



Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 21st March 2025

Dear BSF Students,

It has been another busy week in the sixth form, and I know many of you are facing assessments in many subjects, coursework deadlines and EPQ presentations on top of lessons and general revision. I appreciate it can get difficult as we approach the last couple of weeks of a term. Keep going, keep doing the little things each day that can make a difference and do come and speak to someone if you need any support. There are quite a few notices this week so please do take the time to read through.

Notices

Year 12 Opportunities

A reminder that the deadline for Head prefect applications is Thursday 27th March. Please give a written letter or email to Mrs Howells. Interviews will take place on Thursday 3rd April.

EPQ – The EPQ is a research based project which is worth half of an A Level, it is graded on an A*-E and does acquire UCAS points. All students will have been given a form today and had the chance to consider what you would do an EPQ project on. If you are interested in furthering this into a qualification, please complete the form in as much detail as possible.

This qualification does require a number of taught lessons which will take place on a Wednesday period 5. The first session will be on Wednesday 30th April. I will be happy to meet any students prior to this to answer questions or give advice on potential topic areas.

MUN Conference

The year 12 tutors have spoken highly of the presentations of many groups as they were shared in tutor groups over this week. I am looking forward to seeing these on Tuesday, and seeing how the voting goes.

Year 13 – Student finance

Molly from the university of Suffolk came in on Tuesday to talk about student finance. She gave some good tips on budgeting and spoke through the differences between a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan and also how repayment of loans will work.

I have the slides that were shared if any students wish to come and ask more questions. Below is the link to the loan calculator and also to the link for completing the student finance application form.

Student finance form:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance?step-by-step-nav=18045f76-ac04-41b7-b147-5687d8fbb64a>

[Student finance calculator - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Easter revision sessions

Monday 7th	Business 9am -12pm	
Tuesday 8th	Economics 9am -12pm	Art 10am-2pm
Wednesday 9th	Sociology 10am-12pm	
Thursday 10th	Psychology - research methods 9am-2pm (x2)	
Friday 11th	Psychology - research methods 9am-2pm (x2)	

If any more are added I will update this next week.

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 has been emailed to you and is on display outside Ms Watson's office.

All students are expected to be in for 8.40am and lessons 1 and 2 will run if you are not in an exam. If you do not have an afternoon exam you may sign out after period 2 if you wish to. All facilities onsite are available for study/revision throughout the whole week.

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

Please return your forms to Ms Watson as soon as possible.

Year 13 Leavers' event

This year the year 13 Leavers' event is taking place at Little Channels on Wednesday 25th June 2024. All year 13 students are welcome and can still pay for your ticket via parent pay. Full payment is due by Friday 16th May.

Side gate

A reminder that all students should be using the small green side gate to enter the school site and then coming into the Sixth Form via the student entrance. Students should **not** be going through the main reception area. The side gate is open until 9.15am each morning. On a Wednesday the gate is open again from 11am.

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](#)

Live Parent Webinar: How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

Tuesday 25th March 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

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

- Helping your child prepare in the week before an exam
- Establishing a good routine for your child the night before

Helping your child to optimise their exam performance

[Click here to register for free](#)

Career days for students

There are new dates for our online Career Days, which provide students with the chance to learn about different careers, receive advice on subject choices, and discover how to apply to university. Each session includes work experience in the afternoon, allowing students to get a feel for the day-to-day aspects of their chosen career. At the end of the day, students will receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

The upcoming Career Days are as follows:

Medicine Career Day - Saturday 22nd March 2025

Dentistry Career Day - Sunday 23rd March 2025

Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 5th April 2025

Psychology Career Day - Saturday 19th April 2025

Architect Career Day - Saturday 26th April 2025

Law Career Day - Saturday 3rd May 2025

Vet Career Day - Saturday 10th May 2025

Business Career Day - Saturday 12th May 2025

Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 24th May 2025

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 31st May 2025

Performing Arts Career Day - Sunday 26th October 2025

Students aged 13-18 can register for any of the above sessions by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk/career-choices-day.

Career choices day

Are you a student feeling uncertain about which career path to take? Or perhaps you have many ideas but aren't sure how to choose the right one? We're hosting a free online event called Career Choices Day on Sunday, 6th April.

During this session, students aged 13-18 can receive practical advice on how to identify career options that match their interests and strengths. Just visit www.careerdays.co.uk/career-choices-day to register for the free session.

Into Film – careers in the screen industry

Into Film, the UK's leading charity for film in education, has launched a [FREE Parent and Carer Guide to Careers in the Screen Industries](#), providing valuable insights into the sector and offering practical advice on how to support and encourage their journey.

Into Film is helping parents and carers support young people in exploring exciting careers in film, TV, VFX, animation and games. Whether a young person is passionate about storytelling, STEM subjects, or problem-solving, there's a path for them in this dynamic industry!

NHS national work experience applications open

Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work experience programme have now reopened for spring! This programme has supported over 30,000 secondary school students to obtain free work experiences last year. Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing, backed by the Health Education England Discovery report on the impact of virtual work placements.

This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic Mentor, and it is completely free. Not only is this a reliable alternative to in-person shadowing, but it also plays a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements with structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals. The opportunity is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above.

To ensure your students don't miss this fantastic opportunity to gain valuable work experience, 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:

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

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

- Sunday 30th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Register here: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrGJUAtigzZzDwTN>

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

- Sunday 6th April from 10:30am - 4:30pm

Register here: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shr1YAbWctfkXarfQ>

Crafted in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this thoughtfully curated 6-month medical and 4-month dental programme provides a unique glimpse into the medical and dental fields. The E-learning format enables students to fulfil their placements at their own pace, covering ethics, procedures, broader team roles, and fostering direct dialogues with doctors and dentists. This virtual experience creates a strong foundation for students' future careers, not only enhancing their UCAS applications but also strategically preparing them for practical work experience opportunities.

Students can learn more about our Virtual Work Experience

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

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

- Comprehensive Insights: The programme covers a range of specialities, providing a holistic understanding of medical and dental practices. Each month, a new focus area is introduced, allowing participants to delve into different aspects of the field.

- Flexible Participation: Tailored for students from years 10-13/S3-S6/NI10-14, the programme accommodates various schedules by being virtual. Participants have one month to complete each specialty, ensuring flexibility and ease of participation.

- Recognised Certification: Upon successful completion of all specialities, students will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB, validating their active participation to include in their UCAS and apprenticeships applications.

This month's spotlight is on Obs & Gynaecology or Paediatric & Dental Surgery. It's a chance to get a firsthand look into the inner workings of the medical and dental fields, helping your students shape their career aspirations in their chosen path.

Students can sign up for the upcoming Get Into Conferences and unlock access to our Virtual Work Experience Programme here:

Get Into Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrGJUAtigzZzDwTN>

Get Into Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shr1YAbWctfkXarfQ>

We are eager to welcome your students to our free work experience programme and support them in their journey toward a fulfilling career in medicine or dentistry

Easter Revision Crash Courses – Science and Maths

Study Mind is delighted to announce our Easter Revision Crash Courses are now available for your students.

Our Easter Revision classes are led by expert-tutors in which students can gain intensive, effective and interactive GCSE and A-level exam preparation. Every session includes:

- In-depth revision of the most commonly asked exam questions for their chosen subject
- A live workshop with an expert tutor in their field
- Access to a library of past revision recordings
- Practise questions and past papers

Revision techniques and methods for success

[Study Mind's Easter Revision Course](#) – register now

Applications for LSE's Widening Participation Programmes for students in Year 12 (or equivalent).

[The London School of Economics and Political Science](#) is offering your students the chance to gain firsthand university experience with their exciting Widening Participation Programmes.

Virtual work experience – Environmental Agency

We're excited to introduce a brand-new Virtual Work Experience (VWEX) with the Environment Agency, giving students an opportunity to explore careers in environmental protection, sustainability, and flood risk management – all from the classroom or home.

Why Should Your Students Join?

Learn about the Environment Agency's role in *protecting* communities and wildlife.

- ✓ Explore *flood and coastal risk management* and sustainability challenges.
- ✓ Discover career pathways in *environmental science* and *engineering*.
- ✓ Gain transferable skills through interactive *content* and *quizzes*.
- ✓ Earn a *certificate* of completion to boost university and job applications.

- Students aged 13+

Self-paced learning – Over 6 hours of content

Medic mentor – new work experiences sessions available

[Sign Up | Springpod](#)

Swansea University – STEMM summer school

[Year 12 STEMM Summer School](#) – 6-9th July

We are excited to offer our annual on-campus Summer School, giving your students, study and practical opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics (STEMM).

Our three-day residential programme costs £175 per person* and gives students the opportunity to explore various STEMM courses. They will stay on a real university campus and gain valuable insights to help them decide if a STEMM degree is for them.

Your students will:

- Enhance their knowledge and skills by attending a range of subject talks and taster sessions
- Gain experience by attending workshops led by world-leading academics
- Gain insights from current students and recent applicants
- Gain skills which will allow them to stand out from their peers as it will strengthen their personal statement and UCAS application

The closing date is 11 April 2025.

**(This price includes accommodation, all activities and all meals throughout the stay.*

Financial assistance may be available).

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>

Have a good weekend



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