



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 23 April 2021

Dear Students

Lots of information follows in this week's bulletin so I will keep my introduction as brief as I can! Mrs Brewis-Shephard and I mentioned saying goodbye to Year 13 students earlier this week in assembly and we have been made aware by a number of you that you are keen to have a celebration event. Clearly what we might be able to do depends on the context nationally and locally, and what is permitted. As we begin to pull a few ideas together, though, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about what you think would be popular and achievable. Please pass these on via tutors or to Mrs Brewis-Shephard and Mr Bridgwater directly.

Year 13 Assessments

Please be aware that if you miss an assessment this half term for any other reason other than illness or another issue which would normally prevent you from attending an exam, we are not able to supervise you in catching up with these. Please ensure you keep to the published assessment schedule.

Careers/University Focused Sessions – message for Year 12 from Mr Bridgwater

We have two careers focused support sessions being run on site by some fantastic external providers.

1) 28 April - My Uni Journey by PUSH. PUSH are a non-profit organisation that visits hundreds of schools and colleges each year to deliver interactive training sessions, with the objective to inspire, engage and inform 1,000s of young people on thinking (and getting excited) about the benefits of a higher education journey. The aim of the session is to explore what the university experience offers. As in-person open days aren't running at the moment, we think this offers a good alternative.

The session will last an hour and will start at 1.45pm - please see or email Mr Bridgwater to sign up as places are limited.

Reviews of previous sessions from other schools:

"100% come back! Amazing presentation! Great atmosphere, and enthusiasm, love it!"

"Such a good talk: very inspirational, knows how to act depending on the audience. So so funny, which helped to make us interested. Loved it!"

"Great to see someone getting us actively involved in our future! Funny and relatable too."

"This was the only careers talk that has ever been engaging to me! Amazing"

2) 5 May - Student Finance. This session will ensure that you gain a clear understanding of student finance and what your options are. This will be led by Causeway Education, who work across schools to support students with all aspects of their applications. The session will start at 1.45pm and will last an hour - again, please sign up with Mr Bridgwater as places are limited.

What to do if you access something disturbing or inappropriate online

We are aware of reports of disturbing and upsetting material online on sites such as TikTok and of students coming across such material by mistake. If you have seen inappropriate content online, you can:

- talk to a parent, carer, member of staff, another trusted adult or Childline if you are worried about something.
- avoid 'sharing explicit or inappropriate content you've seen online to raise awareness.
- report any inappropriate, illegal, explicit, identifying or distressing content to CEOP through their website.
- block any distressing, inappropriate or upsetting content on social media websites. You can learn how to do this through Net Aware, in partnership with O2

Sexual Abuse in Education: dedicated NSPCC helpline 0800 136 663

You are, I am sure, aware of the news reports about websites which have highlighted issues about sexual harassment and abuse by peers in schools. In response to this, the government have announced an immediate review with OFSTED and the NSPCC has launched a new dedicated helpline.

The NSPCC helpline has started taking calls. The helpline will provide both children and adults who are potential victims of sexual abuse in schools with the appropriate support and advice. This includes how to contact the police and report crimes if they wish. The helpline will also provide support to parents/carers and professionals too.

You can find out more about the helpline here; <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2021/sexual-abuse-victims-schools-helpline/>

You can read the full government announcement here;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-review-into-sexual-abuse-in-schools>

Further virtual work experience opportunities

A huge array of virtual work experience continues to be offered. Have a look at the end of the bulletin for a selection of details or for a full list of placements - [sign in here to search and apply.](#)

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs M Townsend
Head of Sixth Form
Assistant Headteacher – KS5

[Green Skills National Competition with Anglian Water](#)

Date(s): 26 May 2021 (9am - 3pm)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to receive a coaching session from influential figures and a place on our National Green Skills Youth Council.

Application Deadline: 12 May 2021

[Driving Change - Designing a Marketing Campaign](#)

Date(s): 18 May 2021 (9:30am - 3pm)

Eligibility: 16 – 19 year olds keen to learn about social media strategy and the importance of recycling.

Application Deadline: 3 May 2021

[Faulknerbrowns - Insight into Architecture](#)

Date(s): 25 May 2021 (10am – 2pm)

Eligibility: Year 11 students curious about the various career paths within architecture.

Application Deadline: 30 April 2021

[Build Yourself with Wates – South of England](#)

Date(s): 1 June – 4 June 2021(10am -2pm)

Eligibility: 15 -19 year olds who are interested in entering the construction sector and progressing.

Application Deadline: 1 May 2021

[National Grid - Thinking about a career in energy ?](#)

Date(s): 2 June 2021 (10am – 3pm)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in employability opportunities at the National Grid.

Application Deadline: 2 May 2021

[Bishop Fleming - Insight into the financial and accountancy sector](#)

Date: 27 May 2021(10am – 3pm).

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to learn about Corporate Fundraising, Health, and Wellbeing, Diversity and Inclusion.

Application Deadline: 7 May 2021

[Thames Water – Keeping essential services running](#)

Date: 2 June 2021(10am – 1pm).

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in exploring the huge variety of careers available within the company.

Application Deadline: 2 May 2021

[ISG Global Construction Specialist - Virtual Work Experience](#)

Dates: 1 – 4 June 2021 (10am - 2pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old keen to gain an insight into the construction industry and the business.

Application Deadline: 30 April 2021

[Skanska - Green Skills Insight Day 2021](#)

Date: 2 June 2021

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds keen to learn how Skanska is reducing their carbon footprint and how they engage with ecology and biodiversity.

Application Deadline: 2 May 2021

[British Army - Insight Day for Careers in Music](#)

Dates: 4 June 2021(10am -2:30pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old interested in an insight into the life of professional musicians.

Application Deadline: 4 May 2021

[Green Skills 2021 - SSE Wind Turbines session](#)

Dates: 2 June 2021 (10am – 12:30pm)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to delve deeper into the topic of wind generation.

Application Deadline: 2 May 2021

[Victrex – How Can Plastics Improve the Environment?](#)

Dates: 2 June 2021

Eligibility: 16 – 19 year olds interested in a career in information technology.

Application Deadline: 30 April 2021

[Careers in Construction - Dragados](#)

Dates: 1 June 2021(10am -12pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in apprenticeships and careers in construction, transport and infrastructure.

Application Deadline: 1 May 2021

[Sir Robert McAlpine – Future Careers in Engineering](#)

Dates: 25 June 2021(10am -2:30pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old interested in apprenticeships and careers in engineering and technology.

Application Deadline: 21 May 2021

[Insight Day into Biological Sciences with Hart Biologicals](#)

Dates: 24 June 2021(10am -12pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old interested in finding out more about a career in the medical-scientific field.

Application Deadline: 20 May 2021