



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 25 September 2020

Dear Students

The term is well underway now, and the change in the weather has certainly brought an autumnal feel this week. Along with Mrs Brewis-Shephard and Mr Nitsche, I'd like to congratulate you on the start you have made to the academic year. It has been a great pleasure to start dropping into lessons this week and to see such engagement and focus from students. We've had two 'remote' visits and talks this week, including the talk by Dr Becki Nash from the University of Southampton for EPQ students. While we would have loved to welcome her in person again, it was great to be able to have that external input into the programme, and we will be planning more of these.

Personal Development

The Personal Development programme aims to provide you the knowledge, understanding, attitude and practical skills to live a safe, healthy, productive life, enabling you to reach your full potential.

Year 12 Autumn Term PD Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
<p>Preparing for Sixth Form Life: Study skills, time management, expectations in the Sixth Form, building relationships with adults in the Sixth Form</p> <p>Competencies and Unifrog: Introduction to Unifrog and Competencies used in the Sixth Form. Using Unifrog to explore careers and future progression</p>	<p>Enterprise: We will focus on enterprise and teamwork skills, working on projects to develop key competencies.</p>

Year 13 Autumn Term PDT Lesson Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1	Autumn 2

<p>Unifrog/Destinations: This term will focus on information and support around the different destinations options (University/apprenticeships/work). There will be support given to students on personal statement/CV writing, updating Unifrog accounts and making UCAS applications.</p>	<p>Independent living: There will be a focus on making the leap from Sixth Form to university/higher education and independent living. Students will also focus on finances; understand where to get guidance and how future careers can affect finances.</p> <p>Interview skills: An introduction to interview skills with to help students prepare for interviews.</p>
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As a Sixth Form community, we are committed to working in partnership with you and we welcome any feedback that you may have. Please contact Mr Nitsche or Mrs Brewis-Shephard if you have any questions or feedback.

UCAS and Open Days

A number of universities are beginning to offer onsite Open Days again, with many also being held online. If you are intending to go to an Open Day, please contact Mrs Watson with your confirmation of attendance. Students may also be interested in the virtual exhibitions coordinated by UCAS: https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition?sort_by=search_api_aggregation_1

Café 6

Student Council will give some feedback from their meeting to discuss food with catering staff in Personal Development on Tuesday. In the meantime, the catering staff have asked us to let you know that you are able to pre-order jacket potatoes each day if you place an order in the morning.

Diversity Awareness

Mrs Brewis-Shephard will be giving this week's assembly, on diversity awareness, and this is a topic that will be discussed at Student Council this week. Please pass on any comments or points for feedback via your student representatives.

Skirts

If you choose to wear a skirt, please make sure that it is suitably modest for a professional environment. There is a process to follow up on student dress issues which will be followed in any cases of unacceptable dress by students.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs M Townsend