



Weekly Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students, Parents and Carers Friday 10 July 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

We are very much looking forward to seeing many of our Year 12 students back in next week for a two hour session in each of their subjects. The principal aim of these sessions is to provide students with the foundations they need for work over the summer and in preparing for the second year of their courses. However, it will also be a great pleasure to see students in person again and teachers will be delighted to see their students back. There will be a remote 'end of term' assembly next week, which Mrs Brewis-Shephard is putting together, and Mrs Brewis-Shephard is writing to a number of students who have been nominated by their teachers for exceptional effort over the last term with the new ways of working – well done to all those nominated. This has not been an easy time and we have been impressed by the diligence and efforts of many of you.

We are currently in the process of looking ahead to September and putting in place the plans for the return to school, in line with government guidance. We will write to you about this next week, as well as keeping you updated over the summer holiday where necessary.

Year 12 Lessons and Learning w/c 13 July 2020

Please do take the time to check the schedule and the timings for each session. If you are not able to attend because you are shielding, self-isolating, unwell or because of parental preference and have not told us this already, please do let Mrs Watson know so that teachers can plan accordingly (caroline.watson@braintreesixthform.com).

It is important that we reiterate the expectations for students for the week, so that all are very clear. These are all to enable us to prioritise the health and safety of students and staff. The expectations are attached to the bulletin.

If you are not attending, teachers will post resources used onto Teams and you will be expected to complete tasks as normal.

EPQ

Mr Morris has sent a presentation to all students who have expressed interest in the EPQ to enable them to set themselves up for research over the summer. Please do make sure you watch this and follow up if you are interested in completing the EPQ. If you have not let Mr Morris know that you are interested, please make sure you contact him no later than 15 July if you wish to complete a project (addam.morris@notleyhigh.com).

A Level Resits

We have now had some partial information about the resit series of exams for any Year 13 students who are disappointed by their grades awarded in August and who wish to improve on them. The dates for A Level resit exams have now been confirmed for the Autumn Term: these will start on Monday 5 October and finish on Friday 23 October. Other than the announcement that non-examined assessment will not count in this exam series, we do not have further information to offer at this stage about the timetable.

To support any student who wishes to resit a subject or subjects with their preparation, students can access resources to help them cover course content or to revise on SharePoint. Students would normally have their access to the school's IT system closed at the end of August when they leave the school roll. However, for students who wish to resit, we will keep this access open so that resources will be available right up until the end of the exam period.

If a student has returned their textbooks and then does decide to resit, we will be able to issue them with any necessary resources at the start of next term. We ask that any student who does not return their books before the end of term because they feel they may need to resit does so on 1 or 2 September if they have decided not to resit. Students who are resitting will be permitted to keep their textbooks until the end of each exam. These must then be returned - our resources are finite and we need to ensure that the next year group of students has access to all that they need.

We hope to be able to provide some face to face support for students who do decide to resit exams. but this will depend on guidance for schools for September. We will confirm arrangements for requesting to resit in due course via our Exams Officer, Mrs Musson.

I hope that you are continuing to stay safe and well, and it will be good to see many of you next week.

Yours faithfully

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