



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 12 February 2021

Dear Students

We have had very positive feedback across the school about Wednesday's catch-up and enrichment day. I hope that you were able to make good use of the day and that this was supportive to you. It has been lovely to hear about things that students and staff alike have been doing outside of work and study during this lockdown. We have had students litter picking, sending in beautiful photography, completing 5k runs, undertaking online work experience, applying for summer schools, baking, carrying out activities to support the NHS and more. Well done to all of you and also to Mrs Brewis-Shephard who has been overcoming her fear of cooking (see birthday cake below) and Mr Bridgwater who has followed up his challenge of running every day in January with running 5/7 days a week in February.

It was great to be able to write to 143 students this week to congratulate them on 100% attendance this half term – what an achievement under the circumstances of school closure. You can be deservedly proud of yourselves.



Images from Mrs Brewis-Shephard, a student and my garden!

Assembly 23 February

We have an external speaker leading assembly in the week after half term, Mr Beezy. You can find more details about him [here](#). Tutors will share a link to the assembly via your tutor team in Teams.

Community Fundraising - care packages for NHS staff and care workers

Thank you for your generous donations and messages received to date, as a result of our community fundraising to thank NHS workers and care workers in our communities and show our appreciation for all they are doing. There is still time to contribute! We would like to ask that any donations and messages are received by Monday 22 February 2021.

A link for you to send any messages in and upload card designs is [here](#): We will not be using any surnames in the messages on cards

The eC-Card App

The eC-Card App gives free condoms to young people in Essex aged 16-24.

The scheme is accessed via an App downloadable from either Google Play or the App Store. Once downloaded users follow a simple seven step process. Young people wishing to use the app are required to review 3 short educational animated videos and then validate their understanding by completing a short quiz covering: Sex, consent and the law, Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and how to use a condom.

Once registered, users can then access details of all participating venues and complete the collection of condoms by attending the chosen venue and scanning a unique QR code issued to each venue. This records details of the transaction at the venue location.

App users are asked to provide their date of birth and home postcode during the registration process. This restricts registration to users to those between 16-24yrs of age and a resident of Essex (excluding Southend).

Events at The University of Hertfordshire

The university is running taster lectures and industry talks from leading experts as well as information sessions about university (including for parents/carers).

To find out more and book your place visit [here](#)

Enjoy your half-term and make sure that you take some time to have a proper break.

Yours faithfully



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