

Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 21st June 2024

Dear BSF Students,

This has been another busy and productive week in the Sixth Form with a continuation of the exam season for year 13s, resit exams for some year 12s, prefect meetings, EPQ sessions, more information regarding UCAS applications and a student voice meeting. Thank you to the students who took the time to meet with me and Mrs Howells on Wednesday this week, we appreciated the time you gave, bringing in your folders for us to be able to look through and sharing your thoughts and helpful feedback. I would also like to take the opportunity to say we are always welcome to hear any thoughts or feedback on your lessons and the Sixth Form as a whole, please do pop and speak to us at any point.

The final exam period for year 13s is nearly finished! If you still have exams in the next week then keep going, you are nearly there. If you have finished already, I hope you are enjoying the feeling of completing all your exams. Do keep an eye on the bulletin still as there will be opportunities added to the bottom that may be relevant to you.

Notices

Assembly – UCAS applications and Personal statements

It was lovely to be joined by Sophie from the University of Suffolk on Tuesday during the assembly slot. She spoke to the year 12 students about the UCAS process as a whole and gave some advice on writing personal statements. There will be more advice and guidance on writing your personal statement through the personal development programme carried out in tutor and remaining assemblies. We strongly encourage all students to write a personal statement as this is needed for a university application, some apprenticeship applications and can easily be converted into a covering letter.

Early applicant support- University of Cambridge talk – Tuesday 16th July

There will be an online talk from someone at the University of Cambridge on Tuesday 16th July during period 1. This is for the early applicant students and will support with the application process to Cambridge/Oxford university.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask or there is any specific information you would like to know please send this over to me and I will forward onto out contact who has said he will be happy to have any questions in advance to include into the presentation.

Parent talk – Monday 24th June 6-7pm.

There will be a talk held this Monday coming in the Sixth Form theatre on the 24thJune from 6.00-7.00pm. This will include a presentation about the UCAS process and other key information around applying to universities. In addition, we will touch on apprenticeships and other options and there will be the opportunity to ask any questions following the talk.

University open days

Please let Ms Watson know if you have any university open days booked. The open days will be authorised if you can provide a booking confirmation email.

Wednesday 26th June – External applicant event

Next Wednesday on the 26th June we will have an external applicant event taking place between 12-1.30pm. These are students who have applied to the Sixth Form for next year and come from an external secondary school. They will have tours of the Sixth Form at the end of period 3 and during period 4 and will also have some refreshments in café 6. Please do make them feel welcome as they come into lessons and in general around the Sixth Form building.

Prefects and Ambassadors

There will be photos taken of all Prefects and Subject Ambassadors on Tuesday morning 25th June during period 1. There will be individual photos taken of all prefects and then group photos taken too. Please meet in café 6 at 9.05am.

Subject ambassadors – There will be a subject ambassador meeting on Tuesday 25th June in room 207 during tutor time, with Ms Gladen.

Leavers' Event - Thursday 27th June – 7pm

Just a reminder to Year 13 about the arrangements for your Leaver's Event. The event is being held at Little Channels (There is a separate venue called Channels as well) – address is: The Waltham Barn at Little Channels, Pratts Farm Lane West, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 3PR.

Arrival will be from **7pm** and the event will end at 12am. There is a car park outside which you can be dropped off right outside the venue and then you will walk through into the courtyard. There is not a driveway that pulls up outside the venue. The buffet will be served from 8pm. Please make sure you **have ID** with you to purchase drinks from the bar. We are really looking forward to celebrating with you all on this evening.

Library News

Book Returns – Thank you to those of you who have already returned books. It is most appreciated by the library! Please do bring all books back in as soon as you can. Thank you for your support with this.

Sixth Form students fundraising event

It is not long until two of our Sixth Form students are going to take on a challenging physical event to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Sophie B and Harry E will each be swimming for 16 hours straight (courtesy of London Aquatic Centre and Harry for organising the event). Those who swim will understand the difficulty of this task but for those who don't, it is estimated to be the equivalent of running 128-154 kilometres.

They are asking if anyone can join them in making a difference by supporting a good cause and thank anyone who is able to make a contribution to this cause, which means so much to them.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/16-hour-swim-for-teenage-cancer-trust

Tottenham Hotspur development programme – message from Mr Babb

We are hosting football pre-season sessions during the summer (exclusively for current and enrolling BSF Students), and we would like to see as many students attend them as possible.

If it works better, the below link will also direct students to the online registration form:

https://forms.office.com/e/RkDa6XNCnK



Opportunities for you

Free Parent Webinar: Helping Your Child to Alleviate Stress

Our last parent webinar will give those attending some great tips and tricks for keeping their child motivated over summer, so they can get off to a flying start when the new term begins.

Live Parent Webinar: How to Get (& Keep) Your Child Motivated Tuesday 2nd July 6:00-7:00pm

Click here to register for free

FREE 'Results Day Ready' webinar for your students

Make sure your students are ready for Results Day by joining our FREE webinar on **Wednesday 10** July, **17:00 - 18:00.**

During the session they'll get expert advice from our Student Recruitment team, including top tips for the big day. They can also put their questions to our staff and students.

We'll help them plan for every eventuality, with information about Clearing – what it is, how to prepare, and how the process works at Newcastle.

And there'll be key information about what happens after Results Day, including advice about student finance and accommodation.

To register they'll need their UCAS ID – follow the link Webinar Registration - Zoom

MID AND SOUTH ESSEX HEALTH & CARE ACADEMY

Paid Summer Internships

Mid and South Essex Health and Care Academy are offering a four-week paid internship designed to allow young people the opportunity to gain practical experiences of the workplace in the NHS or Social Care in Mid and South Essex.

Programme Benefits

- 1. Obtain practical wok experience in either a clinical or non-clinical environment.
- 2. Network with industry professionals.
- 3. Receive support and mentoring throughout.
- 4. Understand more about careers in the NHS and Social Care.
- 5. Work on real projects in the workplace.
- 6. Earn a competitive salary.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Care Experienced or Care Leaver.
- 2. Considering a future career in the NHS or Social Care.
- 3. Available to participate for four weeks from 05-30 August 2024.
- 4. Meet legal requirements to work in the UK and undergo a DBS check.
- 5. Be over 17 years of age.

Application Process

To apply, candidates must complete the expression of interest form <u>here</u> (the leaflet has a QR code you can scan).

Application packs will be sent to those who meet the eligibility criteria and interviews will be held on the week commencing 01 July 2024.

Further Information

Visit: <u>www.ourpeopleyourfuture.co.uk</u> email: <u>kate.merritt1@nhs.net</u> View the original flyer <u>here</u>.

2025 PARTNERS supported entry programme – Newcastle University

Open to all UK students who fulfil our widening participation eligibility criteria, they could receive a lower conditional offer of up to three grades on any undergraduate course. They'll also attend our

PARTNERS Academic Summer School and develop the skills to be a successful university student. Our programme has supported over 9,000 students to study with us.

By registering now, they will:

- receive an email alert when applications open for 2025 entry
- be invited to our September launch
- get the latest information about eligibility criteria and how to apply

be the first to know about the PARTNERS Academic Summer School 2025

PARTNERS Programme - 2025 Entry (ncl.ac.uk)

InvestIN's Career development hub

We're excited to introduce InvestIN's brand-new Career Development Hub, a dedicated page on our site designed to equip students with the tools and resources to navigate their career journeys. This page is packed with free practical guides, videos and ideas for personal projects, all tailored to students' career interests.

We encourage you to share this page with your students and their parents. It's a fantastic way to help them access reliable and engaging career information all in one place.

Career Development Hub

University taster lectures - unifrog Webinar series for students

Taster lectures give students a valuable insight into the teaching style, content, and depth of study required for a university subject. We've invited lecturers from across the UK to host this virtual series - including SOAS, University of Durham, Sheffield Hallam University, and University of Bristol.

There is a whole series of taster lectures available to you on Unifrog. Log into your account to find these. If you need help ask your tutor for support.

London Metropolitan University Open Day - We can't wait to meet your students

At London Met we're opening our doors to students from across the country. Attending an open day is a great opportunity to meet our vibrant University community and see our fantastic facilities up close.

When and where:

Aldgate Campus Open Day - Friday 28 June 2024 from 11am - <u>Book Now</u> Holloway Campus Open Day - Friday 5 July 2024 from 11am - <u>Book Now</u> What to expect?

During the day, student's will have the opportunity to:

- learn more about their chosen subject area and participate in taster sessions.
- view student work and engage in discussions with academics, support staff, students, and alumni.
- benefit from workshops and advice sessions covering funding, applications, and university preparation.

explore our campus and visit one of our private accommodation providers' halls of residence.

<u>Find out more</u>

Simulated Work Experience - 13th of July Lincoln Medical School

Lincolnshire Training Hub are holding a FREE event for students applying to medicine.

The new re-vamped event aimed to help students who want to apply to Medicine gain insight into working in the NHS, and learn skills they will find helpful throughout their medical degree. We acknowledge that work experience has become increasingly hard to get, due to COVID and high prices held by other companies. Therefore, we started this event to help those in need.

The event will be held at the University of Lincoln Medical School on the 13th of July between 9am and 4:30pm.

To apply for this course please fill out the form on our website > Training and Events > Futures Programme > Future Doctor and return it to <u>courses@lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk</u> The form can also be found attached alongside out advertisement.

The deadline for applications is the 25/6/24. You will hear back on the 26/5/24 if you received a place. If oversubscribed, places will be allocated first to WP and Lincolnshire based students before opening up to other applicants.

Essex Uni - Clearing Webinars 2024

Throughout July and August we will be hosting a series of webinars to help students prepare for Results Day and Clearing.

3 July, 5-6pm - What is Clearing and how do I apply?
5 July,19 July and 2 August, 4-8pm - Drop-In Session - ask us any question!
12 August, 5-6pm - Results and Clearing advice for parents and guardians
14 August, 4-5pm - Preparing for Results Day and Clearing
14 August, 5.30-6pm - Managing your wellbeing around Results Day

These sessions are designed to offer students advice and guidance in the lead up to Results Day, help understand how the Clearing process works and provide a chance to hear from current students who joined Essex via Clearing. You can find out more and book onto our Preparing for Results Day and Clearing webinars by visiting our <u>event webpages</u>.

The Everything Essex series will cover topics including accommodation, Student Finance and student life on campus. Learn more <u>here</u>.

Work experience in the medical field

We are delighted to announce a series of in-person hospital work experience days taking place at **Kings College Hospital** in London, designed for **students aged 14-18** who are considering careers in medicine. These events offer a unique opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience and insights into various medical fields during their summer holidays where students travel from all over the UK to attend.

We kindly ask for your assistance in passing this information on to your students who might be interested. Below is the schedule for our upcoming sessions:

Ward Round & Radiology Day

- July 19th, 2024
- July 24th, 2024
- August 16th, 2024

Inside The Dissection Room Day

- July 17th, 2024
- July 31st, 2024
- August 7th, 2024
- August 14th, 2024

A&E & GP Surgery Day

- July 23rd, 2024
- August 9th, 2024
- August 15th, 2024

On Call Doctor For A Day

• August 2nd, 2024

Each session is tailored to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of what a career in medicine entails, through engaging and interactive experiences.

If any of your students are interested in participating, they can register through the website.

For those students that can't travel we also have a wonderful <u>online work experience week</u> taking place from July 15th - July 19th 2024 where students can spend 5 evenings gaining some work experience from the comfort of their own home.

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.

Ms A Brewis-Shephard Head of Sixth Form