



Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 6th June 2025

Dear BSF Students,

I hope the half term break provided you with what you needed: some rest and recuperation, time with friends and family, time for yourself and some opportunity for revision and catch up on work, alongside everything else we know you are all balancing at this time.

Year 13 are now well into the exam period, and I know the relentless revision will be becoming tiring, but the end is in sight, keep going! And we are really looking forward to celebrating with you all at the leavers' event at the end of June.

Year 12 should be settling back into the new half term with lessons, tutor periods and independent study sessions. The focus for this half term through the tutor period is predominantly on support with progression routes post Sixth Form. There is also a focus on attendance and reflection on mock exam results.

Notices

Year 13 – Information collection form

A letter regarding results day and next steps will be sent to all year 13 students and parents shortly. This will also contain a forms link which will allow us to collect information ahead of results day and it is important that all year 13s complete this.

Trip details for year 12 students next Tuesday and Thursday.

Please arrive to the Sixth form for 8.40am in time for the buses to depart. On return to the Sixth Form, you will be able to leave the site to go home, which on the Thursday will be approx. 1.30pm. It is advisable that you bring lunch with you for both days (Particularly Tuesday), however, there should be the opportunity to purchase food if required. The dress code is smart casual, which is in line with our dress code of professional, modest and appropriate, so please ensure you are dressed accordingly.

All students should have now downloaded your ticket ready for the event on Thursday. If you have not done this yet, please see the email I sent with instructions on how to do this.

New Year 12 Induction day – student support

We are looking for students who are able to support with the new year 12 induction day. We are looking for students to support with general running of the day, and also some year 12 students who would be willing to run mini enrichment sessions that students could attend when they do not have a taster lesson. Please do give your name to Mrs Howells or Ms Watson if you are able to help out.

UCAS Parent evening talk

There will be a talk held for parents on Monday 16th June at 5.30-6.30pm in the theatre. It will provide information about progression routes post sixth form, with a main focus on university applications. More details will follow in a letter on Monday.

Parents evening

Hopefully the parents evening on Thursday this week gave a good opportunity to speak with subject staff and you found this a useful and productive evening. If any students or parents/carers have any further questions or anything you wish to discuss following this evening please make contact with Caroline Watson in the first instance.

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.

Unifrog

All students need to log into your Unifrog account and select your subjects. You will be prompted to do this when you next log in. You need to select your subjects and staff members so they can add your subject references here. Do not forget to continue to log your activities on Unifrog as well.

Assembly - Assessment centre – Ask Apprenticeships

It was nice to be joined by Claire from Ask Apprenticeships this Tuesday, who came in to speak to year 12 students about assessment centres. There was a lot of information provided. Below are links and QR codes to some of the useful advice and websites.

<https://www.facebook.com/BTEarlyCareers/videos/our-tips-to-nail-the-assessment-centre/482409412472776/>

www.Apprenticeships.gov.uk

www.AmazingApprenticeships.com

Online practice tests

<https://www.psychometrictest.org.uk/>

<https://www.shl.com/shldirect/en/practice-tests/>

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.

Key dates:

Year 12 Higher Education trips – ARU on 10th June, Essex Uni on 12th June

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

Year 13 Leavers' event – Wednesday 25th 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.

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

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 [Siraaj](#).

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

Scruttonbland – work experience programme

Please see a link to information on Scrutton Bland's [Work Experience programme](#) to share with your students. The programme will take place in July & August across our Ipswich & Colchester offices and the information on how to apply for the programme is all on the website.

If you have any questions about careers at Scrutton Bland, please contact careers@scruttonbland.co.uk

Free get into medicine conference

The Free Virtual Get Into Medicine Conference provides a comprehensive overview of the application process, including the latest UCAT and Personal Statement updates for the 2026 entry. Dr. Kennedy and I will delve into each step of the medical application journey, covering areas like:

- UCAT Entrance Exam
- Exam techniques and sample questions from each UCAT section
- UCAT shortcuts and timeline

- Best UCAT preparation techniques
- Tactically choosing universities
- Reapplications into Medical School
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

This conference offers a fantastic opportunity for students in Years 10/S3 to 12/S5 who are considering a career in medicine. Attendees will gain valuable insights, practical preparation tips, and a certificate to enhance their UCAS applications, making it an experience not to be missed.

For more information on the conference, please visit: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-university-conference/>

Students must have a working camera, so that they can speak directly to doctors. Speaking to doctors is a compulsory requirement for applying to medical school, which can be discussed in their interviews. Students must also attend with a parent or guardian, so they are fully informed and can support more effectively during your students application, too.

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.

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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