



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 9th February 2024

Dear BSF Students,

It has been another busy week in the Sixth Form. Year 13 students all received their mock exam results with a similar feel to how they will get their results on Thursday 15th August. As we discussed in the assembly this is a good time for you all to reflect on where you are now, what your goals and targets are and to look at what it is you need to do to ensure that you are going to reach your potential, and in doing so please make sure you use the most of all the support around you. It was lovely to see so many of you in for the year group photo on Wednesday. Can I take this opportunity to remind you all that all students should be in at 8.40am every morning with your tutors. Building in good habits and routines is also a steppingstone to aiding success.

Year 12 students this week had the launch of the Model United Nations project in assembly, and you will all now be delegates for a specific committee linked to a particular Country. I hope you are all looking forward to the general assembly in March and will begin research and planning for your resolutions. After a few technical difficulties on Tuesday, we managed to do the draw of the countries via Teams yesterday, and after some indecisiveness from some tutor groups the final countries were decided and are as follows:

The countries are:

- 12-1 – India and Russia
- 12-2 – Egypt and China
- 12-3 – Malaysia and Saudi Arabia
- 12-4 – Germany and USA
- 12-5 – Mexico and South Africa

Year 12 reports will be sent out next week including the mock exam grades, predicted grades and learning behaviour grades.

Apprenticeship week – 5th -9th February

This week, we welcomed another past student from Teledyne e2v, who offered the opportunity to speak to students about apprenticeships in engineering/STEM general and opportunities at their company. Hopefully this was useful for those that went along.

There has been lots of other information regarding apprenticeships and hopefully it has encouraged you all to ask questions, do your research and prepare yourselves as much as possible for your next steps.

Student Finance talk

There will be a talk regarding student finance on Tuesday 27th February during the assembly time.

Changes to the timing of the Sixth Form day

A letter has been sent out regarding the change to the mobile phone policy in Notley High School, as a result there will also be a change to the timings of the day, which are as follows:

8:40: Tutor time begins (All students are expected to be in)

9:05: Period 1 (All students expected to be in a lesson or quiet study on site)

10:05: Period 2 (All students expected to be in a lesson or quiet study on site)

11:05: Break

11:30: Period 3

12:30: Period 4

13:30: Lunch

14:10: Period 5

15:10 Tutor session - If a student has a period 5 lesson on a day, they will need to return to their tutor room. If a student does not have a period 5 lesson and has signed out, they do not need attend the tutor session.

Opportunities for you

3 Oxbridge style online fellowships

Inspire your students and help them land uni places by sharing Leaf's new **online fellowships**:

- [History to Shape History \(for the better\)](#) — how can you use the lessons of history to make a positive impact and steer humanity onto a better path? For history students in years 11-13.
- [The Mathematics of Morality](#) — how can you use mathematics to best help others and multiply your positive impact? For maths students in years 11-13.
- [Dilemmas and Dangers in AI: How YOU can make a difference](#) — helping you master the skills needed to steer cutting-edge AI technology toward benefits for humanity. For students of any subject in years 11-13.

All three are 5-week, online programmes for smart, curious, and ambitiously altruistic UK students in years 11-13, running from 24th February to 31st March, 2024 (5 weeks finishing by most schools' Easters), with applications due by Sunday 11th February, 2024.

Fellows will get Oxbridge-style learning with tutorials, talks and Q&As with professionals, plus support with UCAS applications and interviews. They are ideal for year 11s considering A-Levels or year 12s considering uni options, with year 13s welcome to apply as well.

Leaf alumni are now studying at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, and LSE. Our advice, the credential, and the practice discussing challenging topics can all help land uni places. We expect hundreds of applicants per programme for just 75 places in total, and most will have or be predicted a high proportion of 9s at GCSE.

But *all* applicants will be given access to use our online learning platform for self-paced exploration, so you don't need to worry about students missing out. Leaf is an independent nonprofit that supports exceptional teenagers to explore how they can best save lives or help others; we've raised funds to make our fellowships completely accessible, with full scholarships for all accepted applicants.

Investin weekend masterclasses – final call

This is the final call for students to join our spring term weekend masterclasses. We kindly ask you to share this email with students and parents so they can make the most of this opportunity.

Our programmes are tailor-made for students aged 12-18 to give them hands-on industry experience. Through immersive simulations, Q&A panels, career coaching and networking sessions, students will be able to experience their dream career before leaving school. Plus, they'll be gaining the skills and knowledge that will help them in future university and job applications.

View & Register: Ages 15-18

Not sure which career to choose?

Students can take our free career quiz to explore how their skills and interests align with different careers. Upon completion, they will also receive a personalised careers report which includes advice from our professionals on what they can be doing now to support their future career.

Take Our Career Quiz

Sutton trust summer school programmes

What are the UK Summer School programmes?

The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme offers Year 12 students the opportunity to immerse themselves in university life. Students will walk away with the confidence and skills needed to **choose where to apply and what to study, be competitive applicants wherever that is, and find support with a network of like-minded peers.**

What is the Access Apprenticeships programme?

High-quality apprenticeships not only offer young people the opportunity to earn while they learn but also ensure they gain valuable skills and get a foot on the career ladder. The Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School is a year-long programme where students can **get work experience, meet leading employers and like-minded peers and learn more about how to access top apprenticeships.**

How can they apply?

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

All costs including travel and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.

Both programme applications close on **March 7th at midday**. We are unable to accept any late submissions so please do encourage your students to apply soon!

[Apply link](#)

Have a great weekend.



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Head of Sixth Form

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Are you 14-18 years old?

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February 2024

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