



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 30th September 2022

Dear BSF Students,

This has felt like a long week – it already seems a long time since this week's assembly which demonstrated my age to me quite forcibly! Thank you to the lovely students who came and politely told me why so many of you were laughing...

I had the pleasure of showing a visitor around the sixth form on Tuesday who was very complimentary about you all. She had an encounter with one especially polite student in the corridor but was also impressed by the atmosphere in the sixth form and what a nice, calm place it is. This was fantastic to hear – I already knew this to be true, but it is lovely to hear a visitor say it too! You all deserve a big thank you for making this such a good place to work.

There were lots of interesting enrichment activities going on this week and it's great to see so many of you coming up with new ideas for this. I wish I had gone to see the cooking group making Katsu curry with Mrs Woodward who I think was extremely brave attempting a dish with homemade breadcrumbs in the first session! Please make sure you are where you have said you will be for Enrichment as we still need to know where you all are in the event of a fire practice.

UCAS

Please can you ensure that you have started your UCAS application. Despite the reminder this Wednesday, there are still only 46 students registered. Your tutors have all of the instructions you need. Even if you think you do not intend to go to university, I urge you to apply anyway just to keep your options open - I have seen people change their minds on results day many times and although you can do this, it is far easier if you already have an application completed. I will do another assembly about the process on Tuesday 11th October.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of you who joined in the Macmillan Coffee Morning this morning and the students who gave up their break and lunch to help out. It was great to see the Café open again and we are really grateful for the generosity of all of the students who donated. This is a really important cause which we hope we will never need to use but sadly, many of us will know all too well the important work they do.

Essex Air Ambulance

Your chosen local charity, Essex Air Ambulance are coming in to talk to us on Tuesday in assembly. We would like to raise some money for them so will be holding a paper aeroplane competition in the main BSF corridor after the assembly (I think helicopters might be a bit too challenging!) It will be 50p to enter; all entries must be made from an A4 sheet of paper and a prize will be given to the 'pilot' of the plane which goes the furthest.

Biology and Chemistry Support Sessions

Mr Potter and Mr Goodwins are offering support to Biology and Chemistry students after school on Fridays. The sessions will run from 3.15 until 4pm and will be held in Room 108.

Library Chairs in the corridor

If you move a chair from the library to sit in the computer area outside the library at lunchtime, please remember to move it back. It is adding to Ken's workload having to move them back in order to clean the corridor. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Year 12: are you interested in studying Medicine at university?

Please come and see me as soon as possible.

Opportunities for you

Studying Law, now or in the future?

The University of Suffolk's Law club, starts on Tuesday 18th October at the University. Sign up on the link if you are interested: [University of Suffolk Law Club | University of Suffolk \(uos.ac.uk\)](#)

Accountancy Summer School

The two-day event will take place on 12th/13th July 2023 and will run from 9:30am to 3:30pm on both days at the centre in Chelmsford. The Accountancy Summer School has been very popular and each year we refine the format based on student and tutor feedback. During this time, the following topics will be covered:

- Introduction to Accountancy
- Routes into Accountancy
- What an Accountant does (with practical tasks)
- CV and interview preparation
- Employer forum (Q&A)

[Register Interest - First Intuition Accountancy Summer School 2023 \(office.com\)](#)

Animation, Game Art and VFX Taster Day at Escape Studios

You are invited to an undergraduate taster day on **Saturday 8th October**, a perfect introduction to the industry software taught on their degrees.

Date: Saturday 8th October

Time: 10.30am - 1.45pm

Where: Escape Studios, 190 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BH or online

Book here: [Undergraduate Taster Days \(pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk\)](#)

Interested in Fashion?

Prof. Jimmy Choo, internationally famous designer to royalty and celebrity, invites you to hear him talk about his illustrious career and of his newly opened London Fashion Academy, the JCA. This event will showcase the Academy's majestic Mayfair campus for design entrepreneurs and the newly opened Maker Space for craftspeople and artisans. The Academy offers specialised degree programmes, short courses and summer schools for learners that want to be fashion design pioneers. Find out more by clicking on the link:

[JCA | Crafting a Creative Community | Events and open Days](#)

Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School - How to coach teenagers towards a successful career

Investin announce the first events in their Success Beyond School series for this academic year. These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential. The events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

The following events are coming up:

12th October: Making it in Medicine - Expert advice on how to get into medical school

16th November: Future-Proofing Students - Preparing students for the jobs of the future

30th November: Finding a Future in Finance - Gaining the skills for a career in Finance

Register here: [Events for Parents | InvestIN – InvestIN Education](#)

Young Reporter Scheme

The Young Reporter Scheme, in partnership with Newsquest Media Group, is open once again for its 15th year running.

The online work experience scheme is available to Years 10, 11, 12 & 13. You will start your 'writing career' uploading articles directly onto the Newsquest online newspapers, within specified deadlines and categories.

You will have real work experience for eight months with them, writing one article per month and all your work is published. You are given the freedom to write about whatever interests you and everyone who completes the scheme, will receive a Letter of Recognition from the Editor of the paper.

At the end of the scheme, there is a chance to go forward and win prizes and the winners will attend a Media Awards Ceremony, with the two Top Reporters becoming the face of the scheme for the following academic year. Additionally, all the award winners will gain an undergraduate journalism day at a leading university.


This has to be registered through me so please let me know if you are interested.

Virtual Work Experience programmes

Click here to see what is available:

[Springpod October Programmes.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Have a great weekend.



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