



**Weekly Student Bulletin
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students
Friday 31st January 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

This week we have seen the end of January, which, I know can be a very long month for most people for many different reasons, and with continual deadlines and settling back into routines I am sure many of you share that sentiment.

Assembly – Year 12 – mock exam results

Year 12 students should now have begun to receive your mock exam results back during lessons. The assembly this week focused on a reflection of these results at this stage and your next steps. At this stage what is important, is how you respond, (no matter what the grade is), to the feedback you are given and how you use this to help you make progress.

Attendance at assembly

All students are expected to be in at 8.40am every morning. A Tuesday period 1 each week is the assembly slot. All students must be in assembly unless we have emailed to tell you to bring in suitable study materials. Registers will now be taken on a Tuesday morning in the assembly, if you are absent with no known reason there will be a follow up to this. The assembly programme is a statutory part of the timetable and part of your guided hours, which you were aware of when joining the sixth form.

UCAS/Progressions

Well done to all students who had the aim of sending of a university application and did so by this week's deadline. We have sent 64 applications off to UCAS now. There will be more information on the next steps of the process to follow shortly and do please keep coming to tell us of your offers or come to ask any other questions.

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

Those students in Year 13 participating in the Make Happen Apprenticeship trip to ARU on the 12th February must attend a one hour workshop on Thursday 6th February during P2. We will confirm the location of the workshop early next week.

Work experience – Year 12

You will all receive a letter regarding work experience. This will include the key details and the form that needs completing by the company you will be working with. This form needs to be back with Ms Watson for you to be able to attend. Work experience week is a beneficial week, and last year some

of the current year 13 students had fantastic placements and there was a lot of positive feedback regarding the week as a whole. Please do start planning for this as early as possible.

Academic reading books – Year 12

All year 12 students need to hand back in the academic reading book you currently have by **next Friday**. This needs to be placed on the trolley (behind the first door) next the librarian's desk. Your tutors will have collected your second choice of text today and you will be able to collect these before half term. Do not forget to log all academic reading and other extracurricular activities on Unifrog.

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.

Part time work - Exciting Opportunity for Aspiring Tutors

First Class Learning (FCL) Braintree is thrilled to announce an excellent opportunity for young, dedicated individuals to join our established after-school tuition centre in Braintree, situated right here at Notley High School.

FCL is seeking enthusiastic assistants to help deliver maths, English, and science tuition to children aged 5 – 16.

Details of the Role:

We are looking to employ a few young people to assist with our after-school sessions held on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Our centre is conveniently located within the English block at Notley High School.

Who We Are Looking For:

We aim to attract keen and committed young people with excellent projected or actual GCSE passes in maths and English, plus other supporting GCSEs. We expect any successful candidates to stay with us until at least the end of Year 13. In return, we offer an excellent opportunity that has proven beneficial for current and past assistants, providing substantial experience for UCAS applications and career choices, as well as offering a competitive income for the hours worked.

Application Process:

This opportunity is ideal for Year 12 students. Interested applicants are encouraged to register interest and request an application form via braintree@firstclasslearning.co.uk or send a text / WhatsApp to 07852 642171 as soon as possible, ideally before Friday February 7, but any time up to half-term is acceptable. Do not miss out on this fantastic opportunity to gain invaluable experience and earn a competitive income while helping younger students excel in their studies. FCL looks forward to welcoming new members to our team!

Pathways to property

A current year 13 student attended this programme last year, so do ask questions if you are interested.

Could you please forward the following opportunity on to your *Year 12 students*. We are running free 1 day, Real Estate Insight days with our Industry partners on the following days in order to help students discover more about careers within the property Industry:

- Birmingham on 13th March (with RICS – Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors)

- Cambridge on 18th March (with Carter Jonas)
- Bristol on 26th March (with Savills)

Applications can be found [here](#) on our website here and will close on 16th February. Priority will be given to those students that live in the local areas and fit within our [criteria](#) however do contact us directly if you have students that you feel should get a place due to other circumstances.

Students will go on a site visit, work on a small project and have a Q&A session with both current and recent Real Estate graduates and apprentices who are now working in the Industry. All events are fully funded by Pathways2property including travel costs to and from the venue.

Students that have attended any one of our programmes will subsequently be able to take part in our work experience and e-mentoring programme and they will also be able to apply for a bursary of up to £30,000 should they go on to study a property related degree at any University. If they apply to study a Real Estate course at the University of Reading they will be guaranteed a contextual offer and will automatically be given a Welcome bursary once enrolled.

Applications are also open for our 4 day residential at the University of Reading on 8th – 11th July (please see our [website](#) for further details)

We are a charity funded by the Real Estate Industry, based at the University of Reading, who are keen to support students from less advantaged and non-traditional backgrounds. In the 12 years we have been running we have engaged with over 26,400 students - 22% of attendees of our Summer school have since gone on to study or work in property. Further information about our programmes can be found on our [website](#) or you can contact me on: pathways2property@henley.ac.uk

Our programmes are suitable for students that want a career in property or are just unsure of what they want to do to - it may just provide the aspiration a student needs!

Free parent webinar – elevate education

How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)

Tuesday 4th February 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- ✓ Reducing your child's dependence on technology
- ✓ Using apps to prevent your child procrastinating
- ✓ Using technology to enhance your child's learning

Parents and Guardians – Post-application Q&A

06/02/2025 - 18:00-19:00 GMT – delivered by Swansea University

Has your child applied to University? Wondering what the next steps are? Join our panel of experts for this [informative webinar](#), taking an in-depth look at what you can expect, from receiving offers and decision deadlines, to what to do if your child doesn't make their grades.

Cambridge subject masterclasses

Subject Masterclasses are subject-specific events that offer high-achieving 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.

https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses?utm_source=SRM_team&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=UKSRM_Information_Newsletters

Opportunities with Anglian Water

We're excited to share some fantastic opportunities available for your students with Anglian Water! As a leading provider of water and water recycling services, we're passionate about investing in young talent and creating pathways to rewarding careers.

We are currently offering:

- **Level 3 Practical Apprenticeships**
Our apprenticeship programmes provide hands-on experience, professional mentoring, and formal qualifications in fields such as:
 - Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance
 - Water and Water Recycling Networks
 - Water Supply and Water TreatmentThese programmes are ideal for students looking for a structured route into an exciting career.
- **Casual Summer Jobs**
Perfect for students seeking practical experience during the holidays, these roles are available at Rutland Water, Alton Water, and Grafham Water. Positions include Café Assistants, Rangers, and Watersports roles, offering students the chance to develop key skills while working in a dynamic and supportive environment.

Benefits for Students

- Develop real-world, practical skills
Earn while they learn
Work alongside experienced industry professionals
Gain insights into an essential and innovative sector

Get in Touch

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at earlycareers@anglianwater.co.uk or jtoyne2@anglianwater.co.uk.

Please note: At this time, we're unable to accommodate work experience requests

National Apprenticeship Week 2025 (10-16 February) Online webinars

If you need support logging in at Sixth Form or for absence from a lesson to attend please speak to Ms Watson.

Search all talks and register below:

https://www.worldskillsuk.org/naw-2025/?utm_campaign=1970414_NAW%202025&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=EdCo&dm_i=5B D4,168DQ,63OG7D,4SX2H,1

They include:

The Big Apprenticeship Assembly

Tuesday 11 February 11:00 AM - 11:40pm

Join Rosie Boddy, Technical Training Officer at Coleg Cambria, and Danny McBean, Electrician at Grants (Dufftown) Ltd as they discuss all things apprenticeships.

Acing apprenticeship applications

Thursday 13 February, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Turn career aspirations into reality! Daisy Seepersad, Careers Development Manager at WorldSkills UK, will guide students through the apprenticeship process. Learn about different levels of apprenticeships and key techniques to craft standout applications.

Medical skills labs

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!



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 an 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.



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

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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