



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 25 June 2021

Dear Students

It was a great pleasure earlier this week to be able to launch the UCAS applications process and to spend a couple of days planning and preparing for the next steps after you leave the sixth form next year. The end of your school days will come around all too quickly now, and we encourage you to make the most of the next couple of months to work on personal statement/application drafts and research, so that you are well-prepared on your return in September. The student feedback on the two days was very positive and we will use your comments to support future events. The presentations from different universities were well received; one or two of you have commented that you would like to hear from other universities as well. In a 'normal' year we would take you to a Higher Education fair where you could meet representatives from almost all universities but in the current times not all universities are offering in-person outreach or travelling far to attend events, so we weren't easily able to do that. Instead, for those of you who are looking further afield for universities, do make sure you are booking online open events and also keeping an eye on in-person events too, and a 'road trip' can be a very good way of getting a feel for university towns and cities, even if you cannot go into the university buildings as yet.

Non-student day Monday 28 June

A reminder that there is a calendared non-student day on 28 June as there is a staff training day. Students are not expected to attend sixth form.

Braintree District Council Climate Change Strategy

The District Council is particularly seeking the views of young people to engage on the draft Climate Change Strategy. Please follow the link to take part before 4 July.

<https://braintreedistrictcouncil.prioritysimulator.com/>

Links from external presentations to help your research

A number of links were suggested by various presenters to help you research and plan your applications. These are listed below:

Apprenticeships

Government web pages: www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide

www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-apprenticeships

www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships

Apprenticeship standards: The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education has information on each job role. This includes content, typical entry requirements and length of the apprenticeship. www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/

UCAS pages on apprenticeships: www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-england

Apprentice stories and profiles – <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/live-broadcasts/www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/inspirations>

National Apprenticeship Service:

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch

www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeship-vacancies - scroll down to the Higher and Degree vacancy listing.

Careers information and job board websites:

www.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk

<https://studentladder.co.uk>

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com>

<https://targetcareers.co.uk>

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.indeed.co.uk

www.milkround.com/school-leavers www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

University websites – for example, Anglia Ruskin University lists vacancies:

<https://aru.ac.uk/study/degree-apprenticeships/current-vacancies>

Sponsored degrees: <https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-teachers/higher-education-options-explained/complete-guide-sponsored-degrees>

University applications

Student finance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbYmrEqxjN4>

www.ucas.com/student-finance-england/living-costs-full-time-students

www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance

University/course information

www.discoveruni.gov.uk

www.prospects.ac.uk

www.ucas.com

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

www.thesudentroom.co.uk

And then, of course, you have Unifrog to use and to help you plan and discuss with your tutors! Enjoy a bit of reading and research this weekend.

Yours faithfully

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

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