



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 8 March 2024

Dear BSF Students,

We are now settled into this half term and with not many weeks left until the Easter break it is an important time for covering content, completing coursework, working on specific targets following your mock exams and continuing with revision. I would expect all students during your independent study time to be using this time productively and working quietly in one of the study zones. There is always work to be done for A-level and BTEC courses. If you feel you are not sure how to study independently or what work you could be completing, please speak with your tutor, your subject staff or myself to help set some specific targets.

Notices

Working in classrooms

Following on from the above points students should be carrying out independent study in the library, common room or café 6. If you wish to use a classroom as a study space you will need to request access to the room from either Ms Watson, Ms Arthur or myself. If using a classroom, the lights need to be kept on and it can only be used for studying/revision.

Opportunities for Year 12 students

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 week's bulletin.

World book day/ reading in the Sixth Form

Thank you to all students who took the time to comment on the outfits worn by the Sixth Form staff for world book day or have a conversation with us. It was great fun to be able to dress up for the day. We hope it brought some cheer and smiles, but more importantly it was to highlight world book day and the importance of reading, especially at Sixth Form.

Don't forget #booktok is being launched in the Sixth Form library. There is a new stand in the library of trending books available for you to go and look at and take out if you wish, and leaflets on how you can get involved in #booktok.

There is also a stand which displays all the academic reading books for every subject. All students should have an academic reading book for each of your subjects and there is a text in year 12 and a different one in year 13. The library also has copies of additional recommended books for most subject areas. Academic reading has many benefits to students whilst being carried out alongside A-level and vocational study, which is why we believe it was important to invest in a wide range of texts for every subject for all students to have access to these and to build time into the tutorial programme to focus on this. I will be looking to gather some feedback on this from all students soon,

so please keep your eye out for a link to a forms questionnaire and please do take the time to respond.

Thank you and keep reading 😊 from a Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts.



Opportunities for you

Free Parent Webinar: Helping Your Child Prepare for Exams

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on **supporting your child during exams** on March 19th.

Elevate works with our students, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn **how you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.**

Sign up for the session below to learn how you can improve your child's exam performance by **helping them to establish a good routine in the run-up to an assessment.**

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

Tuesday 19th March 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

[Click here to register for free](#)

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- Helping your child prepare in the week before an exam
- Establishing a good routine for your child the night before

Helping your child to optimise their exam performance

Engineering development Trust – opportunities

Year 13

We would like to invite your Year 13 students to join our **FREE** YINI Placements Open Day Webinar, registration details as follows:

Webinar EDT Placements Open Day Session

Date Wednesday 13th March

Time 4-5 pm

[Click here to register](#)

This session will provide your students with full details on our placement programme. It is a **free service** which helps place school and college leavers with companies across the UK. The programme lasts for 12 months and is paid.

Years 11 & 12

We are delighted to let you know that we are now accepting applications for our extremely popular Virtual Insight into University course.

This course is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects can lead to. It will also give students access to information on student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students.

The course will run during the period **1st July – 23rd August 2024** and can be completed flexibly to fit around other commitments. On completion of the course which involves 30hrs of study, students will receive a **Silver Industrial Cadets Award**.

*There is a fee of £95 to access this course but we do have **bursaries available for eligible students eg. Those who are in receipt of Free School Meals, Pupil Premium etc** so please do encourage all interested students to apply!

Applications open on 4th March 2024.

Visit our website <https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university>

Medicine open day – Lincoln university

We're holding our next Medicine Open Day on **Saturday 27 April 2024**, from 10am until 2.30pm. This event is designed for students interested in studying Medicine at Lincoln Medical School in September 2025.

You'll have the opportunity to visit our beautiful Brayford Pool Campus, find out more about the BMBS Medicine programme, and take part in a range of exciting interactive activities throughout the day.

You can also speak with staff and students about their experiences of studying at Lincoln, get involved with a live student panel Q&A session, explore the purpose-built Ross Lucas Medical Sciences Building, and take a tour of our modern, on-campus accommodation.

https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/studentlife/whatson/events/medicine-open-day-27-april-24.html?dm_i=7HSW,5TCR,1LIQEG,OD20,1

Student Career Webinars – Investin

Open to all students, these webinars offer insights and guidance, allowing participants to explore their interests and passions.

12th March – 6pm

[Breaking into Creative Arts](#)

[Breaking into Psychology](#)

13th March – 6pm

[Breaking into Engineering](#)

[Breaking into Law](#)

14th March – 6pm

[Breaking into Medicine](#)

[Breaking into Banking](#)

All webinars will take place online via Zoom at 6pm UK time.

Have a great weekend.



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