



Weekly Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students, Parents and Carers Friday 19 June 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see so many Year 12 students gradually returning into the sixth form this week, as students, parents and carers met with tutors and pastoral staff for Academic and Welfare Reviews. We hope you found these productive and that they helped you to address any issues and concerns and to plan for your next steps. We are now making plans for the last week of term and for further time in the sixth form for students, and hope to be able to share these by the end of next week.

Year 12 Exam Week

Students were emailed a copy of their exam timetable during the week, along with expectations for exams. Please do make sure you have taken the time to read these carefully. A copy of the exam timetable is attached to this bulletin. Remote learning for Year 12 next week will largely focus on revision. Please continue to check Edulink and Teams for teacher-directed revision lessons, activities and resources, in line with the timetable.

In thinking about your revision, try to plan at least at the start of each day, breaking down the day so that you are accessing remote lessons, completing independent tasks and having some breaks. You should ensure that you have time away from screens as well as time spent away from your studies. Please do use Chats in lessons to ask any questions over the next week if you need to. As there won't be any timetabled lessons running during the week of the exams, do think about how you will manage your time.

Year 13 Book Returns

Many thanks for all the books which have been returned so far. Please do keep these coming in; it is much appreciated.

Student Wellbeing Support

Jo Morton-Brown, our sixth form counsellor, has continued to support students throughout the school closure period. She has also started a channel on YouTube aimed at supporting students' wellbeing and mental health during this time. The channel is called 'Flourish with Jo' and can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUFB1XwKcbymIIJCzyeo6eg>

A new video is uploaded weekly on a Thursday. For advice on further support for wellbeing, please see the Wellbeing Resources area on the website.

LGBT Pride Celebration Month

Every June the LGBT community celebrate in a number of different ways. Even though many events have been cancelled, or are now virtual, there are still a range of ways of getting involved or seeking support. The LGBT+ Consortium have some helpful factsheets and support can also be accessed through the local Essex-based charity, Outhouse East.

A much shorter bulletin this week, but students have the letter about exam expectations to read as well!

Have a very good weekend.

Yours faithfully

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