



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 8th September 2023

Dear BSF Students,

It has been lovely to see you all here this week, welcoming back year 13 and hopefully, making the Year 12s feel welcome. Those of you that I have spoken to have made an excellent first impression and I was particularly impressed to see some of you already working in the Café when I arrived before 8 o'clock on Thursday morning! This is the sort of attitude that will really help you succeed at sixth form so well done!

Signing in and Out

Please remember the importance of signing in and out as we need to know who is on site at all times. Year 12 should now have their ID badges and lanyards which will enable you to sign in and out using the machine in front of Ms Watson's office. Please sign out whenever you leave the site and sign back in when you return.

Study Periods

If you don't have lesson periods 1 or 2, you will be in compulsory study. You will need to sign in on the sheets outside Mrs Watson's office as you will be registered for your attendance at these sessions. Once you have signed, you may go and work in the library, Cafe6 or the common room.

Assembly

There will be an assembly for both year groups on Tuesday at 9.10 am.

Timetables

If you have any issues with or mistakes on your timetable, please see Ms Brewis-Shephard, Ms Watson or me as soon as possible. There will be a few room changes in the first week or so; if you can't find your class, check on Arbor to see if it has updated the room.

Year 12 Subject Changes

If you think you have made the wrong choice about your subjects, please see me about it as soon as you can. We can make changes up to the end of September, but it is better to make the changes as soon as possible so that you can catch up in the subject you change to. You will need to have met the entry requirement for the subject you wish to move to.

Prefect Meeting

The first Prefect Meeting of the term will be held in 211 on Wednesday 13th at lunchtime. Please get your lunch and bring it up to 211 at 1.40.

Volunteers needed for Open Morning

The school is holding its Open Morning on Saturday 23rd September and we would really appreciate your help with this event. Please can all Subject Ambassadors speak to their subject teachers about representing BSF and can all Prefects be available to work with the Leadership Team at the event? Smart dress will be expected for this event. This will prove a number of competencies (Teamwork, Communication, Presenting, Listening) which will be useful for Personal Statements; make sure you tell your tutor so they can mention your commitment in their references!

UCAS

Applications can now be submitted for anyone who is ready, although our deadline isn't until 30th November. Those of you applying to Oxford or Cambridge need to attend a meeting with me straight after assembly on Tuesday; please remain behind in the theatre. I sent out a link to a webinar about Oxbridge interviews today so please check your emails if you have previously expressed an interest in studying at Oxford or Cambridge.

Opportunities for you

UniTaster Days

- **Check out The Uni Guide Podcast** for an inside look at the student experience at university. In the latest episode, released just yesterday, we're joined by Jeff from Aberystwyth University and our fabulous student panel, discussing what to expect and how to prepare in advance. Catch this episode and all 18 others right [HERE](#).
- **Discover 589 exciting events** listed on UniTasterDays for students, with more being added daily. Your next university adventure awaits! Check them out [HERE](#).
- **Explore various university subjects** through the dynamic [webinar platform](#), featuring the UK's first video subject guide. The featured event this month is [Games Studies and Production](#).

The Students' Guide to University is your all-in-one free brochure for essential university guidance. Packed with insights from university experts across the UK. [Download it now](#) – no registration required.

Weekend Career Experience Opportunities

Live & interactive career masterclasses are available in a range of subjects. All programmes take place on Sundays, with dates available from November to January. Students can choose to attend in-person at UCL in London or Live Online. Click here to find out what's on: [Our Programmes – InvestIN Education](#)

Job Opportunities

The Hawthorns, a retirement community in Braintree, are currently recruiting for food and beverage team members to join its team. If you are interested in this role please call 01376 335500 for more information or send your CV to sandra.tripney@hawthornsretirement.co.uk

Surviving your Workload Free Booklet

To request your free copy of Surviving Your Workload (KS5), simply click here:

<https://timfootstudyskills.co.uk/sample-request-form/>

Save the Planet: Join the Climate Change Challenge

Would you like to contribute to a revolutionary global movement? By partaking in this worldwide challenge, you will experience the opportunity of a lifetime, and receive the chance to present in person at the COP28 in Dubai. Following the presentation, selected winners will gain a coveted place on the climate change programme at the Saïd Business School at University of Oxford. Both experiences are all expenses paid. Click here for information: <https://localhost:6543/block?id=4f5b8a93-e787-42f5-8f27-47137083fbf5>

Colchester Jobs Fair - 13th September 2023 10am to 1pm.

The Jobs Fair is free to attend, and no registration is required. The event will be held in Charter Hall, Colchester.

Open days

Newcastle University is holding open days on Saturday 30 September, 9am-4pm and Saturday 18 November, 9am-4pm. You can book here: [Undergraduate Open Days | Study With Us | Newcastle University \(ncl.ac.uk\)](#)

Have a great weekend.



Ms C Dunton
Head of Sixth Form