



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 20th September 2024

Dear BSF Students,

It has been really pleasing that over this last week firstly Mrs Millbank our librarian came to see me to say what a lovely atmosphere there had been in the library, and secondly Mr Barrow the Headteacher has been over a couple of times to walk around the Sixth Form and visit some lessons and has commented on the excellent atmosphere in the Sixth Form building, he also mentioned that the student engagement in the y12 and y13 Biology and Physics' practical was excellent. Thank you and well done for the really positive start – let's keep this up!

Notices

Year 12 parent introduction presentation

Please find the link below to a welcome presentation aimed at year 12 parents. This will provide useful information and expectations about the sixth form in general.

[Year 12 Parent Presentation.mp4 \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Unifrog

All students should now have a Unifrog account. Year 12 students should have received a welcome email this week with details of how to log in (please check junk folders too). You should have had time during tutor this week to have a look at your account and begin creating your profiles.

Unifrog is a fantastic resource with lots of information useful tools so please do familiarise yourselves with it.

Logging enrichment – a reminder that you need to log any enrichment activities and academic reading into Unifrog. As you scroll down the page under the title 'recording what you have done' you will see a pink box titled 'activities' – click here to log all your activities.

Year 12 work experience week

All year 12 students will have a **Work Experience Week** which will be **30th June - 4th 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.

Enrichment opportunity

If you would like to be a teaching assistant within a year 7 library lesson where you will support year 7s in the library and also listen to them read, then please see below the times that these lessons take place.

If you are free during one of these times and interested in this being your enrichment option or just an additional session on top of your current enrichment, please let Ms Brewis-Shephard know your name.

Mrs Ketley will be putting on a training session to help support you with your role in these lessons which will be really useful to you for a number of reasons. Once we have all the names, I will organise the training session with Mrs Ketley, and we will let you know when it will take place.

If any students are studying English at A-level and would like to know how you could further support in English as a subject, please feel free to email Stephanie.Wilson@notleyhigh.com directly.

The Year 7 library lessons are as follows:

7X1 – Week A – Friday period 2 – K Minter
7X2 – Week A – Tuesday period 5 – M Goodrick
7X3 – Week B – Monday period 5 – C Thomas
7X4 – Week B – Thursday period 1 – C Thomas
7Y1 – Week B – Tuesday period 2 – A Brewis-Shephard
7Y2 – Week A – Friday period 5 - M Marshall-Clarke
7Y3 – Week B – Friday period 3 - R Weiland

Use of classrooms at lunchtime

We want to keep all classrooms open and available for student use at lunchtimes, however, can you please ensure that you are tidying up after you have used it, especially of any food items and please do not use or take anything in the room that is already there. Thank you for your support in helping maintain the Sixth Form environment and being respectful.

Open Morning

There will be an Open Morning taking place on 28th 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.

Opportunities for you

Free Parent webinars

We had a great response to our last parent webinar on motivation, with over 3200 parents attending!

Our next webinar on October 1st is coming up, and this time we'll be giving your parents some tips on how to help their child manage their time.

Getting students to prioritise homework and revision outside of school can be a challenge, so this session is designed to show parents how they can support their child in staying on top of their workload at home.

**Live Parent Webinar: How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time
Tuesday 1st October 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)**

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 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 \(elevateeducation.com\)](https://elevateeducation.com)

Healthwatch Essex - Young Mental Health Ambassador volunteering opportunities

Here at Healthwatch Essex, we have Young Mental Health Ambassador volunteering opportunities for any young people aged between 11-23 who has experience of accessing local mental health services. If you have any children or young people who are looking for an exciting volunteering opportunity and would like to make a difference by sharing their views and experiences, please do see the flyer at the link below.

<https://healthwatchessex.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Young-Mental-Health-Ambassadors.pdf>

For further information on what Healthwatch Essex does, here is a link to our website: [Healthwatch Essex | An Independent Voice for the people of Essex](#)

Essex university upcoming events

[Winter Insight Day, 13 November 2024](#): a chance for students to explore studying at higher education level, by joining engaging subject tasters and taking a tour of our campus.

[Social Sciences Conference, 27 March 2025](#): an exciting taster day showcasing departments from our faculty of Social Sciences.

[Essex Business School Taster Day, 27 March 2025](#): Discover our zero-carbon home and learn from current students who have already transformed their lives with us.

[Exploring Economics, Politics, and International Relations, 28 March 2025](#): providing an opportunity for students in years 12 and 13 to explore Economics, Politics, and International Relations at undergraduate level, in addition to providing a unique experience of a day in the life of a university student.

Open days

Colchester Campus

- Saturday 21 September
- Saturday 26 October

Southend Campus

- Saturday 12 October

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

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 to join a session that interests them and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

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 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:

[PowerPoint Presentation \(suttontrust.com\)](#)

Have a good weekend



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