

Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear BSF Students,

It's been a little while since I wrote one of these! I'd like to thank all of you who have made me feel welcomed back — it has been lovely to see you all again, meet the new prefect team and subject ambassadors and hear about some of the things you've achieved this year. I will be meeting every Year 12 student in the next few weeks to review how your first year has gone, discuss your progression plans with you and help you set targets for next year. These appointments will be scheduled in a study period. Please make sure you are attending tutorials and checking emails, so you don't miss your time.

This week sees the last exams for Year 13. Congratulations to all of you who have kept a clear head through this period; most people doing these exams have had the experience of GCSE examinations behind them, so your calm conduct has been all the more impressive considering that you did not have that practice. We will certainly miss your presence around the building and thank you all for the contribution you have made to BSF. I will continue to put on opportunities which may benefit you so keep looking at the newsletter this term.

Year 12 are now halfway through exam week, and there is a palpable sense of purpose in the building! Again, you have conducted yourselves in a calm, mature way through these exams which is great to see.

Tutor sessions and Assembly

You are not required to attend registration or tutor period over the exam week but should be there for 8.40 on Wednesday 28th when tutor period resumes. Please remember that these sessions are compulsory. Many employees ask us for attendance data when they ask for references, so it is worth bearing this in mind if you don't think you need to attend these sessions! Please make sure you are signing in and out of the building using the new system.

Our next assembly will be on Tuesday 4th July. Ms Brewis-Shephard will be introducing the EPQ to you, which is an opportunity many of you will want to take up. The Extended Project Qualification is worth half an A level and allows you to research a topic of interest to you and present an essay or artefact based on your research. Many students find it helps support their university application and gives them lots of experiences to talk about in an interview. Please make sure you are there for the assembly.

Leavers' Event

Just a reminder to Year 13 about the arrangements for your Leaver's Event. The event is being held on Wednesday 28th June at Little Channels, Pratts Farm Lane West, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 3PR. You can arrive from 6.30 and will be served with a drink on arrival. A buffet will be served at 8.00. The event will finish at midnight.

You will need to bring ID with you to indicate to bar staff whether you are old enough to buy alcohol. Please be aware that bar staff reserve the right not to serve you if you are considered to have had too much to drink.

Out of Bounds Areas

A reminder to you all that the stairway by the theatre is out of bounds to students.

Opportunities for you

Open Days at Nottingham Trent university are on Friday 30 June and Saturday 1st July.

Throughout June they will be hosting several on-campus experience days giving students the opportunity to learn more about studying subjects at university level. Subject events include Animal and Wildlife Studies, Design and Digital Arts, Sport, History, Engineering, Psychology and many more.

Students can book a place here: Experience our subjects | Nottingham Trent University

UniTaster days

Their featured institution is the University of London. Their member institutions are hosting events in June and July including Building with Biology, Exploring the Manufacturing of New Medicines and Biochemical Engineering.

Their featured online event is the University of East London Psychology Masterclass for Years 12 & 13 on July 5th. Exploring conspiracy theories, paranoia and why people hold beliefs that others think are strange, unusual and untrue.

Also check out the Harper Adams experience residential. Bookings close on Monday 26th June.

Use this link for more information: https://www.unitasterdays.com/

Taster week at Essex University

Booking is still open for their July Taster Days via this <u>online form</u>. The days are designed for students in year 10-13 and provide the perfect opportunity to explore academic subjects at undergraduate level, experience campus life on a tour and participate in an informative student panel.

Each faculty focused day features exciting, interactive sessions led by departmental academics here at Essex.

- 1. Tuesday 4 July Arts and Humanities, Colchester Campus
- 2. Wednesday 5 July Science and Health, Colchester Campus
- 3. Thursday 6 July Social Science, Colchester Campus
- 4. Friday 7 July Southend Campus

Visit their website for information: <u>Taster week | University of Essex</u>

Springpod Virtual work Experience programmes

If you are interested in a career in medicine, nursing, healthcare, social care or related fields, have a look at their webpage: Welcome to Springpod | Virtual Work Experience | Boost your CV

Job Opportunities with Essex Police

Essex Police are currently recruiting for Police Constables, Detectives and Police Staff roles.

As a Police Constable, you'll have the opportunity to make a positive difference to the people of Essex. The most important part of your job will be to protect life, but you'll also build relationships with local communities, prevent and detect crime, support victims and witnesses, and keep people safe.

They have over 300 job roles available in the Essex Police family, and if you decide being a Police Constable is not for you, why not consider our Detective pathway or joining as a member of staff? They offer a competitive salary with full training, pension, benefits, and a supportive work environment.

Jobs on offer include:

- 1. Police Constable
- 2. Detective Constable
- 3. Police Community Support Officer
- 4. Force Control Contact Handler (Full time & Part time)
- 5. Resolution Centre Investigator
- 6. Detention Officer
- 7. Special Constabulary
- 8. IT roles
- 9. HR roles

To find out more about our vacancies please visit their website:

https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/ca/careers/

Have a good weekend.

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