



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 15 January 2021

Dear Students

Mrs Brewis-Shephard spoke towards the start of the week about different ways of looking after your wellbeing during the school closure, including the importance of taking some time away from screens, making time for exercise and relaxation, and staying connected. I hope very much that as we reach the weekend, you are able to take a break and unwind. We have bid a virtual goodbye to Mr Nitsche this week and Mrs Brewis-Shephard will now be Head of Year 12 and 13, with Mr Bridgwater supporting her as Assistant Head of Year and also continuing in his role with UCAS co-ordination. We wish Mr Nitsche all the very best as he starts his new post in Dubai. Congratulations also to Year 12 and 13 mathematicians who have achieved some superb and inspiring results in the recent Senior Mathematical Challenge.

Survey

We will be undertaking termly surveys about school life at Braintree Sixth Form and you will be sent the first of these this week. This includes the opportunity to give feedback on remote learning which is an element of work that is part of the school's improvement journey. Please do take the time to respond.

Punctuality and registers

Punctuality to lessons remains just as important when working from home as it is when we are running as normal. However, if you are unavoidably late to a lesson for any reason, please do make sure that you let the teacher know that you have 'arrived' on the Meeting Chat so that they can update the register and mark you present for the session.

Lesson timings

Lesson timings across the school are being adjusted so that break and lunch are at the same time. Sixth form lesson timings remain unchanged.

Lateral flow testing

Members of staff have this week been trained in the lateral flow testing process and the set-up is now in place for this on the school site. A number of us have been trialling the process today and all is in place to start testing staff working on site as well as students who are

currently attending the onsite provision from next week. This will be used more widely once the school begins to reopen more fully in due course, as part of measures to keep the school and community safe.

University of Hertfordshire lockdown events

The University of Hertfordshire have put together a series of events for lockdown called 'Let's Talk About Uni' which includes talks such as 'Undecided: is university for you?', focuses on student finance and also subject tasters. These can be found at:
<https://www.herts.ac.uk/study/open-days/lets-talk-about-uni>

These are suitable for both Year 12 and 13 students.

A final reminder to let Mrs Brewis-Shephard know if you would like to join the online student council – we are looking forward to hearing from you!

Yours faithfully



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