



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 19 November 2021

Dear Students,

The weeks seem to be speeding by at the moment, especially as we unexpectedly had an extra day off this week (I trust you all used this day for extra study, personal statements and revision...) We now have two more shorter weeks coming up as there is no school on 26, 29 and 30 November. Year 13 should be aiming to have their applications ready to send off before this long weekend (the deadline we set was Thursday 25th November!) Obviously, UCAS allows applications beyond this point but, if you want your application to be as competitive as possible, we advise getting them sent sooner rather than later.

Next week, we have a presentation in assembly from 'It's on the Ball' which is primarily about testicular cancer. It is suitable for any gender. I hope you will all attend, as this is sadly a condition which is more common amongst young men, but I wanted to give you a warning in case this is a subject which might be emotive for some of you. If this is the case, please come and see me before Tuesday. We will be having a presentation about Breast Cancer in February.

Can I remind you that phones should only be out in lessons if a teacher has asked you to use them for a specific learning activity? I completely understand the burning temptation to check if you see an alert or a message so the best way to resist this temptation is not to look in the first place! University lecturers and employers will not expect phones to be out all the time so try to get into this habit now.

We have a Parents' evening for year 13 coming up on Thursday 2nd December. Parents and carers should have been emailed yesterday about this and appointments can be made online now. Year 12, your parents' evening is on 17th March.

Prefects

Please ensure you all attend the meeting next Wednesday lunchtime in 207. Attendance is important if we really want the prefects to be an effective, proactive team.

Year 13: Exam Contingency Day

Although the dates for the summer exams are still provisional, the date you all need to be aware of is Wednesday 29th June, 2022. In the event that the exam boards have to make an essential change

to the exam timetable that cannot be accommodated earlier, that is the date on which these exams will happen so **you must be available that day**. *We are hoping this will also be the date of the Leavers' Event which means you should all be available to attend!* There will be no exams after this date, so you are free to book holidays from Thursday 30th June (only Year 13!!)

The Great Braintree Bake Off for Children in Need

We will be holding a Bake Off on Thursday 25th November in Cafe6 at breaktime. It is free to enter. You can enter any baked (by you!) goods. Please supply a list of ingredients in case our judges have allergies (amounts are not required). There will be entrance forms by the signing in sheets which you can collect from Tuesday; you will need to write your name on the back of the form and place it face downwards in front of your bake ready to be judged by breaktime on Thursday. There will be prizes which will be presented in the final assembly of the term.

Leavers' Event

Thank you to all of the students who turned up for an impromptu meeting at lunch time on Thursday and signed up to the leavers' event. Knowing how many of you will come made it far easier to get the booking secured. We have now provisionally booked the Fennes in Bocking for Wednesday 29th June. Please get your deposit in as soon as possible. Hopefully this event will make up for the ones that had to be cancelled at the end of Year 11.

Food Bank Collection

Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to the Food bank collection. Caitlin has now started a collection for the winter food bank. The items needed are:

- toilet rolls
- rice pudding
- tinned fish
- sponge puddings
- cereal bars
- chocolate bars
- long life juice (1 litre variant)
- long life milk
- can openers
- sugar (500g)

There is a collection box in Mrs Watson and Mrs Turner's office.

Mock Interviews

The mock interviews are coming up on 2nd and 3rd December for all of Year 13 and many of Year 12. You may have noticed that you have been added to a Teams page and have been invited to a meeting via Teams. You do not need to do anything regarding this yet so please just leave the invitation there for now; do not delete it.

If you have not been given this opportunity this year but feel you would benefit from it, please let me know. All of Year 12 will get the same opportunity next year.

Road Safety Presentation Feedback

Could all Year 12 students who have attended the Road Safety talks in the last few weeks, please complete this feedback form? Please make your feedback as constructive as possible, even if you have something negative to say.

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Opportunities for you:

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Use code SUMMER15 for 15% off by 31st December

[Architecture](#) | [Dentistry](#) | [Engineering](#) | [Forensic Science](#) | [Investment Banking](#) | [Medicine](#) | [Nursing](#) | [Psychology](#) | [Tech](#) | [Vet](#)

We are delighted to present 11 ground-breaking summer experiences in STEM and medicine-related careers for ages 12-18, which students can register for now. **They include hands-on, highly-immersive experiences that students simply cannot find anywhere else.**

Examples include:

[Young Doctor Summer Experience](#): we have secured exclusive access for our students to view a live surgery; the surgeon will talk through each step as it happens.

[Young Engineer Summer Experience](#): we have privately hired a Boeing 747 jumbo jet; students will explore it alongside aerospace engineers from the likes of British Airways and Virgin Atlantic.

Places are filling up already. Please share this email with students and parents so they can register now. Students can use code SUMMER15 by 31st December for 15% off. You can download a pdf of this email [here](#).

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[Medicine](#): Work with real patients in a London teaching hospital

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[Psychology](#): Experience forensic psychology in a courtroom scenario

Architecture: Design sustainable cities at a real studio

Vet: Perform clinical examinations on farm animals

Forensic Science: Gather evidence, match fingerprints and analyse blood

Software Engineering: Experience robotics and AI

Video Game Design: Build your own video game in Unity

Dentistry: Drill, suture and cast dental impressions

Nursing: Learn to stitch up wounds

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Year 12 Summer Placement Opportunity at BT

BT are offering a fantastic opportunity for students studying in East Anglia to work on a **face to face** summer project at BT Adastral Park, Ipswich. The project will give you the opportunity to find out more about the varied work that BT do and also to conduct a piece of research on a topic essential to the business. This offer is **exclusive** to a small number of schools local to BT so your students have a really good chance of being accepted.

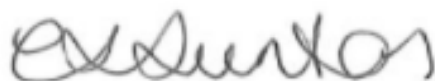
The project is being run as part of the Nuffield Research Placements scheme so students will need to be in year 12 of their studies and be taking at least one STEM related A-Level or equivalent. Students **must** also fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Your family has a combined household income of below £30,000 a year.
- You are entitled to free schools meals, either now or at any time in the last six years.
- You live, or have lived, in local authority care.
- Will be the first in their family to attend university

All students will receive travel expenses to their placement and most will be eligible for a £200 bursary on top of this. Please note that we have placements in a wide range of STEM and Social Science subjects and organisations (not just BT) so there are many opportunities for your students to get involved.

Applications are now open at www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Ms C Dunton

Head of Sixth Form