



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Thursday 26th January 2023**

Dear BSF Students,

A big well done to you all for getting through mock week! You have faced the challenges of an exam week very well, some of you still struggling through illness and overall, those of you I have spoken to have seemed positive following your exams. A few reminders from this week regarding your final exams. There are no such thing as catch-up sessions in the real exams, only provision for clashes, so you should all avoid booking anything over the exam period and make sure you attend all your exams. Please ensure for all exams that your pencil case is clear and that any mobile phones are switched off and left in your bags.

Teachers have been asked to get mocks marked by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb so you should have your results that week if not before.

As you all return back to Sixth Form and to the regular week, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a couple of the general expectations that are being focused on.

-Tutor period and your Sixth Form day starts at 8.40am please make sure you arrive on time.

-You **MUST** have your lanyard with you and visible at all times, this is for safeguarding reasons, however you will also be issued with a new badge with contains a QR code which will be used for signing you in and out.

-There are no coats to be worn during lessons, tutor time, assemblies or in the study zones.

-Mobile phones should not be used during lessons or tutor time unless you have been instructed to use them by the member of staff. If you are persistently using your phone during lessons after being asked not to the member of staff can ask you to put it on their desk, or for it to be put into Ms Watsons office.

-You should have a purple target sheet for each subject with you target grades on them. Please have this sheet with you during lessons and when you are studying in the study zones. You will be adding targets to these sheets following the feedback from your exams.

### **Year 13 Year Group Photo**

This will take place during tutor time on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. All year 13 must be in and ready at 8.40am. Please can you make sure that what you are wearing is adhering to the Sixth Form dress code and you look professional.

### **Progression: UCAS and Apprenticeships**

The UCAS deadline is fast approaching 18:00 (UK time) on **25 January 2023**. This is the 'equal consideration' deadline, which means course providers must consider all applications received by this date.

### **Student council**

A reminder that the first student council meeting for year 12 students will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. This will take place in room 211. Any year 12 student who is interested in being on the student council is invited to come along.

## Opportunities for you

### Study in the North: Webinar and Live Q&A

Join us as the **Universities of Lancaster, Sheffield, Newcastle and Sunderland** talk through the benefits and opportunities that come from studying in the North of England. You can also ask your questions to a selection of current students!

**When:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Time:** 17:30-18:30

**Location:** Online

To sign up for the event, please register and we will send out the joining link in due course.  
[Study in the North sign up form \(google.com\)](#)

### Applications for Sutton Trust [UK Summer Schools 2023](#) officially open

#### [UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL](#)

The summer schools programme offers young people a rare chance to experience what life is like at one of 13 leading UK universities

#### [APPRENTICESHIP SUMMER SCHOOL](#)

Young people can attend a three-day residential to learn more about how to access high-quality apprenticeships.

[Our Programmes - Sutton Trust](#)

### Women's Engineering Society Apprentice Showcase

Your students are invited to the [2023 Women's Engineering Society Apprentice Showcase](#). To coincide [with](#) National Apprenticeships Week, we will be running our Apprentice Showcase from 6-12th February 2023.

The event is going to be incredibly influential for anyone between the ages of 15-18, highlighting potential career paths, as well as sessions with members of the WES Apprentice Board and BAE Systems and a networking event led by National Grid. Students will also get the chance to ask questions that will help them to find answers and take on board the experience of others to aid them in their future career path. It's an event that can help to shape the future careers of your students.

To attend, please register here - <https://form.jotform.com/230091914851353>

### STEM & Medicine Career Opportunities

For Ages 12-18

At UCL or Live Online

[Architecture](#) | [Dentistry](#) | [Engineering](#) | [Forensic Science](#) | [Investment](#)  
[Banking](#) | [Medicine](#) | [Psychology](#) | [Software Engineering](#) | [Vet](#) | [Video Game Design](#)

We are delighted to offer your students opportunities in 10 STEM & Medicine-related industries this term. The programmes are an excellent opportunity for students to test-drive a career before committing to it. Highlights include:

- Practise stitching up a wound
- Design the engineering to take humans to Mars
- Observe a clinical psychology assessment
- Design your own video game

**Plus, Q&A time with all the professionals and guidance on university choices, interviews and applications.**

[Our Programmes – InvestIN Education](#)

### **IBM Apprenticeships – Accepting Applications Soon!**

New year means new opportunities at IBM! We will soon be opening applications for many of our apprenticeship schemes. We will be hiring for both degree and regular apprenticeships and will be accepting applications during **national apprenticeship week** (6th – 12th of February 2023).

- Opening **Monday 6th of February 2023** - Level 4 Junior Management Consultant, DevOps and Test
- Opening **Thursday 9th of February 2023** (open for one day only) – Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions Degree

[Entry Level TNF - IBM](#)

### **Weston Homes Careers Open Day**

We're hosting our Annual Careers Open Day, at our Head Office (Weston Group Business Centre, Parsonage Road, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6PU) on **Saturday 28th January from 9am-1pm**. I've attached our Apprenticeship Programme Brochure, to help give an overview and insight.

Our Careers Open Day is aimed at all ages and all are welcome to attend, this is an informative day whereby attendees can speak to our technical experts and existing apprentices! We will have dedicated department stands, with technical experts at each one, ready to answer any questions and give an insight into their career within construction / housebuilding. We will also have our Chairman, Bob Weston will be presenting a short talk on Weston Homes every hour from 9:30am.

We will have the following department stands:

- Land - (Real Estate Management)
- Design - (Architecture)
- Planning - (Town/Urban & Environmental Planning)
- Technical - (Architectural Technology and Engineering Design)
- Commercial - (Quantity Surveying)
- Construction - (Construction Management)
- Sales & Marketing - (Business Management or Digital Marketing)
- Finance - (Accountancy)
- Customer (Services & Quality Assurance)
- Sustainability - (Sustainability in the Built Environment)

To register interest please follow the link to our website <https://www.weston-homes.com/careers/early-careers/> or by digital form by [Open Day | Weston Homes \(weston-homes.com\)](#).

Should you have any queries or questions regarding the day, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Girling Talent & Recruitment Manager- 07791072920 or Paige Parker, Recruitment Business Partner - 07866108361.

Have a good week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs A Brewis-Shephard', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Mrs A Brewis-Shephard

Deputy Head of Sixth Form

## Careers in Healthcare – Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form Essential Info to get ahead!

**What universities and Employers are looking for** (write your application form/personal statement to address and evidence these where possible, with example. Expect to discuss more in interview)

- Your passion, motivations and determination to do the role and/or course.
- Understanding of the role you are applying for – including its challenges.
- Skills and Attributes
  - Excellent communication (with a range of people/ages and situations)
  - Team working
  - Integrity and honesty
  - Resilience
  - Empathy and compassion
  - Sensitive to others views
  - Able to deal with difficult/challenging situations/work under pressure
  - Be self-aware/reflecting (learn from mistakes/challenges)
  - Non-judgemental
  - Respectful
  - Willingness to learn/be inquisitive
- Qualifications – make sure you keep your options open with A level (or equivalent) choices, but remember there are always other ways in. If doing medicine/dentistry – look at entrance exams and start practicing early.

### **Start Collecting Examples/Evidence that match skills needed above to support your application**

- Create opportunities (school/clubs) – volunteer and get involved with coaching, peer mentoring, student council etc. this is great for evidencing communication skills.
- Paid work – think about the transferable skills you gain from this and how they relate to what's required in the role.
- Volunteering – as above. Volunteering shows a lot about a persons willingness to give to others.
- Work experience – as above, but also think about the insights you have gained into the role/where it fits. The work experience may not match exactly because of opportunity, but it will have some connection/transferability at least.
- Research the role (including developments, news related to it, application of it (for clinical roles), regulation and governance). Speak to professionals in the field where you can to find out more. Really understand what it entails and how that differs (and connects to) from other roles. **Extended Project Qualification (in year 13)** – if you get a chance/can fit in an EPQ, consider focusing it on a topic related to your field.

- Open days – attend university open days as these are a great way to not only find out about specific courses, and university facilities etc, but find out more about the professions. Remember, you don't have to intend to study locally to go to the open days!
- Taster days – Some universities have taster days you can sign up to. You don't have to have applied, or even intend to apply to book on, but they are a great way to find out much more and have a go at uni life/skills sessions/lectures etc. ARU run lots.
- Think about what transferable skills do you have/need still from the above? Go to step one again!

#### **Internet Links/Resources to find out more**

- Search all the different possibilities; **Healthcare | Explore careers (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)**
- **Explore Roles (there are around 350!!); Explore roles | Health Careers**
- Skills needed (NHS 6 Cs); <https://www.england.nhs.uk/6cs/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/2015/03/introducing-the-6cs.pdf>
- Learning Support Fund (the £5000 toward living); **NHS Learning Support Fund (LSF) | NHSBSA**
- Entry Tests for Medicine and Dentistry; **About the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) | UCAT Consortium, or BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) | Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing**
- University Entry Requirements (general); **Medicine and allied subjects (ucas.com)**
- **To find universities and see entry criteria for your chosen course; Unifrog (you already have a log in!)**
- Work experience in the NHS; **Work Experience - Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust (mse.nhs.uk)**
- Taster Days at ARU; <https://aru.ac.uk/study/open-day/tasterdays>

Good Luck!

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