



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Wednesday 21 July 2021

Dear Students

This year of constant changes and challenges has meant that all of us as staff and students have had to work differently, try new things and react to the unexpected rather more frequently than we might normally have done. I am confident that the outcome of this will be that we will be more adaptable and resilient and for students, that those vital skills of independent learning which are so valued by universities and employers will have been well-developed through all your endeavours this year. Nonetheless, it is great to reach the holiday and to be able to anticipate some time to relax and take a break. Good luck to those of you who have secured in-person and online work experience placements and summer school places, as well as EPQ students about to embark on some extensive research and reading over the next few weeks. From the sixth form, we say goodbye and thank you to two of our tutors, Mr Miller and Mrs Usher-Letch, and we wish them well respectively in a new post and retirement.

Office 365/Email

The school's Office 365 platform and email system is being merged into a central platform and system over the summer break for the schools in the Trust. Your email address and password will remain the same, but initially once the migration has taken place your email will appear empty.

Any attached documents from emails will save automatically into your One Drive, and archived emails will not be deleted and can be restored

Reminder: Home LFD Testing

You should complete two tests at home before you return to sixth form as follows:

- 1st Test – Sunday 29 August 2021
- 2nd Test – Wednesday 1 September 2021

You should register your results on Test Register. It remains very important that students and staff continue to test at home, twice a week. From September we will continue to provide test kits, but if you find you do not have sufficient supply to cover the summer holiday period, test kits can be ordered online or collected locally. More information is available [here](#).

One in three people who test positive for Covid-19 do not have symptoms and so regular asymptomatic testing continues to be a vital part of our response to managing the virus. This new testing approach is designed to minimise the spread of Covid-19 and support more learners to remain in face-to-face education, which is our top priority.

Arrangements for the first day back

Term begins for Year 13 students on Friday 3 September.

Period 1: Tutor period for all students 8.50 – 9.50.

Normal timetable begins from Period 2.

Enjoy a wonderful summer and we will look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs M Townsend', written in a cursive style.

Mrs M Townsend
Head of Sixth Form
Deputy Headteacher