



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 19th July 2024

Dear BSF Students,

Well done for making it to the end of another academic year! This final week has been a week involving reflection and coming together as a Sixth Form community. There are still two days next week on Monday and Tuesday, however, this will be the final bulletin of the year, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and all parent/carers for your support throughout the whole academic year.

For year 12, this time next year, you will have finished your time with us and be enjoying a very long (and hopefully well deserved) summer holiday. Keep that thought in mind as this summer is not the time to be sitting back and doing nothing! These are some of the things you should all be working on this summer:

- Your personal statement
- Researching which universities/apprenticeship providers offer the courses you are interested in (and visiting them)
- Reading around the subject/job you're applying for so that your personal statement shows off your genuine interest
- Reviewing course material from year 12
- Getting ahead with coursework
- Starting your EPQ research
- Getting some further work experience/work shadowing organised.

This is a long list so organise yourselves wisely, setting aside some time to do these tasks so that you are not cramming it all into the last week of the holidays or, even worse, trying to do this when you come back and are starting the year 13 curriculum. It is important to have a break too - nobody is expecting you to be revising on a hot beach somewhere but these years in the sixth form are short so you can't afford to switch off for 6 weeks.

Notices

Results Days

Year 13 should have received a letter from me about results day but, if you are expecting results on August 15th for Criminology, Health and Social Care or Sport, you can still come in that day and collect your results from 8.30-10.30. If you do not wish to, your teacher will share the results with you in the new term. If you would like to discuss any alternative arrangements to getting your results, please email Sarah.Breen@notleyhigh.com

Those of you who have taken resit GCSE's this year can come to collect your results on Thursday 22nd August between 8.30 and 10.30 am.

New term arrangements

The new year 12 will be starting on Tuesday 3rd September. If any prefects are available to help until break time that day, that would be lovely. Year 13 will start on Wednesday 4th September at 8.40am. Hopefully your timetables will be available to you on Arbor before then but if you cannot access these, you will need to be prepared for all lessons that day.

Return to Sixth Form.

You should have all received a letter this week outlining the changes to the study expectations and dress code from September. Please do take the time to read this carefully and come back in September prepared appropriately for the year ahead.

Last day of term arrangements:

	Year 12
8.40am – 9.20am	Tutor time
9.20am – 10.10am	UCAS/Personal statement support - 209/210 or Quiet Study - Library or Quiz in teams - Café 6
10.10am – 11am	Lesson 2
11am – 11.30am	Break
11.30am – 12.20pm	Lesson 3
12.20pm – 1pm	Lesson 4
1.10pm	Buses depart

Acknowledgments

Sophie B in year 12 and their team completed a 16-hour charity swim and raised money for Teenage Cancer Trust. Her team raised £2138, which beat their target of £2000. Well done to all involved.

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/>

UK University & Apprenticeship Search

We will be running the following free webinars over the Summer holidays to help Year 13s and 12s.

[My Life as a Student](#) (31st July) - A great insight into what life is like at university. [sign up here](#)

[Clearing & Results Day](#) (2nd August) - Vital info for students who may need to use the university Clearing process. [sign up here](#)

What's Next Event

Friday 30 August 2024, 2pm-5pm, Princes Theatre Clacton Town Hall

The What's Next Event hosted by the University of Essex, the Youth Service and funded by Essex County Council is a great opportunity for those aged 16-18 who are unsure of their next steps to learn more about future options.

The free networking event will provide information, advice and guidance for education and training opportunities, apprenticeships, Health and Social Care opportunities, CSCS provision, SEND, job support and much more.

Find out more about this exciting event by viewing the event flyer [here](#).

Applications to the Sutton Trust online programme are open.

What is the Sutton Trust Online programme?

Sutton Trust Online (STO) is a digital platform with extensive resources to help high attaining students get into top tier universities or apprenticeships. As a student on STO, they'll have access to **exclusive events and webinars run by university professors, admissions staff, and leading professionals**. More details can be found in the video below:

[Sutton Trust Online \(STO\) - Sutton Trust](#)

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.

Programme applications close on **August 15th at midday**. We are unable to accept any late submissions so please do encourage your students to apply soon!

[Apply link](#)

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](#)

UniTaster days – student resources

The Uni Guide Podcast – With less than a month until results day, episode 32 is a clearing special. Featuring five expert guests, three universities and the UK's first-ever mock clearing calls. Listen on all major podcast platforms or directly [HERE](#).

Subject Guide Webinars – Impartial video guides to studying various subjects at university. The latest three releases are Forensic Anthropology, Applied Artificial Intelligence, and Natural Sciences. Listen to these and hundreds of other webinars [HERE](#).

Students' Guide 2024 – An excellent resource for students, featuring insights from over 40 university experts and finance tips from Martin Lewis. No registration is required. Take a look [HERE](#).

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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