beautiful campus, chat to our academics, attend a taster lecture and experience student life at Essex.

You can [visit our website](#) to find out more about what to expect on the day, look at the programme and register.

Can't attend this Saturday, don't panic! We are also hosting Open Days at both our Colchester and Southend campuses on the following dates:

Colchester Campus

- Saturday 20 September 2025
- Saturday 8 November 2025

Southend Campus

- Saturday 11 October 2025

Please head to our [Open Day webpages](#) to find out more and book your place.

Free Taster Webinars for Year 12

This summer, the University of Essex is hosting a series of free online subject taster sessions, perfect for Year 12 students exploring university options.

Each webinar offers a real taste of degree-level study, linking academic thinking to real-world issues. They're ideal for helping students deepen subject interest, build confidence and strengthen their personal statements. More details can be found on our [website](#).

Free online session - Think you know apprenticeships? Think again – Tuesday 1st July 6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-apprenticeships-as-a-parent-tickets-1410317871719?aff=oddtcreator>

Once seen as a route for those stepping away from academic study, apprenticeships have evolved. Today, they offer over 700 career options, from traditional trades to high-level roles like doctors, pilots, lawyers and vets.

Young people can start their career at 16, earn while they learn, and progress all the way to a degree, without university debt.

Join Claire Mackaness from ASK Apprenticeships for this FREE online session and discover how you can support your child in exploring apprenticeships as a high-quality alternative to full-time education after 16.

What we'll be covering:

- ☒ Apprenticeships and what they are
- ☒ Roles and levels - what apprenticeship options are available
- ☒ How to search and apply for apprenticeships
- ☒ Useful website, guide and resources

Open to Essex-based parents and carers.

Key websites to search for/find out about apprenticeship opportunities **National Apprenticeship Service**

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch

www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships - scroll down to the Higher and Degree vacancy listing.

Careers information and job board websites

<https://careerfinderucas.com>

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

www.essexopportunities.co.uk/search-opportunities/apprenticeships

www.indeed.co.uk

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

University websites – for example Anglia Ruskin University lists vacancies.

<https://aru.ac.uk/study/degree-apprenticeships/employer/current-vacancies>

Have a good weekend



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