



**Weekly Student Bulletin
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students
Friday 24th January 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

Well done on getting through another week, and especially well done to all year 12 students for completing the mock exam week. With the exams completed for now for a short period of time, the focus will turn to learning key content, completing courses, completing coursework, working on feedback and building up revision resources. In addition, there will be more information and support for researching and discussing various progression routes.

Assembly – Year 13 mock release assembly

Year 13 students all received their mock exam results with a similar feel to how they will get their results on Thursday 14th August. As we discussed in the assembly this is a good time for you all to reflect on where you are now, what your goals and targets are and to look at what it is you need to do to ensure that you are going to reach your potential, and in doing so please make sure you use the most of all the support around you.

LGBT+ History month

LGBT+ History month takes place in the UK in February and has been an annual event since 2005. It is a month-long annual celebration and remembrance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history. The theme for this year is **Activism and Social Change** and it aims to celebrate that throughout history LGBT+ people have been activists and helped shape and create social change, advancing society for everyone. Within the Sixth Form during this month, we would like to provide the opportunity to raise awareness, discuss and reflect on this through the tutorial programme and to offer the opportunity during lunchtimes for any students who might wish to meet and discuss anything in more detail.

Progression routes

UCAS deadline Wednesday 29th January. Well done to all students for getting those in this week. It is exciting to hear about all the offers that are coming in. There will be more information on the next steps and students finance soon, but please do keep speaking to us regarding your offers or any other questions that come up.

There will be more information on apprenticeships over the next few weeks with apprenticeship week taking place from February 10th-16th February.

There will be a lot of information over the coming months regarding progression routes and as a reminder we have Jane Cure who is an independent careers advisor available for any Sixth Form student to book a meeting with. If you are interested in having a career appointment, please let Ms Watson know and then an appointment time can be emailed to 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.

Mid and South Essex Health & Care Academy are excited to announce that we are partnering with the fantastic Medical Mavericks during February half term to offer the opportunity for young people who live in Mid and South Essex and who are in years 10-13, the chance to get hands on and explore careers in healthcare at a free Skills Lab workshop!

Sessions are available on Friday 21st February 2025 and Saturday 22nd February 2025 at our training suite at Brentwood Community Hospital, CM15 8DR and young people can choose either a morning session (9am-12pm) or an afternoon session (1pm-4pm) to attend.

The sessions will be packed with exciting activities delivered by the Medical Mavericks team and will allow students considering a future in healthcare to explore careers in the NHS whilst getting the opportunity to practice skills taking basic medical observations and have a go with other healthcare equipment!

Registration is now open!

SKILLS LAB

Our
People
Your
Future

Practice your
skills at taking
basic medical
obs!



The Health and Care Academy is working with Medical Mavericks to provide a fantastic hands on workshop where you can explore careers in the NHS whilst getting the opportunity to practice your skills and take basic medical obs!

Activities include...

- Record and print an ECG from your heart
- Use a needle to take fake blood from a dummy arm
- Try your hand at keyhole surgery
- See inside your body with an ultrasound machine.
- Scan your retina with a ophthalmoscope.
- Listen to your pulse with a pulse doppler.
- See your veins under a vein scanner.
- Take basic medical obs.

This opportunity is available to students in Years 10 - 13, who are thinking of a career in healthcare.

REGISTER HERE!



The workshops are available on Friday 21st February and Saturday 22nd February, for a morning session 9am - 12pm or an afternoon session 1pm - 4pm, at Brentwood Community Hospital, Crescent Dr, Brentwood, CM15 8DR

Follow the QR code to book a place.

Apprenticeship Accelerator

The second edition of the Apprenticeship Accelerator is coming up - an unmissable event for students looking to fast-track their career journey!

Thursday, 30th January, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

100% virtual – students, parents and colleagues can join from anywhere!

This time students can expect to find out “How to land your dream job” – the ultimate guide to impressing employers, acing applications, and starting a career that leads from apprentice to manager.

Highlights include:

- Insider tips to stand out in applications

- A behind-the-scenes look from real apprentices
- Live Q&A with leading employers

The chance to win live prizes up to £500!

[REGISTER FOR FREE HERE](#)

Higher degree apprenticeships – Essex.

Ms Watson sent an email on Monday with 10 attachments for some of the Higher/degree apprenticeship vacancies (Braintree, Chelmsford, Colchester areas) listed on the findanapprenticeship website (www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch).

Dental Summer Schools 2025

Do your students have an interest in, and the potential to, study dentistry at university?

The Dental Schools Council, with funding from NHS England, are offering Year 11 and Year 12 students the opportunity to attend a summer school to understand what it is like to study dentistry.

The summer schools are aimed at students from under-represented backgrounds who attend a state school or college.

Eligibility criteria

Eligibility criteria for the summer schools includes that the student is:

- From a widening participation background and

Academically:

- Has an interest in STEM subjects and are, or are considering, studying science in their post-16 studies and medicine post-18
- Has predicted A-level grades ABB (or equivalent) and
- Has predicted GCSE grades B or above in English and Mathematics (or equivalent)

The link below gives more information on the eligibility criteria.

Format and number of places

Run by universities, the summer schools, which are **free**, are delivered in a variety of formats, namely residential, commuter and online.

Four dental summer schools will run in 2025. There are 205 places at the residential and online dentistry summer schools.

If you feel that your student(s) match the eligibility criteria then please don't hesitate to let them know about the summer schools and encourage them to get their applications in before the deadline.

The deadline to apply for Dental Schools Council Summer Schools is 9 February 2025.

https://studyinghealthcare.ac.uk/why-dentistry/dental-summer-schools/?utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-845S_jxoaxjdQr1r4V2HuLinOohlg61dQrcKqEnKACyiWLsgKK6FNzniCbOxAE-na_16lcbqL7fLEAK-

[2lilwMa2URPoEqiz-DP1jk3aaIjtJqKU&hsmi=102990675&utm_content=102990675&utm_source=hs_email](https://www.thesixthformers.co.uk/degree-apprenticeships/)

Out Now! New Guide to Degree Apprenticeships

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is a free 100-page digital guide for Year 12 and Year 13 students, their parents, and university-entrance and careers staff at schools & sixth form colleges.

The new guide is produced in partnership with the Department for Education and The Careers & Enterprise Company.

The guide explains how degree apprenticeships can provide sixth form school-leavers with a debt-free university degree – and a guaranteed graduate job in sought-after professions such as accounting, engineering, banking & finance, law and technology.

Read the Guide

https://degreeapprenticeships.guide/#readtheguide?utm_source=sprint&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=launch

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships features the very latest information and guidance about degree apprenticeships available in 2025, including:

- an introduction to degree apprenticeships, the 'earn as you learn' route to graduate employment
- a foreword from Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills & Apprenticeships
- exclusive interviews with degree apprentices working in different industries & business sectors
- in-depth profiles of the UK's leading degree apprenticeship employers
- expert guidance for sixth form students on the application & selection process
- an A-Z of degree apprenticeship programmes available in 2025

[Read the Guide](#)

Watch the TV Programme

There is a special 30-minute programme to watch on *The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships*.

It explains how degree apprenticeships provide a salaried work-based path to a university degree or professional qualification – and includes interviews with current degree apprentices and senior recruiters from well-known employers, offering tips & advice on how to apply for degree apprenticeships.

The programme is presented by Martin Birchall, editor of *The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships*, and Chanise Evans, a former apprentice and presenter at the BBC.

[Watch the Programme](#)

Degree Apprenticeship Employers

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is supported by many of the UK's top degree apprenticeship employers including [Barclays](#), the [BBC](#) and [AWE](#).

Applications for degree apprenticeship programmes starting in September 2025 are now open. The deadlines for applying for solicitor apprenticeships at law firm [White & Case](#) and the accounting 'Flying Start' programme at [PwC](#) are later in January. Applications for degree apprenticeships at engineering employers [AtkinsRéalis](#) and [Rolls-Royce](#) close in February.

Accounting & professional services firms [Deloitte](#), [EY](#) and [KPMG](#) are recruiting now for their accounting, consulting and technology degree apprenticeships – and applications are open for programmes at investment bank [JPMorganChase](#) and retailer [Lidl](#).

Full details of each of these degree apprenticeship employers appear in the guide.

[More Information](#)

Possible work experience opportunity – Sizewell B power

Sizewell B power station does offer 1 week work experience placement per applicant. We offer work experience in our engineering and maintenance departments.

We ask that students apply in writing, copying a parent, carer or teacher

Their request should include:

Name

Age & Year group

School or college

Subject studied

Reason for wishing to complete w/e at Sizewell B, this may include any career aspirations.

Anything else that they feel relevant to their application.

Once I receive an application I will check availability and offer a place if possible.

I realise we are a good distance from the school, please ensure that students have a safe means of travel to and from Sizewell prior to application, unfortunately we are not on a public transport route.

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.

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.

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

Have a good weekend



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