



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 22 October 2021

I can't deny a huge feeling of relief that it's half term – a feeling I'm sure many of you share! It's been a long half term and I'm sure we all need a few lie ins! I'd like to thank you all for making my first half term as Head of Sixth Form a really enjoyable one; it has been the busiest time of my life but working with you has genuinely been a pleasure so far... Long may this continue!

It's been great to see so many of you wearing red today to show you want to stop racism. I'd like to thank the team who have decorated the sixth form with red bunting to help promote this message.

Food Bank Collection

The Charity Prefects are organising a collection for the local food bank. There will be a box to collect items in near the sign in table from November 1st. The items needed are: *sponge puddings; Tinned Ham; Tinned Corned Beef; Tinned Spam; Tinned Hot Dogs; Tinned Ravioli; Tinned Beans with Pork Sausages; Tinned Macaroni Cheese; Tinned Spaghetti Bolognese; Jars of jam; Can openers; Baby Food; Baby Milk.*

Mentoring Room

The mental health prefect and mentoring team have set up a drop-in room in 229 at lunchtime every Monday – Thursday. This is for anyone who may need a quiet place to be, a friendly person to talk to or some support. There is no expectation that you talk to the mentors if you don't want to. You don't need an appointment - just turn up there.

Signing Out in Study Periods

Teachers have recently recorded Learning Behaviours as well as their regular comments on SIMS that your tutors discuss with you. Learning Behaviours are collected every half term for monitoring purposes but will be sent home on a termly basis (Christmas is the next one). Mrs Brewis Shepherd and I have been reviewing these in order to decide who will be able to sign out in their study periods next half term and are very pleased to say that this will be the overwhelming majority of you. It's great to see how many of you have naturally adapted to sixth form expectations and are rising to the challenge of harder work. A small number of you are not there yet and we will be writing to you about having designated study periods in school.

We have become aware of a number of people who are regularly failing to attend TP1 and one to one tutorials. These are both compulsory elements of being a student here and you signed the Code of Conduct when you started agreeing to attend these. **Therefore, any student who is regularly not attending these will not be allowed to sign out in any study period from November 1st.** As soon as you attend TP1 and tutorials regularly, your right to sign out will be reinstated.

Staff Absence

I would just like to remind you about the policy regarding staff absence. When a teacher is off, they are expected to email cover work to Mrs Watson who will give it to you in the lesson; they should not be emailing you directly. If they do email you with instructions, that does not mean you don't have to come into the lesson. Registers are still taken in lessons where staff are absent so your attendance will be affected if you miss these.

Apprenticeship Opportunity

Marsh and Guy Carpenter Witham Apprenticeship applications are now open!

Their apprenticeships are Level 3 in Insurance Practitioner, Senior Financial Services Customer Advisor or Business Administrator, all apprentices will work towards completing the Certificate of Insurance (CII) qualification. Students will need to hold a GCSE 4 or above in English and Maths and be on track to achieve 104 UCAS points at Alevel or equivalent (BTEC/TLevel etc), we encourage applicants from a range of subjects/disciplines.

Marsh provide a competitive salary, permanent full time role, an accredited qualification paid for by Marsh, on-the-job learning, mentorship, soft skills training and much more to our apprentice cohorts. Apprenticeships are a great alternative to university and a chance to start a rewarding career.

The apprenticeships start in October 2022, however we also have an intake in January and March 2022.

https://careers.mmc.com/global/en/job/R_151908/Marsh-Apprenticeship-Programme-Witham-Essex-2022

https://careers.mmc.com/global/en/job/R_151797/Guy-Carpenter-Apprenticeship-Programme-Witham-Essex-January-2022

See CDU if you would like me to send you more information about this.

Virtual UK Higher Education Expo – 24th November

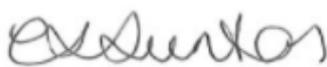
Registration is now open for this event which highlights Higher Education opportunities and offers information from universities across the UK. Please click on this link to register

<https://ukhex.vfairs.com/en/register>

University of Lincoln Open days

- Saturday 23rd October
- Saturday 13 November
- Wednesday 8 December

Wishing you a restful yet productive week off.



Mrs. C Dunton

Head of Sixth Form