



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 27 November 2020

Dear Students

As you head into a long weekend, we would like to congratulate you for excellent attendance and participation in your online lessons and learning this week. To see attendance rates of 96% at lessons across Year 13 and Year 12 has been really heartening, and although we much prefer seeing you all in person, it has been good to see how remote lessons can be made to work. I know that staff have very much appreciated the various messages of thanks they have received for the lessons, and thank you for your patience with us at times as we have found our ways around new technologies. If you have struggled with any technology barriers, please do let tutors know, so that we can be in a position to help quickly if we have any further periods with students working from home again.

UCAS applications

Applications for all UCAS Undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) on 15 January 2021. This is their 'equal consideration' deadline, which means course providers must consider all applications received by this time equally.

This means that there are not many weeks of school left to complete your applications – if you are planning to apply and have not yet, please make the application a priority over the next week.

Year 13 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening: Thursday 3 December 2020

A reminder that appointments close on Tuesday, so do make sure appointments are being made via the booking system on the website so that you and your parents/carers can meet with your teachers.

It's beginning to look a lot like...

It will be a quieter Christmas than usual for most of us, but we are still planning a number of festive activities in sixth form. We invite you to take part in Christmas Jumper Day on 11 December and to raise funds for Save The Children. You will have received a letter about Christmas dinner in the sixth form this week, which is on 8 December. You do need to pre-order for this, so please do follow the instructions in the letter. Mrs Turner has also been putting up the Christmas tree today, her favourite task of the year!

SEND Yourself to University

SEND Yourself to University is an online event for students with a declared disability wanting to find out more about studying at university. Students will learn about higher education provision in Essex, routes to higher education, the financial support available and support specific to their disability at university. Students will also hear about student life at university and where to find out more information.

Make Happen is teaming up with our partner universities in Essex, giving students the opportunity to talk to current university students and disability support teams. This is a great opportunity to find out more about support available at university for students with a declared disability - and it is free.

Date: Wednesday 9 December 2020

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Where: Zoom online session

Sign up link: <https://www.makehappen.org/event/studentswithadeclaredisability-university/>

Message from National Citizenship Service – NCS Murder Mystery Weekender

Want an unforgettable way to say goodbye to lockdown? Look no further than our NCS Murder Mystery Weekender experience this December. 🤖 You'll meet a bunch of new people, boost your confidence and gain skills that are great for the future and your CV - all the while, the mystery is unfolding.

The best part? It is all completely free. The programme is running from Saturday 5 December to Sunday 6 December in Chelmsford and Colchester.

We will be following the latest guidance to ensure the programme is COVID safe, but if lockdown is extended and we cannot meet in person, do not worry. We will move the programme online and go completely virtual – it will be just as mysterious, but you can wear your pyjamas while you take part.

You can find out more about what is on offer by watching our (5 min) video 📺:
https://youtu.be/qeQ0wdkE_YE

To sign up, visit our website [here](#) & then get searching for clues! 🔍

We are looking forward to seeing you all back in sixth form on Wednesday 2 December.

Yours faithfully



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