



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 7th July 2023

Dear BSF Students,

There is always a lot going on at this time of year, so it's been good to see that so many of you are maintaining levels effort and commitment. You should all have feed forward work to do following the exams; coursework has been introduced in many subject areas and academic reading texts are being distributed via subjects so there is still plenty to do. Lessons will be carrying on as normal right up until the end of term.

It has been great to speak to so many of you this week about your progression plans and to hear about how Year 12 has gone for you. Please make sure you are checking your emails to see when your appointment is coming up.

This week, the Law and Criminology students visited the Royal Courts of Justice in London. The feedback from the court staff was really positive; they said you were most prepared students they had worked with and were impressed with the care you had taken in writing opening & closing statements. I have heard from staff that the trio who were able to take on the role of judges did an exceptional job. Well done to all of you who represented BSF so well.

I am still regularly having to remind some of you to wear your lanyards. Most of you are carrying them in your pockets but they do have to be around your neck. Please ensure you have yours on while you are on the school premises.

On Tuesday, it is our Induction Day for the new Year 12 cohort for September. Prefects and subject ambassadors have been asked to attend as we'd like to give our applicants the chance to engage with subjects, staff and students so that they can approach the start of term feeling a little more prepared and hopefully less apprehensive. All other students will be studying at home that day; your tutors have distributed packs of materials to support with your UCAS application which should keep you busy that day alongside work set by your teachers. Please don't think you can ignore these sheets if you are not intending to apply for university; everyone needs to write a personal statement as it will be needed for every type of application. If you didn't receive the pack, see your tutor or Ms Watson.

Subject Fair

We have had to take the decision to postpone the Subject Fair that had been planned for Wednesday. This event will be rescheduled for September so any work that subject ambassadors have so far completed, will not be wasted. If you have completed your display already, put it in a folder and you can leave it in my office for safe keeping. I would strongly recommend that you still get your display finished next week so that you don't have another job to add to your to do list in September.

Open Day

The whole school Open Day is on Saturday 23rd September. Miss Ryan would like to see as many subject ambassadors and prefects there as possible so we would be extremely grateful if you could put this date in your diaries and try to arrange to have the day off work.

End of term BBQ

On Wednesday, we are holding our annual barbeque on the patio area at lunchtime. Please come along and enjoy a free sausage and/or burger (veggie options available too) and celebrate getting to the end of the year.

BSF University Challenge

On Friday 14th July, the prefects have organised the first ever University Challenge between the sixth form students and the teachers. There will be five rounds: Maths, History, Science, General Knowledge and Finish the Song Lyrics. If you would like to take part and try to beat the teachers, please speak to the Head/Deputy Head Prefects (George, Emily, Thomas or Ruby)

EPQ

This week during assembly the EPQ was launched to all year 12 students. The EPQ is the Extended Project qualification and is worth half an A-level. Any students who are interested need to collect an expression of interest form from Ms Brewis-Shephard and complete this by Friday 14th July. There will be another EPQ session on Tuesday 18th July at 9.10am in room 209.

Art Competition

The Library are running an Art Competition. Entries should be submitted by Tuesday 18th July.

Opportunities for you

Volunteering

Can you help Halstead Community Hospital? They are seeking volunteers who could provide support for patients to make their stay as comfortable as possible. They would like some young people who could get involved in weekend games afternoon and afternoon teas. Volunteers will be given training and undergo a DBS check. If you are interested, please contact PROVIDE.Volunteering@nhs.net or call the Volunteer co-ordinator on 07807 635198.

Free engineering skills competition

- Gives a unique insight into the broad field of civil engineering careers.
- Develops teamwork, critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills.
- Adds to your personal achievement record, which will help you stand out.
- Grows knowledge of the world and inspires you to make a difference.

Register here: [ICE CityZen Account Manager \(makereal.training\)](#) and choose the ICE CityZen Award after registering.

Are you considering a career in medicine or healthcare?

Applications for these areas can be highly competitive and relevant work experience is valued by admission tutors. Pre med Projects are offering a Virtual Work Experience week taking place from Monday July 17th - Friday July 21st. Covering case studies, trauma medicine, surgical theatre, history taking and a applications overview, the course is all delivered online each afternoon and completing the course leads to certification for 10 hours work experience.

[Virtual Medicine Work Experience Week – Pre med Projects](#)

They also have limited spaces on in person courses that are either for 1 week or 2 weeks and take place in London with hundreds of students from all over the UK attending where students spend time in person in hospitals gaining work experience with all accommodation and meals included.

[In-Person Hospital Work Experience – Pre med Projects](#)

Open days at University of Leicester

- Saturday 8 July
- Saturday 9 September
- Saturday 7 October
- Saturday 11 November

You get a travel discount to go to these events. Click here for information: <https://le.ac.uk/open-days>

University of Leicester's Exploring Physics Weekends: Space School

The University of Leicester's School of Physics and Astronomy is pleased to invite you to their Exploring Physics Weekends. Brought to you in conjunction with The Royal Society, they are hosting three space themed weekends during Summer 2023. Over these weekends you'll be able to get hands on with science and engineering, in the company of other space-interested young people. During the weekend you will test your engineering skills with some model rocketry and analyse the effects Solar Flares have on space weather.

These events are designed to give A-level students a fun taste of what working within the Space Industry could involve, while also giving an experience of student life and chance to interact with other students that share their passions. Accommodation, meals and activities are all provided free of charge and they are also working to provide travel bursaries to help support students with their travel to Leicester.

Weekend 1 (residential): Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd July. The deadline to apply is Monday 26th June, https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fdata.heat.ac.uk%2fevent%2fapply%2fle%2feexploring-physics-residential&c=E,1,FMySYHM_HIYXaF1fVuFoJFfkBSayWbiR6lIVZ9jbBBblbmPsATVZWmRA6YOxkXlhJawl7k4G-jeCA-3i5M9nPSDK94qXQ0CkziFdJC3so358&typo=1

Weekend 2 (non-residential): Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July. The deadline to apply is Monday 3rd July <https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fdata.heat.ac.uk%2fevent%2fapply%2fle%2feexploring-physics-weekend&c=E,1,Pkn2MRTnXA2XevC9zIA9fyWkOXvyRX9MYrWljk6fgRZ25-kOUmUQf2xjK39oqF4kqAEYYBd8ezeB1xN59Rvv98b6YyHbg3XF9ZRMs16UVk2l4Q,,&typo=1>

Weekend 3 (residential): Friday 18th – Sunday 20th August. The deadline to apply is Monday 31st July https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fdata.heat.ac.uk%2fevent%2fapply%2fle%2feexploring-physics-residential-august2023&c=E,1,OCbTotewkDwvm7GhYGspt_-bYPjHJdXiGn9RYLnzODSrTW2aavQASzvQaO-epGlsMpvdWQAv7c1MehaAYJ540KWHziXOmnZBN0UTxACKccBulo-Ukw,,&typo=1

University of Leicester's Industry Spotlight: A Career in Finance

Monday 17th July 2023, 18.00-19.15 (online)

Join them online for our exciting Industry Spotlight: A Career in Finance session exploring the career journey of select Banking and Finance professionals. There will also be information on studying in the School of Business, and an opportunity for students to learn more about their upcoming Pathways to Banking and Finance Progression Programme launch.

Register your interest here: <https://register.heat.ac.uk/register> using the pin Pn36KG

Engineering apprenticeship in the Met.

Wednesday 12th July from 3pm - 4pm for a 1-hour online webinar

Join an exclusive webinar with the Met Police's Operational Support Unit (OSU) to learn how Engineering apprentices can kickstart your career and work on surveillance solutions that help to keep people safe.


The Operational Support Unit (OSU) is a dedicated team of around fifty specialist engineers and technical advisors. Together, they provide vital technical solutions, equipment and expertise for front-line policing for the Met, including working with surveillance products, camera technology; IP networks; communications; development and rapid prototyping, fabrication and machining using Computer Aided Design; CCTV, video and audio.

Register here: [Apprenticeships within the MET - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Braintree Apprenticeship & Job Fair.

Wednesday 16th August, 10.30-2pm at Unit 2B, George Yard Shopping Centre, Braintree CM7 2QA

Have a great weekend.



Ms C Dunton
Head of Sixth Form