



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 15th March 2024

Dear BSF Students,

I want to take the opportunity this week to say thank you to you all as a body of students for making the sixth form a lovely place to work. We are very proud of all of you, and you are a big part of making this sixth form an excellent place to be. The small things on a daily basis such as the offers of help, smiling and saying hello, small gestures of appreciation and your willingness to engage are all noticed, appreciated and help to build a nice environment to be in. I do hope that you feel similarly about being here and that, if you do not, you feel you can come and talk to me or one of the sixth form staff about it.

I really enjoyed speaking to year 12 students this week about the importance of making their time count and bringing back Mr Potato Head to help emphasise the importance of taking on opportunities that are available to you. Currently there are a couple of opportunities on offer firstly, the opportunity to apply for a subject ambassador or prefect role, and secondly the opportunity to take on an active role in the model UN conference On Tuesday 26th.

Notices

Subject ambassadors and prefect roles

All year 12 students can apply for the role of subject ambassador for any of their current subjects. The role will involve; being a teaching assistant in the subject for one hour a fortnight, tutoring of the subject to younger students; talking about studying the subject to students and parents, representing the subject at recruitment events, and working alongside teaching staff of the subject on any other initiatives.

Students can also apply for one or more of the following prefect positions:

- Head/Deputy Head Prefect
- Charity/Community Prefect
- Social Prefect
- Diversity Prefect
- Environmental Prefect
- Sports Prefect
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- School council prefects

Application forms for the subject ambassador role are available from the student office, and they have been sent via email.

To apply for one of the prefect roles please write/send a letter/email which includes the following: In the letter of application, you need to outline:

- Why you wish to take on the role.
- The skills and qualities you have (key strengths) that will enable you to do the role.
- Any key experience you have previously had that would support the above point.

- You need to identify one key priority that you would like to achieve during your first term in the role.
- Outline any other ideas that you have.

All applications should be submitted to Ms Brewis-Shephard by Friday 22nd March.

MUN Conference

On Tuesday 26th, we will be holding our Model United Nations Conference during tutor period and period1. All students should be presenting their resolutions in their tutor groups next week and then a select few will, be put forward in the conference and these will be voted on. It is an opportunity to think beyond our lives in Essex and learn how some international decisions are made. Even if you are not presenting a resolution, you will all be taking part by voting for or against the resolutions. This is another lovely event where we come together as whole year group, I hope you all approach it with the same enthusiasm with which you approached the Enterprise Fair.

EPQ Launch

Next Tuesday in assembly I will be launching the EPQ (extended project qualification) to all year 12 students.

Year 13 Leavers' event

This year the year 13 Leavers' event is taking place at Little Channels on Thursday 27th June 2024. All year 13 students are welcome and can still pay for your ticket via parent pay.

Student Finance

Student finance is **now open**. If you are applying for university, please complete the online student finance form. This can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance?step-by-step-nav=18045f76-ac04-41b7-b147-5687d8fbb64a>

Library

The library is a quiet area for study, can I please ask that you respect this and do not play any music.

Opportunities for you

Free Parent Webinar: Helping Your Child Prepare for Exams

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on **supporting your child during exams** on March 19th.

Elevate works with our students, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn **how you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.**

Sign up for the session below to learn how you can improve your child's exam performance by **helping them to establish a good routine in the run-up to an assessment.**

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

Tuesday 19th March 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

[Click here to register for free](#)

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- Helping your child prepare in the week before an exam
- Establishing a good routine for your child the night before
- Helping your child to optimise their exam performance

FIRST CLASS LEARNING BRAINTREE PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

Position: Assistant Tutor

Dates / Times: Every Wednesday 4:30 – 6:30pm

Location: Notley High School

Contact: Mark Remington at braintree@firstclasslearning.co.uk

New opportunities have become available for paid part-time assistant tutors after-school with First Class Learning Braintree, no previous experience required. Ideal experience for UCAS applications and similar.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Welcome students into the centre.
2. Be responsible for a safe, caring and nurturing environment for around three to four students per assistant.
3. Support delivery of pre-prepared worksheet materials to children aged 5-15 (maths and English, with the possibility of science to selected children).
4. Pro-actively ensure each student understands the tasks set, be ready to explain.
5. Mark each page as completed by the student, explaining how to correct answers where necessary.
6. Complete associated admin tasks.
7. Support your fellow assistants and other staff.

Requirements:

1. Maths and English GCSE passes at minimum grade 5 (grade 6 preferred but not essential)
2. Able to engage with children of all ages
3. Confident manner
4. Pro-active and problem-solving nature

Amplify Your Summer

7th-11th July - ARU Cambridge

14th-18th July - ARU Chelmsford

Joined by other students across the region, students will be immersed into their chosen subject programme. With a task in hand to complete and showcase, Anglia Ruskin University's world-leading academics and student ambassadors will support the students every step of the way.

Each candidate will need to complete an application form, choose a subject from the available list, and submit a 500 word supporting statement.

[Amplify Your Summer:](#)

[Sign up](#)

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

Summer Research Placement

There are still a couple of weeks left for students to apply for a Research Placement this summer.

I am writing to tell you about a fantastic opportunity for students studying in East Anglia to work on a **face to face** summer project at BT Adastral Park, Ipswich. The project will give the students the opportunity to find out more about the varied work that BT do and also to conduct a piece of research on a topic essential to the business. This offer is **exclusive** to a small number of schools local to BT so your students have a really good chance of being accepted. Further details of the placement can be found in the attached flyer.

The project is being run as part of the Research Placements and Experiences scheme (summary attached) so students will need to be in year 12 of their studies and be taking at least one STEM related A-Level or equivalent. Students **must** also fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Your family has a combined household income of below £30,000 a year.
- You are entitled to free schools meals, either now or at any time in the last six years.
- You live, or have lived, in local authority care.
- Will be the first in their family to attend university

All students will receive travel expenses to their placement and most will be eligible for a £200 bursary on top of this. Please note that we have placements in a wide range of STEM and Social Science subjects and organisations (not just BT) so there are many opportunities for your students to get involved.

Applications are now open at www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org

Medicine open day – Lincoln university

We're holding our next Medicine Open Day on **Saturday 27 April 2024**, from 10am until 2.30pm. This event is designed for students interested in studying Medicine at Lincoln Medical School in September 2025.

You'll have the opportunity to visit our beautiful Brayford Pool Campus, find out more about the BMBS Medicine programme, and take part in a range of exciting interactive activities throughout the day.

You can also speak with staff and students about their experiences of studying at Lincoln, get involved with a live student panel Q&A session, explore the purpose-built Ross Lucas Medical Sciences Building, and take a tour of our modern, on-campus accommodation.

https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/studentlife/whatson/events/medicine-open-day-27-april-24.html?dm_i=7HSW,5TCR,1LIQEG,OD20,1

Have a great weekend.



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