



**Weekly Student Bulletin  
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

You have made it to the end of another term, and this has been another successful term in the Sixth Form for many different reasons. I hope you can take the time to reflect on everything you have done and all the achievements you have made, from the very small daily achievements to many bigger accomplishments, both inside and outside of the Sixth Form.

This Easter break will be an important one for both year 13 and year 12 students in terms of revision; Year 12's will return to a week of progression exams and revision for year 13 students should be well underway as you are now less than two months away from exams starting. However, it is also important to maintain a balance and look after yourself. Try to vary your revision activities so that you stay interested in it. Staff are looking forward to welcoming many of you into the Sixth Form for revision sessions over the Easter break.

### **Notices**

#### **Year 12 Prefects**

Well done to all the students that interviewed with Mrs Howells and I over the last two days for the Head Prefect position. There were some challenging questions, and all the students were excellent. More information regarding appointments and the extended prefect team will be shared after Easter.

#### **Year 12 key messages**

In assembly this week I shared a number of messages regarding completing the form regarding a possible social trip, feedback from the student voice regarding the outside area which will be cleared over Easter, exam week reminders and academic reading books. The main theme was around the use of phones in schools. This adds onto the key messages and themes being covered during tutor time. Please remember that your tutors share a summary of this plus any key links/documents on your tutor team page. They add a weekly update – do make sure you are checking these. Next half term is the start of information regarding university applications and progressions, you will also look at information regarding relationships.

#### **Library notice – Easter hunt**

Thank you to Claire in the library for organising a hunt of tokens around the library over the last two days, which could be exchanged for an Easter treat. I hope you found this enjoyable.

#### **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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

### Easter revision sessions – Year 13 students

Monday 7th	Business - 9am -12pm
Monday 7th	History - 11am-2pm
Tuesday 8th	Economics - 9am -12pm
Tuesday 8th	Art - 10am-2pm
Wednesday 9th	Sociology - 10am-12pm
Wednesday 9th	Product design – 9am – 3pm
Wednesday 9th	Law - 9am – 11am
Thursday 10th	Psychology - research methods 9am-2pm
Friday 11th	Psychology - research methods 9am-2pm

### Key dates:

**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.*

**Mid and South Essex Health & Care Academy** are holding two recruitment events this academic year for Year 13 students coming to the end of their post 16 programmes who are interested in finding entry roles within the NHS or Social Care for their next steps.

The recruitment events will be held at our Integrated Care System Training and Education Facilities at Brentwood Community Hospital, Crescent Drive, Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8DR on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 between 10am and 4pm.

Students attending can meet local NHS and Social Care recruitment teams, explore opportunities, find out about apprenticeship pathways and ask any questions they may have about careers in the sector. The recruitment teams attending will also be interviewing on the day for entry roles they have available at the moment and successful students could leave with a job offer at the end of the day.

Please share the attached poster with your young people and encourage them to register to attend using the QR codes.



### ⚡ **Energus: nuclear restoration services apprenticeships**

Build a career in the growing nuclear sector with hundreds of opportunities in the UK and beyond. A range of apprenticeships from Level 2- Level 6 are open offering the chance to learn on the job, supported by industry professionals all whilst gaining professional qualifications. Roles are available across the UK and students must be 18 years old. [Apply by 25 April](#)

### **SpringPod - AAT**

I wanted to let you know that two brand-new opportunities with **AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)** have just landed on **Springpod** — and you're getting early access before they go live to everyone else.

These are designed to help students explore careers in accounting and finance through interactive, skill-building experiences — perfect for introducing them to real-world opportunities in business and bookkeeping.

#### **AAT Virtual Work Experience**

Give your students a chance to step into the world of professional **accounting and finance**.

They'll:

- ✓ Explore diverse career paths in **accounting & bookkeeping**
- ✓ Hear from industry experts through **Springpod Sessions**
- ✓ Complete interactive quizzes and activities
- ✓ Earn a **certificate** of completion

- **6+ hours of self-paced content** | **Open to students aged 13+**

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/aat-virtual-work-experience/WEXP-00447?queryID=171c691e7961e28713d39819156a6e64&pos=1&fromUrl=%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Daat>

#### **Bookkeeping Sprint with AAT**

This short course puts students in the shoes of an Accounts Assistant at a fictional company.

They'll:

- ✓ Complete a real-world task – creating an invoice with all the key financial elements
- ✓ Learn from a mentor (AAT bookkeeper & tutor) via short videos

✓ Compare their work to a model answer and build key skills in accuracy and attention to detail- Fast, focused and practical – ideal for students curious about business

<https://www.springpod.com/work-experience-sprints/bookkeeping-with-aat/WEXS-00446>

### **A university application programme for students from disadvantaged backgrounds**

[Keystone](#)'s University Programme supports high-achieving UK state school students from disadvantaged backgrounds who may lack the guidance and resources needed to gain admission to and thrive at the UK's most competitive universities, including Oxbridge.

Designed for Year 12 students aspiring to study English, History, or Maths, the fully funded programme offers tailored guidance and academic support.

[> Watch this short video to find out more](#)

[> Check if your students are eligible](#)

### **Pathways to Property**

Applications for our Real Estate summer residential are closing at the end of the Easter holidays on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April so please remind your students to apply on this the last week of term.

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 (the last day of the Easter holidays). 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.

### **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/>

### **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.

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

[The London School of Economics and Political Science](http://www.lse.ac.uk/WideningParticipation) is offering your students the chance to gain firsthand university experience with their exciting Widening Participation Programmes.

Have a good weekend



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