



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Dear BSF Students,

I hope the half term break provided you with what you needed: some rest and recuperation, time with friends and family, time for yourself and some opportunity for revision and catch up on work, alongside everything else we know you are all balancing at this time.

Year 13 are now well into the exam period, and I know the relentless revision will be becoming tiring, but the end is in sight, keep going! And we are really looking forward to celebrating with you all at the leavers' event at the end of June.

Year 12 should be settling back into the new half term with lessons, tutor periods and independent study sessions. The focus for this half term through the tutor period is predominantly on support with progression routes post Sixth Form. There is also a focus on attendance and reflection on mock exam results.

### **Notices**

#### **Higher Education Fair – trip for year 12 students next Tuesday.**

The UCAS Higher Education Exhibition being held at Suffolk University is taking place next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. We will be leaving the Sixth Form at 8.45am. You will then be given time to explore the exhibition where there will be over 100 exhibitors. Students will need your QR code on your ticket to get in so please make sure this is accessible, and you may be asked for the QR code throughout the event by exhibitors so that could contact you post the event. There will also be time for lunch where you can bring your own food, or purchase food from one of the outlets available on the day (such as Paddy & Scotts Café, Mix Café, and fast-food vendors on our Waterfront Plaza). We should return to the Sixth Form around 1.30pm where you will then be free to go home or stay on site to study if you wish.

#### **End of term BBQ**

All students should have received an invitation to attend the end of term BBQ. It will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July starting at 1.30pm. The prefect team will be discussing any additional ideas over the next couple of weeks.

#### **Prefects and Ambassadors**

**Prefects** - A reminder that the Prefect team that there will be a meeting every Monday lunchtime in room 211. The prefect team would also like any suggestions from students for discussions, or if there is anything you would like to be addressed please drop in on a Monday lunchtime or speak to the prefect member in your tutor group on a Monday morning.

**Subject ambassadors** – the mentoring programme for year 10 students started today and it was really lovely to be able to see the start of this process and journey of you working with the year 10

students in supporting them towards their GCSE exams. Well done to all the students who were involved in this.

### Unifrog

All students need to log into your Unifrog account and select your subjects. You will be prompted to do this when you next log in. You need to select your subjects and staff members so they can add your subject references here. Do not forget to continue to log your activities on Unifrog as well.

### Mock assessment centre – Aim Apprenticeships

It was great to be joined by Jack from Aim Apprenticeships this Tuesday, who ran the mock assessment centre. It was also great to see the high level of engagement from all students during the tasks. Below are links and QR codes to some of the useful advice and websites.

<https://www.facebook.com/BTEarlyCareers/videos/our-tips-to-nail-the-assessment-centre/482409412472776/>

[www.Apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.Apprenticeships.gov.uk)

[www.AmazingApprenticeships.com](http://www.AmazingApprenticeships.com)

Useful websites

Free online test practice

SHL

Psychometric test

Assessment Day

Presentation and interview tips

Employer websites

Assessment Centre HQ

Google top tips

TOP TIPS

### Work experience week

A reminder that work experience week is 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July. All forms must be with Ms Watson by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. If we have not received your form the expectation is that you will be in the Sixth Form this week.

### Dress Code

I would like to take this opportunity to ask students to consider the three key elements that underpin the dress code, particularly over the coming weeks as the weather gets warmer. Our dress code at Braintree Sixth Form is Modest, Appropriate and Professional. The dress code was spoken about before the half term break and a link attached in the previous bulletin. Tutors and the Sixth Form team will begin to have conversations with students when this is not being adhered to. Thank you to those of you who do adhere to this on a daily basis.

## **Library News**

**Book Returns** – Thank you to those of you who have already returned books. It is most appreciated by the library!

You can now leave books on the trolley in the Sixth Form library. This is situated next to the library desk by the main door.

Thank you for your support with this.



## **Opportunities for you**

### **Work experience in the medical field**

We are delighted to announce a series of in-person hospital work experience days taking place at **Kings College Hospital** in London, designed for **students aged 14-18** who are considering careers in medicine. These events offer a unique opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience and insights into various medical fields during their summer holidays where students travel from all over the UK to attend.

We kindly ask for your assistance in passing this information on to your students who might be interested. Below is the schedule for our upcoming sessions:

### **Ward Round & Radiology Day**

- July 19th, 2024
- July 24th, 2024
- August 16th, 2024

### **Inside The Dissection Room Day**

- July 17th, 2024
- July 31st, 2024
- August 7th, 2024
- August 14th, 2024

### **A&E & GP Surgery Day**

- July 23rd, 2024
- August 9th, 2024
- August 15th, 2024

### **On Call Doctor For A Day**

- August 2nd, 2024

Each session is tailored to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of what a career in medicine entails, through engaging and interactive experiences.

If any of your students are interested in participating, they can [register through the website](#).

For those students that can't travel we also have a wonderful [online work experience week](#) taking place from July 15th - July 19th 2024 where students can spend 5 evenings gaining some work experience from the comfort of their own home.

### **University of Law – Summer Open days and other events**

At The University of Law, we understand that your students will want to visit us on campus before they make any decisions. This summer they can join us at our Open Days on Saturday 15 June and Saturday 13 July. You can book here: [Register now](#)

### **Cyber Investigation Day (London Bloomsbury Campus)**

Thursday 27 June, 10:00 - 15:00

Students can explore the world of cybercrime and investigate physical and digital crime scenes. They will develop ethical hacking skills and deploy cyber forensic tools to incriminate suspects, using skills and knowledge learnt throughout the day to report findings and secure a conviction.

### **The Psychology of Crime (various campus locations)**

These events in June and July offer an exciting opportunity to examine the psychology behind a criminal case. Students will understand a forensic psychologist's role in the criminal justice system and discover how psychology impacts interviewing and confessions, our perceptions of victims, and how the prison system is shaped.

### **Criminal Investigation Day - The Big Heist (various campus locations)**

Our Criminal Investigation Days this month offer students an exciting opportunity to build a variety of skills while examining landmark cases.

### **[Fashion Summer School!](#)**

A 2 day project in partnership with [Junk Kouture](#), where students will design and make an accessory, garment or look made entirely from found or discarded materials. Climate action meets fashion!  
Open to all aged **14years+**

**24th and 25th June 2024.**

<https://www.ravensbourne.ac.uk/connect/events/fashion-summer-school-0#msdynttrid=zsBp85YaAeNvp516QisagKoeMqnjpXEozxVFeiCf9Io>

## Watt Matters event

Heriot-Watt University are delighted to invite pupils from your institution to our 'Watt Matters!' event at the Museum of London Docklands on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The event is designed to enable students to discover world class research in Mechanical Engineering, Robotics, Business and Psychology.

It's an opportunity for students to take their learning out of the classroom and see how it's applied in real life. Please find additional information for electronic noticeboards attached.

We would be delighted if you can share these with your students, pass this onto the most appropriate careers or guidance contact within your institution, or hopefully display this electronically if at all possible.

Students can book on to one or more of the keynote lectures via our website at:

<https://www.hw.ac.uk/watt-matters>.



The poster features the Heriot-Watt University logo in the top left. A yellow diagonal banner in the top right corner reads 'FREE EVENT'. The main title 'WATT MATTERS!' is in large yellow letters. Below it, the text 'Join leading researchers and DISCOVER THE FUTURE in Mechanical Engineering, Robotics, Business and Psychology.' is displayed. Four topic cards are arranged horizontally: Mechanical Engineering (cancer detection and surgery), Psychology (decision making, bias, and information overload), Business (Study! Start-up! CEO!), and Robotics (The Future of Robotics is Squishy). A QR code is located in the bottom left, and the event details (date, time, location, and registration link) are in the bottom right.

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**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**  
Engineering innovations in cancer detection and surgery

**PSYCHOLOGY**  
Why people make mistakes: Decision making, bias and information overload

**BUSINESS**  
Study! Start-up! CEO!

**ROBOTICS**  
The Future of Robotics is Squishy



**28th June from 10:00 onwards**  
**Museum of London Docklands**  
Ⓧ 5 minute walk from Canary Wharf Underground Station

Register your interest at: [www.hw.ac.uk/watt-matters](http://www.hw.ac.uk/watt-matters)

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## PSYCHOLOGY

Why people make mistakes: Decision making, bias and information overload



Join Heriot-Watt's Assistant Professor, **DR DAN HALE**, and alumni **OSCAR THOMPSON**, to discover why a judgement based on partial information is subject to error.



## BUSINESS

Study! Start-up! CEO!



Join Heriot-Watt's Assistant Professor, **DR DAVID STEINBERG**, and alumni **AYESHA BISWAS**, to discover how current research is helping to shape the business world of the future.



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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Blurb: Engineering innovations in cancer detection and surgery



Join Heriot-Watt's Associate Professor, **DR YUHANG CHEN**, and Heriot-Watt Alumni, **IZABELA NOWAKOWSKA**, to discover how the latest research in biomedical engineering is being used.



## ROBOTICS

The Future of Robotics is Squishy



Join Heriot-Watt's Assistant Professors, **DR ALISTAIR MCCONNELL**, and **DR ALESSANDRO SUGLIA**, to explore the latest research in soft robotics, and how we are helping stroke survivors rehabilitate.



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## [Virtual Insight into University course](#)

For students aged 16+

Years 11-13 / S5-S6

This course is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students of all abilities to explore STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects can lead to. It will also give students access to information on student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students.

The course will run during the period **1<sup>st</sup> July – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024** and can be completed flexibly to fit around other commitments. On completion of the course which involves 30hrs of study, students will receive a **Silver Industrial Cadets Award**.

There is a fee of £95 to access this course but we do have **bursaries available for eligible students eg. Those who are in receipt of Free School Meals, Pupil Premium etc** so please do encourage all interested students to apply!

### [YINI Placement scheme](#)

For students aged 17+

Years 13 / S6

We would like to invite your Year 13/S6 students to join our **FREE** YINI Placements Open Day Webinar with Scottish Power, registration details as follows:

**Webinar** EDT Placements Open Day Session with Scottish Power

**Date** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Time** 4-5 pm

[Click here to register](#)

### **Find a university open day**

<https://www.opendays.com/>

<https://www.whatuni.com/open-days/>

### **Essex Opportunities Apprenticeships**

Essex Opportunities is a one stop shop for information and advice on jobs, careers, skills and training. Funded by Essex County Council, this portal has everything you need to help build a career. Use this portal to search for jobs, courses and apprenticeships based in Essex!

[Essex Opportunities Apprenticeship Portal](#)

Have a great weekend.



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