



# Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 10 February 2023

Dear BSF Students,

This week, we reach the halfway point of this academic year for Year 12, and Year 13 only have two half terms left of their time in the sixth form. A quote shared with year 13 this week in the assembly was 'Start where you are, use what you have. Do what you can'. You will all have received your mock exam results now and have had a chance to reflect on these in lessons and created feed ward tasks to help you make progress from here. This is a good time for you all to reflect on where you are now and look at what it is you need to do to ensure that you are going to reach your potential, and in doing so please make sure you use the most of all the support around you. We also discussed procrastination and how you can think about making the best use of the time in front of you. Half term week next week will be a good opportunity to catch up, get organised and set targets for the next half term.

It was lovely to be able to speak to just year 13 in assembly this week and thank you to those of you who were in attendance. Can I take this opportunity to remind you all that all students should be in at 8.40am every morning with your tutors. Building in good habits and routines is also steppingstone to aiding success, and the attendance requirement at Sixth Form is 95% and higher.

Year 12 students this week had the launch of the Model United Nations project in assembly, and you will all now be delegates for a specific committee linked to a particular Country. I hope you are all looking forward to the general assembly in March and will begin research and planning for your resolutions.

The countries are:

12-1 – Mexico and North Korea

12-2 – Iran and Finland

12-3 – France and USA

12-4 – China and Turkey

12-5 – Russia and Brazil

## **Apprenticeship week – 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> February**

This week, we welcomed a few past students from two different companies Teledyne e2v and Nexus, who offered the opportunity for you all to come and talk to them about apprenticeships in general and at their companies. It was lovely for me to speak with past students, and they all said how much they enjoyed speaking to those of you who went in. Hopefully, some of you enjoyed the donuts as well.

There has been lots of other information sent to you during the week regarding apprenticeships and hopefully it has encouraged you all to ask questions, do your research and prepare yourselves as much as possible for your next steps.

## **Student Finance talk**

Mr Bridgwater will be delivering a talk around student finance on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February during the assembly time.

## Opportunities for you

### HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP LIST OF 300

*Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing. Showcasing 300+ vacancies from 70 employers including Balfour Beatty, Ofcom, Goldman Sachs, Government Economic Service (GES), MBDA, Ford Motor and Jaguar Land Rover, it's the perfect resource to share.*

[CLICK HERE](#)

### ACCESS CAREER AND APPRENTICESHIP VIDEO LIBRARY

All things about apprenticeships as well as getting a career such as CV and LinkedIn.

[CLICK HERE](#)

### Experience University of Southampton Residential

**18th – 21st July 2023**

Our 2023 residential is now open for applications. This year you can join us on campus for a **4-day, 3-night programme**. Giving you the opportunity to experience the academic and social side of university life. You'll learn in an academic environment and join students from other schools and colleges through a timetable of lectures, practical activities and a variety of fun evening social activities.

Degree programmes/ Subject areas on offer for 2023: **Chemistry, Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Geography, Marine Biology, Oceanography, Biological Sciences, History, English, Modern Languages, Music and Business.**

This residential is free and open to Year 12 or Level 3 (Year 1) students who meet our academic and Widening Participation eligibility criteria. For more information, eligibility criteria and to apply [click here](#)

### Bird and Bird international Law Firm insight day

Bird & Bird, an international law firm in London, are calling all aspiring lawyers to their office for an in-person insight day. Yes, you heard us right, an in-person introduction to law during February half term has just been announced! Open to all students in Y13 and who are strongly considering / actively looking for a solicitor apprenticeship. The 'Introduction to Law at Bird & Bird' day will give you an incredible insight into the legal world to kick-start your career right after you leave school/college this summer.

On Wednesday 15th February (during the half term break) we will be hosting an insight day with Bird & Bird at their London office from 10am – 4pm. With 31 offices across Europe, North America, the Middle East, and the Asia-Pacific region, and with clients including 17 of the world's most innovative companies according to Forbes, Bird & Bird has a stellar, global reputation. This is a fantastic chance for you to have the opportunity to get an incredible insight to their firm, culture, and people all whilst hearing about some of the jaw dropping cases they have been working on over the past few months - and by the way it's news worthy / headline stuff!

Throughout the day, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the different areas of law Bird & Bird specialise in, take part in interactive workshops and Q&As, hear from some of their top legal teams, and have plenty of time to network with Bird & Bird solicitors and business professionals.

As you can imagine any in-person experience is rare to find, so if you are interested in applying, please do so ASAP. Take particular care and attention to the last question. We will be putting forward the best applications only.

### Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Bird-Bird-Law-WEX>

As a reminder, this event is only open to students in Y13 with a minimum of 5 A's/7's at GCSE including studies in English and Maths and predicted grades of AAB in any subject, as well as strongly considering/actively looking for a solicitor apprenticeship.



### Newcastle University

Are your students thinking about going to university next year? Then our **FREE Bitesize Uni (BSU) Summer School from 18-21 July 2023** is not to be missed.

Aimed at students currently in Year 12/first year college (or equivalent), they'll spend four days/three nights with us on campus, staying in our accommodation.

They'll get the chance to:

- try out subjects they may want to study at university
- get a taste of life on campus
- chat to our current undergraduates and hear about their experiences
- explore our friendly city
- meet student peers from all over the UK

Applications are now open, but places are limited, so encourage your students to secure their spot today.

The deadline for applications is 12 March, 2023 (6pm). If the event is oversubscribed, we may rely on our Summer School eligibility criteria to allocate places. [View full details on our website.](#)

### Speakers for Schools

Speakers for Schools is holding an **evening webinar for parents and carers of all students aged 14-19 years**. This webinar is open to educators and students who want to find out more.

This virtual open evening will showcase our career insight sessions and work experience placements, both virtual and face to face, across all industries and sectors. You will also have the chance to hear from employers including Bentley Motors, NHS, and Tesco about the opportunities they deliver through Speakers for Schools. Remember - all our opportunities are fully funded, so there is no cost to the school or student, and we offer placements in school holidays as well as in term time.

The date of the webinar is **1<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm**. Please could we ask that you send out the attachment to students and their parents and carers, along with the registration link below.

The registration link is below...

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-hybrid-work-experience-session-for-parentscarers-of-14-19-yr-old-tickets-517668639837>

### Careers in Medicine – Work experience

For students aged 14-18 considering careers in medicine, we've got a few work experience projects they can get involved with. Each one can help them decide if a career in medicine is the right choice and provide some stand out work experience for applications to med school

- [Medicine Work Experience Week In London](#) - February 12th - 18th 2023. 1 week in person course including accommodation, meals and teacher supervision. Students visit different hospitals in London for work experience.
- [Virtual Medicine Work Experience Week](#) - February 20th - 24th 2023. 1 week online course where hundreds of students take part, gaining work experience through different activities each day, hosted by our team of practising UK NHS doctors.
- [Online Radiology Work Experience](#) - Saturday March 4th 2023 - Another free session we are running for all budding medics. Interactive day where students can get involved in diagnosing patients with our NHS doctors. Simply join through the link we've 1,500 places available

Have a great weekend.



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