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Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 16 October 2020

Dear Students

It has been an enormously busy week this week, with the first seven UCAS applications being sent off for university entry next year and virtual meetings between James Cleverly MP and A Level Politics students and the poet Jacob Sam-La Rose with A Level English Language and Literature students. We have taken part in Wear Red Day to show racism the red card, raising £154 by the end of the day today to support anti-racism initiatives and education. Thirty seven very kind volunteer students have been filmed talking about their subjects for the Open Evening virtual subject fair on 4 November. Hot drink tokens are with Mrs Turner as a very small reward for this next week – please collect these from her and also record this as an activity on Unifrog.

Key Dates from the calendar

Virtual Open Evening: 4 November 2020, 6pm - 8pm

Staff Training Days (school closed to students) 27 November 2020, 30 November 2020, 1 December 2020

Year 13 Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening: 3 December 2020

Year 13 Mock Exams begin: 1 February 2021

Year 12 Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening: 11 March 2021

Year 12 internal exams begin: 19 April 2021

Exam dates

Earlier this week, the government announced that the summer exam series will start on 7 June 2021 and end on 2 July 2021 for almost all AS and A Levels and GCSEs. Results day will be Tuesday 24 August 2021.

Some modifications will be made to subject content and exams in some subjects; individual subjects will let you know about these as and when these are confirmed. The announcement also referred to contingency planning for all possible scenarios, details of which have yet to be released.

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

We will be holding this consultation evening remotely, with virtual meetings between teachers, parents/carers and students. More details of the arrangements will follow.

Changes from Half Term

This is to confirm the new timings for lessons from half term onwards:

8.40am – 9.05am – individual tutorials

9.10am – 10.05am – Lesson 1

10.05am – 11am – Lesson 2

11am – 11.20am – Break

11.20am – 12.20pm – Lesson 3

12.20pm – 1.20pm – Lesson 4

1.20pm – 2.15pm – Lunch

2.15pm – 3.15pm – Lesson 5

3.15pm – 4.15pm Lesson 6

All other current arrangements will remain in place for the time being. We will be holding a consultation on the sixth form dress code next half term.

Absence Line

A reminder of the numbers for calling in if you are absent:

Year 12 – 01376 556394

Year 13 – 01376 556393

Unless you are self-isolating with an agreed return date, please make sure you call in every day that you are absent.

Support for UCAS Applications

ARU are offering a number of workshops to support Year 13 students in putting together their applications and preparing for university. Further details can be found via this link:

<https://aru.ac.uk/study/open-day/aru-in-the-know>

Apprenticeships

The construction company Morgan Sindall has recently opened offices in Chelmsford and have a number of resources and offers which may be of interest, including Virtual WEx placements with the company.

<https://youtu.be/IZSUX6dxo5c> - Apprentice Video


<https://construction.morgansindall.com/careers-0> - Careers website

<https://ats.morgansindallgroup.com/VacancyInformation.aspx?VId=71232> - apprenticeship vacancies

Thanks again to all of you for your continued support of all the measures in place around Covid-19 at the moment, and to your excellent support of Wear Red Day as well.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs M Townsend', written in a cursive style.

Mrs M Townsend
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Assistant Headteacher – KS5