



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Dear BSF Students,

I hope the half term break provided you with what you needed: some rest and recuperation, time with friends and family, time for yourself and some opportunity for revision and catch up on work, alongside everything else we know you are all balancing at this time.

Year 13 are now well into the exam period, and I know the relentless revision will be becoming tiring, but the end is in sight, keep going! And we are really looking forward to celebrating with you all at the leavers' event at the end of June.

Year 12 should also be revising and preparing for their exams which will begin on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The exam timetable was shared during tutor time this week. Remember the Sixth Form building, and study facilities are available to all students until 6pm every day and that teachers continue to be available to help and support when you need it.

### **End of term BBQ**

All students should have received an invitation to attend the end of term BBQ. It will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July starting at 13.35pm. The prefect team will be discussing any additional ideas over the next couple of weeks.

### **UCAS events – Parent information evening**

I apologise there was an error in the last bulletin sent out before the half term break with the date for the parent information evening. This event is taking place on:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6-7.30pm.

All Year 12 students should have received an email with details for the trip to ARU on Tuesday and all students should have downloaded their ticket for the Higher Education Fair at the University of Essex on Wednesday. For both trips you need to arrive at the Sixth Form for 8.40am in the morning as usual, ready for the buses to depart at 9am.

Please remember to contact Ms Watson as usual regarding any absences on either of these dates.

### **Dress Code**

I would like to take this opportunity to ask students to consider the three key elements that underpin the dress code, particularly over the coming weeks as the weather gets warmer. Our dress code at Braintree Sixth Form is Modest, Appropriate and Professional. The dress code has been attached to the bulletin for your information. Tutors and the Sixth Form team will begin to have conversations with students when this is not being adhered to. Thank you to those of you who do adhere to this on a daily basis.

### **Running club**

For the remainder of the school year, Mr Musson will be hosting a running club for all students (and any willing staff – you will find Mr Bridgwater there!) on a Wednesday during period 6.

If any Sixth Form students are interested, then meet on the basketball courts ready to head down to the field at 3.25pm. The session will end at 4:15pm. You will need appropriate activewear for running and appropriate footwear.

## Opportunities for you

### Job Opportunity

### University Open days

Explore and see all university open day dates on one website.

[Home - 2023 Open Day Dates \(myopendays.co.uk\)](https://myopendays.co.uk)

### UCAS hub live events

Fast-track your future plans with our series of Hub live sessions. Featuring UCAS experts, careers advisers, unis and employers, and even students and apprentices.

[UCAS Hub live | | UCAS](#)

### Law Mind Work Experience

Good quality work experience is a vital part of a successful application, especially if it is both observational and practical. Universities such as Oxford and Cambridge will expect students to have work experience, but it can be difficult for students to organise.

This full week of application help will include targeted exam support, hands-on experience in a law firm and courts and interview help, led by a team of real lawyers and application experts.

You will get:

- **real insights into a law career**, with thought-provoking prompts.
- a motivating, supportive **group learning environment**.
- **learn from real lawyers**, and learn real life skills ahead of your course.
- help with your **LNAT, Personal Statement and interviews**. **stay in central London** and meet other law applicants!

[Learn more about the Law Work Experience!](#)

### Medical work experience



The recording of the webinar from a couple of weeks is now up on the website if your students would like to watch.



<https://in2med.co.uk/work-experience-and-personal-statement-workshop/>

Here is the link to the medical work experience course:

<https://in2med.co.uk/medicine-work-experience/>

### The side hustle initiative

 Calling All Students aged 13-18! Entries are now open for the Side Hustle Initiative 2023! 

 Ignite your entrepreneurial spirit, network with like-minded students, and stand a chance of winning up to £10,000 to accelerate the growth of your side hustle 

<https://yourgameplan.co.uk/events/the-side-hustle-initiative-2023/>

## Summer free residential event for year 12 & first year FE students to explore life as a future leader.

This 3-day, 2-night event will give students a taste of university life and develop their leadership, negotiation, and critical thinking skills. They will get to experience university life first-hand, from living in halls, to attending workshops, taking part in Student's Union events.

- Take part in a 3 day **debating** and **Model-UN programme**
- Get to **stay** at a university campus and **explore student life**
- Work with **current university students**
- Be part of **Student's Union fun activities**
- Build the skills you need to **make the world hear your voice!**
- Develop your CV to ready for make an **amazing university application**

Please see [our events page](#) for further details

This event is free. All accommodation and food costs are covered. Travel bursaries are available.

[Yr 12 Summer School Sign Up \(clickdimensions.com\)](#)

## Free online Accountancy Academy

There will be three 90-minute sessions, held **via Zoom** between **4.30 pm and 6.00 pm** on the following dates:

### 4th, 6th & 12th July

The Accountancy Academy is FREE and offers in-depth and detailed sessions to help young adults understand if a career in accountancy suits them and how they get started.

Our Accountancy Academy will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to accountancy
- Accountancy skills – with some practical exercises
- Workplace skills for accountancy roles
- Finding roles and preparing for interviews in this industry
- Employer Forum (Q&A)

**Employer Forum – 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Those who join at least one of the other sessions will be invited to a further session to meet local employers and hear about career options in their region.

If you think this is something your students could be interested in attending, especially those studying maths, business studies, or economics, please do pass on the link below where they can register to attend.

<https://zq345.infusionsoft.com/app/page/accountancy-academy-registered2>

Students can also find some free helpful resources on accounting apprenticeships and improving employability skills [here](#).

Have a good weekend.



Mrs A Brewis-Shephard  
Deputy Head of Sixth Form

## Braintree Sixth Form Dress Code

Our dress code at Braintree Sixth Form is Modest, Appropriate and Professional. We want our students to be comfortable and feel able to express themselves as they choose. There will be occasions where smarter dress is expected, for example when representing the school at events or speaking in assemblies. The sixth form students are role models for the younger students at Notley High School and thus adherence to the expectations of modesty, appropriateness and professionalism is important.

This Code is designed to guide students on the expected standards of dress and appearance. It is not exhaustive in defining acceptable and unacceptable standards of dress and appearance and students should use common sense in adhering to the principles underpinning the Code.

### **Modest**

Nobody should be able to see up, down, under or through your clothes.

Very short shorts and skirts should not be worn; skirts and shorts should be long enough to cover bottoms whilst sitting down and be nearer the knee than the bottom.

No crop tops or strapless tops should be worn.

If leggings are worn, a top should cover the entire bottom area.

### **Appropriate**

The lanyard and ID badge must be worn around the neck at all times and be visible.

Sportswear will not be permitted, except where students are involved in PE lessons. This includes jogging bottoms and sports leggings.

Clothing which advocates illegal acts or hate crimes, or any clothing that references drugs, profanities or shows other inappropriate imagery should not be worn.

No flip flops, crocs, sliders or very high heels should be worn.

Jewellery, make up and fake nails are permitted but you may be asked to remove some items for lessons which have health and safety requirements (e.g. Science, Art, PE). Facial piercings, including those on the tongue, are not permitted.

Hair should be neat and tidy and extreme hairstyles are not considered appropriate. We subscribe to the Halo Code.

### **Professional**

Clothes must be clean and in a good state of repair; ripped jeans cannot be worn.

Shorts should be tailored.

Any questions about the dress code should be directed to the Head of Sixth Form, as should any queries about reasonable adjustment on medical or religious grounds. If students are judged to be dressed inappropriately, they will be spoken to by a member of staff in the first instance. Where students break this code on more than one occasion, they will be asked to go home and change.