



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Dear BSF Students,

This week has seen the start of the exam season and many year 12 and 13 students have had an exam this week. There is a different feel around the building, which comes from a mix of different emotions, and personally I think it is great to see the level of subject level conversation taking place daily between students and with staff in preparation for exams and following them.

### **Notices**

#### **Enrichment and Unifrog**

Please make sure that you are logging all your enrichment and additional activities onto Unifrog. Once you are logged in scroll down the page to the section titled 'What you've done' here you will see a box called 'Activities' next click on the button 'Add activity' and complete the boxes.

A reminder that all students should be doing an enrichment activity. If you have not selected to do an EPQ, you should be carrying out another activity or looking to complete an online course. You could search unifrog or FutureLearn for a MOOC.

#### **Work experience week**

A reminder that work experience week is 30<sup>th</sup> June- 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Higher Education Fair – trip for year 12 students**

A letter has been sent out to all year 12 students with information about a trip to a higher education exhibition. This year we will be attending the event at ARU Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Essex University on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The trip is for all students in year 12. Thank you to those students who have returned slips already.

#### **Year 12 Parents/Carers evening**

Parents evening for year 12 students and parents/carers is taking place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June if you have any questions regarding this please email [caroline.watson@braintreesixthform.com](mailto:caroline.watson@braintreesixthform.com)

#### **Dress Code**

The dress code for sixth form is 'Modest, professional and appropriate'. As the weather is getting warmer, we would like to specifically remind you that this means no midriffs should be showing and skirts and shorts need to be a suitable length. More information will follow in assemblies and there will be further communication home if required.

### **Important reminders for year 12 students:**

- Remember to check your tutor group teams page each week as your tutors add key messages there on the tutor time and personal development information covered that week.
- Remember to log all activities you complete on Unifrog.

### **Key dates:**

**Year 12 reports home** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Year 12 Parents evening** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 12 Higher Education trips** – ARU on 10<sup>th</sup> June, Essex Uni on 12<sup>th</sup> June

**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.

### **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.*

### **Free Parent Webinar – Elevate Education**

#### **How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**

**Tuesday 20th May 6:00-7:00pm (BST)**

[Click here to register for free](#)

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

- ✓ Understanding how your child's memory works
- ✓ Optimising your child's environment for memorisation
- ✓ 3 practical memory techniques to use with your child this term

🌟📣 **We are hiring!** 📣🌟

#### **Office Junior - Braintree, Essex**

👤👤 We're on the hunt for an enthusiastic and self-motivated Office Junior/Apprentice to join our growing admin team in Braintree, Essex.

🤔 What's in it for you?

- A fantastic starting position with opportunities to grow as our team expands.
- Hands-on experience across various areas of the business, including project support and coordinating engineering teams.
- The chance to complete an apprenticeship with a local college.

👉 What you'll be doing:

- Supporting our admin team with day-to-day tasks like managing stock, deliveries, and equipment.
- Contributing to the smooth running of the office space.
- Learning how to use industry tools like SimPro to track and close jobs.
- Assisting with orders, documentation, and ensuring smooth project coordination.
- Representing RDS with a positive, can-do attitude in all forms of communication.

👁️ What we're looking for:

- The role is perfect for secondary school or college graduates
- A motivated individual eager to develop their skills in an admin role.
- Someone organised, detail-oriented, and a clear communicator.
- A team player with a great attitude and a willingness to learn.

🌐 Location Braintree, Essex , CM7 3QS (Office-based).

Drop us a message if you have any questions, or send your CV to [kim.stockdale@rdsfireandsecurity.co.uk](mailto:kim.stockdale@rdsfireandsecurity.co.uk)

### **Cambridge University Open days - 10 and 11 July**

With the UK summer approaching, it's a good time for students to begin thinking about our July Open Days.

Open Days are a great opportunity for your students to get a feel for the University and to visit our Colleges, departments, and facilities.

### **MedicMentor – Free Live Virtual conferences – Doctors and Dentists**

Students who attended our Free Get Into Conferences have been awarded certificates, spoken to doctors and medical students, and now have access to a variety of free programmes, such as our Virtual Work Experience Programmes, which has been expertly developed in partnership with University Hospitals Birmingham Trust.

If you feel that there may be more students in years 9-12 / S2-S5 / NI10-NI13 year groups that are yet to attend, please kindly direct them to the Free Get into Conferences. These events are led by expert Chief Mentors who specialise in medical and dental UCAS applications, providing comprehensive guidance on choosing the correct university, how to write their personal statements, UCAT exam preparation, extracurricular activities, scholarships and more.

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

Saturday 17th May from 9:30am - 3:30pm

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

Please note that parental attendance is required for safeguarding reasons and to ensure parents are also supported throughout the application process.

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

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

## 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:

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).

### 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.

Have a good weekend.



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