



**Weekly Student Bulletin
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students
Friday 20th December 2024**

Dear BSF Students,

We have finally made it to the end of a very long term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for continuing to make the sixth form a nice and productive environment. I would also like to say thank you for the continued parent support and would like to wish everyone a very lovely Christmas, a nice break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Notices

Christmas cards and cakes to Longmead nursing home

A big thank you to Jasmine R and Poppy Z in year 13 for requesting whether they could use the cooking rooms to make some cakes to take down to one of the nursing homes in Braintree. This lovely thoughtful act led to year 12 students writing some Christmas cards for them to take with them too. The girls were supported by a few other year 13s, some year 12 students, and a class of year 10 students who made Christmas star cookies. They spent the afternoon on Wednesday baking to Christmas songs and then the girls took all the cakes, cookies and cards down to Longmead nursing home. I know this kind act was really appreciated.



CPR champions

A huge well done and thank you to all the year 13 students who help to run the CPR training for all students in the lower school years 7-11 throughout Wednesday and Thursday in support of Essex Air Ambulance. Being part of this and leading on it I know will have provided you invaluable skills and experience, however, you have now been able to share this knowledge with so many others, which will make a huge difference.

Celebration assembly



This Tuesday we held the final assembly of the term where we celebrated a few of the many achievements made by the students over this first term.

This term has held many highlights which we were able to reflect on and see a few of the photos mainly from the year 12 enterprise fair!

Awards

Attendance awards were given for highest average attendance for a tutor group over this first term. With a box of chocolates being given to:

12.1 with 96.7% attendance

13.1 with 95.8% attendance.

Achievement awards were given firstly for all students who received 2 or more outstanding grades in the most recent learning behaviour grades. A huge congratulations to the following students:

Year 12 - Joe A, George D, Matilda F and Oscar P

Year 13 – Daisy B,

Renn D, Shanying G, Natalie M, Max N, Mikaela R, Lilly-Rose S, Keith S, Harrison W, Yvette W, Poppy Z.

All these names went into a wheel with the chance to win a £20 amazon voucher with the two winners being Joe A in year 12 and Keith S in year 13. Well done to you both and I hope you spend it wisely.

A further set of students were then applauded for achieving all Engaged and in some cases one outstanding learning behaviour grades. There was a long list of names for both year 12 and year 13 which was just fantastic to see. There were 5 £10 vouchers available, and the wheel spun again to award the following from each year group.

Year 12 – Libby W, Heidi B, Harry A, Fletcher C, Maya S.

Year 13 – James W, Tatem S, Lily-Rose S, Sophie C, Josh C.

All students have a letter to recognise their outstanding efforts throughout this first term.

Tutor nominations were awarded to one student from each tutor group. This was awarded by the tutor for various different reasons. Congratulations to the following students, who all received a letter to highlight this achievement and a box of chocolates.

12.1 – Tai C – He had a fantastic approach to the mock interviews, and it was a testament and fantastic achievement to have one of the employers leave a note with a business card offering work experience and further opportunities.

12.3 – Lucas W – has made a fantastic start. It is not easy being the only student from a secondary school, but Lucas has thrown himself into everything and always has a really positive outlook. (Mrs Burroughs added that he also laughs at her jokes, which she appreciates 😊).

12.4 – Yvie T - Yvie has settled in really well to the Sixth form. She is not only working really hard academically, but is also doing a large amount outside of her studies. Yvie is currently doing work experience to support her future career and further study aspirations. Yvie has also supported the local community by bringing in food for the local food bank earlier this half term. Yvie is a fantastic member of 12.4 and should be really proud of the start that she has made to her 6th form studies.

12.5 – Abi J – a fantastic achievement to be accepted into the STEM Smart course at Cambridge, which is starting in January.

13.1 - Mikaela R - Whilst maintaining exceptional grades and work ethic, Mikaela fully immerses herself in a range of activities in sixth form and outside. This includes in sixth form running the lower school science club, being the chemistry subject ambassador and a prefect and extracurricular she listens to a range of podcasts, is a brown belt in Karate and plays piano and bass guitar.

13.2 - Shanying G - for her resilience, amazing attitude and attendance. She is always so polite and lovely and has done so many extra curricula activities I am astounded. She is an all round super star.

13.3 - Renn D - She's just all round great. Great attendance, reliable, contributes. Was also super organised with UCAS and made that very easy. She's also always very supportive of her peers. **Gabriella C** - always has good attendance and just does everything asked of her in her own quiet and polite way.

13.4 - Lily-Rose Spooner - Outstanding attendance. Always participates in form discussions and a very valuable member of the tutor group.

13.5 - Vicky Alfred - Incredibly hard working, has gone above and beyond to support her UCAS application with volunteering at Broom field hospital to achieve her dream job as a midwife.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again in the new year and to seeing what next term will bring.



Mock exam dates – Year 12

Year 12 – Week beginning 13th January

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).

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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 10th 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](#)

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



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