



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 18 June 2021

Dear Students

As you will see below, the school is celebrating School Diversity Week next week, and there will be a range of events taking place, including a 'Pride Picnic' on 25 June as well as the Rainbow Day mentioned below. I'd like to thank the sixth form Diversity Group and Mrs Brewis-Shephard for their work in leading this across the school, including the first whole school Pride in Youth Network meeting via Teams next week. There are so many students signed up following your assembly that the meeting will be interesting to manage online! We look forward to this continued work in ensuring that the sixth form and the school as a whole are a welcoming place for everyone.

UCAS Launch and Futures Planning Days 22 and 23 June

Over the course of these two days, the normal timetable will be suspended and you will be taking part in a number of sessions focusing on preparing for applications and planning for your next steps after sixth form. Most sessions will be delivered by staff and students from ARU and The University of Suffolk with others being led by the sixth form team. Make sure you have a pen and something to write on! You will mostly be in smaller groups on a carousel of activities which include the following:

Tuesday 22 June

Personal Statement Writing Workshop
Student Finance
Student Life
Signing up to UCAS and making the most of the UCAS site and process
Unifrog
Escape Room

Wednesday 23 June

Team Building
Why go to uni?
Personal Statement Workshop 2

On Tuesday the day will begin with an assembly at 9.10am in the theatre. On Wednesday the day will end with a BBQ outside Café6 from 12.30pm.

Although we are unable to do our normal university campus visits this year, we very much hope that you will get a great deal out of the workshops and that this will help you start your applications and research. Further workshops will follow on apprenticeships later in the Autumn Term.

Parent/Carer Briefing Event

This is now taking place on Teams from 6pm on 22 June and will include information about apprenticeships, university and UCAS and student finance. You can join the briefing [here](#).

Rainbow Friday – School Diversity Week

There will be a 'dress down' day on Friday 25 June 2021 to support School Diversity Week. The theme of the day is to wear a colour/colours from the Progress Flag, and we encourage all students to wear an item of coloured clothing. So, you can wear any of the following colours: white, pink, light blue, brown, black, red, orange, yellow, green, dark blue and purple. There are no donations required; this dress down day is to celebrate.

School Diversity Week is a 'Just Like Us' annual celebration of LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion in education, celebrated by primary schools, secondary schools and colleges across the UK taking place from 21 - 25 June 2021.

It is a celebration of all people and promoting inclusivity for all within the school community. We are celebrating School Diversity Week to show students that they should be proud of who they are and that all students should be accepting of how others identify. If you wish to join the sixth form Diversity Group and be a part of the whole school Pride in Youth Network, please speak to Mrs Brewis-Shephard.

Police Constable Degree Apprenticeships at ARU.

A career in policing can be extremely rewarding, both for the individual and also for the communities they'll serve, and there's never been a more exciting time to join the police with the launch of two new entry routes to becoming a police officer.

ARU has proudly partnered with police forces across the East and South East of England, and London to recruit and educate new police officers through the new routes that aim to further professionalise policing as a career by raising educational outcomes.

It's a career with a three year fully funded route

The three year fully funded on the job Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship route allows individuals to embark on an exciting career like no other. Whilst working towards a fully funded degree, they'll earn a competitive salary and make a difference to their local community. They will be a police officer from the day they join, working alongside experienced officers whilst practically applying their learning.

For more information, see [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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

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