



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 2021**

First of all, a huge thank you to all of you who represented the sixth form so well at the Open Evening on Wednesday! Lots of parents and teachers told me how impressed they were with you and what great assets you were to Braintree Sixth Form. This was my first evening in this role and you made me really proud of the students we have here.

### **Mock Interviews**

A few of you have asked questions about the mock interview arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December and I thank those of you who are embracing this as the valuable opportunity it should be seen as. The interviewers are local employers and professionals who are giving up their time to help so attendance is not optional – in fact, it would undo the excellent work you do as ambassadors for the school to let the local community think any of our students lack organisation or manners. If you have a genuine reason why you cannot attend your given slot, please let me know and we will try to rearrange it for you. Teachers will know that these interviews are going on and therefore it will not be a problem for you to miss part of a lesson to attend; the interviews only last 20 minutes so you will not miss the whole lesson.

Interview experience is really valuable – whichever progression route you take; the interviews you may have had for your part time jobs are often nothing like those you will experience in the future.

The interviews will take place in either IT5 or G29; unfortunately, you cannot do it at home as there are safeguarding risks with that. You do not need to supply a CV but can do if you choose to.

We have a few slots available. If anyone from year 12 would like some interview practice, please email me.

### **The Library**

Thank you to the students who are running the library as part of their Enrichment – you are doing an excellent job! As the library is short staffed at present, we would really welcome any other students who might like to take on this role for an hour a week. If this interests you, please see Mrs Simkins or me.

Just a reminder that there should be no food eaten in the library.

## **Reading Buddies**

We are looking for some willing sixth form students to work with students in Year 7 and 8 to help to improve their reading. This would involve you meeting the student two lunchtimes a week and hearing them read. This would be a great thing to put on your personal statements, so I urge those of you who haven't taken on any skill-based opportunities so far to consider this. If you think you can help, please speak to Mrs Gee, whose office is next door to mine or email her

[rebecca.gee@notleyhigh.com](mailto:rebecca.gee@notleyhigh.com)

## **Upcoming Event: The Great Braintree Bake Off**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding our first Great Braintree Bake Off to tie in with the Great British Bake Off final. Anyone can enter and you can bake anything you choose. It will be judged by a panel of experts (watch this space...) Entry is free but we will sell the remaining bakes afterwards to raise money towards tickets to your Leavers' Event. (Year 12 – you will get to benefit from the proceeds next year but will hopefully enjoy the cake this year)

## **Opportunities you shouldn't miss...**

A reminder to year 12 of the opportunities for STEM/Social Sciences work placements and insight programmes for those interested in Accountancy and Business, Banking and Finance, Engineering, Law, Medicine and Digital that I mentioned in assembly. These opportunities are especially for those of you whose parents did not go to university, who were eligible for free school meals or have lived in care. I have copies of the letters in my office so please come and get one.

## **Open Days**

University of East Anglia Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November

University of Plymouth Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

## **UCAS Discovery Apprenticeships Fair – 30<sup>th</sup> November**

A reminder that this event is coming up and is, conveniently, on your day off! Click on this link to see the agenda and book your place.

<https://www.ucas.com/node/404796/view/agenda>

I have arranged several sessions about applying for apprenticeships next term so this event would be a great start to the apprenticeship process.

## **World Access to Higher Education Day (WAHED)**

WAHED is an international event which aims to raise awareness around the inequalities faced when trying to reach Higher Education (university and higher or degree level apprenticeships). Make Happen are celebrating WAHED for the week starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. There are a number of events you might like to consider. For the full list of events as part of WAHED, and information on how to sign-up, please visit: <https://www.makehappen.org/world-access-to-higher-education-day-2021/>

These events range from our student life videos, which include episodes on accommodation, sport clubs, essay writing and societies, as well as an [Access Ed](#) student workshop and teacher CPD

session, delivered by PhD students, for students/teachers who want to develop their subject knowledge even further to prepare them/their students before they head off to university.

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, they have a student ambassador Instagram takeover, where students will be able to submit any questions they have regarding university on their Instagram page **@MakeHappenEssex**. These questions will then be answered live on Instagram stories between 4 – 5pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to ask current university students any questions about accommodation, their course, student finance, societies, campus, pre-university study and MORE!.

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### **Start Right Study Right**

**2 December 2021**

**The Forum - Southend**

**Students aged 16+**

Join Make Happen and Made for an evening of **free study skills sessions** at **The Forum Southend**. These sessions are suitable for current students **aged 16+** whether you are studying a **BTEC or A levels** at a **college or sixth form** or whether you are a **mature student** studying a level 3 qualification e.g. an access course.

For over 10 years Made training has been empowering students to harness their own creativity, to develop a personal approach to studying and revision and to recognise that progress comes through focused effort.

### **Independent Learning 4:30-5:30**

What is independent learning? Independent learning is when you are able to think, act and pursue your own studies autonomously, without the same level of support you receive from teachers. We will share a range of techniques and strategies which you can use to organise your time, exercise self-control and design an effective study zone. With this knowledge and practice, we will put you in the driving seat of your studies.

### **Advanced Note-Taking 5:45-6:45**

This compact workshop will show you how to become an active reader and how to apply the Cornell Method for taking efficient and effective notes; a technique that will serve you well as you progress on to higher levels of study.

[Sign up to one or both sessions now](#)

### **Summer Career Experiences**

You have the opportunity to work alongside top professionals for up to 15 days in London with UCL accommodation and 26 careers to choose from.

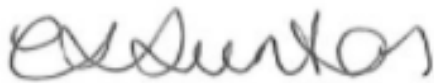
**Immersive activities, site visits, 1:1 career coaching and networking sessions; all tailor-made for ages 12-18. Students simply cannot find this anywhere else.** Highlights include:

- [Law](#): Argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court
- [Investment Banking](#): Trade the stock market in a City skyscraper

- [Engineering](#): Explore a Boeing jet with aerospace engineers
- [Medicine](#): Shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital
- [Psychology](#): Attend clinical patient consultations
- [Tech](#): Experience robotics and artificial intelligence

**Places are highly limited so register now. Students can use code SUMMER15 for 15% off before December 31st.**

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs. C Dunton'.

Mrs. C Dunton

Head of Sixth Form