



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 26 February 2021

Dear Students

As you are very well aware, there has been a flurry of announcements this week to do with schools reopening and arrangements for exams. We are putting in plans for both of these in place and will be communicating these to you as soon as possible. Please do complete the consent forms for testing as soon as you can so that we can plan properly for these. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you back in and to see you all in the sixth form again.

Message from Dr Cusick

This week we received the first guidance about how students in Year 11 and Year 13, as well as some students in Year 12, will be assessed this summer. We would like to invite all parents/carers and students to attend an initial presentation about the process which will also have the opportunity for Q&A. We will not be able to answer questions about specific subject areas or finalise the school's plan, but we will be able to explain the guidance in more detail and hopefully provide reassurance. The link to the live events is being emailed to parents/carers and students individually today.

World Book Day 4 March 2021 – message from Mrs Osborn

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it is the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world!

This year the World Book Day token will be sent to you electronically, there will not be a physical token. You can print and take to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the exclusive, new and completely FREE, World Book Day books or use it to get £1 off any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more. The token will be sent to you via your sixth form email on 4 March so keep an eye out for it in your inbox. The token is valid until 28 March, however participating booksellers will honour the token beyond 28 March this year, while stocks last. Only 1 token per student and full details of participating booksellers can be found on the World Book Day website. Any issues printing please let us know and we can arrange an alternative for you.

World Book Day have also produced a really useful list of books for surviving university, worth taking a look at below. You can also enter the National Book Token competition and have the chance to win a £1000 Book Bursary.

National Careers Week (1-5 March)

This National Careers Week UCAS are bringing you a line-up of live sessions to inspire, advise and support you in your journey to your dream job.

What's on...

Monday 1 March

Student stories: Uni or apprenticeship?

Hear from students and apprentices on what it's actually like, either studying at uni or in the workplace. Find out how they decided on their path, how it's different to school or college, and most importantly... ask questions!

Tuesday 2 March

CV writing workshop with Reed

Knowing what to include, the language to use, and how to structure your CV is something you'll use for your entire working life. In this workshop, recruitment experts from Reed take you through all this and more. Ask questions, make notes and get involved.

Wednesday 3 March

Jack Parsons:
Becoming an award-winning CEO in his early 20s

Jack became CEO of The Youth Group in 2018. His career kicked off by taking a photo of two coffee cups. He's now known as the UK's Chief Youth Officer and has been named as the Most Connected Young Entrepreneur. In this session Jack takes us through his journey as a self-starter, sharing the challenges he's had to overcome, and offering you advice as you research your options. He'll also be taking some of your questions, live!

Thursday 4 March

How to secure a school-leaver opportunity

Discover some of the very best school-leaver opportunities available to apply for right now at some of the biggest companies in the UK and beyond. We'll hear from young people working in the companies, how they successfully got the job, what they do now and what their future holds. Join us for this highly informative and practical session where you'll get hints and tips on how to apply for their opportunities and how to ace their recruitment processes.

Friday 5 March

How to ace interviews

Interviews are as much of a science as they are an art. In this workshop, recruitment expert, Hayley shares the secrets to acing your interview. From how to prepare, tips for questions you've not prepared for and more... It's a session not to miss!

How to take part

If you haven't already – register for a [UCAS Hub](#) account. We'll be streaming live everyday there. Hit the top banner to watch, ask questions, and tell us what you think!

A reminder for Year 12s that next week's assembly is on all things to do with apprenticeships and you will be sent a link for this. Mrs Brewis-Shephard will contact Year 13 students separately.

Keep an eye out next week for all the various information about the school reopening as well as the assessment process.

Hoping you get the chance to enjoy the sunshine 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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