



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

Dear Students

As Mrs Brewis-Shephard and I said earlier this week, it somehow feels slightly surprising to be breaking up for Easter this week, with students only having been back in school for a short time. Nonetheless, we have looked back on the events of the past year on the National Day of Reflection this week, and taken time to think about loss and bereavement during this most challenging period. Please continue to speak to tutors and staff where there are issues which have been affecting you. It has been very good to have some discussions with the sixth form Student Council about proposals for the dress code as well as to review the outcomes of the recent student survey about inclusivity and inclusion within the sixth form. Some really exciting work is beginning to be done in this area and we very much look forward to the next steps working with you on this.

Tutorials and Signing In and Out

A reminder that attendance at tutorials is compulsory and part of the professionalism expected of students. In the week after the Easter break, there will be a follow up of students who have not been attending these regularly. Signing in and out is vital too, so that we have an accurate record of who is on site at any time.

Progress Checks

Progress checks for students in Years 12 and 13 will be on Edulink towards the start of next week, w/c 29 March. For Year 13s these will cover learning behaviours.

Year 12 Exams and Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

Revised dates for these are:

22 April - Year 12 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

w/c 7 June - Year 12 Exam Week

The timetable for exams and arrangements for these will be confirmed nearer the time. The consultation evening will take place remotely and a letter with details of how to book and attend appointments will be sent out at the start of the Summer term.

Personal Development Programme

The personal development programme for the next half term is below. After the June half term, the focus for Year 12 will be on preparing for life after sixth form, including apprenticeships, universities and the UCAS process.

Date	Year 12	Year 13
Tuesday 13 April	Healthy relationships – consent	Healthy relationships – consent
Tuesday 20 April	Healthy relationships – sharing images	Healthy relationships – sharing images
Tuesday 27 th April	Healthy relationships – seeking support	Healthy relationships – seeking support
Tuesday 4 May	Healthy relationships – Talk from Brook on Sexual Health	Healthy relationships – Talk from Brook on Sexual Health
Tuesday 11 May	Introduction to progression	Revision/Tutor support
Tuesday 18 May	Introduction to the EPQ	Revision/Tutor support
Tuesday 25 May	Tutor quiz	Year 13 final assembly

UCAS Discovery Days

UCAS Discovery Days have been designed to ensure there is something to help every student, from students who have already chosen their career route to those who are still weighing up their options and those who haven't even started thinking about what to do next.

The East Discovery Days are from 10 – 11 May 2021 and are live between 10am and 6pm.

- Explore over 100 UK universities
- Get inspiration and explore different career opportunities
- Understand if an apprenticeship is right for you
- Take part in live sessions and get your questions answered by the experts
- Get practical help on personal statements, accommodation, student loans, and more

Talk by TV doctor Alex George on 'Taking Control of Your Future'

For more information and to register visit <https://www.ucas.com/adviser/discovery-days>

Assessments for Year 13

Detailed information about Year 13 assessments is being sent out separately by Dr Cusick – please look at this carefully so that you can plan and organise your revision and preparation accordingly. Please note that on Wednesday 19 May, lessons will be delivered remotely for all students to allow staff to work with other schools to moderate these grades. Further details will be issued after Easter.

Staff Changes

As normal at the end of term there are staff changes. We are saying goodbye to Mr Crozier who is retiring from his role as senior technician, after working at the for nearly 40 years. Mrs Hasmujaj, who has worked with governors and school leaders in NEMAT schools since 2015, is leaving for a new role. We wish both of them well for their futures.

LFD testing

The mass covid-19 testing programme was successful, with over 4000 lateral flow tests completed, all of which were negative. More home testing kits have been distributed and we encourage testing to continue over the Easter holiday. The advice is that students need to undertake two tests a week on a Tuesday and Thursday and log them on Testregister. If you test positively on a LFD test or a PCR test during the Easter break, please email enquiries@notleyhigh.com

Trust Merger

We informed you several months ago about the potential merger of the NEMAT academies with the Bridge Academy Trust. At the moment this is planned to take place on 1st April; further details about the merger will be shared with you after Easter.

Enjoy the gradual reopenings and the new changes allowed over the holiday, but please do continue to follow the rules and expectations of all of us so that we can continue to keep ourselves and our community safe. We will look forward to seeing you in April!

Yours faithfully



Mrs M Townsend
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