



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear BSF Students,

It has been another busy week in the sixth form, and I know many of you are facing assessments in many subjects, coursework deadlines and EPQ presentations on top of lessons and general revision. I appreciate it can get difficult as we approach the last couple of weeks of a term. Keep going, keep doing the little things each day that can make a difference and do come and speak to someone if you need any support. There are quite a few notices this week so please do take the time to read through.

Notices

Year 12 - EPQ

This week during assembly the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) was launched to year 12 students. The EPQ is a research based project which is worth half of an A Level, it is graded on an A*-E and does acquire UCAS points. Any students interested in the EPQ can collect an expression of interest form from outside Ms Watsons office. This qualification does require a number of taught lessons which will take place on a Wednesday period 5. The first session will be on Wednesday 1st May. I will be happy to meet any students prior to this to answer questions or give advice on potential topic areas.

Attendance and Punctuality reward scheme

On Monday during tutor time all students will be given a rewards scheme card. If you arrive at 8.40am to tutor in the morning you will receive a sticker to add to your card. Once a row of 5 stickers has been completed you will be able to take this to the Café and get a free drink (hot drink or can). As next week is only a 4 day week you will be able to get a free drink on Thursday for 4 stickers (being at tutor at 8.40am every day next week).

Year 13 Easter revision sessions – timetable and how to sign up

There have been a few additional subjects added to the Easter revision sessions and the table has been included below. To sign up for sessions students need to register via Evolve. If a subject is on the list below you will have already been sent an email with a link to click to sign up for that subject. If any additional subjects can offer sessions, then you will be sent an email directly. Please do check back through your emails to check you have not missed the link to be able to register.

Date	Year 13 session
Tue, 2 nd of April	
Wed, 3 rd of April	
Thu, 4 th of April	French 9am – 1pm in 202
Fri, 5 th of April	French 9am – 1pm in 202
Mon, 8 th of April	

Tue, 9 th of April	History – 11am -2pm Covering unit 1 Business 10am-12.30pm
Wed, 10 th of April	Psychology – 10am – 1pm 215 Economics – 10am-12.30pm
Thu, 11 th of April	Psychology – 10am – 1pm 215
Fri, 12 th of April	

Last day of term arrangements

Below are the details for the last day of the term, which is Thursday 28th March.

	Years 7 – 11	Years 12 & 13
8.40am – 9.05am	Tutor time for Years 7,8, 9 & 11 Assembly for Year 10	Tutorials/Tutor time
9.05am – 09.55am	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
09.55am – 10.45am	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
	Break	Break
11.15am – 12.05am	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
12.05pm – 12.55pm	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12.55pm – 1.00pm	Tutor time for all years	
1.10pm	Buses depart	Buses depart

Students will have the opportunity to purchase food and drinks during the break.

The normal school buses will collect students from school at the end of the school day at 1.10pm.

Summer Term

Students will return on Monday 15 April 2024, which will be a Week A.

Year 12 exam week – Week beginning Mon 22nd April

The full timetable for this week has been attached separately with the bulletin. This will also be emailed directly to all year 12 students. Following this you should shortly receive your individual timetables for the week.

Student entrance and reception

The button on the gate to exit the site has now been replaced by a swipe card system. This is now up and running so all students can enter and exit the Sixth Form via the student entrance. No students should be going through the main reception. Please be respectful of this.

Year 12 Work experience week

Work experience week takes place the week beginning the 8th July for all year 12 students. We must have your forms back for you to be able to attend and be offsite for the week. The Easter break could provide a good opportunity to finalise placements. Please ensure all forms are handed in to Ms Watson.

Year 13 Student Finance

Student finance is **now open**. If you are applying for university, please complete the online student finance form. This can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance?step-by-step-nav=18045f76-ac04-41b7-b147-5687d8fbb64a>

Year 12 students running the Race for Life

[A group of year 12 students will be running the race of life in July and have the following message:](#)

On the 14th July we are running the 5k Muddy Run in Chelmsford for Race for Life and raising money for cancer research. We would very much appreciate any support or donations that you can give as this means a lot to us and many other people. After all, 1 in 2 people will get cancer in their lifetime.

If you are able to donate please can you use this link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/gsrunners>

Thank you. Jake R, Samuel P, Anneka G, William F, Aimee P, Lily J, Mika R, Poppy C

Acknowledgements

The year 12 politics students including **Max N** and **Keith S** took part in the Model United Nations this month held at Felsted School. The students had the task of representing the interests of New Zealand and Sri Lanka across a range of topics including Human Rights violations, the economy, UNICEF and space. The students battled it out in intense debates, they drafted resolutions and voted on the best course of action. At the end of the two day event Max and Keith were highly commended on their speaking skills and both won an award. Well done to both.

A group of these students will now chair the MUN conference to all of our year 12 students which is taking place on Tuesday.

I would also like to congratulate **Al-Amin A** in year 12 who attended the Pathways Real Estate day held in Cambridge. Al-Amin made the most of the opportunity which he found through the opportunities section of a previous bulletin. Following the day, I received an email from the programme delivery officer congratulating the students who attended. The day involved ice building tasks, talks on sustainability and innovation and the students working on a small project which they then had to present to a panel and answers some tough questions. The students were commended for the standard of presentations with the programme officer saying it was some of the best she has seen on an Insight Day.

Speaking to Al-Amin after he said it was a daunting experience, but also a fantastic one, which he gained a lot from.

Al-Amin now has the opportunity for support with work experience, e-mentoring and applications for bursaries should they wish. He has also been guaranteed a conditional contextual offer (2 grades lower) should he wish to apply for Real Estate at Reading.



Further opportunities for Real Estate with Reading university

We are running a 4 day residential on **2-5th July** at University of Reading so if you think you have any other **Yr12** students that may be interested please urge them to apply for this – applications can be found on our [website](#) and close on **2nd June**.

It is really lovely to be able to celebrate the achievements of our Sixth Form students outside of the Sixth Form too. Please do let me know (students and parents/carer) of anything you have been doing, as I would love to hear about it.

Opportunities for you

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

Radiography work experience opportunity.

An ex-student who is now a senior Radiographer at Broomfield Hospital has reached out to offer her contact details for any students who are interested in Radiography. She would be happy to organise a visit for students to visit their department and experience a day in the life as a Radiographer. They also have a plethora of information about the most local university that provides a Radiography degree, which is the University of Suffolk based in Ipswich.

Details for a direct contact are below, alternatively please do come and speak to me.

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Meet the Russell Group University Webinars

We are pleased to announce that the official **Meet the Russell Group** webinars will again be taking place on 30th April, 1st and 2nd of May. Please [click here](#) for the details. Students will gain the opportunity to hear from experts at universities including Oxford, Kings, Durham, Bristol, Manchester, LSE and Birmingham on vital topics.

We would also like to invite you and your students to upcoming **UK University & Apprenticeship Search fairs**. At our events attendees have the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include; Russell Group, red brick and modern institutions, as well as apprenticeship providers and local colleges. The fairs also feature a wide range of vital **seminars** including: UCAS Personal Statement and Why take an Apprenticeship. Upcoming events are as follows:

- **Oxford Brookes University** - June 12th - [See details here](#)
- **London Emirates Stadium** - June 21st - [See details here](#)
- **London Tottenham Stadium** - Oct 17th - [See details here](#)

To provisionally book places or find out more about oxford please email - heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk

FIRST CLASS LEARNING BRAINTREE PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

Position: Assistant Tutor

Dates / Times: Every Wednesday 4:30 – 6:30pm

Location: Notley High School

Contact: Mark Remington at braintree@firstclasslearning.co.uk

New opportunities have become available for paid part-time assistant tutors after-school with First Class Learning Braintree, no previous experience required. Ideal experience for UCAS applications and similar.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Welcome students into the centre.
2. Be responsible for a safe, caring and nurturing environment for around three to four students per assistant.
3. Support delivery of pre-prepared worksheet materials to children aged 5-15 (maths and English, with the possibility of science to selected children).
4. Pro-actively ensure each student understands the tasks set, be ready to explain.
5. Mark each page as completed by the student, explaining how to correct answers where necessary.
6. Complete associated admin tasks.
7. Support your fellow assistants and other staff.

Requirements:

1. Maths and English GCSE passes at minimum grade 5 (grade 6 preferred but not essential)
2. Able to engage with children of all ages
3. Confident manner
4. Pro-active and problem-solving nature

Amplify Your Summer

7th-11th July - ARU Cambridge

14th-18th July - ARU Chelmsford Joined by other students across the region, students will be immersed into their chosen subject programme. With a task in hand to complete and showcase, Anglia Ruskin University's world-leading academics and student ambassadors will support the students every step of the way.

Each candidate will need to complete an application form, choose a subject from the available list, and submit a 500 word supporting statement.

Amplify Your Summer:
[Sign up](#)

Medicine open day – Lincoln university

We're holding our next Medicine Open Day on **Saturday 27 April 2024**, from 10am until 2.30pm. This event is designed for students interested in studying Medicine at Lincoln Medical School in September 2025.

You'll have the opportunity to visit our beautiful Brayford Pool Campus, find out more about the BMBS Medicine programme, and take part in a range of exciting interactive activities throughout the day. You can also speak with staff and students about their experiences of studying at Lincoln, get involved with a live student panel Q&A session, explore the purpose-built Ross Lucas Medical Sciences Building, and take a tour of our modern, on-campus accommodation.

https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/studentlife/whatson/events/medicine-open-day-27-april-24.html?dm_i=7HSW,5TCR,1LIQEG,OD20,1

Investin – STEM summer schools and link to Women in STEM podcast

An opportunity for students to kickstart their career in STEM with InvestIN's immersive work experience programmes this summer!

Students can choose from 10 exciting careers and work alongside top professionals to master skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, creativity & communication. This unique opportunity not only equips students with a **certificate** and a valuable **industry reference** but also empowers them to stand out in university applications.

[View & Register \(Ages 15-18\)](#)

View STEM summer programme timetables

Shadow medical professionals in a London hospital, trade the stock market from a skyscraper, design your own video game, take apart a petrol engine - and so much more!

[Medicine](#)
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[Psychology](#)
[Dentistry](#)
[Veterinary Science](#)
[Entrepreneurship](#)
[Forensic Science](#)

We are over 70% full for Summer 2024.

STEM & International Women's Day Podcast Special

In our latest InvestIN Careers Podcast episode, we're celebrating International Women's Day and focusing on empowering young minds in STEM. Accredited Careers Counsellor Ruth McAteer joins us, sharing expertise on education and career paths with a 'right fit' approach. As a deaf woman, Ruth offers unique insights, emphasising the importance of inclusion.

Hosts Safia and Caitlin reflect on women breaking barriers in 2024, discussing gender bias, self-efficacy, and the significance of representation in STEM. Together, they explore challenges faced by teenagers and the importance of relatable role models in fostering inclusive environments. Join us in championing inclusion and diversity!

[Listen Now](#)

Have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms A Brewis-Shephard', written in a cursive style.

Ms A Brewis-Shephard
Head of Sixth Form