



**Weekly Student Bulletin
for Notley High School Sixth Form Students
Friday 13th June 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

It has been another busy week in the Sixth Form this week with a few year 13 exams taking place and all year 12 students out on the UCAS trips.

I hope you collected some useful information this week, but don't worry if you still have questions as this is the focus for personal development time this term. It is important to carry out research into all your options, and we strongly encourage if you are considering university to make an application and go through the process with the support of the Sixth Form.

All year 12 students who attended the trips, including the EPQ trip which took place to Essex University last Friday were a credit to the Sixth Form.



Notices

UCAS Parent evening talk

There will be a talk held for parents on Monday 16th June at 5.30-6.30pm in the theatre. This will include a presentation about the UCAS process and other key information around applying to universities. In addition, we will touch on apprenticeships and other options and there will be the opportunity to ask any questions following the talk.

University open days

Please let Ms Watson know if you have any university open days booked. The open days will be authorised if you can provide a booking confirmation email.

Leavers' Event

Just a reminder to Year 13 about the arrangements for your Leaver's Event. The event is being held at Little Channels (There is a separate venue called Channels as well) – address is: The Waltham Barn at Little Channels, Pratts Farm Lane West, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex, **CM3 3PR.**

Arrival will be from **7pm** and the event will end at 12am. There is a car park outside which you can be dropped off right outside the venue and then you will walk through into the courtyard. There is not a driveway that pulls up outside the venue. The buffet will be served from 8pm. Please make sure you **have ID** with you to purchase drinks from the bar. We are really looking forward to celebrating with you all on this evening.

Wednesday 2nd July – Induction day

This will be our Induction Day for the new Year 12s. There will be no sixth form lessons, but support from prefects and subject ambassadors will be welcomed to help the event run smoothly and help us present a friendly face to our new students. For the rest of you, this will be a chance to do some research about your post BSF options and make a start on your personal statements. If you have not logged any activities on Unifrog for enrichment, you will be expected to attend the Sixth Form where you will be provided support with Unifrog and set up with a course to complete.

End of term BBQ

All students should have received an invitation to attend the end of term BBQ. It will take place on Wednesday 16th July starting at 1.30pm. The prefect team will be discussing any additional ideas over the next couple of weeks.

Work experience week

A reminder that work experience week is 30th June- 4th July All forms must be with Ms Watson as soon as possible.

We need to have a form completed for you to be able to attend work experience during this week. If you have any questions around the nature of this week e.g. virtual work experience or other types please come and speak to Ms Watson or me.

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.

Find a university open day

<https://www.opendays.com/>

<https://www.whatuni.com/open-days/>

Free online session - Think you know apprenticeships? Think again

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-apprenticeships-as-a-parent-tickets-1410317871719?aff=oddtcreator>

Once seen as a route for those stepping away from academic study, apprenticeships have evolved. Today, they offer over 700 career options, from traditional trades to high-level roles like doctors, pilots, lawyers and vets.

Young people can start their career at 16, earn while they learn, and progress all the way to a degree, without university debt.

Join Claire Mackaness from ASK Apprenticeships for this FREE online session and discover how you can support your child in exploring apprenticeships as a high-quality alternative to full-time education after 16.

What we'll be covering:

- ☒ Apprenticeships and what they are
- ☒ Roles and levels - what apprenticeship options are available
- ☒ How to search and apply for apprenticeships
- ☒ Useful website, guide and resources

Open to Essex-based parents and carers.

Elevate – Free Parent Webinar

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

Tuesday 17th June 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- ☒ How you can identify early signs of stress in your child
- ☒ Practical techniques to help your child manage their stress levels
- ☒ How you can maintain a dialogue with your child about their mental wellbeing

Medical – New virtual work experience opportunities

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 Palliative Care, gaining invaluable insights into these specialised fields. The medical programme spans 6 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 conference, granting them IMMEDIATE ACCESS to the Virtual Work Experience programmes.

Students and parents can register for free

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

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:

- Sunday 22nd June from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Throughout these conferences, students will have the opportunity to interact directly with doctors and medical students. They'll gain critical information on deciding if a career in 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>

Accelerate: free architecture course for 16-18 year olds

[Accelerate](#) is a free course for sixth form or college students from under-represented groups interested in careers in the built environment (architecture, engineering, planning, or landscape architecture).

Running from October 2025 to May 2026, it includes 10 Saturday workshops at top universities, site visits, peer learning, mentoring, portfolio and university application guidance, and an optional Arts Gold Award worth 16 UCAS points.

Hosted by Open City and five leading universities, Accelerate boosts diversity and supports strong university applications. Share [this link](#) with students to apply before 15th September.

For more information, contact [Sirraaj](#).

[Accelerate 2025/26 Student Application Form](#)

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](#)

Have a good weekend



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