



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 3 May 2024**

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**

#### **Year 13 exam skills session – Elevate Education**

It was great to be able to welcome 3 presenters from Elevate Education this Tuesday. The presenters were helpful and engaging and I really hope you are able to put into practice the skills and tips you picked up. It was great to speak to some students after who said it was really enjoyable and very useful. All the students that attended thought that the sessions were time well spent and that they would recommend this programme to someone else.

#### **Leavers' assembly**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Exam letter**

A separate letter will be sent next week to all year 13 students and parents/carers regarding information for warm up sessions and where bags can be left for the upcoming exams.

#### **Year 12 Parents/Carers evening**

The Year 12 Parents/Carers evening will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. You can expect to receive a report containing the mock exam grades, a predicted grade and a learning behaviour grade just before this date. A letter has been sent out with information about how to book appointments. If you have any questions about parents evening please contact

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### **Library Book Return Request**

Please could Year 13's return any library, textbooks or academic reading books they no longer need. They can be put in the blue returns box on the library desk or given to Mrs Millbank. Thank You.

### **Opportunities for you**

#### **Email from the Careers Advisor – Apprenticeship opportunity**

Just in case you have any year 13's looking for an engineering apprenticeship there is a Level 4 Apprentice Production Engineer (Engineering company - Braintree) listed on the government website - [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch) . Vacancy number is VAC1000240471 and the closing date is 31st May with a possible start date in September.

#### **Pathways to Properties**

Have you got any Yr12 students that want to know more about careers in property? If so then please encourage them to apply for our fully funded 4 day residential at Henley Business School on **2nd – 5th July** – applications close in just **4 week's time – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**

**An opportunity for Year 12 students to attend a four day, fully funded Summer School at the University of Reading to learn about a career in property.**

Every day we are influenced by the built environment around us – shops, offices, industrial buildings, houses and the surrounding countryside all have an impact on the way we live. Did you ever wonder how these properties are developed, whether the buildings going up in our cities are sustainable or how much they are worth? The Pathways to Property Summer School allows students the chance to explore the property industry in more depth. With such a huge variety of roles, from a building surveyor or town planner to a sustainability consultant or financial analyst, there is a role to suit any skillset or personality.

**Date: 2nd -5th July 2024**

**Venue:** University of Reading

**Who:** Year 12 students from state schools/colleges considering a career in property – either through University or through an apprenticeship

**Cost:** Nothing! All food, accommodation and travel costs are covered

**During the Summer School:**

- Learn about the industry and the careers available
- Attend taster lectures
- Get involved in a group project and debate
- Go on site visits
- Meet new people
- Experience life on a University campus

**How to Apply:** Applications close **2nd June**. Visit the website for an application form at - <https://www.henley.ac.uk/research/academic-areas/real-estate-and-planning/rref/pathways-to-property>

At the end of the week, if students are keen to learn more about property they can complete a funded work experience placement over October half term, have access to our **e-mentoring** programme, and if they choose to apply to study Real Estate and Planning at any UK University they can apply for a **bursary up to £30,000** over three years. In addition students that apply to study Real Estate at Reading University will be guaranteed a conditional contextual offer and be given **£2500** on enrolment.

## **Unifrog sessions - Meet the students: what is university really like?**

When it comes to deciding which university is right for your students, there's no-one better placed to answer their questions than current undergraduates!

Your students are invited to our virtual event to **chat with undergrads from 30 universities**, including Loughborough University, University of Exeter, and SOAS.

They can attend **live sessions** on personal statements, how to make the most of open days, preparing for living away from home, choosing the right course, and more. Throughout the fair, there'll be dedicated timeslots for students to visit universities' **virtual booths** to get their questions answered one-on-one.

Teachers, advisors, parents, and caregivers are also welcome to join us:

> **Students can sign up here** (8 May, 16:30–18:30)

## **Sutton Trust Online Programme**

Sutton Trust Online (STO) is a digital platform with extensive resources to help high attaining students get into university or an apprenticeship. As a student on STO, they'll have access to **exclusive events and webinars run by university professors, admissions staff, and leading professionals.**

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/sutton-trust-online-sto/>

To apply for either programme, they should:

- Attend, and have always attended, **a state-funded**, non-fee-paying school/college
- Currently be in **Year 12**
- We prioritise students based on a range of **social mobility criteria** including eligibility for free school meals, and the context of their school and neighbourhood
- Programme applications close on **August 15th at midday**. We are unable to accept any late submissions so please do encourage your students to apply soon!

[Welcome to the Sutton Trust Applications website](#)

Tickets are available on Ticket Source: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlow-college/e-rapxqa>

## **Essex Opportunities Apprenticeships**

Essex Opportunities is a one stop shop for information and advice on jobs, careers, skills and training. Funded by Essex County Council, this portal has everything you need to help build a career. Use this portal to search for jobs, courses and apprenticeships based in Essex!

[Essex Opportunities Apprenticeship Portal](#)

**Parent webinars coming up with Elevate Education**

