



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Thursday 20th July 2023

Dear BSF Students,

Well done for making it to the end of another academic year! For year 12, this is the final 'last day of summer term' you will have (unless you decide to become a teacher!) as, 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
- Preparing for mock resits in some subjects
- Reviewing course material from year 12
- Getting ahead with coursework
- Starting your EPQ research
- Getting some 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.

Today we say goodbye to two of our tutors as Miss Rice and Miss Seymour are both leaving for new roles. We thank them for all they have done as tutors and teachers in BSF and will miss them both very much.

Last week saw our first University Challenge competition between staff and students. I'm happy to say that the staff won, though I can't claim to have contributed much to this (was that general knowledge or just good guesswork?) I was really impressed with the musical knowledge of Mrs Francis and Mrs Woodward! Well done to the prefects for organising this – we'll look forward to the next one!

On Monday, year 12 Psychology and Health & Social Care students visited the Museum of the Mind at Bethlem Royal Hospital. Students had talks from the archivist on the history of mental health treatment in England, stretching all the way back to the 1300's. They then enjoyed a session looking at artwork produced by William Kurelek, a patient suffering from clinical depression and analysed what each part of the painting could represent relating to his battle with mental illness. Students then had a walk around the museum where they saw historical restraints, strait jackets and electroconvulsive therapy equipment which had all been used on real patients in the past.

Results Days

Year 13 should have received a letter from me about results day but, if you are expecting results on August 17th 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.

Those of you who have taken resit GCSE's this year can come to collect your results on Thursday 24th August between 8.30 and 10.30 am.

New term arrangements

The new year 12 will be starting on Wednesday 6th September. If any prefects are available to help until break time that day, that would be lovely. Year 13 will start on Thursday 7th September at 8.40. You will have an extended tutor period over lesson 1 and will go straight to lessons period 2. 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.

Opportunities for you

Unitaster Days

Explore various university subjects through their webinar platform [On Demand Webinars | University Taster Days \(unitasterdays.com\)](#)

SpringPod

SpringPod offer free, short online courses which are perfect to do over the summer.

SpringPod's Virtual Work Experience programmes usually involve 6 - 10 hours of activity which you have two weeks to complete. You can fit this around your schedule and complete the work in your own time. Upon completing one of our programmes, you will have developed crucial workplace skills and you will receive a certificate that you can use to build your CV.

<https://app1.campus-site.com/public/e/click/azxl0Ah6qZAnJiSLt0PWTg/N-hEiHlqUkV7NTG5504baQ>

Subject Spotlights, the university course experience is the best way for you to experience what you will be studying at university and try a degree before you apply. You will be taken through a short series of engaging, mini-lecture episodes with some of the country's best academics. And, they're completely on-demand, so you only need to create a free account and complete one in your own time and fit it around your studies.

https://university.springpod.com/explore-subject-spotlights?utm_source=campus&utm_campaign=half_term

What's On?

There are lots of upcoming experiences available through this link:

[South East Student Flyer \(canva.com\)](#)

Work Experience with the National Audit Office (if you can get to Newcastle!)

Join the NAO for a one-week work experience placement!

- Gain an understanding of what it takes to be a Chartered Accountant,
- Practice an assessment centre to support your future apprenticeship/graduate application,
- Earn a competitive salary!

Location: Newcastle

Click here: [National Audit Office Work Experience opportunity | NAO Work Experience with Access Accountancy | Apply now! \(successatschool.org\)](#)

Latest Jobs at Jaguar Land Rover

Become a Parts Advisor, Customer Service Advisor or Service Technician:

- Work for the UK's largest automotive manufacturer,
- Receive a professional qualification, and,
- Earn a competitive salary!

Locations: Norwich, Oxford, Southend, Stockport, Stafford, Ribblesdale, Watford, Hereford & Brighton

Click here: [Success at School: Search Jobs and Courses](#)

Latest Jobs at Volkswagen

Become a Customer Service Apprentice:

- Work for some of the UK's largest car retailers like Audi, Bentley, SEAT & Volkswagen,
- Begin your careers in vehicle manufacturing, and;
- Earn while you learn!

Start your career as a Service Technician:

- Become a part of the sales team at some of UK's largest car retailers like Audi, Bentley, SEAT & Volkswagen,
- Develop life skills such as communication, team work, leadership and management.

Locations: London, South-East and East of England

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Wishing you all an enjoyable, productive and safe summer.

Have a great weekend.



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