



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 5th July 2024

Dear BSF Students,

There is always a lot going on at this time of year, so it's been good to see that so many of you are maintaining levels of effort and commitment.

Many of you came in to help us run the Induction Day and your presence in group sessions and in the informal Café sessions really helped the day to run smoothly and create the friendly welcome that we wanted. I hope that everyone else found this day to be useful and you were able to use the time productively.

Thank you to all students for being flexible and conducting yourselves with the maturity we have come to expect this Thursday in the main school building whilst the Sixth Form building was closed for voting. Whilst writing this and reflecting on all the events over the last couple of weeks it makes us very proud to work with the Sixth Form students on a daily basis.

Notices

Personal statement workshop

It was great to be joined by Lewis Clarke from the University of Lincoln who led two personal statement workshops on Tuesday morning. It was a really informative session, with some very helpful tips and key information on how to approach writing your personal statement. I hope all students found this useful. There are spare copies of the worksheets on the desk in front of Ms Watsons office and a copies of the helpful hints sheet is attached to this bulletin. Please do aim to get something written and shared with your tutor this side of the summer holiday if you can.



Work experience – next week

Next week 8th-12th July is work experience week. I really hope all students find this a valuable experience and enjoy your placements. I look forward to hearing all about them when you return.

We will be making phone calls to all placements throughout the week. If you have not handed the form back into Ms Watson, you will need to arrive at the Sixth Form for 8.40am on Monday morning as usual.

Pride Picnic

Thank you very much to all the prefects involved in setting up and supporting the pride picnic last Friday 28th June. The top field looked excellent, and I could not have set this up without your support. It turned out to be a great team building session involving problem solving, decision making and a lot of patience. The event itself was lovely and the lower school students really appreciated the interactions with the Sixth Form students and they really enjoyed the stickers and ribbons. Well done for a great event and thank you for all your hard work.



End of term BBQ

Don't forget the end of term BBQ will be held on Wednesday 17th July starting at 1.30pm. This is for all students both Year 12 and 13.

Opportunities for you

UniTaster days

The Uni Guide Podcast - Tune in to Episode 31 for the second part of a two episode guide to student finance. Joining members of the student panel is Tom from Save the Student. Listen [HERE](#) and on all major podcast platforms.

Subject guide webinars - New this week is an impartial guide to studying [Forensic Anthropology](#) at university! Listen to this and 100s of other subjects to help with university subject choices [HERE](#)

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

Clearing at Essex University is now open

How to apply

Once students are holding their qualifications, they can apply directly to the University via Clearing by:

- Calling us on our Clearing hotline: 01206 873666
- Using our [online application form](#)
- **Calling our dedicated Schools Membership Clearing Hotline at 07787152546, from 8am-8pm on Thursday 15 & Friday 16 August 2024**

Countdown to Results Day – Essex University

To support students awaiting their qualifications, we have designed a series of webinars to prepare for their next steps, offer one-on-one advice, build confidence, and support well-being. We have both structured and drop-in sessions available, for both students and their parents/guardians. [Students can explore the sessions and book their place online.](#)

To accompany our webinar series, student can [sign-up](#) to receive blogs, vlogs and or find out more directly from [Essex students](#).

Virtual work experience now in the UCAS Hub

Springpod's Virtual Work Experiences enable young people to meet industry experts, complete mini projects and build their employability skills whilst gaining work experience with top employers to better understand their career options and find out what it's really like. Now available in the Hub with up to 10 hours of in-depth, interactive live and on-demand learning experiences, students can do activities, tasks, watch talks and feel more prepared for the world of work.

[Search | Virtual work experiences | UCAS](#)

FREE 'Results Day Ready' webinar for your students

Make sure your students are ready for Results Day by joining our FREE webinar on **Wednesday 10 July, 17:00 -18:00.**

During the session they'll get expert advice from our Student Recruitment team, including top tips for the big day. They can also put their questions to our staff and students.

We'll help them plan for every eventuality, with information about Clearing – what it is, how to prepare, and how the process works at Newcastle.

And there'll be key information about what happens after Results Day, including advice about student finance and accommodation.

To register they'll need their UCAS ID – follow the link below.

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

2025 PARTNERS supported entry programme – Newcastle University

Open to all UK students who fulfil our widening participation eligibility criteria, they could receive a lower conditional offer of up to three grades on any undergraduate course. They'll also attend our PARTNERS Academic Summer School and develop the skills to be a successful university student. Our programme has supported over 9,000 students to study with us.

By registering now, they will:

- receive an email alert when applications open for 2025 entry
- be invited to our September launch
- get the latest information about eligibility criteria and how to apply

be the first to know about the PARTNERS Academic Summer School 2025

[PARTNERS Programme - 2025 Entry \(ncl.ac.uk\)](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/partners-programme-2025-entry)

University taster lectures - unifrog

Webinar series for students

Taster lectures give students a **valuable insight into the teaching style, content, and depth of study required** for a university subject. We've invited lecturers from across the UK to host this virtual series - including SOAS, University of Durham, Sheffield Hallam University, and University of Bristol.

There is a whole series of taster lectures available to you on Unifrog. Log into your account to find these. If you need help ask your tutor for support.

Work experience in the medical field

We are delighted to announce a series of in-person hospital work experience days taking place at **Kings College Hospital** in London, designed for **students aged 14-18** who are considering careers in medicine. These events offer a unique opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience and insights into various medical fields during their summer holidays where students travel from all over the UK to attend.

We kindly ask for your assistance in passing this information on to your students who might be interested. Below is the schedule for our upcoming sessions:

Ward Round & Radiology Day

- July 19th, 2024
- July 24th, 2024
- August 16th, 2024

Inside The Dissection Room Day

- July 17th, 2024
- July 31st, 2024
- August 7th, 2024
- August 14th, 2024

A&E & GP Surgery Day

- July 23rd, 2024
- August 9th, 2024
- August 15th, 2024

On Call Doctor For A Day

- August 2nd, 2024

Each session is tailored to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of what a career in medicine entails, through engaging and interactive experiences.

If any of your students are interested in participating, they can [register through the website](#).

For those students that can't travel we also have a wonderful [online work experience week](#) taking place from July 15th - July 19th 2024 where students can spend 5 evenings gaining some work experience from the comfort of their own home.

Find a university open day

<https://www.opendays.com/>

<https://www.whatuni.com/open-days/>

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](#)

Have a great weekend.



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