



## Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear BSF Students,

This week has seen the start of the exam season and many Year 12 and 13 students have had an exam this week. There is a different feel around the building, which comes from a mix of different emotions, and personally I think it is great to see the level of subject level conversation taking place daily between students and with staff in preparation for exams and following them.

### Notices

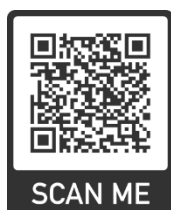
#### **Year 12 assembly – talk about careers in surgery.**

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome back Keerthy Vijendran, a former student, who gave a talk to year 12 students about careers in surgery and her role working for the women in surgery initiative. Keerthy was a student at Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form and left in 2017 to carry out a degree in Biomedicine. She spoke to the students about her story and delivered some great messages around the 'journey' through, and following A-levels and about making the most of opportunities. She gave some good advice and opened the student's eyes to a career in the medical field.

If you attended and wish to receive a certificate of participation from the Royal College of Surgeons England, please email me to let me know.

Below are the QR codes to the RCS website:

Learn more about careers in surgery:



Other surgical roles:



**Enrichment and Unifrog**

Please make sure that you are logging all your enrichment and additional activities onto Unifrog. Once you are logged in scroll down the page to the section titled 'What you've done' here you will see a box called 'Activities' next click on the button 'Add activity' and complete the boxes.

A reminder that all students should be doing an enrichment activity. If you have not selected to do an EPQ, you should be carrying out another activity or looking to complete an online course. You could search unifrog or FutureLearn for a MOOC.

### **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**.

### **Higher education Fair – trip for year 12 students**

A letter has been sent out to all year 12 students with information about a trip to a higher education exhibition. This year we will be attending the event at Suffolk University on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The trip is for all students in year 12.

### **Year 12 Parents/Carers evening**

I hope the parents evening for year 12 students and parents/carers was useful and a positive evening. If there is any feedback about the Sixth Form that you would like to leave but were unable to on the evening, please email [caroline.watson@braintreesixthform.com](mailto:caroline.watson@braintreesixthform.com)

### **May half term revision – Business and Economics Year 13**

#### **A Level Business**

Tuesday 9.30-12.30  
Paper 3 final preparation  
211 - A Wilson

#### **A Level Economics**

Wednesday 1.00- 3.30  
Paper 3 final preparation  
211 - A Wilson

### **Library Book Return Request**

Please could Year 13's return any library, textbooks or academic reading books they no longer need. They can be put in the blue returns box on the library desk or given to Mrs Millbank. Thank You.

### **Opportunities for you**

**Students' Guide 2024** – Released last month, and a great resource to share with your students. Including insights from over 40 university experts, and student finance tips from Martin Lewis. No registration is required, so please share this with the students you support. The link to share is [HERE](#).

**Events for Students** - Browse over 600 exciting events listed for students, with new opportunities added daily. We're approaching open day season, including events coming up at [Buckinghamshire New University](#), [Sheffield Hallam University](#), and [Swansea University](#), among many others. Search all [HERE](#).

**The Uni Guide Podcast** - Tune in to Episode 29, as we explore where university students live during their course. Featuring Foujia, a student hoping to start university this September, Anton, a final year, and Ishan, a recent graduate. Listen to this and all episodes [HERE](#)

### **Virtual work experience – Unifrog**

This week will offer **Y10–13** (S4–6) students access to **up to five top employers** across different sectors.

Whether your students are interested in finance, education, healthcare, broadcast journalism, marketing, or product design, our virtual work experience days will **bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world job skills**.

Student tasks have been crafted by Unifrog’s team of **experienced ex-teachers working in partnership with industry pros**, providing students with an authentic taste of the workplace.

> **Learn more about VWEX week and FAQs**

This is the week before our work experience week but if anyone is interested in attending one of these online days please come and speak with me regarding your timetable.

### **Essex University Opportunities**

**15 June:** [Summer Open Day](#)

**3 and 4 July:** [Summer Insight Days](#)

Our [Summer Insight Days](#) provide the perfect opportunity for students in Years 10-13 to sample two subject areas and meet our enthusiastic staff members within the Faculties of Science and Health, Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences. In addition to participating in taster sessions, students will have the opportunity to take a tour of our Colchester campus and participate in a student and staff Q&A panel.

#### **Wednesday 4 July- Humanities and Social Sciences**

Students can explore subjects such as Philosophy, History, Literature, Film, Law, Sociology, Economics, Politics, International Relations, Business, and Finance.

#### **Thursday 5 July- Science and Health**

Students can explore subjects such as: Sports, Psychology, Maths, Nursing, Social Work, Biological Sciences, Computer Science and Electronic Engineering.

Visit our [event webpage](#) to find out more, and complete our [online form](#) to book places for your students.

#### **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](#)

## Sutton Trust Online Programme

Sutton Trust Online (STO) is a digital platform with extensive resources to help high attaining students get into university or an apprenticeship. As a student on STO, they'll have access to **exclusive events and webinars run by university professors, admissions staff, and leading professionals.**

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/sutton-trust-online-sto/>

To apply for either programme, they should:

- Attend, and have always attended, a **state-funded**, non-fee-paying school/college
- Currently be in **Year 12**
- 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
- Programme applications close on **August 15th at midday**. We are unable to accept any late submissions so please do encourage your students to apply soon!

[Welcome to the Sutton Trust Applications website](#)

Tickets are available on Ticket Source: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlow-college/e-rapxqa>

Have a great weekend.



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