



Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 10th January 2025

Dear BSF Students,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a nice Christmas and a good break. It has been a busy first week back. Some students have had external exams which I hope have gone well, and all of year 12 have (I hope) been revising for the mocks next week. It is never easy getting up on the dark mornings in the winter, however, it has been really lovely to see all the students again and we are looking forward to the term ahead.

Notices

Mock exams – year 12

Next week beginning 13th January is the year 12 exam week. Timetables should have been sent to you all individually and there will be copies downstairs in the sixth form near the student entrance. Lessons will continue and teaching staff will be present next week if you are not in an exam. The bag drop room for the week will be room 201.

Assemblies

This week Mrs Howells spoke to you about reflecting on the year that has past and setting goals for the year ahead. Hopefully this is something that you have all been able to do this week.

Tuesday 14th – There will be no assembly this week. All students should be on site and studying unless you are in an exam. Please bring suitable study materials with you for period 1.

Tuesday 21st – Period 1 – all year 13 students will collect their mock results/reports and there will be an assembly for all year 13 students about the results and the next steps.

UCAS forms

The deadline for equal consideration is 29th January. To ensure it is sent off before this date you need to submit it and contact Mrs Howells for a meeting by **Thursday 23rd Jan**. Any received after this date may not be checked, the reference added and submitted in time.

Reporting an absence/attendance reminder

At the start of a new term and a new year it is a good opportunity to remind you of the importance of attendance, and this is a key area we monitor. We encourage all students to be aware of your own attendance percentage. Research conducted by ALPs has shown that two students with the same average GCSE grades who have a difference between 95% and 85% attendance can equate to a whole grade difference at A-level.

We are aware that there are reasons for absences that do occur, and our first aim is always to support you. If you have questions or concerns around attendance or you are absent for any reason, please contact Ms Watson via email Caroline.Watson@braintreesixthform.com or call the main

school number 01376 556300 and then select option 1 for student absence and leave a message. Ms Watson is monitoring attendance daily and text messages are 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 parent webinar - Elevate

How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking
Tuesday 21st January 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- ✓ Helping your child to structure their notes effectively
- ✓ Helping your child to remember what they learn
- ✓ Using deliberate practice with your child to improve their grades quickly

Employer and Learner networking event

Connect with employers and discover the apprenticeships we offer at our [Employer and Learner Networking event](#).

Date | Wednesday 12 February 2025

Time | 5.00 – 8.30pm

Location | University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building, Ipswich IP4 1QJ

Whether you want to know more about what an apprenticeship is, explore a new career or know someone who wants to progress in their current career, this event provides a great opportunity for learners of all ages to understand the apprenticeship pathway.

Some of our [apprenticeship programmes](#) include:

- Associate Project Manager
- Digital Technology Solutions
- Nursing Associate
- Registered Nurse (Adult & Mental Health)
- Social Worker

If you have any further questions about the event, please get in touch with our Apprenticeship Hub team via email: apprenticeships@uos.ac.uk

Opportunities with NCS

We have some opportunities coming up that may be of interest to your year 11 and/or 12 students as part of the final months of our NCS activities.

Both activities are open to young people currently in school year 11 or 12 (or up to 25 with SEND) and are fully funded so will cost them nothing to be a part of.

Some additional information on what the opportunities entail is listed below:

Saturday 25th January - Social Saturday - A completely free activity session at Harway House in Chelmsford (CM1 1RQ) providing the opportunity for participants to connect with like-minded young people, develop new skills and gain experience by planning and delivering social action projects across the county.

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February - My Bnk Money Works Workshops - A fully funded opportunity to join us at Harway House in Chelmsford (CM1 1RQ) for 2 days of interactive workshops and activities designed to help them get to grips with all things money while working towards a Level 1 Accreditation in Personal Money Management.

For more information on either opportunity please email NCS@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org.

Free interactive university online events

Channel Talent would like to invite you and your students to our Spring term programme of free interactive university online events.

The sessions are open to school/college groups as well as individual students and teachers. Subject to the content, some are in school time and some are after.

The sessions, each including either one [or](#) two universities, offer enrichment for curriculum themes and support for students considering progression to HE. They aim to be dynamic and participative, encouraging everyone to engage and shape the session but in a way that they are comfortable with.

Our events are not recorded, focusing on the live, participatory nature of the event, which is where the feedback we receive suggests the greatest value.

Below is the current Spring programme. Please do share these opportunities with colleagues and students who will be very welcome indeed. We will be adding further sessions and adding details to existing sessions as they are confirmed so please do register for more regular updates here:

<http://eepurl.com/duFY5H>

HE Guidance

- **7th January 2025 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: It's Not Too Late - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **6th February 2025 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Student Finance, Scholarships & Budgeting - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **17th March 2025 @ 16:00 - 17:00** Pharmacology - University Module Insights & The Learning Experience - UEA & 1 Uni TBC (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **19th March 2025 @ 16:00 - 17:00** Accounting/Finance - University Module Insights & The Learning Experience - UEA & 1 Uni TBC (16+) [Find out more »](#)

- **20th March 2025 @ 15:45 - 16:45** Modern Languages - University Module Insights & The Learning Experience - UEA & 1 Uni TBC (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Politics, Geography

- **20th January 2025 @ 09:10 - 09:55** US Politics: Crisis Of Democracy In The USA? – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **23rd January 2025 @ 16:15 - 17:15** International/Foreign Aid – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - Goldsmiths & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **28th January 2025 @ 10:10 - 10:55** Geography: Global Commons - Glasgow (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **28th January 2025 @ 15:45 - 16:45** The Future of The NHS – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - Kent & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **3rd March 2025 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Is the UN Fit for Purpose? – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - Goldsmiths & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **4th March 2025 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Geology/Environmental Science: Geological Controls on Natural Environments & Habitats - Glasgow (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **12th March 2025 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Economics/Politics: Current UK Taxation - Policy Options, Interrelationship & Impact - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **18th March 2025 @ 10:05 - 10:50** Modern Languages: Far Right Movements in Europe - Comparison & Cultural Differences - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **20th March 2025 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Environmental Science/Geography: Ocean Watch - Ocean Health & Resources - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Sociology, Criminology, Law, Psychology

- **20th January 2025 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Sociology: Race, Racism & Leisure - Black Youth Culture in Urban Spaces - Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **22nd January 2025 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Sociology: Social Stratification & Street Food - Class, Ethnicity & Generational Distinctions - Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **22nd January 2025 @ 13:30 - 14:30** insight4me Sociology/Criminology: The UK Prison System (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **23rd January 2025 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Law: Skills & Insight - Legal Reasoning - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **27th January 2025 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Media: Skills & Insight - Analysis of Current News Stories Across Different Media - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **28th January 2025 @ 15:45 - 16:45** The Future of The NHS – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - Kent & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)

- **27th February 2025 @ 11:30 - 12:20** Psychology: Cutting Edge Research - Taking Part & Behind The Scenes - Seminar 3 - UEA & Ipsa [Find out more »](#)
- **5th March 2025 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Film/Media: Gender, Genre & Barbenheimer - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **13th March 2025 @ 14:10 - 14:55** Law/Criminology: Miscarriages of Justice - Leicester (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Health, Medicine

- **28th January 2025 @ 15:45 - 16:45** The Future of The NHS – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - Kent & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **17th March 2025 @ 16:00 - 17:00** Pharmacology - University Module Insights & The Learning Experience - UEA & 1 Uni TBC (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **20th March 2025 @ 14:05 - 14:50** Biology/Medicine: Organ Transplantation - The Science & Latest Developments - Leicester (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Business, Accounting, Economics

- **21st January 2025 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Business Watch - Analysing Recent Trends In Global Business - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **3rd February 2025 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Business/Accounting: Scenario Workshop - Investment Opportunity - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **26th February 2025 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Economics: Bank of England - Policy Options, Decision Making & Impact - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **10th March 2025 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Marketing: Segmentation, Targeting & Positioning - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **12th March 2025 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Economics/Politics: Current UK Taxation - Policy Options, Interrelationship & Impact - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **19th March 2025 @ 16:00 - 17:00** Accounting/Finance - University Module Insights & The Learning Experience - UEA & 1 Uni TBC (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Biology, Environmental Science, Geology

- **22nd January 2025 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Biology/Environmental Science: Ecosystems - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **4th February 2025 @ 09:05 - 10:05** insight4me Biology: Genetics - Glasgow and UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **4th February 2025 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Biology/Archaeology/Forensic Science: The Human Skeleton - Edinburgh (16+) [Find out more »](#)

- **4th March 2025 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Geology/Environmental Science: Geological Controls on Natural Environments & Habitats - Glasgow (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **20th March 2025 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Environmental Science/Geography: Ocean Watch - Ocean Health & Resources - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **20th March 2025 @ 14:05 - 14:50** Biology/Medicine: Organ Transplantation - The Science & Latest Developments - Leicester (16+) [Find out more »](#)

History

- **22nd January 2025 @ 15:45 - 16:30** History: The Genesis of The Tudors - The Late Medieval English State - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **10th February 2025 @ 11:10 - 11:55** History: 20th Century Communism - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **10th March 2025 @ 10:10 - 10:55** History: The Soldier's Experience In The Great War - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Religious Studies, Philosophy

- **23rd January 2025 @ 10:15 - 11:00** Religious Studies/Philosophy: Religion & Euthanasia - The Ethics of End-of-Life Care - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **6th February 2025 @ 10:05 - 10:50** Philosophy: Moral Philosophy in the Real World - Violence, Rioting & The Far-Right - Warwick (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Physics, Engineering, Mathematics

- **29th January 2025 @ 10:10 - 10:55** Aeronautical Engineering: Decarbonization - Technology & Industry Review - Glasgow (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **5th February 2025 @ 11:00 - 12:00** insight4me Physics: Waves - UEA & 1 Uni TBC (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **11th February 2025 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Mathematics: Mathematical Modelling With Sequences & Series - Tutorial - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **12th February 2025 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Astrophysics: Finding Life on Other Planets (16+) [Find out more »](#)

- **3rd March 2025 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Physics/Engineering: Spotlight on Fusion - The Science & Applications - Nottingham (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **11th March 2025 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Physics: The Astrophysicist's Toolkit - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **13th March 2025 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Physics/Engineering: Nuclear Energy – From Physics To Power - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Extended Project Qualification

- **29th January 2025 @ 14:00 - 14:45** Extended Project Qualification: Academic Writing - Southampton (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **5th March 2025 @ 14:00 - 14:45** Extended Project Qualification: Presenting The EPQ - Southampton (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

English Language, English Literature, Linguistics

- **30th January 2025 @ 09:05 - 10:05** insight4me English Literature: Shakespeare's Othello - Goldsmiths & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **27th February 2025 @ 10:10 - 10:55** English/Drama: Streetcar - Deconstructing the Text for Performance - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **4th March 2025 @ 13:45 - 14:30** English Literature: Close Reading Skills - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **6th March 2025 @ 11:10 - 12:10** insight4me English Language/Linguistics: Methods of Language Analysis - Nottingham & 1 Uni TBC (16+) [Find out more »](#)

Modern Foreign Languages

- **5th February 2025 @ 14:15 - 15:00** French: 'No et Moi' by Delphine de Vigan - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **10th February 2025 @ 14:10 - 15:00** MFL/French: University Film Society – La Haine by Mathieu Kassovitz - Warwick (16+) [Find out more »](#)

- **18th March 2025 @ 10:05 - 10:50** Modern Languages: Far Right Movements in Europe - Comparison & Cultural Differences - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
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Film/Media

- **10th February 2025 @ 14:10 - 15:00** MFL/French: University Film Society – La Haine by Mathieu Kassovitz - Warwick (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **5th March 2025 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Film/Media: Gender, Genre & Barbenheimer - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
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VetCam 2025 – Introduction to Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April 2025

Following the successful courses held here in recent years, we are holding another two-and-a-half-day residential programme for Year 11 and 12 students interested in applying to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University.

The programme will include visits to both the pre-clinical and clinical departments to give a taste of the course, insight into life at a Cambridge college, and a chance to meet staff and current students. Places will be limited to 50 on a first-come-first-served basis. Please note that Chemistry A level (or equivalent) is mandatory (with A*/A predictions), and we strongly recommend two other science subjects, normally Biology, Physics or Maths.

The 2025 course fee will be £340 for the all-inclusive two-and-a-half-day course – this fee covers all costs whilst attendees are in Cambridge. Attendees will be staying in St Catharine’s College in single student rooms with shared bathrooms.

The course can be booked and paid for using a debit or credit card by following the link at:

<https://onlinesales.admin.cam.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/veterinary-medicine/vetcam/vetcam-2025>

If you have any problems using the booking site, please contact us at tutorial.office@vet.cam.ac.uk.

As stated above, places are limited to 50 and are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. We will acknowledge all applications and confirm bookings by [e-mail](#) on receipt of payment. We will keep an additional 10 names on a waiting list, in case of any cancellations. If a booking is cancelled, a £100 cancellation fee will be charged, and the remaining amount refunded. If you cancel within seven days of the start of the course none of the fee will be refunded.

ACCA – career in finance

When people think of accountancy, they often picture spreadsheets and numbers. But there's so much more to it. Finance careers are about creativity, problem-solving, and making a real difference.

Check out "By All Accounts" – The ACCA Podcast

Hear inspiring stories from ACCA members and students making a difference in fields like fintech and green finance. Perfect for helping your students explore what a career in finance can offer. [Listen to the podcast and share it with your students.](#)

At ACCA, we want to help you show your students how their interests can lead to exciting opportunities in finance, no matter where they're starting from.

University of Suffolk

National Apprenticeship Week event - Wednesday 12 February 2025: 5.00 - 8.30pm

This event is held on our Ipswich Campus, open to everyone. Whether you want to explore a new career path, upskill, or find out more about the apprenticeship pathway as a student, you're welcome to come along.

More information or to register

<https://www.uos.ac.uk/about/events/employer-and-learner-networking-event/>

Open day dates:

Saturday 29th March 2025

Saturday 5th July 2025

Future Careers Experience – Online work experience course

A self-paced programme where students explore tech pathways with activities like CV-building and employability skills workshops. (approx. 7 hours)

[Defy the limits with Amazon: Future Careers Experience | Springpod](#)

Have a good weekend



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