



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 5 February 2021**

Dear Students

Thank you for the feedback to Student Council reps on remote learning last week, which has been shared with all staff. The comments are very much appreciated, and it is really helpful to know and understand students' perspectives on the remote learning experience.

It is National Apprenticeships Week starting on 8 February and as you know, in the weeks after half term we have a number of events arranged in relation to apprenticeships. Please keep an eye out for other events next week to do with apprenticeships, not least the UCAS event mentioned below.

### **BSF Catch-up and Enrichment Day – Wednesday 10 February 2021**

We have had feedback from students, staff, parents and carers which suggests a number of students are beginning to feel quite overwhelmed by workload at the moment. We recognise that although the programme of live lessons has been very well-received, it poses a number of challenges as well with a considerable amount of screen time.

Therefore, we plan that for sixth form students, no 'live lessons' will run on Wednesday 10 February so that students have an opportunity to do all or some of:

- catching up on and completing outstanding work and tasks;
- work on coursework and NEAs where applicable;
- complete enrichment activities and extension reading or study, including working on their EPQs or post-19 research.

### **Home Learning**

To support students in having a proper break away from screens and study over half term, staff will not be setting students additional home learning tasks other than coursework completion over that week.

We hope that you find this helpful and supportive at this stage in the term.

### **National Apprenticeships Show**

This takes place on Wednesday 10 February. For more information, see [here](#):

## UCAS Discover Apprenticeships

A week of live sessions covering everything your students need to know about apprenticeships, sponsored by the National Apprenticeship Service.

This National Apprenticeship Week (Monday 8 February – Friday 12 February) we're hosting a week of dedicated live sessions, information and advice about everything to do with apprenticeships! Each day students will discover something new about what's on offer and what's involved in studying while working.

### Exploring Options

Students can [book now](#) to have the opportunity to:

- speak to [employers and providers](#) offering apprenticeships in our virtual exhibition hall;
- find out if an apprenticeship is right for them and how to choose from all the options;
- get expert advice on what it takes to make a winning application and deliver a knock-out interview.

### Message from Make Happen:

We have a very exciting opportunity for 100 learners across Essex to be involved in a mentoring programme run by Brightside. Learners must be in Year 10-13 and will **fulfil criteria determined by Make Happen**

The programme will focus on learners next steps in education and their future careers. They will be able to choose their own mentor from a list of DBS checked mentors, and communicate with them over a period of 12-16 weeks using Brightside's safe and secure mentoring app. The mentors will either be current undergraduate students or professionals with experience of HE.

Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis, based on **eligibility**

To find out more see [here](#) An expression of Interest link can be found [here](#)

### Year 12 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

This is scheduled for 11 March and will take place remotely. More details to follow.

Well done to all students receiving offers via UCAS this week – all very encouraging! Do get in touch with Mr Bridgwater if you need further advice following his student finance presentation earlier this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



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