



Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 28th February 2025

Dear BSF Students,

I hope you all enjoyed the week off and managed to have some time to yourself as well as time to get up to date with studies and revision.

Notices

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 season for year 13 students will begin on **12th May**. More information will follow soon regarding revision sessions and study leave. Intervention sessions during period 6/lunchtime have begun this week for certain subjects. If you have been invited to these sessions it should appear on your timetable on Arbor or you will have been contacted by your teaching staff.

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.

Careers week – 3rd – 8th March

The week beginning the 3rd March is careers week. During your lessons this week your teaching staff will be speaking to you/discussing/setting tasks around careers linked to that subject area.

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

Work experience week for year 12 will take place the week beginning 30th June. A letter has been emailed which included a letter that can be sent to employers if required and a form that needs to be completed and returned to Ms Watson by the latest 13th June. There are paper copies of this form available outside of Ms Watson's office if you prefer to complete it by hand. It has been pleasing to see some of you handing these back in or coming to ask questions about it already.

Assembly Programme

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 4th March – Introduction to apprenticeships – Ask apprenticeships and Kieran Knight (alumni student) – (year 12 students only)

Tuesday 11th March - Key messages and information from sixth form team (all students)
Tuesday 18th March – Student finance delivered by Suffolk university (year 13 students only)
Tuesday 25th March – MUN conference (year 12 students only)
Tuesday 1st April – Assembly for year 12 (year 13 exam week)

Year 9 student's breakfast in café 6 – Tuesday 4th March

Next Tuesday during tutor time we will be inviting just over 30 year 9 students into the café to chat to sixth form students about how subjects at GCSE link to and can prepare them for A-levels. Year 9 students will be making their GCSE options soon so the support will be appreciated. The prefects have been emailed regarding this.

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](#)

Free Parent webinar

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

Tuesday 11th March 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- ✓ Prioritising your child's high-impact work to maximise marks
- ✓ Improving your child's time management to avoid last-minute preparation
- ✓ Helping your child study effectively using past papers

Join WWF and special guests to explore a number of different careers and their links to sustainability

During National Careers Week (3rd - 8th March 2025) WWF are hosting five free webinars with guests including TV presenter and architect Kevin McCloud, scientist and filmmaker Lizzie Daly, TV Pharmacist Thorrun Govind and a variety of WWF staff.

Students will learn more about different career journeys, how our guests started out and what inspired them, what they do now and how they play their part in creating a sustainable future.

[Learn more here](#)

Virtual work experience – NHS Allied Health Care

I am thrilled to extend an invitation to your students in years 10-13 or S3-S6 year groups to our upcoming session on **Sunday 2nd March 8:30am - 5pm, focusing on Recovery and Rehabilitation: Strokes & Opioid Dependence.**

Register here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare students. It's a unique opportunity for your students to hear from our exceptional guest speaker, Melanie Dalby, a pharmacist with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share!

Melanie will provide invaluable career insights that will help your students develop a deeper understanding about a career in healthcare. Following Melanie's talk, students will gain an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the virtual NHS work experience, delving into diverse roles within allied healthcare and taking a closer look at patient care by following the journeys of two patients from incident through to treatment.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is the largest programme for aspiring healthcare professionals, having successfully invited over 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year - many of which have gone on to study:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a fantastic addition for apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Registration will start at 8:30am, with guest speaker Melanie from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am and end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout the day.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible.

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs, or £50 for the full 6 months: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Apprenticeships at JLR

An apprenticeship programme at JLR opens doors to automotive innovation and technology, enhancing your students' skills and experience for the future.

Apprentices at JLR work together on projects that fundamentally shape the vehicles of the future. At the same time as developing practical experience, they work towards nationally recognised qualifications, accredited by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

2025 PROGRAMMES

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP

Duration: 4 years

Applications: 10 Feb – 3 Mar 2025*

Salary: c. £16,893

Entry requirements:

GCSEs: Maths and English Language at level 4 or higher and 3 further GCSEs at level 4 or higher including one STEM subject OR an Engineering vocational qualification level 3 90 credits/540 GLH or higher.

LEVEL 6 APPLIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING PROGRAMME DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

Duration: 4 years

Applications: 10 Feb – 3 Mar 2025*

Salary: £26,092

Entry requirements:

GCSEs: Maths and English Language at level 5 or higher, and three further GCSEs at level 5 or higher including one STEM subject OR an Engineering vocational qualification level 3/ 90 credits/540 GLH or higher.

A Levels: Maths at grade B or above plus another A level grade C or above
Physics, Chemistry, Engineering or Design & Technology.

LEVEL 6 DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

Duration: 4 years

Applications: 10 Feb – 3 Mar 2025*

Salary: £26,092

Entry requirements:

GCSEs: Maths and English Language at level 5 or higher and a further 3 GCSEs at level 5 or higher, including one STEM subject. A Levels: Maths at grade C or higher and an additional A level in Physics, Chemistry, Design & Technology, ICT, Computer Science, Economics or Engineering at grade C or higher.

LEVEL 6 SUPPLY CHAIN DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

Duration: 4 years

Applications: 10 Feb – 3 Mar 2025*

Salary: £26,092

Entry requirements:

GCSEs: Maths and English Language at level 5 or higher and a further 3 GCSEs at level 5 or higher, including one STEM subject.

A Levels: 3 A Levels at Grade C or above, one of which must be a STEM subject.

Apprentices will benefit from the support of their Early Careers Delivery team, a specialist team dedicated to guiding and supporting them throughout their entire programme. They will also work closely with their line manager and training provider to help them reach their full potential and celebrate their success. [Discover their apprenticeship programmes.](#)

*Please note that some of our pathways within the programmes have a closing date of 24th of February – please refer to the JLR website for more information.

Business apprenticeships at EY

EY are open for applications to their 2025 apprenticeship opportunities! Do you know a young person who is ready to kick-start their career? Are they curious, analytical and could help businesses solve complex problems? An EY apprenticeship could be for them!

Who are EY?

EY is a professional services organisation that helps companies make better business, finance, and technology decisions. They're a group of over 365,000 talented people spanning the globe in more than 150 countries.

What is an apprenticeship at EY?

Joining in either Assurance, Strategy and Transactions or Tax at EY, our apprenticeships are a great way to get on-the-job experience and develop skills for life. By the end of the four-year paid programme, they'll have gained an industry-recognised qualification, a host of transferable skills, lots of practical experience and a network of coaches and mentors to help them continue to progress within EY.

Why choose an EY Business Apprenticeship?

Across four years they will do the same qualifications as EY graduates. They could even progress faster than any university-going peers!

EY give their apprentices the knowledge, skills, and opportunity to progress their careers while receiving dedicated support every step of the way. For more insight into life at EY, why not find or [ask a question](#) about EY's current employees?

[Please share the link with your students here.](#)



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

Pathways to Property

Have you got any Yr12 students that want to know more about careers in Real Estate (which is so much more than estate agency!)? Are they unsure of whether to go to University or do an apprenticeship? If so then please encourage them to apply for our fully funded 4 day residential at Henley Business School on 8th – 11th July: applications close in just 4 week's time – Sunday 20th April.



An opportunity for Year 12 students to attend a four day, fully funded Summer School at the University of Reading to learn about a career in property.

Every day we are influenced by the built environment around us – shops, offices, industrial buildings, houses and the surrounding countryside all have an impact on the way we live. Did you ever wonder how these properties are developed, whether the buildings going up in our cities are sustainable or how much they are worth? The Pathways to Property Summer School allows students the chance to explore the property industry in more depth. With such a huge variety of roles, from a building surveyor or town planner to a sustainability consultant or financial analyst, there is a role to suit any skillset or personality.

Date: 8th -11th July 2025

Venue: University of Reading

Who: Year 12 students from state schools/colleges considering a career in property – either through University or through an apprenticeship

Cost: Nothing! All food, accommodation and travel costs are covered

During the Summer School:

- Learn about the industry and the careers available
Meet current undergrads and apprentices as well as those who have just joined the industry
Attend taster lectures
Get involved in a group project and debate
Go on a site visit
Meet new people and learn how to network
Experience life on a University campus
Have fun!

How to Apply: Applications close on 20th April. Visit the website to apply at - [P2P Summer School 2025 | Henley Live](#)

At the end of the week, if students are keen to learn more about property they can complete a funded work experience placement over October half term, have access to our e-mentoring programme, and if they choose to apply to study Real Estate and Planning at any UK University they can apply for a bursary up to £30,000 over three years. In addition students that apply to study Real Estate at Reading University will be guaranteed a conditional contextual offer and be given a welcome bursary on enrolment.

'For me, the Summer School was the first step into a career in the property industry' Bradley, Summer School participant & graduate surveyor at British Land.

If you would like further information then please visit our [website](#) or email us at: pathways2property@henley.ac.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>

Career week opportunities – medic mentor

We are thrilled to announce this year's Careers Week events, featuring exclusive opportunities designed specifically for your Year 9/S2/NI10 to Year 12/S5/NI13 students. These tailored opportunities include:

- New Virtual Medical Work Experience - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- New Virtual Dental Work Experience - Paediatric & Dental Surgery
- Virtual Medical Society Webinar - Nutrition and Hydration Week & Career's Week
- Virtual Dental Society Webinar - Braces VS Aligners
- Free Virtual Get Into Medicine conference
- Free Virtual Get Into Dentistry conference

To access these experiences, students need to register for one of the upcoming Get Into conferences.

Get Into Medicine Conference: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Get Into Dentistry Conference: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

From strategically selecting universities to perfecting your personal statements and acing the UCAT exam, we've got your back every step of the way. Plus, we'll dive into honing your interview skills, exploring medical leadership and awards programmes, enriching your extracurriculars, gaining valuable work experience, and crafting a stellar CV. Consider this your one-stop-shop for all things medical or dental school prep!

Get Into Medicine:

- Saturday 1st March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

- Saturday 8th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Get Into Dentistry conference dates:

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

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

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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