



**Weekly Student Bulletin
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students
Friday 8th November 2024**

Dear Sixth Form Students,

I hope that you all enjoyed your half term breaks and took the opportunity to get yourselves organised/consolidate learning/ catch up with friends/see family/sleep (delete as appropriate). By now, Year 12 should be feeling settled in your chosen subjects and have hopefully adjusted to the higher expectations of Level 3 courses. It is really important to stay on top of your work – keeping effective notes, completing independent work, revising as you go and undertaking academic reading; failure to do this now will make life very difficult later in your courses. Year 13, as well as the above, your focus should be on getting your UCAS applications sent off by the end of this month. We set this early deadline to give your application the maximum chance of success and to ensure it is sent off before your mock exams.

Notices

Open evening – Thank you

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you who came out on a wet, dark Wednesday to support our Open Evening. We have had some fantastic feedback from some of the prospective students and parents about how well you represented the sixth form and how articulate, enthusiastic and confident you are. You made us very proud and hopefully helped Year 11 make the decision to apply here.

UCAS – Year 13

UCAS – anyone can now submit their application. Well done to those students that have been made offers!

When you submit, the application comes to Mrs Howells.

She will check it and ensure it is all correct

The reference will then be added and an email sent to you to check the UCAS predicted grades.

Mrs Howells will then send it off if all ready.

You can request a meeting to do this face to face

Deadline – Monday 2nd December

Interview Programme – year 12

The timetable for the year 12 mock interviews, which will be taking place on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December, has been printed and is displayed on the window outside Ms Watson's office. All year 12 students need to check their time slot and ensure you arrive to your interview on time.

All interviews will be face to face and will take place in the library. A letter will also be given to you nearer the time, with the date and time of your interview. Please make sure you have sent a letter of application, such as you would send to an employer, to your tutor by Wednesday 20th November.

Mock exam dates

Year 13 – Week beginning 9th December

Year 12 – Week beginning 13th January

Trip – UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair – Friday 15th November.

We are looking forward to taking the students that have signed up to the university and apprenticeship search fair next Friday. All students who are attending will be sent an email with a link included.

You need to click this link and register online here to receive a QR code ticket via email, before the event.

You will need to make sure you have your QR codes printed or show it on your smartphones to be scanned at the entrance.

Christmas food bank collection – November 18th-22nd

Last year as a school community, we were able to send off 43 shoeboxes to children in Eastern Europe. This year as a school community, we will be collecting food to donate to our local food bank, in time for Christmas.

Please bring in any donations directly to the humanities office, or drop them off in Ms Watson's office.

Winter shopping list 2024

Food items

- Cold meat tinned
- Hot meat tinned
- Jam
- Chocolate
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Sponge puddings
- Packet custard
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned fish
- Instant snacks i.e. pot noodle
- Tinned hot snacks
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned potatoes
- UHT Milk



Non food items

- Comb
- Face cloth
- Nail clippers
- Small torches
- Male/Female deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene products
- Male/Female shower gel
- Male/Female shampoo

A message from the library staff

The library staff have decided that when individual students require an extended period of study in the library a small amount of food and drink will be allowed. This should only be cold food such as crisps or a biscuit and this is on the condition that all mess and rubbish will be cleared away by the student.

Please note that this new policy is on a trial basis and is only intended for individual students in the booths, who are hungry/thirsty but wish to continue studying in the library – not for groups of students. Food or drink is still not allowed in the group study area at the far end of the library. If the trial does not work, we will return to a “no food or drink in the library” policy. Thank you.

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.

Parent Webinar

Choosing Universities: Helping Your Child Make the Right University Decision

Tuesday 12th November 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- ✓ How parents can help their child determine whether university is the right choice for them
- ✓ How parents can maximise their child's employability
- ✓ What criteria their child should be considering when choosing a university

Swansea University Masterclass Series

We're delighted to share the return of Swansea University's Masterclass Series, taking place between 18 – 21 November.

Our free masterclass webinars are delivered on current topics by lecturers who are experts in their fields. They give your students an idea of the topical developments taking place within subjects they may be interested in studying, and can help to support course choice.

Our registration page is live. Please encourage your students to register.

Do click on the link and look at the list – there are lots of subjects being covered.

[Masterclass Series Registration - Swansea University](#)

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](#)

STEM SMART scheme Cambridge

University of Cambridge - Masterclasses

We are excited to tell you about the Subject Masterclasses which we are running this autumn.

Subject Masterclasses are subject-specific events that offer 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, and to learn more about a topic of interest.

The events are designed for all students looking to apply in October 2025, including mature students.

[Upcoming Subject Masterclasses](#)

23 October Linguistics

29 October Land Economy

19 November Education

26 November Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion

27 November Sociology

28 November Music

These sessions are all taking place online.

[Subject Masterclasses | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

Each Masterclass includes:

- two taster sessions delivered by academic staff from the University
- the opportunity to ask questions
- an introduction to the Cambridge admissions process
- the chance to hear about life as a Cambridge student from current undergraduates

Cost

The cost of our online Subject Masterclasses is **£12.50**

Funded places are available for students who meet any of the following criteria:

- In care, or care-experienced
- Eligible for Free School Meals
- Seeking asylum, or with refugee status
- Household(s) in receipt of Universal Credit
- Financial hardship

To apply for a funded place students should complete a short form and include a supporting statement from their school or college with an authorised stamp or signature.

Please [visit our website](#) for more information and the application form for funded places.

The complete university guide – league tables 2025

Visit the complete university website to see the league tables for 2025

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

Career days

There are new dates available for your students to attend career days online taking place online over the next couple of months.

Career Days give students an insight into different careers that might appeal to them, advice on subject choices and how to apply to university, followed by work experience in the afternoon to help them see what the career may be like. Students receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

Students who are aged 13-18 can register to join the online days by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk

The schedule is as follows:

Vet Career Day - Saturday 9th November 2024

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 23rd November 2024

Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 30th November 2024

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session that interests them and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

Essex University Opportunities

Winter Insight Day

Wednesday 13 November 2024, 9.45am-2.35pm

There is still time to join us at our Colchester campus for our Winter Insight Day, where we will be running a selection of interactive and engaging taster sessions across all three of our teaching faculties.

Sessions running on the day include:

School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences - 'An Introduction to Sport and Exercise Science: Exploring the Science of Exercise through Blood Analysis.'

Department of Psychology - 'Where Do We Look? The Science Behind YouTube Viewing.'

Essex Business School - 'Conflict Resolution Masterclass.'

Department of Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies - 'Psychoanalytic Criminology: Murder in A Strange Case of Jekyll and Hyde.'

There will also be sessions from the School of Health and Social Care, Department of Literature, Film and Theatre Studies, Edge Hotel School, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Essex Law School, and the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science. Please check out our [event webpage](#) for more updates.

Students will be able to sample two subject areas, meet our enthusiastic staff members and have their questions answered. There will also be the opportunity to take tours of our beautiful campus and meet our Student Ambassadors, giving students an insight into life at Essex.

To learn more about this exciting event and book your places click [here](#).

Life Sciences Discovery Day

Wednesday 11 December 2024, 9.45am-2.45pm

Our Life Sciences Discovery Day provides the perfect opportunity for Year 12 and Year 13 students, as well as mature students, to spend practical time in a lab and experience Life Sciences at the University of Essex.

Over the course of the day, students can explore Marine and Environmental Sciences and delve into Biomedical Science and Molecular Biology. There will also be an opportunity to speak with current students, to ask any questions about studying a subject such as Life Sciences at University and take a campus tour.

The programme, including details of planned activities and timings for the day can be found on [our webpage](#) and you can book your space [here](#).

Have a good weekend



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