



## Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear BSF Students,

I hope that you are all feeling settled into the new term. It's been great to welcome the year 12 students and to see year 13 return after your summer break. It was lovely to speak with you all as a whole sixth form student body on Tuesday in our assembly slot, I hope you have all taken away some key messages to help start this term in a positive way. It has been really pleasing to see people using study time effectively and feeling a sense of purpose around the building. I know there has been a lot of information from your tutors and the wider sixth form team, so please do come and speak to someone if you are not sure about anything.

### **Notices**

#### **Enrichment**

You should all have had a chance to start planning your Enrichment by now. Your tutors will be collating your choices next week. Many of you have already contacted teachers in Notley about helping in their classes which is lovely and will really help us build the sense of community across the whole school. The other options you could choose from are:

Options on a Wednesday period 5:

- Football
- Resits – Maths and English.
- EPQ (year 13 only)

Other options:

- Online courses e.g. sign language, finance/MOOCs – Unifrog, FutureLearn, Alison, Barclays life skills are possible places to start looking. There are lots of free courses available. Please look to save/gain evidence of any course you complete.

Here is the link to a free course on managing money for young people with a certificate of participation when you finish.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/personal-finance/managing-my-money-young-adults/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab>

- Student librarian
- Create your own option e.g. book club, debate, music etc
- Work experience – please collect a form to complete
- Teaching assistant at Notley – please collect a form. If any students have an interest in English or education and wish to listen to year 7's student read during their library lessons

please see me and I will help try to organise this for you if you have a free during one of their lesson times.

All forms can be found in Ms Watson's office. Please return them to Ms Watson or me when you have completed them.

If you wish to organise work experience or work shadowing, you will need to be proactive and contact companies and organisations quickly. Make the most of this by choosing something which will support your applications to university, apprenticeships or employment later on.

All year 12 students will have a **Work Experience Week** which will be **30<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> July**. You will need to organise these placements yourself so please do start thinking and planning for this as early as you can. More information and forms will follow.

### **Open Morning**

There will be an Open Morning taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> September. The times are 9.30-12.30. If any students, particularly prefects and subject ambassadors can help please can you let Ms Watson know so we can collate names and allocate roles.

### **Dress Code and Lanyards**

Thank you to all the students who are following the dress code. We do expect you to adhere to our dress policy of being modest, appropriate and professional at all times. This means that nobody should be wearing jogging bottoms, crop tops or leggings. All students have been sent a copy of the dress code so please ensure you are familiar with it and following it.

Linked to that, everyone should know that lanyards are required for us all. Please make sure you are wearing your lanyard at all times.

### **Welcome from the Sixth Form Library**

A warm welcome to the new Year 12's and a welcome back to the Year 13's. We hope you had a lovely Summer break!

There are two main study areas in the library. The Independent Study Area (single study booths) which is a "Whisper Zone" - a silent study space for individual study and the Group Study Area situated at the far end of the library which is a Quiet Conversation Friendly Zone – a space to work collaboratively. Please try to respect these areas so all students can study in the way that they prefer.

There is NO eating or drinking in the library. You can eat or drink in Café 6 or the common room.

The library is open every day and Mrs Millbank (Library Assistant) will be at the main desk during P1, P2 and at the end of the day for any library queries you may have. In addition to this if you would like a "tour" of the library please speak to Mrs Millbank or Mrs Holden (Library Manager – based in the main school) and we will be happy to show you where things are. Please come and say hello and introduce yourself if you are passing! If there is no librarian available and you have an urgent query please email [Claire.millbank@notleyhigh.com](mailto:Claire.millbank@notleyhigh.com)

We hope you have an enjoyable and productive start to this academic year.

The Library Team

(Mrs Millbank and Mrs Holden)

## **Acknowledgments**

Thank you to the year 12 students who spent their lunchtime on Wednesday helping Ms Gladen set up for the year 13 CPR training session in the theatre.

## **Opportunities for you**

### **Career days**

There are new dates available for your students to attend career days online taking place online over the next couple of months.

Career Days give students an insight into different careers that might appeal to them, advice on subject choices and how to apply to university, followed by work experience in the afternoon to help them see what the career may be like. Students receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

Students who are aged 13-18 can register to join the online days by visiting [www.careerdays.co.uk](http://www.careerdays.co.uk)

The schedule is as follows:

**Midwifery Career Day** - Saturday 21st September 2024

**Medicine Career Day** - Saturday 5th October 2024

**Dentistry Career Day** - Sunday 6th October 2024

**Business Career Day** - Saturday 12th October 2024

**Psychology Career Day** - Saturday 19th October 2024

**Architect Career Day** - Saturday 26th October 2024

**Performing Arts Career Day** - Sunday 27th October 2024

**Law Career Day** - Saturday 2nd November 2024

**Vet Career Day** - Saturday 9th November 2024

**Computer Science Career Day** - Saturday 23rd November 2024

**Engineering & Technology Career Day** - Saturday 30th November 2024

Students can visit [www.careerdays.co.uk](http://www.careerdays.co.uk) to join a session that interests them and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

### **Free Parent webinars**

#### **Live Parent Webinar: How to Get (& Keep) Your Child Motivated Tuesday 17th September 6:00-7:00pm**

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated 17th September 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time 1st October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams 15th October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory 19th November 6:00pm

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child 3rd December 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Alleviate Stress 17th December 6:00pm

[Register your place in our parent support series \(elevateeducation.com\)](http://elevateeducation.com)

## **Investin – weekend programmes – career tasters this Autumn**

We're excited to share that our weekend programmes are now open for registration! This November, we're running weekend programmes for students aged 15-18 with 15 exciting careers to choose from, such as medicine, architecture, investment banking, law and many more.

Our weekend programmes provide students with the perfect introduction to an industry, where they can meet top professionals, participate in interactive career simulations and build practical skills to prepare for their future career.

What's more, students will gain real-life experience as well as a personalised certificate to boost future university applications!

[Weekend Programmes – InvestIN Education](#)

## **Investin - Free Careers Event Series For Students & Parents**

Life beyond education can feel daunting, as students are expected to make big decisions at a young age that will inevitably shape their career trajectories. At InvestIN, we're committed to empowering students with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive in their chosen careers.

To kick off the beginning of the term, we're excited to launch our webinar series aimed at **simplifying the university application process for students and their families**. Join us to hear from experts who will provide insights on what makes applications stand out and how to navigate the process with confidence.

**Making it into medical school** - 24th September, 7pm

**Understanding UCAS** - 8th October, 7pm

[Free Events – InvestIN Education](#)

## **ICE – virtual work experience – civil engineering**

Civil engineering [virtual work experience](#) for 14-18s

ICE's on-demand [virtual work experience](#) programme is tailored for students aged 14 to 18 and comes approved by over 1,000 young people who have completed the programme so far.

It's completely free and opens the door to exciting careers - plus gives students bonus material to help them stand out for personal statements and CVs.

It features:

- Online content that can be completed flexibly
- 6 student-friendly topics including sustainability, improving lives and keeping us entertained
- Recorded webinars featuring industry experts
- A topic on being career ready with tips on CVs and cover letters
- A certificate of completion at the end.

## **US College day 2024**

Your students can meet 100+ American universities at this fair

They can explore studying in the USA and discuss their options directly with admissions officers

Register now for free tickets!

## [USA College Day 2024 | Fulbright](#)

This free event provides students, parents and teachers with the unique opportunity to meet representatives from over 100 American universities and learn about the US admissions process from experts.

- **When:** Friday 27 & Saturday 28 September
- **Venue:** ILEC Conference Centre, London (47 Lillie Road, SW6 1UD)
- **Tickets:** must be booked in advance. FREE to those who register.

### **Who will be at College Day this year?**

You can view confirmed exhibitors on [our website](#) as well as some [useful FAQ's](#) and tips for getting the most out of the day.

### **Sutton Trust - Applications now open!**

Applications are now open for our [Pathways to the Professions](#), as well as our [Access Apprenticeships programme](#).

#### **Pathways to the Professions**

Our Pathways programmes support disadvantaged students in **Year 12 – 13** to explore career opportunities in **Banking & Finance** (both in-person and online), **Consulting** (online), **Engineering** (in-person), **Law** (in-person and online), **Medicine** (in-person), and **Veterinary Medicine** (hybrid) **for free**.

#### **Access Apprenticeships**

High-quality apprenticeships not only offer young people the opportunity to earn while they learn but also ensure they gain valuable skills and get a foot on the career ladder.

Over a year, we will be offering students the opportunity to learn more about one of three different apprenticeship sectors: **Banking and Finance** (London based), **Engineering** (Manchester based), and **Law** (London based). They will need to live within commutable distance of the programme they are applying for.

#### **Application details**

**All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.**

#### **Who can apply?**

To apply for the programme, they must:

- Attend, and have always attended, a **state-funded**, non-fee-paying school/college
- Be in **Year 12/S5** at the start of the programme.
- For in-person programmes, live within a **reasonable commuting distance of the university** they are applying to. Online programmes are available nationwide.

We prioritise students based on a range of [social mobility criteria](#) including eligibility for free school meals, and the context of their school and neighbourhood.

Please see more information here:



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**STUDENT OPEN EVENINGS**

 <b>IPSWICH</b>	Want to earn whilst you learn?	 <b>COLCHESTER</b>
 <b>1 OCTOBER</b>	Become a trusted adviser?	 <b>3 OCTOBER</b>
 <b>5PM - 7PM</b>	Gain a professional qualification?	 <b>5PM - 7PM</b>

Have a great weekend.



Ms A Brewis-Shephard  
Acting Head of Sixth Form

Have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms A Brewis-Shephard'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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