



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 26th May 2023

Dear BSF Students,

We have reached the end of another half term and it feels like it has been no time at all since writing that at the end of the last half term. I would like to say just how well all students have been approaching their exams and how you have been conducting yourselves around the Sixth Form during the exam period. We are very proud of all students. There is still a way to go yet until those final exams, but hopefully the weeks break now will be useful and used wisely. This includes year 12 students whose mock exams will take place between 21st and 27th June and preparation for these should be underway.

Attendance and punctuality

During the next half term a key focus area will be on attendance and punctuality for all year 12 students, including to tutor time. The tutorial programme will involve lots of important information on progressions post Sixth Form including key information regarding UCAS applications and writing of personal statements. Attendance at individual tutorials becomes even more key as your tutor will begin writing your reference.

Prefects and subject ambassadors

It was lovely to meet with the whole prefect team this week on Monday. Prefect team meetings will take place on a Monday lunchtime in room 204 and I will look forward to meeting with you again on the first Monday back. Your lanyards should have arrived by then 😊 and I will look forward to beginning to discuss and plan ideas and work towards the events we have coming up next half term, and any new ideas you will be bringing.

The sport prefect speeches will take place on the first Monday back after half term.

Subject ambassadors will be invited to attend another meeting soon into the new half term to discuss a year 10 subject fair that will take place on 12th July that we hope you will all be involved in.

End of term BBQ

Each year at the end of term we hold a BBQ for all students, with year 13 students invited back to attend. Invites for this event will be sent out shortly.

UCAS events

All Year 12 students should have returned your reply slips and made payments on parent pay for the two UCAS trips that are taking place on the following dates in June:

- Tuesday 13th June: UCAS Launch day at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford
- Wednesday 14th June: Higher Education Fair at University of Essex
- Wednesday 14th June 18.00pm: Parent Information Evening

There are still some slips and payments outstanding. Please ensure these are completed as soon as possible.

All students should have registered to UCAS hub during tutor time this week. If for any reason you have not signed up, please make sure you do. Just type in UCAS hub to google and it comes up as the top option. You need to register an account to be able to get our ticket for the HE fair.

We believe these trips are important for all students to attend, to gather as much information as possible to help make the best-informed decisions on your progression routes, also there is information that will still be useful to all students even if university is not your current chosen pathway. Therefore, it is expected that all students will be attending these trips, unless there is a reason for your absence that would be the same reason as to why you would have been absent to Sixth Form that day. If this is the case, please do email Ms Watson with the reason you cannot attend (if you have not done so already). If there are any issues with being able to make the payment, please do speak with your tutor or myself.

There will be no Sixth Form lessons running on these days, however, if you have not informed us of your absence and have not completed the trip form/payment we would expect you to be attending Sixth Form at your usual timetabled times and be completing independent study and revision for the mock exams, which will be supervised by a member of staff.

Opportunities for you

Job Opportunity

Your Local Hawthorns Retirement Community Is Recruiting

The Hawthorns in Braintree are currently recruiting for food and beverage team members to join its team.

If you are interested in this role please call 01376 335500 for more information or send your CV to sandra.tripney@hawthornsretirement.co.uk

Institute of Civil Engineering

Inspire your 16 to 18 year old students with our civil engineering competition. The 2023 ICE CityZen Award is free to enter and takes place in the autumn term.

Designed to support the development of key skills including problem-solving, communication, team-working, and critical thinking, [it](#) also gives students insight into how civil engineers shape the world and the chance to win great prizes for themselves and your school.

[ICE CityZen Award | Institution of Civil Engineers \(ICE\)](#)

Summer Career Experiences in London

This is the final call for your students to register for a life-changing, immersive career experience in London this summer. The programmes will transform ambitious teenagers into career-ready young professionals; an essential head-start for tomorrow's leaders.

We expect to close registration by next Sunday 4th June so interested students should register immediately.

[Medicine](#) | [Engineering](#) | [Investment Banking](#) | [Law](#) | [Psychology](#) | [Software Engineering](#) | [Entrepreneurship](#) | [11 more careers](#)

[Summer Experiences 2023 – InvestIN Education](#)

Medic Mind Free UCAT Half-Term Crash Course

Join our series of FREE webinars over half term at 7pm.

29th May 7-8pm : Introduction to Oxbridge Sciences - Exams

Focus on the following exams:

BMAT
NSAA
ENGAA
MAT
PAT
STEP
TMUA

30th May 7-8pm : Introduction to Oxbridge Sciences - Personal Statements and Interview

Learn how to structure a Personal Statement, what to include, what to expect in an interview and how to ace it!

31st May 7-8pm : Introduction to Oxbridge Humanities - Exams

Focus on the following exams:

LNAT
ELAT
HAT
TSA
CAT
GAT
HAT
MLAT
AMELAT

1st June 7-8pm : Introduction to Oxbridge Humanities - Personal Statements and Interview

Learn how to structure a Personal Statement, what to include, what to expect in an interview and how to ace it!

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Medic Mind Dentistry Work Experience

This full week of application help will include targeted exam support, hands-on experience in a hospital setting and interview help, led by a team of real dentists and application experts.

You will get:

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

<https://www.medicmind.co.uk/dentistry-work-experience/>

Online work experience for medicine and healthcare

We've an online work experience course running this June, for all students aged 14-18 considering careers in medicine & healthcare.

Back by popular demand, we've a new series of [Dr OJ's Surgery](#) for students to enjoy, taking place **every Saturday in June**. Dr OJ and friends will give you interactive work experience of Brain Bleeds, Embryology, Cancer and Parasitic Diseases in medicine. They will also cover the application process and their advice to students considering applying to medical schools during the sessions.

Live every Saturday in June - 11am - 1pm BST & the recording is available to watch anytime for 60 days afterwards if they can't attend live on the day.

Students can enrol below and will receive a certificate for their participation:

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/course/dr-ojs-saturday-surgery-in-june>

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 – 12th 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](#).

University Open days

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

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

Have a good weekend.



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