



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

Weekly Bulletin

Autumn Term – Friday 05 November 2021

Dates for your diary		
Wednesday 10 November	Open Evening for current year 11 students	6pm – 8pm

Vehicles not permitted onto school site

Just a polite reminder that Parents/Carers are not permitted to drive onto the premises to drop off or pick up students between the times of 8am – 9m and 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

Students need to come onto and leave the site by foot. If you are waiting in a vehicle to drop off/collect your child, can we please ask that you are mindful of our neighbours.

This does not apply to any student with a disability.

The school gates will be manned/closed during these periods.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

Braintree Sixth Form Open Evening for current year 11 students

Braintree Sixth Form will be holding its Open Evening for current year 11 students on Wednesday 10th November.

There will be three presentations from the Head of Sixth Form and the Prefect Team followed by an opportunity to look around the building and speak to subject teachers about the courses on offer. The presentations will start at 5.30, 6.15 and 7.00.

To help keep everyone safe, we will be welcoming 100 families per session and ask that each student is accompanied by only one adult.

Please email lois.turner@braintreesixthform to book your session.

MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!



We are asking Years 7 and 8 to take part in 'Odd Socks Day', which is part of Anti-Bullying week.

To celebrate an important message; that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15th November.

Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day.

Year 7 will be also encouraged to take part in an odd sock design competition; we look forward to seeing some fantastic original designs!

Uniform Update

The wearing of our full school uniform is expected as an integral part of the school ethos which promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride. Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform. Please see the link [Uniform Policy - Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form](#) for confirmation of these expectations.

No coats in classrooms

From Monday 8th November, students will not be allowed to wear coats in the classroom. This is an approach that is common across all schools within the Trust. The wearing of coats, which are often very bulky due to the season, are not conducive for classwork and are not required due to the temperatures in the classrooms. In addition, could you please remind your son/daughter that hoodies are not part of the school uniform. However, they may wear an optional plain long sleeved 'V' neck black pullover underneath their blazer if they feel this is needed.

Jewellery

Since the return from half term, we have noticed an increase of jewellery with some students. Please check and remind your son/daughter of the expectations (also found in the uniform policy). Tutors will be checking all students daily and any jewellery that does not meet the policy will be confiscated. These items will be stored safely. Parents are welcome to arrange a time to collect the items or they will be stored until the end of each half term at which point students will then be able to collect them.

Nails/Lashes/Make-up

A big plea and reminder that false nails, nail varnish and fake eye lashes are not permitted. If a student attends school wearing these, they will need to be removed. Make-up is not permitted in year 7,8 and 9. Discreet make-up is permitted in year 10/11. Current make-up styles for some students are also not inline with the policy. Therefore, students will be asked to remove make-up that the school feels are not discreet (a favourite at present is winged eye liner)



5 questions to help your child to think about apprenticeships

Working out the options

With so many different options out there it can be difficult to know where to start those really important conversations with your child. Below are 5 questions that can really open up those discussions and engage you both as you explore all the opportunities.

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ONE

Do you know what you want to do? / Do you have a 'top 3' in mind?

If your child does have an idea of their future job, you can help them to research the routes available and if an apprenticeship will help them to get there. If they are still unsure of what they might like to do, you could help them to research the different types of apprenticeships available and explore what they might find interesting.

Check out <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships>

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TWO

Which apprenticeship level do you think would be most suitable to go for?

Apprenticeship levels can often be misunderstood and whilst many might see the next level to what has already been studied as the next step, those entering the workplace for the first time might need to learn some basic workplace skills before being able to progress onto a higher or degree level. Help your child to keep an open mind and research all available levels.

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THREE

What kind of employer would you like to work for?

Does your child want to work for a large/small employer? What are the benefits for both? What ethos and values do they want the employer to have? What would attract them to an employer? Use the government website Find an apprenticeship to explore the different kind of businesses currently recruiting <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

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FOUR

Would you want to stay at home/local or explore opportunities further away?

Would your child be willing to commute for an apprenticeship or even re-locate? Would they prefer to stay at home? What transport would they use and what budget would they need? Does the employer offer any support for travel/re-locating? You can use the government website Find an apprenticeship to look into the different locations and travel options.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

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Do you know where you can find out more?

There are lots of resources available on <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/> or you can always ask your school career adviser for further support and guidance.

Braintree District



We would like to introduce ourselves as the Children and Young Person Officers for your area. We work from Braintree Police Station, and are here to be part of your community. If you see us wandering around inside or outside of school, please feel free to say hello and come and have a chat.

We are here to support your school and help with any questions you might have.



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Your local update

ISSUE

ESSEX POLICE HAS SOME BURNING ISSUES



- DON'T PLAY WITH FIREWORKS
- DON'T THROW FIREWORKS AT ANYONE OR ANYTHING
- DON'T LIGHT FIREWORKS AFTER 11PM (MIDNIGHT ON 5TH NOV)

It is against the law to carry adult fireworks*
in a public place if you're under 18

Penalty: fine of up to £5,000 or 6 month prison sentence
*(anything other than caps, cracker snaps and indoor fireworks)



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Take our advice to ensure everyone stays safe this year

Plan your fireworks and bonfire, ensuring you follow the firework code

Never throw fireworks and never direct them at a person

Never return to a firework once it has been lit

When trick or treating, only call at the address of someone you know

Stay safe, respect others and have fun

If residents have concerns around antisocial behaviour or believe a criminal offence is being committed during Halloween or Bonfire Night, they should call [101](#). You can also make a report to us online through our [digital 101](#) service.

If it is an emergency, please call [999](#).

You can also read more about the law around using fireworks on our [advice and information page](#)



REPORTING BRAINTREE **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

REPORT A CRIME



**ANONYMOUSLY REPORT
DRUG ACTIVITY**



REPORT A NOISE NUISANCE



REPORT LITTERING



**REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR**



**REPORT AN
ABANDONED VEHICLE**



Signposting

www.youth.essex.gov.uk is a site to help young people to get the most out of school, work and life

www.fearless.org is a site where you can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. It is also a safe place to give information about crime - 100% anonymously.

CHAT Health is a text service enabling young people at secondary school to reach out to our school nurse team to ask for help about a range of issues, or make an appointment with one of the school nurses confidentially text 07520615734

www.youngminds.org.uk offer support for young people struggling with mental health conditions

www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk gives advice to parents and children on dealing with bullying at school.

www.activeessex.org work with local partners to provide activities for children in Essex to develop positive attitudes to health and wellbeing

