



**Weekly Student Bulletin
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students
Friday 7th March 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

We are now settled into this half term and with not many weeks left until the Easter break and upcoming mocks it is an important time for covering content, completing coursework, working on specific targets and continuing with revision. I would expect all students during your independent study time to be using this time productively and working quietly in one of the study zones. There is always work to be done for A-level and BTEC courses. If you feel you are not sure how to study independently or what work you could be completing, please speak with your tutor, your subject staff or myself to help set some specific targets.

Notices

Assembly Programme this half term

Here is the current assembly programme for the remainder of this half term – please note there has been a change to the date of the MUN conference. If there are any other changes these will be emailed out to you. Attendance will be taken at these assemblies.

Tuesday 11th March - Key messages and information from sixth form team (all students)

Tuesday 18th March – Student finance delivered by Suffolk university (year 13 students only, year 12 students are welcome to attend if they wish to)

Tuesday 25th March – MUN conference (year 12 students only)

Tuesday 1st April – Assembly for year 12 (year 13 exam week)

Apprenticeship assemblies

This week in assembly year 12 students heard about the different types of apprenticeships from ask apprenticeships and also from an alumni student who spoke to year 12 students about his journey since leaving the Sixth Form to get into his degree apprenticeship in a local law firm, and what day to day life as an apprentice is like. He explained his reasons for choosing an apprenticeship after leaving here with a university place and studying at university for the first year. Although I know it can be a daunting prospect, it is also exciting to think what you all might be doing once leaving here and who of you will come back to share your stories to future students.

The main advice at the moment is to keep all options open, to do research and ask questions about all the options, to be prepared for application process. We will work with Ask apprenticeships later on in the year to look at a mock assessment centre and also to provide a workshop for a group of students in where to find apprenticeships and how to apply. Do keep an eye on the opportunities for you section below for specific links.

Opportunities for Year 12 students

The assembly next week will be for all students. There will be key messages for both year groups first. Following this we will be presenting a number of opportunities and positions of responsibilities that will be available to year 12 students. These will enable you to get involved in sixth form life beyond your academic studies and provide an excellent opportunity to enhance your skills and attributes to build successful applications. Information on the roles/opportunities and how to apply will be given in the assembly and more details will follow in next week's bulletin. There will also be information regarding the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) which is an option for all year 12 students.

World book day/Library News

This week both the school library and the Sixth form library celebrated World Book Day. Tokens were available for students to exchange for a free world book day book (in participating shops) or receive £1 off any book. In the school library various activities were held at break and lunchtime in exchange for a chocolate biscuit. In the Sixth Form Library extra reading was encouraged with the temptation of free chocolates!

Reading is so important all year, not just on World book day. It can reduce stress, improve memory, vocabulary and communication skills. In addition, it can help with concentration and enhance your knowledge of a particular subject. Recently it has been great to see so many students engaged in their wider academic reading. The library also has a very good range of fiction books for reading for pleasure and is always happy to take requests for new books - please speak to Mrs Millbank or leave a request note on the library desk if you have a suggestion.

Last day of term

On Friday 4th April the school and sixth form will finish at 1.10pm. Lessons will run as normal on this day and there will be period 1-4 lessons. Please see below for the timings.

	Years 12 & 13
8.40am – 9.05am	Tutorials/Tutor time
9.05am – 09.55am	Lesson 1
09.55am – 10.45am	Lesson 2
	Break
11.15am – 12.05pm	Lesson 3
12.05pm – 12.55pm	Lesson 4
12.55pm – 1.00pm	
1.10pm	Buses depart

Year 13 final mock exams

The next set of year 13 mock exams and the final practice exams before the final ones take place will happen on the week beginning **31st March**. The exam timetable is currently being finalised and will shortly be emailed to you and put up outside Ms Watson's office. This will also fit in with the timings of the last day of term and all exams will be finished by 1pm on Friday 4th April.

The exam season for year 13 students will begin on **12th May**. More information will follow soon regarding revision sessions and study leave. Intervention sessions during period 6/lunchtime have

begun this week for certain subjects. If you have been invited to these sessions it should appear on your timetable on Arbor or you will have been contacted by your teaching staff.

Year 12 Progression exams

Progression exams - There will be another week of internal exams for year 12 students during the week **22nd – 28th April**.

External exams – there are external exams taking place during May for Health and Social Care, Criminology and BTEC sport students.

Year 12 work experience week – 30th June – 4th July

Work experience week for year 12 will take place the week beginning 30th June. A letter has been emailed which included a letter that can be sent to employers if required and a form that needs to be completed and returned to Ms Watson by the latest 13th June. There are paper copies of this form available outside of Ms Watson's office if you prefer to complete it by hand. It has been pleasing to see some of you handing these back in or coming to ask questions about it already.

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.

Key websites to search for/find out about apprenticeship opportunities

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/apprenticeships?query=>

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>

[Prospects | Job & Course Search | Career & University Advice](#)

Free Parent webinar

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

Tuesday 11th March 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- ✓ Prioritising your child's high-impact work to maximise marks
- ✓ Improving your child's time management to avoid last-minute preparation
- ✓ Helping your child study effectively using past papers

Join WWF and special guests to explore a number of different careers and their links to sustainability

During National Careers Week (3rd - 8th March 2025) WWF are hosting five free webinars with guests including TV presenter and architect Kevin McCloud, scientist and filmmaker Lizzie Daly, TV Pharmacist Thorrun Govind and a variety of WWF staff.

Students will learn more about different career journeys, how our guests started out and what inspired them, what they do now and how they play their part in creating a sustainable future.

[Learn more here](#)

Medic mentor – new work experiences sessions available

We've had the pleasure of engaging with many students interested in exploring medicine and dentistry through our Get Into Conferences. Work experience is a crucial aspect of a student's journey into a medical career. Not only is it beneficial to observe doctors or dentists in action, but what sets someone apart is truly understanding their roles, decision-making processes, and the dynamics of working within a multidisciplinary team.

I'm excited to share that the new rotation of our Virtual Work Experience (WEX) is now available. This month, your students have the opportunity to delve into Obstetrics & Gynaecology or Paediatric & Dental Surgery, gaining invaluable insights into these specialised fields. The medical programme spans over 6 months, while the dental is 4 months, offering a wide range of specialties for them to explore.

More details can be found here:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

To ensure your students don't miss this fantastic opportunity, they need to attend our upcoming Get Into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry conference, granting them IMMEDIATE ACCESS to the Virtual Work Experience programmes.

Students and parents can register for free at these links:

Medical: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dental: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

If your students haven't attended a Get Into Conference, but would like to join the Virtual Work Experience, they can sign up for the next upcoming conferences on these dates:

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

- Saturday 8th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Sunday 23rd March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:

- Saturday 15th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Throughout these conferences, students will have the opportunity to interact directly with doctors, dentists, and medical and dental students. They'll gain critical information on deciding if a career in dentistry or medicine is for them and how to make a competitive application to study at university.

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

Medical Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dental Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to drop me an email education@medicmentorfamily.org or call our team on 01530 417299. Thank you for working with us to make a difference to your students

Business apprenticeships at EY

EY are open for applications to their 2025 apprenticeship opportunities! Do you know a young person who is ready to kick-start their career? Are they curious, analytical and could help businesses solve complex problems? An EY apprenticeship could be for them!

Who are EY?

EY is a professional services organisation that helps companies make better business, finance, and technology decisions. They're a group of over 365,000 talented people spanning the globe in more than 150 countries.

What is an apprenticeship at EY?

Joining in either Assurance, Strategy and Transactions or Tax at EY, our apprenticeships are a great way to get on-the-job experience and develop skills for life. By the end of the four-year paid programme, they'll have gained an industry-recognised qualification, a host of transferable skills, lots of practical experience and a network of coaches and mentors to help them continue to progress within EY.

Why choose an EY Business Apprenticeship?

Across four years they will do the same qualifications as EY graduates. They could even progress faster than any university-going peers!

EY give their apprentices the knowledge, skills, and opportunity to progress their careers while receiving dedicated support every step of the way. For more insight into life at EY, why not find or [ask a question](#) about EY's current employees?

[Please share the link with your students here.](#)

A promotional graphic for Essex Police apprenticeships. The background is a dark blue image of several police officers in uniform, some in the foreground and others in the background. In the top left corner, the Essex County Council logo is displayed next to the text 'Sustainable Growth'. The main text in the center reads 'Are you a Year 13 leaver considering applying to Essex Police?'. Below this, it says 'Join their informative session for tips from an experienced officer to make your application stand out!'. A white rounded rectangle contains the date and time: '19 March 2025 6.30pm to 7.15pm'. In the bottom right corner, the text 'The Apprenticeship Hub' is written in white.

Are you a Year 13 leaver considering applying to Essex Police?

If so, don't miss our Police Application session, led by an experienced Police Officer who knows exactly what it takes to make your application stand out.

Join this event for a step-by-step breakdown of the Police application process and tips on standing out in your interview and assessment.

[Register here](#) or find out more by contacting: apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk

Pathways to Property

Have you got any Yr12 students that want to know more about careers in Real Estate (which is so much more than estate agency!)? Are they unsure of whether to go to University or do an apprenticeship? If so then please encourage them to apply for our fully funded 4 day residential at Henley Business School on 8th – 11th July: applications close in just 4 week's time – Sunday 20th April.

An opportunity for Year 12 students to attend a four day, fully funded Summer School at the University of Reading to learn about a career in property.

Every day we are influenced by the built environment around us – shops, offices, industrial buildings, houses and the surrounding countryside all have an impact on the way we live. Did you ever wonder how these properties are developed, whether the buildings going up in our cities are sustainable or how much they are worth? The Pathways to Property Summer School allows students the chance to explore the property industry in more depth. With such a huge variety of roles, from a building surveyor or town planner to a sustainability consultant or financial analyst, there is a role to suit any skillset or personality.

Date: 8th -11th July 2025

Venue: University of Reading

Who: Year 12 students from state schools/colleges considering a career in property – either through University or through an apprenticeship

Cost: Nothing! All food, accommodation and travel costs are covered

During the Summer School:

- Learn about the industry and the careers available
Meet current undergrads and apprentices as well as those who have just joined the industry
Attend taster lectures
Get involved in a group project and debate
Go on a site visit
Meet new people and learn how to network
Experience life on a University campus
Have fun!

How to Apply: Applications close on 20th April. Visit the website to apply at - [P2P Summer School 2025 | Henley Live](#)

At the end of the week, if students are keen to learn more about property they can complete a funded work experience placement over October half term, have access to our e-mentoring programme, and if they choose to apply to study Real Estate and Planning at any UK University they can apply for a bursary up to £30,000 over three years. In addition students that apply to study Real Estate at Reading University will be guaranteed a conditional contextual offer and be given a welcome bursary on enrolment.

'For me, the Summer School was the first step into a career in the property industry' Bradley, Summer School participant & graduate surveyor at British Land.

If you would like further information then please visit our [website](#) or email us at: pathways2property@henley.ac.uk

ARU Yr 12 Summer Residential Programme

ARU Chelmsford and Cambridge Campus' are running a Yr 12 Summer Residential Programme for those interested in studying Character Design, Business, Law & Medicine. Worth publishing to students and parents via email and school website. Students self apply via the link on the website:

<https://www.aru.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/amplify-your-summer>

Premed – careers in medicine work experience

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

1. In-Person Medical Work Experience Course

- When: July & August 2025 (Summer Holidays)
- Where: London Hospitals (Accommodation & Meals Provided)
- Who: Students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine
- What: In person work experience including visits to NHS Hospitals, care homes and medical schools.
- How: Students can view all details of the course [here](#)

2. Weekly Online Medical Course

- When: Every Monday evening at 7.30pm in March 2025 and April 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](#)

3. Surgery Work Experience Day Live

- When: Saturday 8th March 2025 from 11am-1pm GMT
- Where: Online
- Who: Students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine
- What: Led by NHS doctors, our interactive surgery course is designed to give students aged between 14-18 a meaningful insight into careers in medicine and surgery.
- How: Students can view all details of the course [here](#)

All 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.

Explore career options in finance

Finance professionals are everywhere. They help music labels manage global tours, work with sustainability teams to drive climate action, and make sure sports teams can afford their next big signing. And the best part? There's more than one way in. With ACCA, students can start their journey through apprenticeships, T Levels, or our globally recognised qualification—without needing a degree.

[Find out why accountancy is a great career choice](#)

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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