



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 19th April 2024

Dear BSF Students,

I hope that you all had a lovely break and took advantage of the good weather when it was there, the ready availability of chocolate, and some opportunities to lie in and, also hopefully, some study!

Hopefully you have returned feeling well rested and a little less stressed. I am aware that this term can be seen as a daunting one. Remember that the BSF pastoral team are here to help at any time but especially as the exam season approaches.

Notices

Year 12 exam week

Exams will be taking place next week between Monday 22nd – Friday 26th April for year 12 students. You should have all been emailed a copy of the full timetable and been emailed your individual timetables as well. Please do make sure you check these carefully.

Next week you **will be** expected to attend your **normal timetabled lessons** unless you are in an exam. The day will begin at 8.40am with your tutor group as normal to register and then you can make your way to an exam or your lessons. You will be able to revise in lessons for exams that you have coming up so please do come prepared with suitable revision materials.

The café should be open from breaktime for an extended period of time each day next week, so there is an opportunity to get lunch during break or period 3 before the afternoon exams at 1pm.

Attendance and Punctuality reward scheme

The morning attendance and punctuality reward scheme is continuing throughout this half term. You will receive a sticker each morning you arrive at 8.40am. Once you receive 5 stickers you will be able to get a free drink (hot or cold) from Café 6.

Year 13 Leaver's event

The final deadline for payments for the Year 13 leaver's event is 30th April. The event is being held at Little Channels Golf Club on Thursday 27th June. Any students who have not made the deposit can still pay in full before this date. It will be really lovely to celebrate this event with as many of you as possible.

Terrence Higgins Trust

We were fortunate to have two representatives from the Terrence Higgins Trust speak with year 12 students during the assembly this week around sexual health. Their presentation contained a lot of important and useful information. It also contained a lot of useful support services. They will be sending on a support sheet which contains the websites and services in one place, once I have received this, I will attach it to a future bulletin.

General expectations


The start of a new term is always a good opportunity to give a reminder around the general expectations in the Sixth Form.

- Sixth form starts at 8.40am every morning with tutor time – this is a compulsory element to your timetable, as is Tuesday period 1 which is when our assemblies take place.
- P1 and 2 Designated study periods - Study zones – Common room, Library, Café 6. In study periods you should be working in these areas. All students should be studying during these times.
- Mobile phones/air pods – you should not have phones out during a lesson or during tutor time unless there is a particular reason that your teacher/tutor has instructed you to use if for. This also includes if you go over to the main school at any time.
- Signing in and out – please make sure you use the signing in and out anytime you are leaving the site and when you return. Please make sure you are using the student entrance to the Sixth Form.
- Lanyards – these should be worn and visible at all times. You also need your lanyard to get in the main gate. You cannot come through the main reception and therefore you must have your lanyard with you. If members of staff are on the gate checking lates in the morning they will be looking for your lanyard to let you through. This is for safeguarding reasons. Please make sure you have it with you all the time.

Exam Workshop

There will be another exam workshop held next Wednesday (24th April) by Jo Morton-Brown. Please see the poster below for details. If you feel like this would be beneficial to you, please pass your name onto Ms Watson or myself.

Year 13 Exam Workshop




Getting your head
around exams

One-hour, one-off workshop - Wednesday, P5

Perfect opportunity to prepare yourself for
the many demands of the upcoming exam season

This workshop with Jo is where you will focus on:

- Dealing with exam pressure
- Going through different revision techniques
- Coping with other people's expectations
- Relaxation techniques



Speak to Mrs Brewis-Shephard or Ms Watson
to put your name forward

Opportunities for you

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](#)

Side by Side Essex – Volunteering Opportunity – 18+

My role is a side by side coordinator at the Alzheimers society, and what it entails is matching volunteers (over 18) with people with dementia (our service users) to do an activity together in the community for a couple of hours a week.

There are currently no volunteers in Braintree and quite a few people in the area that would like the service. Are any students interested in getting involved perhaps before going to university or in a gap year? Our service users love talking to young people and the young people that have volunteered with us find it very rewarding.

They don't have to have a background in volunteering but if they have a bit of spare time even if just for 3 months, it could make a massive difference to someone with dementia. If you are considering a course such as Psychology or Medicine this could be a good opportunity. Some of our volunteers do just coffee and cake with their service users others have gone to snooker, others bowling or football matches and others just shopping, so really any interest would be welcome. We reimburse all reasonable expenses incurred as part of the volunteering role. Volunteers don't have to drive (although this can be useful) and we will give them support on their volunteering journey to ensure they feel comfortable working with their service users.

Side by Side Essex

Could you help someone with dementia do the things they love?



Get in touch today to find out more

Volunteer for our Side by Side service and share your passion with someone living with dementia. Together, you can do anything from play a round of golf, listen to music or simply have a cuppa and a chat.

Tel 0333 150 3456 / Email sbsessex@alzheimers.org.uk

Web alzheimers.org.uk/sidebysidevolunteer



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Harlow College Final Open Evening

Harlow College are holding their final Open Evening before the summer. Please see details below on this and information on how to book.

Wednesday 24th April 5pm – 8pm

Showcasing our Vocational courses, A Levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships, HTQs, SEND and Adult & Part-time courses.

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

Online A-level Revision sessions – Biology Chemistry

Lincolnshire Training Hub, a part of NHS England, is holding A-Level Revision sessions for Year 12-13 students on Zoom on the 23rd and 24th of April, between 7pm and 8:30pm. These will be biology and chemistry based sessions.

Held by our team of Doctors and Medical Students, we will touch on topics related to health, discuss links to medicine and go through exam based questions.



A-Level Revision Sessions: Biology + Chemistry

Virtual Event on Zoom – 23rd & 24th April 2024, 7-8:30pm

Two individual sessions taught by current medical students and doctors, to help prospective healthcare students reach the top grades. Each session includes revision tips, breaking down exam questions and topics recommended by previous feedback.

Tuesday 23rd of April: Biology - Liver, Kidney + The Heart:

Learn about three of the bodies organs, their function, how they can go wrong, and major marking points. Also including medicine links to the content, including common diseases, to help you remember the content more by applying it to real life.

Wednesday 24th of April: Chemistry - Analysis Techniques:

Including Infrared Spectroscopy, Mass Spectroscopy, Proton NMR, Carbon NMR and how to tackle those big mark questions at the end of the organic paper. Including links to how we use these techniques within medicine.

ZOOM ID: 807 419 5808

PASSWORD: DOCTOR123

Both sessions will be held 7 - 8:30pm.

If you have any more questions,
please contact molly.butcher@nhs.net

I really liked having the topics more related to the medicine professional opposed to what we did in class. It sparked my interest again and the exam questions featured throughout were also so so helpful.

Explanation of how the A level topics link with real-life applications of medicine was extremely helpful – I can see this session helping me with my exams soon!



Parent webinars coming up with Elevate Education



Elevate Education's Summer Term

Parent Webinar Series

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.

Ask me Anything (Live Q&A)

30th April 6:00pm

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

14th May 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

18th June 6:00pm

How You Can Get Your Child Motivated

2nd July 6:00pm

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

Benefit Cosmetics Apprenticeship Open Evening

Would you like to work for the most exciting beauty brand in the industry at our UK head office right here in Chelmsford Essex.

We are holding an APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING on 14th MAY at our UK head office in Chelmsford (Marconi Building, New Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1PH) and would LOVE to have as many local potential apprentices attend as possible.

Email HRTRAINING@BENEFITCOSMETICS.COM to book your place and get more information.

Braintree Carnival Main Arena

We're currently looking for talent to showcase on our Main Arena on Saturday 8th June 2024 and are looking for Singers, Dancers, Bands or any other talent considered.

If this is something you'd be able to ask your students if they'd like to participate in, I'd greatly appreciate your response.

Feel free to contact me on media@braintreecarnival.co.uk

You can find our Facebook page at:

<https://fb.braintreecarnival.co.uk> or our website: www.braintreecarnival.co.uk

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](#)

Radiography work experience opportunity.

An ex-student who is now a senior Radiographer at Broomfield Hospital has reached out to offer her contact details for any students who are interested in Radiography. She would be happy to organise a visit for students to visit their department and experience a day in the life as a Radiographer. They also have a plethora of information about the most local university that provides a Radiography degree, which is the University of Suffolk based in Ipswich.

Details for a direct contact are below, alternatively please do come and speak to me.

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Meet the Russell Group University Webinars

We are pleased to announce that the official **Meet the Russell Group** webinars will again be taking place on 30th April, 1st and 2nd of May. Please [click here](#) for the details. Students will gain the opportunity to hear from experts at universities including Oxford, Kings, Durham, Bristol, Manchester, LSE and Birmingham on vital topics.

We would also like to invite you and your students to upcoming **UK University & Apprenticeship Search fairs**. At our events attendees have the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include; Russell Group, red brick and modern institutions, as well as apprenticeship providers and local colleges. The fairs also feature a wide range of vital **seminars** including: UCAS Personal Statement and Why take an Apprenticeship. Upcoming events are as follows:

- **Oxford Brookes University** - June 12th - [See details here](#)
- **London Emirates Stadium** - June 21st - [See details here](#)
- **London Tottenham Stadium** - Oct 17th - [See details here](#)

To provisionally book places or find out more about oxford please email
- heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk

Have a great weekend.



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Head of Sixth Form