



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 11th October 2024

Dear BSF Students,

You should all hopefully be settled and into your two-week timetable, and the routine of your study periods. You should find that there is plenty of homework being set, and there is also independent revision, note taking and academic reading to be doing as well – there is always something to be doing as a sixth form student.

There are still two weeks remaining of this half term. Please do keep your momentum going, but with this in mind, I am aware that the penultimate week of a half term can be one of the toughest weeks, so please do come and speak with someone if you need to.

Notices

Assembly – Gambling

In the assembly this week Mrs Howells spoke to all sixth form students about the topic of gambling. It started with a quiz to find out your current knowledge around legal ages, and then some key information and advice around this topic was shared to raise understanding and awareness. If anyone is concerned, please do speak to someone or reach out to external support, such as the three below that were shared at the end of the assembly.



25
YEARS



gambling help  Online

Mobile phones and air pods

A reminder please that you should not have your mobile phones out in lessons, unless specifically requested by your teacher. You should also not have your mobile phone out whilst you are in the lower school building. This also applies for air pods or anything similar.

Lanyards

I am getting numerous emails from staff regarding sixth form students not wearing their lanyards, particularly when you are in the lower school building. It is a safeguarding requirement for you to wear it and an expectation for staff to challenge anyone who is not wearing a lanyard.

In addition to this, please do not let anyone who does not have a lanyard into the school site through the side gate as you enter and exit.

Year 13 – Revision session with Elevate Education

On **Tuesday 22nd October during period 1** all year 13 students will take place in a revision/study skills session by Elevate Education. This will involve smaller group sessions and take place in three classrooms during period 1. This session will provide key tips and strategies prior to the mock exam week which for year 13 students will take place between **9th-13th December**.

Elevate education ran a session for the year 13 students last year prior to their final exams and the feedback received from the students was very positive.

Folder checks and target grades

Folder checks to aid with organisation and checking independent study should have been completed or will take place this week coming for some subjects.

Please ensure you are bringing your folder to every lesson and that you are focusing on organising it appropriately for your subjects, however, please do ask for support with this if it is needed.

Football result

A close result this week with a 2-1 defeat to USP, but good to see the first goal of the season scored by Jake C.

Opportunities for you

Elevate Education – Parent webinars

Live Parent Webinar: How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams Tuesday 15th October 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

Parents who attended our last webinar on this topic loved it and shared with us why they found it so useful:

‘Very informative. Excellent ideas on how to study effectively leading up to exams and new ideas I can share with my Year 12 Child. Great structured approach.’

‘Great tips to help our child who is navigating through the daunting time of prepping for exam times. Great Q&A session.’

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

- How to create a road map with your child to maximise success in their exams
- Structuring their final week before exams
- How to stay on track & avoid cramming or stressing the night before

[Click here to register for free](#)

'Medicine Interview Course' - Lincolnshire Training Hub

Following successful yearly courses between 2020 and 2023, Lincolnshire Training Hub are pleased to be offering our 'Medicine Interview Course' this again for Year 12/13 students applying for Medicine (2025 entry) on the 27th of October between 1pm and 5pm online (on zoom).

To include:

‘Top Tips’ seminar, run by existing Medical students.

Common themes that come up in interviews,

How to tackle questions

Hear about their own experiences.

1:1 mock interview with personalized constructive feedback on how you could improve your performance

Opportunities to ask our medical students questions about the process.

Application deadline: **21st of October 2024.**

If you have any questions, please email molly.butcher@nhs.net

Please note our course is only for Medicine applicants – this is not aimed at dentistry, pharmacy, nursing or veterinary applicants.

Please request the application form to be sent to you directly from either Ms Brewis-Shephard or Ms Arthur.

The complete university guide – league tables 2025

Visit the complete university website to see the league tables for 2025

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

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:

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.

Unifrog's UK University fair

There's only three weeks to go until Unifrog's [UK University Fair](#) on Wednesday 16 October at 4–6:30pm. Don't worry if students can't make it for the whole event, they are welcome to drop in and out whenever they can!

Your Y10–13 students are invited to meet 40 universities in two hours - including University of Bristol, University of Warwick, University of Leeds, and Cardiff University. They'll gain practical advice from the experts to help them get a step closer to their dream university.

- For students who are unsure about what or where to study - Live sessions and interactive booths can inspire them to consider a diverse range of universities from all over the UK.

- For students who know where they want to go - This fair is a great opportunity to get tips on choosing the right course and acing their personal statement ahead of the upcoming admissions cycle.
- For students who have questions about student life - Whether this is about scholarships, extracurricular activities, accommodation, or any other factors that influence students' decisions, 40 universities will be there to chat!

[iVent Pro - Venue \(ivent-pro.com\)](http://ivent-pro.com)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DAYS – University of Law

These events will be running free of charge on our campuses the week commencing October 14, but there is also a virtual option in half term if students are unable to attend in person. Our Criminal Investigation Days are for students with an inquisitive mind and are considering a degree in criminology, law, policing or psychology.

The sessions will follow Gypsy Rose Blanchard, looking at her transition from victim to criminal to viral sensation. Through this interactive workshop, we will re-visit key moments from the trial, build a comprehensive timeline of events, and evaluate the verdict.

Students can book individually via the link below.

<https://email.schoolcommunications.co.uk/rsp/m/0jCgxc8JcdR3KwA4It7OQ-AxSL979Y3cjif PxnLMsA>

Real World Lecture: What Do Hackers Know About You?

VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday 9th November, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Do your students want to experience a lecture before they go to university, then they can join one of our amazing lectures, as they explore social engineering, a key approach that is increasingly being used to secure private details and has led to some high-profile security incidents. Find out more about hackers, the case study of Kevin Mitnick, and identify techniques to develop good cyber hygiene. <https://email.schoolcommunications.co.uk/rsp/m/0jCgxc8JcdR3KwA4It7OQ6pzFUIZZg7DUKT3vag8GFY>

English Tutor Plus

Catherine Foley (Formerly Catherine Dunton)

Experienced English Teacher offering:

Private GCSE and A level tuition

Proofreading services

Personal Statement assistance

Email – catherine@englishtutorplus.co.uk Website – www.englishtutorplus.co.uk

Have a good weekend



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