



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Wednesday 18th January 2023

Dear BSF Students,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a nice Christmas and a good break. I imagine you feel like myself that we have come back with a bang, and it has been a very busy first week back! Some of you have had external exams which I hope have gone well for you, and all of you have (I hope) been revising furiously for their mocks next week. It is never easy getting up on the dark mornings in the winter, however it has been really lovely to see you all again and I am looking forward to the term ahead.

Progression: UCAS and Apprenticeships

Most of you have now sent off your UCAS applications but there are still a small number who have yet to do this. The deadline is fast approaching so this needs to be prioritised! For those of you who are not applying for university, there will be some events coming up which will help you.

Mock exam week

Exams will take place for all Sixth Form students next week. The timetable has been shared with you all and copies are posted on notice boards in the Sixth Form. You need to attend all of your exams. If for any reason you are absent you need to contact the absence line as usual. You only need to be in next week for your exams, however the Sixth Form building is still open for study if you wish to use it. If you do come in for study then please make sure you sign in and out.

Student council

The first student council meeting for year 12 students will take place on Wednesday 25th January (the first Wednesday back after the mock week). This will take place in room 211. Any year 12 student who is interested in being on the student council is invited to come along.

Celebration Awards

Congratulations to all of the following students who received awards during the end of term celebration assembly for all your hard work during the Autumn term.

Year 12	Tutor Awards	Year 13	Tutor Awards
12-1	Thomas Cockayne, Millie Swan	13-1	Saskia Reeves
12-2	Bethan Jarvis	13-2	Lauren Todd, Gold Alex
12-3	Sophia Odell	13-3	Masie Smith, Alisa Klymchuk
12-4	Caitlan Goodwin	13-4	Katie Donaldson, Lily Crussell, Michaela Clarke
12-5	George Brinkley	13-5	Amie Plumer

Tutor award

The following students were nominated for this award from their tutor for their excellent contribution to the tutorial programme and other aspects of sixth form life that go beyond their academic studies.

Achievement award

The following students achieved this award in recognition of their excellent attitude to learning which was shown consistently over the term. They demonstrated high levels of engagement and outstanding commitment to succeed in their subjects.

Year 12 students

Marcie	Aley
Jake	Ashworth
George	Brinkley
Thomas	Cockayne
Maia	Dawes
Millie	Dowman
Holly	Farrell
Amira-Maria	Feddag
Ruby	Filmer
Caitlan	Goodwin
Ellie	Hicks
Joshua	Hooks
Millie	Swan
Bethan	Jarvis
Oliver	Klymchuk
Corey	Latchford
Bethany	Milner
Sophia	Ozar
Benjamin	Pigeon
Lucy	Price
Alexander	Reynolds
Lucy	Shelter
Owen	Smith
Charlotte	Summers
Phoebe	Summers
Jacob	Swann

Year 13 Students

Dominic	Agutter
Ellie	Barwick
Tegan	Bownes
Michaela	Clarke
Lucy	Cutmore
Elle-Louise	Elmes
Theo	Felgate
Lucy	Gordon
Katie	Hallett
Alexander	Hope
Alisa	Klymchuk
Zachary	Marsh
Hollie	Martin
Caitlin	Millbank
Lucia	Milsom
Nicole	Namiotko

Nancy	Neave
Eva	Payne
Amie	Plumer
Isabel	Poore
Rebecca	Rasapour
Sam	Ridley
Nicky	Wu

Quiz results – Congratulations to 13-3 who were the winners of the tutor group Christmas quiz.

Opportunities for you

SOAS 'Black History: Our History' Conference – a free event for Year 12/13s on 15th February 2023

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Black History Conference, continuing the Black History Month celebrations that commenced earlier this academic year. As it is the 35th anniversary of celebrating Black history in the UK we have organised a day long conference for Year 12 and 13s to mark this significant occasion.

The theme of this year's Black History Conference is 'Black History, Our History', and as part of the conference we will be working with incredible facilitators to deliver a series of workshops around the following key themes: belonging, celebrating diversity, intersectionality and community. Topics will include the African philosophy of Ubuntu, art connected to belonging, black literature and many more.

The day will include a key-note speech, interactive workshops and a campus tour. Lunch will also be provided.

Date: Wednesday 15th February 2023

Time: 10:00 - 15:30

Location: This event is taking place on the [SOAS campus](#).

Audience: Year 12 and 13s

The event will be held on the SOAS campus in London and we will be able to cover travel expenses (train tickets) for students who live outside the London Oyster card zone.

[Application form for 'Black History: Our History' Conference](#)

The deadline for applications is Sunday 22nd January 2023

This SOAS event is a widening participation activity designed to give students a first-class experience of study at HE level. It is free. Students who meet at least one of the following criteria will be prioritised:

- First generation in family to attend university in the UK
- Eligible or previously eligible for free school meals
- Experience of local authority care
- From an area of low progression to higher education (as measured by Polar 4 data).

If you have any questions about this event please email ak137@soas.ac.uk

Pathways to Property

Pathways to Property are offering an Insight Day in Birmingham and a 3-day online Spring into Property Programme, alongside their residential Summer School held at Henley Business School, University of Reading. These events are designed for students in Year 12 who are keen to learn more about careers in property and network with some of the key employers in the industry.

[Students | Henley Business School](#)

VetCam 2023 - Introduction to Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April 2023

Following the successful courses held here in recent years we are holding another two-and-a-half-day residential programme for Year 11 and 12 students interested in applying to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University.

To avoid disappointment, early booking is essential.

The programme will include visits to both the pre-clinical and clinical departments to give a taste of the course, insight into life at a Cambridge college, and a chance to meet staff and current students. Places will be limited to 130 on first-come-first-served basis. **Please note that Chemistry A level (or equivalent) is mandatory, and we strongly recommend two other science subjects, normally Biology, Physics or Maths. It is advised that your predicted grades are A/A***

(For information on entry requirements for different examination systems, please see www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/requirements)

To view a provisional programme for the event and for more information, please go to www.vet.cam.ac.uk/study/vet/vetcam

The 2023 course fee will be £280 for the all-inclusive two-and-a-half-day course; this fee covers all costs whilst attendees are in Cambridge. Attendees will be staying in St Catharine's College in single student rooms with shared bathrooms.

It is important to emphasise that attending this course, or other open days at Cambridge, while useful for many pupils to make their decisions about university choices, does not confer any advantage in the application process.

The course can be booked and paid for using a debit or credit card by following the link at:

[VetCam 2023 | University of Cambridge](#)

Spring term programme of free interactive university online events.

The sessions are open to school/college groups as well as individual students and teachers. Subject to the content, some are in school time and some are after.

HE Guidance – Supporting Late Applications & Tackling Student Finance

- **9th January @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: What's It Like To Study Nursing At University? UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **10th January @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: There's Still Time - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **10th January @ 18:00 - 18:45** HE Guidance: What's It Like To Study Engineering At University? UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **11th January @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: What's It Like To Study Business Or Accounting At University? UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **12th January @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: What's It Like To Study Psychology At University? UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

- **22nd February @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Student Finance & Scholarships for 2023 Entry with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Communicating Science

- **27th March @ 12:45 - 13:30** STEM: Communicating Science - Developing Confidence and Credibility in Your Written Work with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Art

- **17th January @ 15:35 - 16:20** Psychology of Art with Goldsmiths, University of London (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **13th March @ 14:00 - 14:50** History of Art/Art: Analysing & Interpreting Previously Unseen Art - Tutorial – 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **28th March @ 15:15 - 16:00** Art: British Contemporary Art 1960+: David Hockney & Contemporaries with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Biology

- **18th January @ 14:00 - 15:00** Biology: Understanding & Tackling Cancer – What The Latest Research Tells Us with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **15th March @ 14:15 - 15:00** Biology: A Tour of the Human Brain in 5 Recent Discoveries with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Languages

- **19th January @ 15:35 - 16:35** insight4me Spanish: Monarchy & Dictatorship with Nottingham & 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **6th February @ 12:45 - 13:30** MFL/German: Youth Culture in Germany with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **8th February @ 16:15 - 17:15** MFL/French: University Film Society – La Haine by Mathieu Kassovitz with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Geography, Politics, Economics

- **24th January @ 16:15 - 17:15** insight4me Geography: Coastal Management with UEA & Glasgow (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **25th January @ 11:10 - 12:10** Distribution of Wealth – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – UEA & 1 Uni TBC (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **1st February @ 14:15 - 15:00** Geology/Chemistry: Understanding the Earth - The Geochemist's Toolkit with Glasgow (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **1st February @ 16:15 - 17:15** Achieving Energy Security – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – UEA & 1 Uni TBC (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **9th February @ 12:45 - 13:45** Economics: Skills & Insight - Understanding Current UK Economic Performance with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **9th March @ 16:15 - 17:15** The Balance of Power - Government, Media, Markets ...? – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – Goldsmiths (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **22nd March @ 12:45 - 13:30** Politics: Anarchism - Collectivists vs Individualists with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Chemistry

- **25th January @ 16:15 - 17:15** insight4me Chemistry: Organic Chemistry with Nottingham & 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **1st February @ 14:15 - 15:00** Geology/Chemistry: Understanding the Earth - The Geochemist's Toolkit with Glasgow (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **2nd February @ 16:00 - 16:45** Chemistry: Skills & Insight - Periodic Table - The 7th Row & Beyond with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **7th February @ 15:35 - 16:20** Chemistry: What Can We Use Nanotechnology For? - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

- **6th March @ 16:15 - 17:00** Computational Chemistry: Computational Chemistry - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **23rd March @ 16:30 - 17:15** Pharmacy/Pharmacology: Science & Practice of Prescribing Drug Combinations with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Sociology, Psychology, Sport Psychology

- **17th January @ 15:35 - 16:20** Psychology of Art with Goldsmiths, University of London (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **31st January @ 13:00 - 13:45** Sociology/Psychology: Role & Impact of the Father with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **8th February @ 14:15 - 15:00** Sport & Exercise Science: Sport Psychology with Solent (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **15th March @ 14:15 - 15:00** Biology: A Tour of the Human Brain in 5 Recent Discoveries with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **28th March @ 12:45 - 13:45** insight4me Sociology: UK Poverty with Goldsmiths & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Drama

- **7th March @ 16:15 - 17:15** Classics/Drama: Sophocles - The Three Theban Plays with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

History/EPQ

- **26th January @ 10:10 - 11:00** Extended Project Qualification: Skills & Insight - Developing Academic Writing Skills with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **31st January @ 15:35 - 16:20** History: The Rise to Power and Rule of Stalin - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **2nd February @ 14:30 - 15:15** History/EPQ: Detecting Bias in Sources - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **8th March @ 11:15 - 12:00** History: US Civil Rights Movement - Tutorial – Nottingham (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

English/Creative Writing

- **6th February @ 10:00 - 11:00** insight4me English: Language Diversity & Change with Nottingham & Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **6th February @ 15:45 - 16:45** English Literature: University Book Club – Dracula by Bram Stoker with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **7th February @ 17:30 - 18:30** Creative Writing: Skills & Insight - Creative Writing with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **8th February @ 11:15 - 12:15** insight4me English Literature: Dystopian Literature with Goldsmiths & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **20th March @ 16:15 - 17:15** English Literature: University Book Club – Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Mathematics/Physics/Engineering/Computer Science

- **23rd January @ 12:45 - 13:30** Engineering/AI: Machine Learning - Latest Developments with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **28th February @ 16:15 - 17:00** Mathematics: Real World Applications of Matrices - Tutorial – Nottingham (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **1st February @ 16:15 - 17:15** Achieving Energy Security – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – UEA & 1 Uni TBC (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **6th March @ 12:45 - 13:45** insight4me Physics: Waves with Nottingham & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Business Studies

- **1st March @ 15:35 - 16:20** Business: Strategic Direction & Methods with Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **14th March @ 18:00 - 18:45** Business: Skills & Insight - Entrepreneurship - From Observed Problem to Business Concept with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Religious Studies/Philosophy/Classical Civilisation

- **6th March @ 11:15 - 12:00** Religious Studies/Philosophy: Skills & Insight - Meta-ethics with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **7th March @ 16:15 - 17:15** Classics/Drama: Sophocles - The Three Theban Plays with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **16th March @ 16:15 - 17:00** Philosophy: Language of Argumentation - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Health

- **9th March @ 12:45 - 13:30** Health/Medicine: Supporting People with Mental Health Issues through (unrelated) Surgery/Treatment with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Media/Film

- **18th January @ 16:15 - 17:15** Film Studies: University Film Society – 2001: A Space Odyssey (Stanley Kubrick) - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **9th March @ 16:15 - 17:15** The Balance of Power - Government, Media, Markets ...? – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – Goldsmiths (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **14th March @ 14:15 - 15:00** Media: End of Audience with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **21st March @ 15:35 - 16:35** The Decline of Cinema – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – 2 Unis TBC (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **22nd March @ 15:45 - 16:45** Film Studies: University Film Society – Do The Right Thing by Spike Lee with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Have a good week.



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