

Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 5 March 2021

Dear Students

After what has possibly seemed like a barrage of communications over the past couple of weeks, I am going to try to keep this bulletin very short. It has been very good to see so many of you over the past couple of days, albeit in the rather strange circumstances of the lateral flow testing. We are very much looking forward to seeing you return on Monday. No doubt coming back in will feel strange for very many of us, even for those who have not found the third 'lockdown' and the school closure very easy. Please do speak to your tutors, Mrs Watson or anyone else on the pastoral team if you have concerns – we are all here to help.

Lateral flow testing dates and times

9 March and 12 March 11.30am – 1pm. We will put a schedule for tutor groups at the Sign In desk in the sixth form.

Red Nose Day 19 March 2021

We will be having a dress down day to raise money for Red Nose Day in sixth form on Friday 19 March. To show our support for this charity, a suggested donation of £1 can be made via parent pay; we are currently unable to accept cash donations in sixth form at this time.

Safety and Driving Lessons

The county safeguarding team have asked that we share information on how learner drivers can safeguard themselves if accessing driving lessons:

https://www.gov.uk/learn-to-drive-a-car

- <u>https://www.gov.uk/find-driving-schools-and-lessons</u> (all instructors on the list will have had a DBS check and passed all the qualification tests to become an instructor)
- <u>https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-a-driving-instructor</u>

A reminder to make sure you have a mask on Monday and to follow all the usual guidance and advice that was in place before the Christmas break, including one way systems, ensuring doors and windows are open in classrooms, and washing or sanitising hands frequently.

Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday.

Yours faithfully

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