



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 12 March 2021**

Dear Students

Well done for a successful first week back. It has been lovely to see the enjoyment of being back together again in lessons and around the building, as well as lots of independent work. Through this all we have had the ongoing testing process which has now come to an end on a large scale for sixth form students. The school will continue to operate a small testing site once this comes to an end for the whole school next week, so please liaise with Mrs Watson if you have yet to complete your three tests, in order to take the home testing kits home.

I'm pleased to say that the home testing kits were delivered today, so we are now able to plan their distribution. The thinking is that we will be able to distribute these to students who have had their three tests in next week's Personal Development session (Tuesday 16 March). We will send out more information about this once the plans are finalised and in the meantime Dr Cusick will be writing to parents, carers and students with more details about these tests and how to register your results.

### **MedSoc 17 March 2021**

We have a medical ethics session for anyone who is intending to apply for a medical, veterinary or health-related course on Wednesday afternoon from 2.15pm in BSF Room 207. Please let Mr Bridgwater know if you would like to attend.

### **Apprenticeships workshops**

The postponed workshops for Year 13 students will take place on Tuesday 16 March P1 and Tuesday 23 March P1 – you will be able to pop out to get your home testing kits if you need to. You will receive an email invitation for this. Please let me know if you would like to attend but do not receive an email. These will take place in BSF Room 112.

### **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair 17 March 2021**

This free event features over 100 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars and virtual campus tours, and is aimed at Years 12, 13 and parents/carers. Students, parents/carers simply need to register online [here](#). You can log in up until 6pm.

Students and parents/carers can chat directly with a mixture of the Russell Group, red brick, and modern universities from around the UK to find out invaluable information about courses, modules and life at university, and discover what admissions tutors are looking for in UCAS applications. Attendees can also speak to colleges and local and national companies about their apprenticeship schemes. Many exhibitors also offer virtual campus tours.

10 interactive webinars will run during the day on a variety of university and apprenticeship topics, such as UCAS Personal Statements, Careers & Employability, Student Finance, and Apprenticeships. The webinars are run by university and apprenticeship professionals who will also host Q&A sessions after the presentations. You can view the webinar timetable and presenters list [here](#). Each webinar is recorded so students can watch any of interest after the live session has taken place.

Students should aim to register in advance to receive reminder emails with new exhibitor alerts, information on how the day will work and how you can make the most of the exhibitor interactions.

You can book your free place and view the exhibitor list, [here](#).

### **ARU Education Day**

ARU have a Virtual Education Day for students in Year 12 and 13 on Wednesday 28 April, 10:30am - 12:30pm, which will be exploring degrees and careers within the Education sector. This session will give students an insight into Primary Education Studies, Early Childhood Studies and Working with Children, Families and Communities. There will be a taster session for each degree with a special focus on post university careers, followed by an interactive workshop and Q&A. Students are welcome to sign up individually and/or teachers can sign up a class of students. To book, please see: [Education Day \(office.com\)](#)

### **Community Fundraising**

Many thanks to students who helped put together the 'thank you care packs' this week for NHS staff and care workers – over 50 packs have been put together now thanks to kind donations during the school closure and we will be distributing these locally during the week.

Enjoy a rest this weekend and see you next week.

Yours faithfully



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