



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 21st April 2023

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! It has been pleasing to hear that many of you attended revision sessions in the break and found them to be very useful.

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.

End of term assembly

The end of term assembly became a start of term assembly. I enjoyed speaking with the students about the term ahead using the theme of thinking differently and including a small focus on revision tips. Awards were also presented for achievement, community involvement and roles taken in the MUN project.

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

Marcie A

Jake A

George B

Thomas C

Max C

Holly F

Amira-Maria F

Caitlan G

Amber H-R

Bethan J

Corey L

Owen L

Daisy Mc

Bethany M

Sophia O

Daniel P

Lucy P

Alexander R
Charlotte S
Phoebe S
Millie S
Cameron W

Year 13

Dominic A
Ellie B
Tegan B
Michaela C
Ryan C
Lucy C
Grace G
Lucy G
Alexander H
Carlos J
Alisa K
Bea L
Zachary M
Rebecca R
Nicky W

BAT Community Award:

Congratulations to all students who received a Bronze BAT community award. Students received a certificate and a pin badge in recognition for volunteer work they have taken part in in either the school and/or local community. Many of the Bronze awards were given for students who helped take part in the set decoration for the Matilda play and those in year 13 who took on the role of subject ambassador.

Two Silver awards were also given out to Holly Farrell in year 12 for her work as a Librarian and helping in the lower school library lessons, and to Alisa Klymchuk in year 13 for her ongoing work supporting refugees.

Sign in and out app

You should have all received an email again this week from Sign In App Companion. This email contains a code that was valid for 72 hours and allows you to connect to the sign in app. This app allows you to sign in and out of the Sixth form as an alternative to using the Ipad at the entrance. You can sign in and out via either method.

It is really important that you sign in and out using either method as this is used for our fire evacuation procedure. We had another fire drill on Wednesday of this week and a few students had left the Sixth Form and not signed out and were therefore unaccounted for. Also a number of students were present, however had not signed in.

Year 13 Leaver's event

Unfortunately, due to numbers and cost we are having to change the venue for the year 13 Leavers' event. I met with students on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to discuss the details and we will now be holding the Leavers' event on Wednesday 28 June (same date) at Little Channels golf club. The ticket price per student will now be £32. Full details will be sent in a separate letter to students and parents/carers next week.

Strike days

As you may now be aware there are two more days for planned strike action on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. The Sixth Form will remain open and as much as possible lessons will continue as normal on these days.

Exam support session

The first session will run on Wednesday 26 April. Students for this session will be emailed directly. If you are interested in attending more sessions will be able to run in future weeks so, please do give your name into Ms Watson.

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

University Open days

Explore and see all university open day dates on one website.

[Home - 2023 Open Day Dates \(myopendays.co.uk\)](http://myopendays.co.uk)

A/A*revision days for Biology and Chemistry

Lincolnshire Training Hub are holding four free individual sessions taught by current medical students for A-Level Revision, to help prospective healthcare students reach the top grades every evening between the **9th and 12th of May**. They will be based for Biology and Chemistry A-Levels.

The sessions will run as follows:

9th of May: A-Level Biology Session 1

10th of May: A-Level Biology Session 2

11th of May: A-Level Chemistry Session 1

12th of May: A-Level Chemistry Session 2

between **18:30 and 20:00** each evening on zoom. Which topics will be included in which days will be emailed around, and updated on our website on the 5th of May.

Each session will include revision top tips, breaking down exam questions with how to answer to hit all the mark points and how to tell what the question is asking, as well as teaching on topics pre-selected by students. **Please note that the content will be based on students aiming for A/A*.**

To submit your interest and receive the log in links, and to also let us know which topics you would like us to cover, please fill out the google document below: <https://forms.gle/tamJVZ3QkUEaDYSB9>

Year 12 summer experiences ARU

Amplify Your Summer

Year 12 Summer Experiences 2023: Apply now

Medical Programme - Chelmsford, 9-13 July 2023

Character Design Programme - Cambridge, 16-20 July 2023

More information at the following link

[Amplify Your Summer - ARU](#)

Trinity College mentoring programmes

Biosciences

The Biology [Scholars' Mentoring Programme](#): Sessions from mid-May to mid-June

Are you an aspiring Biologist, who wants to extend their study beyond the classroom? Together, Trinity College and The Brilliant Club are offering an online mentoring course exploring cutting-edge research in areas of drug development, microbiology, populations and evolution.

Apply here by the 2nd of May

Biosciences Residential: 14th – 17th August

Over this four day residential hosted by both Homerton and Trinity College. You will get an insight into Biochemistry, Zoology, Plant Sciences and Physiology at Cambridge, and you will be involved with practical demonstrations and will be taught by our researchers.

There will also be the chance to chat with academics, admissions teams and current students, and to experience living in Trinity College.

Apply here by the 5th of June.

Humanities

Humanities Residential: 31st July to 3rd August

Participants will study in-depth a broad theme of their choice, guided by our academic tutors in lectures and discussions. Using the knowledge gained on this residential, you will then be prepared

to write an extended essay, due before school re-starts, which you will receive feedback for. This is an immersive introduction to learning at Cambridge.

Apply here by the 18th of May.

Previous themes have included Cities, Empires and Popular Cultures, and this year are likely to involve similar themes relating to **literature, languages, history, politics, and law.**

[Trinity Essay Prizes](#)

For students who want to stretch themselves beyond the standard curriculum, why not consider taking part in one of our essay competitions?

Primarily aimed at students in lower 6th (Year 12 or equivalent) these competitions have cash prizes for the winners (and also their schools) in each subject, and entrants who receive commendations are also sent feedback on their essays.

Competitions are currently running in **English Literature, History, Law, Languages, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Politics.**

For specific details of each of the essay competitions currently running, please visit the [essay competition pages](#) of our website.

Deadline: 1 August 2023

Head start Webinar series

Join virtual evening sessions on **Tuesdays-Thursdays from 2nd- 11th May**, aimed at helping Year 12 and Year 13 prepare for university, get an insight into student life, and have their pressing questions answered.

This is a great opportunity to:

- Learn all About clearing
- Talk sport, support & societies
- Feel 'at home' With accommodation
- Discover bright futures with Swansea Employability Academy

Plus, join our Q&A subject sessions with our **live student ambassador panel**, to hear their inspiring stories and their tips for success!

Register for these sessions now!

[Register here](#)



Meet the  **RUSSELL GROUP**

 25th - 27th April  Afternoon Session: 12:00 - 13:30
Evening Session: 16:30 - 18:00

 www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/meet-the-russell-group

Meet the Russell Group' online

25-27 April 2023

REGISTER TO TAKE PART

Join **all 24 universities** from **25 - 27th April 2023** at the return of 'Meet the Russell Group', a virtual event in association with UK University Search.

Online and interactive.

Five 90-minute sessions each featuring **six expert panellists** who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the **next step** in their educational journey.

In each session the **chat** will be managed by representatives from the Russell Group who will be able to **answer specific questions** and provide further information throughout.

Meet the Russell Group is designed to support **Year 13, 12 and 11 students**, and the parents, guardians, teachers and careers advisors who assist them with their applications. It is completely **free of charge**.

The event will allow **Year 13** students to explore and compare universities they may have received offers from in order to decide upon their Firm and Insurance choices.

Meet the Russell Group will also support **Year 12s** as they start to make initial decisions about where they would like to study in 2024, and the courses they may be interested in.

[More information and book your place](#)

[Register](#)

HE Guidance

- **April 24 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Why Do People Go To University? UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **April 27 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 18 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: What's It Really Like To Be A Student? UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 13 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: How To Choose The Right Course For You? UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 15 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Transitioning From School Or College To University - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 27 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: How To Get A Head Start On Your University Application - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **July 18 @ 18:00 - 18:45** HE Guidance: Clearing In Five Easy Steps - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Modern Languages

- **April 26 @ 12:45 - 13:45** Modern Languages: Interpreting & Subtitling with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 7 @ 15:45 - 16:45** Spanish/MFL: University Film Society – El Laberinto del Fauno with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Mathematics

- **April 26 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Mathematics & Mathematical Modelling in Understanding & Tackling Food Shortages with Nottingham (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 15 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Mathematics/Statistics: Skills & Insight - Statistical Hypothesis Testing with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 28 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Mathematics/Economics: Applying Maths to Understand & Tackle the UK Economic Crisis with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Chemistry

- **April 26 @ 17:30 - 18:15** Chemistry: Skills & Insight - Chemistry Gym - Compound Identification Workout with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 12 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Society for Natural Sciences: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Economics, Business

- **April 27 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Economics: Monetary Policy - Interest Rates & Inflation with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 25 @ 15:45 - 16:45** Think Tank: The Future of the UK Car Industry – UEA (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 13 @ 11:15 - 12:15** insight4me Economics: Externalities & Government Intervention with UEA & 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 15 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Business: Decision Making to Increase Business Performance with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 28 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Mathematics/Economics: Applying Maths to Understand & Tackle the UK Economic Crisis with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Geography, Politics

- **May 2 @ 14:00 - 15:00** Global Poverty – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – UEA (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 15 @ 13:00 - 13:45** Geography: Deserts with The University of Sheffield (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 17 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Politics: UK Voting Behaviour with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 25 @ 15:45 - 16:45** Think Tank: The Future of the UK Car Industry – UEA (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 19 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Environmental Science: Habitat Decline - Finding Solutions - Tutorial – Sheffield (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 27 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Geography: Designing Sustainable Urban Environments - Tutorial – Sheffield (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Biology, Medicine, Nursing

- **May 9 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Biology/Medicine: Exploring The Causes & Approaches To Tackling Antibiotic Resistance - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 17 @ 17:45 - 18:30** Adult Nursing: Live Treatment In Surrey's Clinical Simulation Centre - Surrey (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 25 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Biology/Medicine: Latest Developments & Advances in Gene Sequencing with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 12 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Society for Natural Sciences: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 19 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Environmental Science: Habitat Decline - Finding Solutions - Tutorial – Sheffield (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Drama, Music

- **May 9 @ 14:30 - 15:15** Drama/Theatre: Performance Psychology - Applying Theory Your Practice with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 10 @ 11:10 - 12:00** English/Theatre: Streetcar - Exploring & Understanding The Play's Longevity with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 20 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Music: Composition Skills & Confidence with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

English Literature & Language, Classics

- **May 10 @ 11:10 - 12:00** English/Theatre: Streetcar - Exploring & Understanding The Play's Longevity with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

- **May 15 @ 16:15 - 17:15** English: Skills & Insight - Analysing Previously Unseen Text/Poetry with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 12 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Classical Civilisation/Literature: Homer's Iliad with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Media, Film

- **May 11 @ 12:45 - 13:45** insight4me Media: Media Representation - Identity with Goldsmiths & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 23 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Film/Media: Mise En Scène Analysis - Moon (2009) & Ex Machina (2014) - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 7 @ 15:45 - 16:45** Spanish/MFL: University Film Society – El Laberinto del Fauno with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 14 @ 17:00 - 17:45** Film/Media Studies: Reservoir Dogs - Cinematography - Pre-Verbal Storytelling - Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 22 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Film/Media: Personal Projects - The Art of Storyboarding - Tutorial – Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Computer Science, Engineering, Physics

- **May 11 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Computing/Data Science: Using Python For AI Prediction with Solent University (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 16 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Engineering: Understanding Different Engineering Disciplines - Spotlight on Sustainable Energy with Sheffield (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 21 @ 14:30 - 15:15** Computer Science: Computer Organisation & Architecture with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 26 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Physics: Problem Solving & Thinking Skills with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Sociology, Psychology, Health & Social Care

- **May 16 @ 11:15 - 12:00** Sociology/Health & Social Care: Social Care Intervention - Making the Right Call with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 12 @ 14:00 - 14:50** Sociology/Psychology: Skills & Insight - Research Methods - Focus on Ethics with Solent University (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Art, History of Art

- **May 22 @ 14:00 - 14:50** History of Art/Art: Analysing & Interpreting Previously Unseen Art - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

History

- **May 23 @ 14:00 - 14:50** History: France in Revolution with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **May 24 @ 11:15 - 12:00** History: US Civil Rights Movement - Tutorial - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Law, Criminology

- **June 8 @ 16:30 - 17:15** Law/Criminology: Spotlight on Current Legal Cases with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **June 28 @ 16:15 - 17:15** insight4me Law: Lawmaking with UEA & 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Philosophy/Religious Studies

- **June 21 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Philosophy/RS: Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals, Ch. 1 & 2 (Kant) with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)



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