



**Weekly Student Bulletin  
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

Well done for surviving the penultimate week of term. I have often found that students and many staff members find this week of any term one of the most challenging, and as sixth form students this time of year leading up to the Easter break and the exam season can add additional pressures. Year 13 students will face your final mock exams next week and then it will be the turn of year 12 students directly on your return. We can sense the shift in atmosphere and see the hard work going on around us on a daily basis. Do remember your teachers, tutors and the sixth form pastoral team are always here to support you.

**Notices**

**Year 12 Prefects**

It has been amazing to see the number of applications that have come in for the role of Head Prefect, and the quality of the letters. We will be in contact early next week with all applicants regarding the next steps.

**MUN Conference**

This week on Tuesday was the Model United Nations conference which involved all year 12 students. This was a fantastic event, and I was very proud of all the work put into this. A huge well done and thank you to all the students that stood up to present their resolution, there were some well thought through ideas and some excellent presentation skills on display. You all got into the spirit of the event and engaged well in all the discussions. I would also like to say a big thank you to the team of students who chaired the whole event.

**Library notice – Chess tournament**

It has been suggested that we hold a Chess tournament for 6th form students. The matches would take place at lunchtime. If you would be interested in taking part, please tick the sheet on the library desk so we can get an idea of numbers. We will review this suggestion after the Easter break.

**Year 13 – Student finance**

A reminder to year 13 students to complete the student finance 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)

### **Year 13 – Study leave and Easter revision sessions**

A letter has been sent home to parents/carers regarding the below details.

In the last weeks before exams, we will continue to deliver taught revision lessons until the last examination has taken place in each subject. However, we appreciate that some students may prefer to revise at home, and we realise that many thrive in doing so.

Therefore, students will be given the opportunity to start **study leave on Monday 12 May**. There will be a **leavers assembly** the week before this date during the usual period one assembly slot on **Tuesday 6th May** for all year 13 students.

Individual students will be contacted before this date to discuss alternative study plans if there are concerns and/or all certain criteria has not been met.

Subject teachers will ask some individual students to continue attending lessons/masterclasses within their subject and students should make arrangements to attend these unless there is an exam clash.

Where a subject does not have a final exam, the date for not needing to attend this subject anymore will be dependent on the teacher clearing a student as completing all the relevant coursework. Students will need to collect a form from Mrs Watson, have it signed by their subject teacher and return it to Ms Brewis-Shephard or Mrs Howells.

Some students may prefer to continue to attend all or some of their lessons. If they would prefer to continue to attend lessons, they can do this, but we ask that they contact their teaching staff to inform them, so that teachers know who to expect and can plan accordingly.

Students can also continue to use school facilities during study leave if they wish to and can of course still contact teachers for support. As we need to know who is on site for safeguarding reasons, it is important that students **sign in and out** if they are in to study or attend lessons.

#### **Easter revision sessions – Year 13 students**

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

#### **Year 13 final mock exams**

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 – 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Year 12 work experience week – 30<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July** -Please return your forms to Ms Watson as soon as possible.

**Year 13 Leavers' event – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.** All year 13 students are welcome and can still pay for your ticket via parent pay. Full payment is due by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

## **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](#)**

**The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships useful and informative – please share [the link to the guide](#) with your students, their parents, and colleagues.**

## **Students guide to University – Uni taster days**

Perfect for students thinking about university and including insights from 65+ university experts, the [Students' Guide to University](#) was released this month. It covers the new UCAS personal statement, information on the first tuition fee rise since 2017, and researching universities during a cost-of-living crisis. Plus, student finance tips from Martin Lewis. Please share the link with students too!

We're here to support your students with university resources too! This includes a university podcast, a platform showcasing universities offering financial support for events, a university event search tool and a video library to explore university subjects. Please share these resources with the students you support, they're all available through the button below.

**<https://www.unitasterdays.com/support-for-students/>**

## **Interested in studying a NHS-funded course at Swansea University?**

Join Us!

### **Finance Webinar for NHS-Funded Programmes**

**Tuesday 8 April 16:00**

Join our Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Science Bursary Team to explore finance and funding to get your questions answered!

Our knowledgeable panel will discuss the opportunities available through the NHS Wales Bursary Scheme, as well as travel and accommodation information for clinical placements.

**[https://swanseauniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hbRzpmIHTFuS0zKS7Og\\_VQ?fbclid=IwY2xjawJBHTVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHRm12d5UIPCWZJx\\_ljzDsoVlq-b75ypHrkMbhqmJd519EsARtKX2laPb-w\\_aem\\_S\\_GxG8InzzPIUOj0GGDEoQ#/registration](https://swanseauniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hbRzpmIHTFuS0zKS7Og_VQ?fbclid=IwY2xjawJBHTVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHRm12d5UIPCWZJx_ljzDsoVlq-b75ypHrkMbhqmJd519EsARtKX2laPb-w_aem_S_GxG8InzzPIUOj0GGDEoQ#/registration)**

## **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:

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](http://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](http://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 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](#) – 6-9<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>1</sup> 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



Ms A Brewis-Shephard  
Deputy Head of Sixth Form