



## Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear BSF Students,

It's been lovely to see you all back into lessons after the exam period. You will now be getting your grades back from those exams, will hopefully have made some improvements since the last exams and can see what you need to do to continue to improve. Make sure you take on board all of the feedback you receive and ensure feed forward tasks are done effectively so that you are immediately addressing any gaps in your knowledge or understanding. Staff are always on hand to help so do ask for support if you are disappointed with your performance.

This week, we hosted our first External Applicants event with excellent support from our External ambassadors. I'd like to thank Ellena, Lucy, Jake, Leah and Alfie for giving up their time to show the applicants around both BSF and the main school buildings and helping to make them feel more at ease about the transition in September.

You should all have received a letter about next week's industrial action. Please note that **you are now expected to come to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**. This had previously been a study day at home as it was meant to be Induction Day but you are now expected to come in. The Induction Day has had to be moved to July 11<sup>th</sup> so you will be studying at home that day. We have lots of tasks for you to do to support your applications to university and apprenticeships so please don't think of it as a day off!

This week, we had the Year 13 Leavers' Event at Little Channels. It was a lovely evening and it hopefully made up for the disappointment of having your Year 11 Prom cancelled due to Covid restrictions. It was great to see lots of you having the chance to wear the prom outfits that had been stuck in wardrobes for two years! The staff at the venue have complimented you being so polite – one of you even collected glasses to return to the bar! A big thank you goes to Ms Arthur and Ms Brewis Shephard for coordinating it all and Michaela, Annabel, Ellie F, Finlay and Zach who arrived early to decorate the venue.

Congratulations to Rosie who successful at the English Schools Combined events Regional finals for the heptathlon last weekend and has qualified to represent Essex Schools in the English Schools Combined Events National finals in September in Bedford.

### **BSF University Challenge**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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)

## **Lanyards**

Please can I remind you that you must always wear your lanyards around your neck? This is a safeguarding requirement that all adults (that's you too!) have to abide by.

## **Subject Ambassadors**

Well done to all the ambassadors who have started the mentoring of 10 students. The last meeting of the term is Friday 14th July in the canteen. Mrs Ketley has asked if you can think of any 'nuggets of wisdom' to pass on to the year 10s for them to do over the summer holidays.

Subject ambassadors should also be working on their displays for the Subject fair on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Do let subject staff know if you have any issues with this and remember that your displays must be checked by staff before getting them laminated.

## **Early Entry/Admissions Tests**

If you are applying for medicine, veterinary medicine/science or dentistry, you will need to be aware of these key dates for admissions tests:

Key dates for BMAT, ENGAA, NSAA, TMUA and TSA Oxford

- 1 September 2023 – Registration opens
- 15 September 2023 – Deadline to apply for modified papers (e.g. enlarged print)
- 29 September 2023 18.00 (BST) – Registration closes for all tests
- 18 October 2023 – Test date

Please note that there is no late registration period after 29 September.

All tests will be paper-based this year.

For more information on individual tests, please click here: [For test-takers | Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing](#)

## **Opportunities for you**

### **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. Premed 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 - Premed 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 - Premed 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%2fexploring-physics-residential&c=E,1,FMySYHM\\_HlYXaF1fVuFoJFfkBSayWbiR6lIVZ9jbBBblbmPsATVZWmRA6YOxkXlhJaWl7k4G-jeCA-3i5M9nPSDK94qXQ0CkziFdJC3so358&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fdata.heat.ac.uk%2fevent%2fapply%2fle%2fexploring-physics-residential&c=E,1,FMySYHM_HlYXaF1fVuFoJFfkBSayWbiR6lIVZ9jbBBblbmPsATVZWmRA6YOxkXlhJaWl7k4G-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%2fexploring-physics-weekend&c=E,1,Pkn2MRTnXA2XevC9zIA9fyWkOXvyRX9MYrWljk6fgRZ25-kOUmUQf2xjK39oqF4kqAEYYBd8ezeB1xN59Rvv98b6YyHbg3XF9ZRMs16UVk2I4Q,,&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%2fexploring-physics-residential-august2023&c=E,1,OCbTotewkDwvm7GhYGspt\\_-bYPjHJdXiGn9RYLnzODSrTW2aavQASzvQaO-epGIsMpvdWQAv7c1MehaAYJ540KWHziXOmnZBNOUTxACKccBulo-Ukw,,&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fdata.heat.ac.uk%2fevent%2fapply%2fle%2fexploring-physics-residential-august2023&c=E,1,OCbTotewkDwvm7GhYGspt_-bYPjHJdXiGn9RYLnzODSrTW2aavQASzvQaO-epGIsMpvdWQAv7c1MehaAYJ540KWHziXOmnZBNOUTxACKccBulo-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.

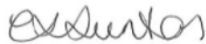
The Operational Support Unit (OSU) is a dedicated team of around fifty specialist engineers and technical advisors. Together, they provide vital technical solutions, equipment and expertise for front-line policing for the Met, including working with surveillance products, camera technology; IP networks; 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 16<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30-2pm at Unit 2B, George Yard Shopping Centre, Braintree CM7 2QA.

Have a good weekend.



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