



Weekly Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students, Parents and Carers Friday 1 May 2020

As we reach the end of the second week of term, I would very much like to thank Mr Nitsche for all the effort he put into ensuring that Year 13 were able to have a final assembly, albeit remotely! We hope you enjoyed it. Thanks also to Mr Rowe for providing the technical support, and pastoral staff and tutors for their contributions as well. I have tried to keep this bulletin as short as possible this week, but there is still a fair bit of information to pass on, as below:

Unifrog and Futures Planning

We have signed up to Unifrog as a way of supporting students in planning for their next steps after sixth form. The platform provides students with impartial and independent advice on the full range of post-sixth form options. They can compare the full range of UK undergraduate degree options, FE options and international opportunities. They can also access a comprehensive list of apprenticeships available across the country, including higher and degree apprenticeships.

We will be asking all Year 12 students in due course to use Unifrog to draft all materials for applications, including CVs and personal statements.

Year 12 students are asked to make sure you create your Unifrog account by the end of next week (8 May). A link has been sent to your school email address. Click the link and follow the instructions to create your account. We will then be setting weekly tasks for you to complete, but you are also welcome to get started and to use the platform as much as you like in the meantime.

Any Year 13 students who are thinking of applying to university for 2021 or who would like to apply for an apprenticeship can create an account. Apprenticeships are updated every 24 hours. A link has been sent to your school email address. Click the link and follow the instructions to create your account.

When you log on, you will see a 'locker' in your account. I have uploaded a launch PPT into the locker which you can use to help you get the most out of the site.

Careers Advice and Guidance

Mrs Cure, our independent careers adviser, has created a comprehensive list of resources and steps particularly aimed at Year 12 students, their parents and carers, and this is

attached to this briefing to help guide your thinking and planning for your post sixth form careers and next steps.

Tutor Contacts

Tutors have been contacting Year 12 and Year 13 tutees fortnightly as part of our duty of care to all students. They are doing this initially by email – please do check your emails and reply to your tutor. We do need to follow up if we do not hear back from you, so thank you to so many of you for replying very promptly.

I hope that you have a good and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Townsend