



Weekly Student Bulletin for Notley High School Sixth Form Students Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear BSF Students,

This half term seems to be flying by very quickly, and it is always at this point that we really realise just how quickly time in the Sixth Form does go. Next week will be the final week of compulsory studies for the majority of year 13 students, the leavers assembly will take place for year 13 and then the following week the external exam season will begin. Some year 12 students are also experiencing the pressure of external exams, as many of you have or will be sitting very soon exams for BTEC Sport, Health and Social care and Criminology.

I hope that you are looking forward to the long weekend and make the most of your bank holiday Monday. Hopefully you are all working on maintaining a good balance between studying, revision, work, and time for yourself. Please do come and speak with your tutor or a member of the Sixth Form team if you need any support.

Notices

Leavers' assembly

On Tuesday 7th May (Period 1), we will be holding the final assembly for Year 13, and it would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. There will be some awards and the sharing of memories and then drinks and biscuits in the café.

There will be no assembly for year 12 students this week. This will be an additional study period. Please bring any required materials with you.

EPQ

Well done to the year 13 students who have completed and handed in their EPQ projects. It is now the time of year for the EPQ journey to begin with year 12 students. It was lovely to get this process started and for you all to begin thinking about your topic areas and starting to think about your questions.

Prefects

Congratulations to Oscar P and Nina M for being appointed as the Head prefects and to Matilda F and Abigail J for being appointed the Deputy Head prefects. All other applicants who interviewed were also really strong and will make up a team of senior prefects. We look forward to working with you all and also extending the prefect opportunities and involving as many students as possible in the student voice of the Sixth Form.

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.

Year 13 Leavers' event – Final payments

This year the year 13 Leavers' event is taking place at Little Channels on Wednesday 25th June 2024. All year 13 students are welcome and can still pay for your ticket via parent pay. Full payment is due by Friday 16th May.

Library News**Chess Tournament**

Following on from the suggestion last term to run a Sixth form chess tournament the sign-up sheet is on the desk in the library if anyone still wishes to register their interest. If there are not enough students for a tournament, we can run a lunchtime chess club instead. Please speak to Mrs Millbank in the library if you are interested in either of these ideas.

Book Returns

As we approach exam season for Year 13's please can you start to think about returning any library books, academic reading, or subject textbooks with which you have finished. Books can be returned to Mrs Millbank in the library, left in the blue box on the library desk or on the trolley by the main entrance doors to the library. It is important that you return any books belonging to the Sixth form, so students next year can use them. Please ensure all books are returned no later than your last exam. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Year 13 – Student finance

A reminder to year 13 students to complete the student finance form. The deadline for completing this is the **16th May**.

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)

Key dates:

Year 12 reports home – Wednesday 21st May

Year 12 Parents evening – Thursday 5th 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. All year 13 students are welcome and can still pay for your ticket via parent pay. Full payment is due by Friday 16th 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.

Vacancy - apprentice solicitor with Essex County Council

For any year 13 students who are keen on training to be a solicitor there is a vacancy with Essex County Council. Full details on the working for Essex website

- <https://workingforessex.com/apply/apprentice-solicitor-19373?source=workingforessex.com>

Closing date is 11th May 2025.

Career Opportunities in the NHS: Work Experience in Allied Healthcare

I wanted to remind you of the upcoming NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience session happening next Sunday 4th May. It's a fantastic opportunity for students in years 10/S3/NI11 through 13/S6/NI14 who are considering a career in healthcare.

At the beginning of the session, guests will interact with a distinguished guest speaker, Shelley Blane, offering a unique opportunity to gain insights from an experienced AHP professional. They will then explore the crucial elements of Road Traffic Collisions (RTC).

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Our guest speaker, Shelley Blane, a seasoned Therapeutic and Diagnostic Radiographer, will share their wealth of knowledge and insights, offering invaluable guidance to aspiring healthcare professionals. Following their talk, students will be guided through various allied health careers by exploring the journeys of two patients from initial presentation to full recovery. Students will gain invaluable perspectives on patient care dynamics and the collaborative efforts within the NHS, including exploring careers within:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the

Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

Sign up here:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Thank you for highlighting this opportunity to the next generation of NHS workers. I look forward to meeting your students at the next work experience day on Sunday 5th May

University of Cambridge – Masterclasses

What are Subject Masterclasses?

Masterclasses are either online or in-person.

Each Masterclass includes:

- Taster sessions delivered by our academic staff
- The opportunity to ask questions and engage with subject experts
- An introduction to the Cambridge admissions process
- Insights into life as a Cambridge student from current undergraduates

Sign up for our [student newsletter](#) to be notified when new events are added.

Who can attend?

Masterclasses are designed for students in Year 12 (S5 for Scotland, Year 13 for NI, international grade 10 or 11, or equivalent) and mature students.

UK and International students are welcome to attend.

In-person Subject Masterclasses

In-person masterclasses will resume at a later date. You'll be able to find details of sessions and how to book on this page when booking opens.

The in-person masterclasses usually take place at the [Sidgwick Site, Cambridge \(University map\)](#).

Booking is essential.

Online Subject Masterclasses

- Online sessions run from 4:15pm to 7:00pm (UK time).
- Sessions are delivered via Zoom.
- Booking is essential and closes the day before the event.
- Cost: £15.00. [Funded places](#) are available for eligible students.

Date	Masterclasses session
8 May	Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
13 May	Biochemistry and Genetics (part of our Natural Sciences course)
14 May	Land Economy
15 May	Foundation Year (eligibility criteria applies)

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.

Rate My Apprenticeship

Did you know 40% of students considering a legal career say the biggest barrier to applying for an apprenticeship is their lack of knowledge?*

That's why we've partnered with three leading law firms to launch [Your Future in Law](#): a competition designed to educate and inspire the next generation of legal professionals.

By taking part, students will:

- Learn about the different paths into law
- Get insights from Ashurst, Clyde & Co and Shoosmiths
- Build the confidence to take their first step
- Unlock exclusive job opportunities
- WIN a MacBook Air, £350 office outfit, mentorship opportunities and more!

So, what are you waiting for? Forward this email or share the link below, and set your students up for success today.

[Share Competition](#)

Free Parent Webinar – Elevate Education

Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)

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

[Click here to register for free](#)

If no questions spring to mind, why not ask your child whether they have any?

These prompts could be a good place to start:

- **Is there anything about exams you're worried about in particular?**
- **What would make you feel more supported in your studying?**
- **Do you have any questions about what you can expect over the coming months?**

A-Level Revision sessions – Biology and Chemistry (Linconshire training hub)

They will be held on Zoom between 6 and 7:30pm.

Tuesday 6th May: A-Level Biology – Liver, Kidney + The Heart.

Wednesday 7th May: Chemistry – Analysis Techniques.

These sessions are free, and will be first come first serve. Please fill in the provided form, and we will send across the log in information closer to the time.

Two individual sessions taught by current medical students and doctors to help prospective healthcare students reach the top grades. Each session includes revision tips, breaking down exam questions and topics recommended by previous feedback.

Tuesday 6th May: Biology – Liver, Kidney + The Heart: Learn about three of the body's organs, their function, how they can go wrong, and major marking points. Also including medicine links to the content, including common diseases, to help you remember the content more by applying it to real life.

Wednesday 7th May: Chemistry – Analysis Techniques: Including Infrared Spectroscopy, Mass Spectroscopy, Proton NMR, Carbon NMR and how to tackle those big mark questions at the end of the organic paper. Including links to how we use these techniques within medicine.

Sign-up link: <https://forms.gle/Se5W15Qrj4bKUZQTA>

If you have any questions, please contact ruth.pollock@nhs.net

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/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

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/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

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.

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:

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.

Have a good weekend.



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