



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Dear BSF Students,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you who came out on a very wet, dark Wednesday to support our Open Evening. We have had some fantastic feedback from some of the prospective students and parents about how well you represented the sixth form and how articulate, enthusiastic and confident you are. You made Ms Brewis Shephard and I very proud and hopefully helped Year 11 make the decision to apply here.

This week, year 13 had a very interesting presentation on the dangers of gambling from Gambling Harm UK. Thank you all for completing the feedback sheet for the speakers and for your positive comments. Those of you I spoke to afterwards said that you found it informative and interesting, not to mention quite humbling listening to the younger man's personal story.

Thomas C has organised a fundraising event to support Movember on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. As you will recall from the On the Ball assembly we had last half term, this is a nationwide initiative to raise money and awareness of testicular cancer and men's mental health. The charity suggests a 'wear purple day' but Thomas has broadened this to include pink and blue to make it a little easier on your wardrobes! Please make every effort to support this and bring in £1 each to donate to the charity.

### **Mock interviews**

The timetable for the year 13 mock interviews, which will be taking place on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December, has been printed and is displayed on the white board opposite Ms Watson's office. All year 13 students need to check their time slot and ensure you arrive to your interview on time.

All interviews will be face to face and will take place in the theatre. A letter will also be given to you nearer the time, with the date and time of your interview. Please make sure you have handed a letter of application, such as you would send to an employer and have been practicing in tutorial, to your tutor by Friday 24th November.

### **Enterprise Fair**

It's been great to see so many Year 12's working enthusiastically towards the Enterprise Fair on December 5<sup>th</sup>. As always, this promises to be a lovely event which you should enjoy as much as the Year 7s do. Please make sure you order any supplies you need as soon as possible so that you are not caught unprepared. If you need to go and advertise your venture or carry out market research in the main school, please ensure you have your lanyards on and your phones away.

### **Academic reading**

Next Monday during tutor time we will be introducing academic reading to all Year 12 students. All year 12 students will be emailed a Microsoft form on which to keep a record of the academic reading they do and will be issued with academic reading books for each subject. You will have time

every Monday morning during tutor time to complete academic reading and should use independent study time to do this too.

### **Maths video of the week #7**

You may have been aware of discussion in the news and on social media of cheating and electoral fraud, particularly following the US Presidential election in 2020. In particular, a mathematical concept known as Benford's Law made headlines when it was claimed by some Republicans to be proof that the Democrats had fixed some of the votes for Biden.

Benford's Law is a common pattern in statistics that some sets of data follow, while others do not. In this video, Matt Parker describes what Benford's Law is and explains why in some areas, votes for Trump followed the rule while votes for Biden did not.

Why do Biden's votes not follow Benford's Law? - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etx0k1nLn78>

If you are interested in statistics and the analysis of UK election data, you may like to spend some time looking at this website <https://www.britishelectionstudy.com/> In particular, the "News" section has analysis from the 2019 General Election which compares variables such as age, demographic and which party people voted for, and in the "Data" section you can create your own chart or graph using your chosen variables, under "Data Playground".

You can read more about the mathematics of Benford's Law here:

<https://mathworld.wolfram.com/BenfordsLaw.html>

### **Opportunities for you**

#### **Are you interested in being a paramedic?**

Mrs Woodward has organised a talk on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45 in 204. You are strongly advised to attend as it will give you valuable information about the career and making successful applications.

#### **UniTaster days**

There are a range of podcasts offered by UniTaster Days on various aspects of university, including information about bursaries and scholarships so it's worth clicking here: [The Uni Guide Podcast | UniTasterDays](#)

They also offer a range of webinars on a diverse range of subjects. Check them here: [On Demand Webinars | UniTasterDays](#)

For UniTaster days events such as Open days, click here: [University events, suitable for Individuals \(Enquiry not required to be through a school\) \(unitasterdays.com\)](#)

#### **InvestIN Summer Career Experiences in London**

Taking place at the prestigious University College London (UCL) and offering the opportunity to visit iconic industry locations across London, InvestIN provides teenagers with the chance to experience life beyond school, as well as receive unparalleled career preparation.

Their Summer Experiences run during the summer holidays and include the opportunity to:

- Work with world-class industry professionals across 15 top careers
- Participate in hands-on career simulations
- Visit exclusive professional venues

- Receive personalised industry reference letters and certificates to showcase on university and job applications

If you apply early, you can get a 15% discount off the programme fees. Register here: [Summer Experiences 2024 – InvestIN Education](#)

### Open Days

University of Chichester – Saturday 18 November, 9.30-3pm. Book here: [Open Days - University of Chichester](#)

University of Hertfordshire – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Book here:

University of Lincoln – Saturday 11 November and Wednesday 29 November. Book here: [Undergraduate Open Days | University of Lincoln](#)

### Personal Statement support

If you are struggling with your personal statement, you can access support from the University of Lincoln by emailing them: [educationliaison@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:educationliaison@lincoln.ac.uk)

### Taster Classes and talks

Anglia Ruskin University have a range of taster days coming up in December for Art and Design, Social work, Operating Department Practitioner, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing and Paramedic Science. See what they have on offer here: [Join us for a Taster Day - ARU](#)

The University of Hertfordshire offer the following taster lectures, industry talks, masterclasses:

- Personal statements session: How to write an excellent one  
16 November 2023, 16:30 - 17:15
- Gen Z Geographies: Towards a more youth centred approach  
16 November 2023, 17:00 - 18:00
- Healthcare: Preparing for Healthcare course interviews  
29 November 2023, 17:00 - 17:45
- Psychology: Nonverbal behaviour in the real world  
05 December 2023, 16:30 - 17:15
- Creative Arts: Portfolio and interview advice  
06 December 2023, 16:30 - 17:15
- Geography and Environment: Tiny troublemakers, the secret life of microplastics  
07 December 2023, 17:00 - 18:00

Find out more/ book please visit

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Have a great weekend.



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