

## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Dear BSF Students,

We will be arriving in the final week of term before the Christmas break next week, and this term feels like it has flown by. There will be no time to rest yet with one more week of lessons and other events such as the end of term celebration assembly and more Criminology exams. There are also mock exams for year 12 students in the second week back after Christmas, so there is still plenty of work to be doing.

### **Notices**

#### **Winter Wonderland trip**

It was an absolute pleasure to accompany the students who attend the winter wonderland lakeside trip last night. My personal highlight was being on dodgems when we managed to have all three staff members plus a big number of you all on at the same time. We could see who was aiming for us! I have just about recovered from the waltzer ride too. I hope you all enjoyed it too and had a lovely evening.

#### **UCAS**

With mock exams out the way this week, let's have a push on UCAS forms to try and get as much completed before the Christmas holidays as possible. Do not forget once you send it, it comes to us first, and we need time to get your reference together and check everything over before it goes off to UCAS.

#### **Student of the week/Heart points**

This week Mrs Dixey was praising Criminology and Psychology students for going above and beyond with work. Well done to all students for receiving heart points in these subjects.



#### **Enterprise Fair**

The highlight of this week was undoubtedly the Enterprise Fair which was a real success. Well done to all of the Year 12s who set up businesses and contributed to the festive atmosphere. It was great to see you all engaging with the younger students who really seemed to enjoy themselves (this was possibly helped by the amount of sugar you were supplying them with!) I must admit every year to a slight level of worry prior to the event but collectively you really put together a great event and there were some fantastic ideas this year, and a good level of variety.

Together you raised a grand total of £654.79 which is pretty impressive! With four groups making over £50 in profit. I will expect to see some of you on The Apprentice in the future!

### **CPR champions**

Thank you so much to the students who have signed up to support the CPR Champions (CPR Smart) programme! The event will run on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December. An email has been sent round to you from Ms Gladen with details of how the two days will run. You will have t-shirts and the opportunity to be on the news!

Please can you all meet Ms Gladen on Monday Break time in the theatre to run over the details.

If you are not one of the CPR champions but would like to sign up for CPR training in one of the sessions, you will be able to do this on Tuesday after the assembly.

### **Year 13 Mock exam week.**

Well done to all year 13 students this week for your general attitude to the mock exams and for how you have conducted yourselves throughout this week. You have been a credit, and I hope on an individual level you have found the week worthwhile.

### **Mock exam dates – Year 12**

Year 12 – Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January

### **Last day term arrangements**

Please see below, the arrangements for the last day of term on Friday 20 December 2024. We will return in the new year on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January on a week B, with tutor beginning at 8.40am.

#### **Years 7 – 11**

#### **Years 12 & 13**

**8.40am – 9.10am**

**Tutor time for Years 8, 9, 10 & 11**

**Tutorials/Tutor time**

**Assembly for Year 7**

**9.10am – 10am**

**Lesson 1**

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**10am – 10.50am**

**Lesson 2**

**Lesson 2**

**10.50am – 11.20am**

**Break**

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**11.20am – 12.10pm**

**Lesson 3**

**Lesson 3**

**12.10pm – 12.55pm**

**Lesson 4**

**Lesson 4**

**12.55pm – 1pm**

**Time to collect phones.**

**1.10pm**

**Buses depart**

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### **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.*

## **English Tutor Plus/Proof reading/personal statements**

If any students are still working on their personal statements or have NEAs that you would like proofread here are details of a service you may be interested in.

Please contact Catherine Foley (Formerly Catherine Dunton).

[catherine@englishtutorplus.co.uk](mailto:catherine@englishtutorplus.co.uk)

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## **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](#)

## **Kooth**

Kooth is an online mental health and wellbeing platform, which will be available throughout the winter holidays.

While hours may vary slightly (more information [here](#)), Kooth means your students always have a safe, confidential space to turn to, with professionals ready to listen when things feel overwhelming.

## **KoothTalks Families**

Supporting your child with Emotionally Based School Avoidance

[Link to share](#)

## **EDT – December STEM Experience and Opportunities**

This month we have some exciting opportunities that we would like to make you and your students aware of which are as follows:

Firstly, we would like to invite you and your Year 13/S6 students to attend our **\*FREE 'EDT Placements Open Day Webinar'** that is taking place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4-5pm. During this Webinar students will be able to find out more about our Placements programme and how it can help them to find a paid work placement to enhance their skills and gain experience and professional development. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions to our Placements Team and Placement Ambassadors.

**Registration Link:** [Click here](#)

**\*We are currently accepting applications** for our 2025/26 placements (starting July/Aug 25), further information and the application form can be found [here](#).

**Accreditation: Platinum [Industrial Cadets Award](#)**

**\*Applications are open** for our [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.

The courses currently available to apply for are as follows, please click on each link to find out more about the individual courses-

[Ocean and Earth Science at Southampton University](#)

[Materials Science at the University of Oxford](#)

[Physics and Astronomy at Surrey University](#)

[Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool University](#)

[Maths at Lancaster University](#)

[Mechanical Engineering at University College London](#)

**Application Link** : [Click here](#)

**For Year 12 students / S5-S6**

**Courses taking place June-Aug 25**

**Accreditation: Silver [Industrial Cadets Award](#)**

**Elevate Education – Free parent webinar**

At our last webinar, over 11000 parents tuned in to our free webinar on resilience, where we shared some targeted research-backed advice alongside our live Q&A session.

Our next live webinar will be taking place on December 17th and will help parents to support their child in alleviating stress.

**Live Parent Webinar: How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress  
Tuesday 17th December 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)**

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

- ✓ How you can identify early signs of stress in your child
- ✓ Practical techniques to help your child manage their stress levels
- ✓ How you can maintain a dialogue with your child about their mental wellbeing

[Click here to register for free](#)

## Applying to Med School - Work Experience - The PremedProjects Team

We're excited to share two exceptional opportunities for your students aged 14-18 to gain **essential medical work experience**, a crucial step for those considering careers in medicine:

### 1. In-Person Medical Work Experience Course

- **When:** February 2025 (Half Term Holidays)
- **Where:** London Hospitals ( Accommodation Provided)
- **Who:** Students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine
- **What:** In person work experience including visits to dissection rooms, care homes and NHS Kings Hospital.
- **How:** Students can view all details of the course [here](#)

### 2. Weekly Online Medical Course

- **When:** Every Monday evening at 7.30pm in December 2024 and January 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](#)

Both 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.

## Oxford and Cambridge University's Next Steps Essex webinar series 2025

This annual programme is run in collaboration by Hertford College, Oxford and Emmanuel College, Cambridge and aims to give students the tools to make a competitive application to Oxford/Cambridge.

The programme will consist of four online sessions run by Oxford and Cambridge Outreach staff, each with a Q&A with current undergraduate students:

- Tuesday 21st January: Introduction to Oxbridge (Y11 & Y12)
- Tuesday 4th February: Entry Requirements & Post-16 Choices (Y11 & Y12)
- Tuesday 18th February: Critical Thinking, Study Skills & Super Curriculars (Y11 & Y12)
- Tuesday 4th March: Personal Statements & Applying to Oxbridge (Y11 & Y12)
- *Interview Workshop (September 2025 TBC)*

All sessions take place online between 17:00 and 18:30.

The following eligibility criteria applies for students:

All students from state schools in the local authorities of Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock are eligible to take part.

As long as students meet these criteria then they will automatically gain a place on the programme. The deadline for signing up is 12pm on Friday 13th December.

Students can sign-up using this online form: [Next Steps Essex 2025 Application Form](#)

Have a good weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms A Brewis-Shephard', written in a cursive style.

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