



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 7th October 2022

Dear BSF Students,

Another fast-moving week in the sixth form! Hopefully, it has been similarly swift for all of you. It has been good to see many of you settling into the study routine and undertaking independent, quiet study during Periods 1 and 2. Please help us out by keeping the doors open and the lights on when you are doing this - I'm really not sure how some of you think you can study effectively in the dark!

Essex Air Ambulance

We welcomed Essex Air Ambulance to our assembly this week which I hope you found interesting. I was amazed to learn that it costs £25000 per day to run this service and that money relies on the likes of you and me to raise it. To kick start our fundraising for them, we held a paper aeroplane competition in the Café at break that morning and it was great to see lots of you participating. The competitive atmosphere was palpable which will hopefully mean we raised lots of money. I am waiting for the charity to run a report on the donations made online and will then tell you how much we raised. Congratulations to Josh Hooks for the winning throw of 12 metres 90 cm!

Peter mentioned that they need donations for their charity shop in Braintree and I would like to support the charity by collecting items to donate. *Please can you see if you can find just one item (or more) to donate – clothes, books, games, unwanted gifts of the past?* They charge £1 an item so if we all donate an item, we could make well in excess of £200 for them. I will aim to deliver them to the charity shop before half term so please bring any donations to sixth form in the next two weeks and leave them in the collection box I will leave outside Ms Watson's office.

Peter also mentioned that there are many volunteering opportunities available within the charity which would be especially useful for anyone aspiring to a healthcare career.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all of you who supported the Macmillan coffee morning last week and particularly Holly, Gold, Donald, Sienna, Sarah and Ms Arthur for all of their help. I'd like to thank Mrs Francis for organising it all so quickly! Together we raised £77.06.

Black History Month

A big thank you and well done to Gold, Sarah and Sienna for putting together and presenting an interesting and informative assembly on Black History. It was really impressive that they were able to speak so eloquently on this subject to so many students.

Mental Health Event

According to the latest NHS figures, **nearly half a million young people are being referred for mental health problems every month, with many not being able to get the support they need.** This World Mental Health Day, thousands across the country are coming together to say #HelloYellow. Tegan and Lauren, our mental health prefects, are organising a Wear Yellow Day on 10 October to show young people how they feel matters.

To take part, simply wear yellow on Monday, donate what you can to Young Minds, and join us in a picture we can post on social media.

Being prepared for lessons

I have heard from the cover teachers that some students are not equipped for their lessons as their books are too heavy to carry! This isn't really an acceptable excuse – books are a resource you will need so you must have them with you. There are lockers available for you; please see Ms Arthur if you would like one.

Linked to that, you should all have your folders with you at all times. There is no expectation that you have every unit of your course with you so, by all means, have a backup filing system at home for units you are not studying at present, but you should have a folder with current work, assessed work and front sheets with course specifications and your target grades with you for every lesson. It's part of my job that I check that your experience here is as positive as it can be; for this, I need to be able to see your folders out when I come into lessons.

Folder Checks

You should all have been given folder check forms by your tutors this week. Please make sure you get them completed by subject teachers before Tuesday 18th October which is when your tutors need to see them.

Opportunities for you

Investin Law and Finance Opportunities

At UCL or Live Online in November & December

The programmes provide an opportunity for students to learn from top professionals, including barristers, MPs, corporate lawyers, investment bankers and hedge fund managers. Highlights include:

- Participate in a mock murder trial
- Public speaking coaching by barristers
- Negotiate in an M&A deal
- Learn how to value stocks & shares

Plus, Q&A time with all the professionals and guidance on university choices, interviews and applications.

Register here: [Law & Finance: Weekend Programmes For Ages 15-18 – InvestIN Education](#)

Investin Summer Career Experiences in London

For the ultimate experience in Law & Finance-related careers, students should register for Summer Experiences. Trade the stock market in a City skyscraper, argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court, value a FTSE 100 company and much more.

Register here: [Law & Finance Summer Experiences ages 15-18 – InvestIN Education](#)

Career Days

There is a range of online career & work experience days for students aged 14-18 to take part in.

Hosted live from the UK and watched across the world, you are able to learn about your future careers and take part in interactive sessions where you can gain some experience to help you in your university applications.

The schedule is as follows:

- Medicine Career Day - Saturday 8th October 2022
- Dentistry Career Day - Sunday 9th October 2022
- Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 15th October 2022
- Psychology Career Day - Saturday 5th November 2022
- Business Career Day - Saturday 12th November 2022
- Architect Career Day - Saturday 19th November 2022
- Vet Career Day - Saturday 26th November 2022
- Law Career Day - Saturday 3rd December 2022
- Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 10th December 2022
- Performing Arts Career Day - Saturday 17th December 2022

Visit their website to find out more: [CareerDays.co.uk](https://www.careerdays.co.uk)

Open days at the University of Hertfordshire

Saturday 22nd October- [Open day](#)

Saturday 26th November- [Open day](#)

STEM Residential Insight into University courses

Registration for [EDT](#) Residential Insight into University 2023 courses is now open.

[Residential Insight into University](#) courses are Industrial Cadets accredited summer schools which can help you decide which degree course might be right for you and also enhance your UCAS application. Courses run over 4 or 5 days where Yr12/S5-6 students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. In summer 2023 these will include:

- Materials Science at University of Oxford
- Maths at Lancaster University
- Broad-based Engineering at University of Sheffield
- Materials Science at University of Cambridge
- Robotics & Autonomous Systems at University of Liverpool
- Mechanical Engineering at UCL
- Life Sciences at University of Warwick – details coming soon
- Aerospace Engineering at University of Liverpool – details coming soon

For dates, cost, requirements, content of each course and the application form, please click [Summer Residential Courses by EDT \(etrust.org.uk\)](#)

Applications close on 3rd January.

Work experience

Click on this link to find lots of opportunities: [Access Insurance Careers \(springpod.com\)](https://www.springpod.com)

Have a great weekend



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