



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear BSF Students,

We are now settled into this half term and it will be an important half term for covering content, completing coursework, working on specific targets following your mock exams and continuing with revision. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the students who were involved in the student panels on Monday and to all students who spoke with the visitors we had in carrying out a review of the Sixth Form.

This week's assembly

It was lovely to welcome Liesa Moon from the DWP this week to speak with all sixth form students around the use of social media linked to future careers. It was very insightful and hopefully left you all with some very useful information and awareness arounds the do's and don'ts for social media. I am sure many of you were googling yourself and hopefully checking your privacy settings. Liesa has made contact since to say she really enjoyed coming in to speak to you all and felt you were all focused and engaged. We will be looking to organise some further sessions where smaller groups of students can have more focussed approach and support on setting up a linked in account, support with CV writing and application forms.

Opportunities for year 12

In the assembly next week, I will be presenting a number of opportunities and positions of responsibilities that will be available to year 12 students. These will enable you to get involved in sixth form life beyond your academic studies and provide an excellent opportunity to enhance your skills and attributes to build successful applications. Information on the roles/opportunities and how to apply will be given in the assembly and more details will follow in next weeks briefing.

Careers week

Next week is careers week. There are opportunities below and at the bottom of the emailed bulletin each week. There will be further opportunities promoted through tutor time and around the Sixth Form next week. Keep your eye out.

Year 12 parents/carers evening

The date for year 12 parents evening has now moved to Thursday 23rd March. Information will be sent out shortly regarding making appointments for this evening. It is an excellent opportunity to discuss your current progress in detail with your teaching staff for each subject. The sixth form team and all the teaching staff look forward to meeting with all year 12 students alongside your parents/carers.

Year 13 Leavers event

The leavers event at Fennes which is due to be held on Wednesday 28th June is always such a lovely evening and a great way to celebrate the end of year 13. We are extending the date for a deposit to be paid, so if there are any students who would like to attend the event but have not yet paid the deposit you can still do so. The deposit would need to be paid by **Monday 27th March**.

Opportunities for you

Careers week

The biggest celebration of UK careers is coming - [National Careers Week](#) (6th-10th March). This week is about spotlighting careers guidance and recognising how important it is to support students to make informed decisions about their futures.

The [Aspire](#) Webinar Series is a series of free-to-attend webinars designed to support state school students across the UK to explore their career and further education options. Throughout the week, we will be celebrating National Careers Week by offering free daily webinars on different career pathways. The industries covered will be Tech & Engineering, Accountancy & Professional Services, Banking & Finance, The Public Sector and Law.

Not only do attendees get an introduction to each sector, they'll also get the chance to ask questions to a panel of professionals currently working in that industry! The panel will also describe how they got into their field and impart knowledge about how to successfully pursue a career in their sector,

The following live webinars are running on the following dates

Sign up here: [Live Webinar | Aspire \(upreach.org.uk\)](#)

Please note all Webinars run from 5:00-6:00pm

- 28 Feb - Careers in the Charity Sector
- 6 Mar - Tech & Engineering Careers
- 7 Mar - Accountancy & Professional Services Careers
- 8 Mar - Banking & Finance Careers
- 9 Mar - Government & Public Sector Careers
- 10 Mar - Law Careers
- 14 Mar - Science-Based Careers
- 18 Apr - Applying to Oxbridge
- 25 Apr - How to Get Work Experience Over Summer
- 2 May - Media & Journalism Careers
- 9 May - Choosing the Right University for You
- 21 Aug - Preparing for Life at University

Career Days work experience

There are new dates for your students for career and work experience days taking place online over the next couple of months. If you could let your students know who are aged 14-18, students can register to join the online days through the website.

The schedule is as follows:

Dentistry Career Day - Saturday 18th March 2023
Medicine Career Day - Sunday 26th March 2023
Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 1st April 2023
Psychology Career Day - Saturday 8th April 2023
Business Career Day - Saturday 15th April 2023
Architect Career Day - Saturday 22nd April 2023
Vet Career Day - Saturday 29th April 2023
Law Career Day - Saturday 6th May 2023
Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 20th May 2023
Performing Arts Career Day - Saturday 27th May 2023

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session in their field of interest and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

Scholars Programme

We are delighted to be working with you already this year on The Scholars Programme, and I am getting in touch to share some exciting, fully funded summer school opportunities for your Year 12 (or equivalent) students.

There are two summer school opportunities:

1. **Imperial Life Sciences Scholars** - for students interested in studying in Biology or Biochemistry at university. It will take place online from 24th to 28th July. Further eligibility criteria can be found on [the application form linked here](#).
2. **Imperial Chemistry Scholars** - for students interested in studying Chemistry at university. It will take place online from 31st July to 4th August, with a funded trip to Imperial's South Kensington campus on 16th August. Further eligibility criteria can be found on [the application form linked here](#).

These summer schools focus on academic enrichment and university preparedness, and support the supra-curricular engagement that highly selective universities such as Imperial College London look for in student applications. [Click here to find out more about what participants can expect on the summer school](#).

It is our aim to support students from backgrounds that are underrepresented in higher education to take part in a summer school. As such, we'd particularly keen to receive applications from students from these backgrounds.

To apply, students should complete the application form as soon as possible and before the final deadline at 12pm on Tuesday 2nd May.

University of Law – Careers events

Your students can join our National Careers Week online events to discover more about careers in Law, Psychology, Business, Criminology, Policing, and Computer Science. In each career focused session we'll explore:

- Routes into these professions
- The kinds of day-to-day tasks these careers involve
- The skills required to succeed in their chosen path
- Practical activities to test their knowledge

Our teams of experienced tutors will also be on hand to answer all of their questions, so they can learn about our courses and resources available to them at The University of Law.

[Explore Events \(law.ac.uk\)](#)

Online conferences for Year 12

A joint session with **Bath, Cardiff, Keele, Lancaster, Warwick**

Online conferences on **11th March** and **10th June 2023** aimed at providing information, advice and guidance on what is available and how to apply.

These conferences include the following sessions:

- * the UCAS process and personal statements,
- * choosing a course and university,
- * applying to competitive universities,
- * panel sessions with admissions experts and current university students from each of the host universities.

[Details](#)

Free support to get students through a workplace interview and/or assessment centre

At Pathway we want students to succeed! That is why we offer **1-2-1 support sessions** every **Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Thursday** during term time.

This is in a form of a **15 minute virtual session** that students can book in where it is dedicated time to them, receiving advice and support wherever they need it.

Whether that be through the 1st stage of an application with their CV or the last stage, prepping for an assessment centre.

email to book a place: student@pathwayctm.com

Free Dentistry DR.EAM conference

We are emailing to promote our free-to-attend annual flagship conference - DR.EAM DENTISTRY - aimed at Year 12 students and attended by hundreds of aspiring dentists last year.

Location: Online via zoom

Date: 18th March 2023

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Our conference is aimed at Year 12 students selected to complement the universities widening access selection criteria as we hope to reach as many young people as possible who normally don't receive additional support with university applications for healthcare courses.

Our aim is to inspire and inform students about a career in Dentistry. We will provide students with an insight into life as both a dental student and a professional, as well as advice on the next steps to prepare for an application. The day will consist of inspiring talks, workshops and panels made up of qualified dentists and students from around the country. Workshops will include the ultimate UCAT guide, mastering a personal statement, how to choose your universities, interview preparation and a Q&A panel of dentists, dental students, hygiene and therapy students and medical students.

If any of your students would like to attend, please encourage them to register their interest **before 9am on the 13th March 2023** using the following link: tinyurl.com/dreamdentistry23.

Have a good weekend.



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