



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 9 July 2021

Dear Students

It's been an enormously busy week with so much going on in and around the sixth form, as well as what feels like a building sense of anticipation and excitement for the weekend's events ahead. As you will be aware, the national picture with Covid has seen case numbers steadily rising in recent weeks, and we can see that this is starting to have an impact on schools again. With just under two weeks now until the end of term, please can I remind you to continue to avoid large gatherings, wear face coverings and continue to socially distance for the time being, as well as ensuring you practise good hand hygiene and that rooms you are using are well-ventilated.

Volunteering Opportunity – Year 6 Summer School

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form is running a summer school for Year 6 students who will be joining us into Year 7. This takes place on site during w/c 26 July 2021 from 9.30am - 2.30pm each day. If you would like to volunteer to help and support with the summer school during the week, please contact Mr Taylor, Deputy Headteacher, by the end of the day on Wednesday 14 July. Volunteering will involve supporting staff in running sessions rather than supervising students directly. This would be particularly suitable for any students wishing to go into teaching or wanting to work with young people. Mr Taylor can be contacted via email: paul.taylor@notleyhigh.com.

End of Term Arrangements

The final Year 12 assembly of this year will be held on Tuesday 13 July during Period 1. Term ends on 21 July and timings are below:

08:40 – 09:10	Tutorials
09:10 – 09:50	Period 1 – normal lesson
09:50 – 10:30	Period 2 – normal lesson
10:30 – 11:00	Extended break
11:00 – 13:00	Private/independent study time including work on applications and personal statements, supported by tutors
13:00	End of term

Staying Safe at Festivals

As the summer holidays approach along with the prospect of lifting restrictions on 19 July, many students will be planning to go to festivals and enjoy the freedom of being in crowds and gathering together once more. It would be natural to feel anxious about this after such a long time, but no doubt exciting too. If you are intending to attend a festival, we encourage you to take the time to consider your plans for your safety and wellbeing, so that you stay safe and make positive choices. Make sure you know the location of the festival's welfare team and that you and your group have considered how you will ensure that you all stay safe. Advice and further information is available from a number of sources and organisations, including Festival Safe, Safeline, The DSM Foundation and The Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

ARU History Fest and English Fest

Recordings are available of online sessions exploring a range of topics from Civil Rights and Race in the US, Stalin's Russia and The Great Gatsby: Trump, COVID-19 & Black Lives Matter. Sign in to catch up with these video recordings [here](#)

Resources to support preparation for admissions tests:

Please see Mr Bridgwater or me on advice for other subject areas.

Oxford:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/admission-requirements/admission-requirements-table>

<https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/oxford-tests/>

Cambridge:

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admission-assessments>

Others:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/admissions-tests>

Medicine/Dentistry/Biomedical Science:

<https://6med.co.uk/bmat-resources/>

<https://www.socialmobility.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/BMAT-Preparation-Guide-2018.pdf>

<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/prepare/>

<https://lifeofamedic.com/2020/07/05/master-list-of-ucat-resources/>

LNAT:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqDBM0HcYT8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9m--zoYF1w>

<https://www.thelawyerportal.com/free-guides/lnat-guide/>

Safeguarding

A reminder that key staff to contact or speak to about any safeguarding concerns are as follows:


Mrs M Townsend - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs C Watson – Pastoral Manager

Miss Murdoch will join the team as a Deputy Safeguarding Lead from next week as Mrs Godfree begins her maternity leave.

An exciting weekend of sport ahead for many - enjoy it and see you on Monday!

Yours faithfully



Mrs M Townsend
Head of Sixth Form
Deputy Headteacher