



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Thursday 15th February 2024

Dear BSF Students,

This week the bulletin is coming out to you on Thursday as there is no Sixth Form for students on Friday. This week, we reach the halfway point of this academic year for Year 12, and Year 13 only have two half terms left of their time in the Sixth Form. You will all have received your mock exam results now and have had a chance to reflect on these in lessons and created feed ward tasks to help you make progress from here. This is a good time for you all to reflect on where you are now and look at what it is you need to do to ensure that you are going to reach your potential, and in doing so please make sure you use all the support around you. Half term week next week will be a good opportunity to catch up, get organised and set targets for the next half term.

Notices

Sixth Form building and use of classrooms.

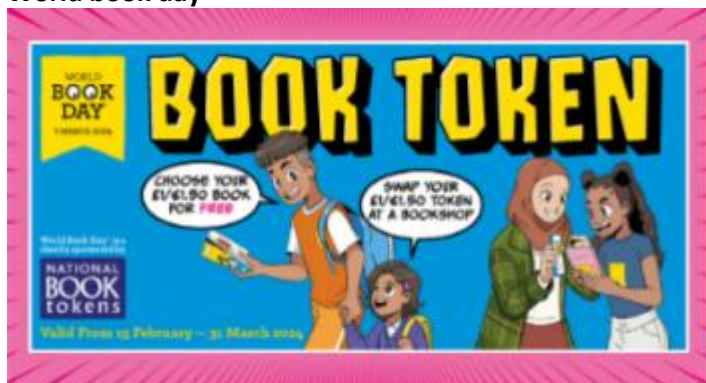
On your return next half term please can we ensure that collectively we are taking care of the Sixth Form building, especially if you are using classrooms for quiet study. If you are eating in rooms, can you please make sure that any rubbish is put in the bin, if it is food items preferably put these in the bins outside the classrooms. If you move chairs for any reason, please ensure they are put back. Lessons will be taking place in these rooms after you have used them. Also, a reminder if you are studying in a classroom that the lights are turned on and doors open. I would like to ensure the classrooms remain available for quiet study.

There should be no eating in the library.

Assembly

There will be an assembly for both year groups on the first Tuesday back (27th Feb). This will include a talk on student finance.

World book day



It's World Book Day on 7th March 2024. Any students who wish to take advantage of £1 off a book please help yourself to a book token. They are on the Sixth Form Library desk. Stores participating in World Book Day are: your local independent bookseller, Asda, Blackwell's (selected stores only), Sainsburys, Tesco, The Works, Waterstones and WHSmith.

Please make sure you have your academic reading books with you. All students should have an academic reading book per subject. These are available to collect directly from the library.

Year 13 student running the London Marathon

Here is a message from Saffron H in year 13 who will be running the London Marathon this year:

The Lily Foundation was founded in Lily's memory, having lost her battle to Mitochondrial Disease at just eight months old. The charity aims to give hope, answers and support to the many other children and families that face the challenges of this disease today. Everyday in the UK a baby is born who will develop Mitochondrial disease, and unfortunately right now there is no cure.

I will be running the 2024 London Marathon to raise money for this amazing charity and would be extremely grateful for any donations.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Saffron-Hawkins?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--donation_received--nth_donation&utm_content=f45889ee-b615-4415-b1dd-1a8616af01d1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1706283327239

Acknowledgements

A big well done and thank you to Ollie H and Sophie C in year 12 who have helped backstage in the Grease production and helped to choreograph the dances. The final production is tonight, and it has been a fantastic show.

Opportunities for you

University of Hertfordshire will be running a live Student Finance online session covering what's available and how to apply. Students, parents, and guardians are all welcome to join. It will be followed by a Q&A.

Date: Thursday 22 February

Time: 19.00 - 19.45

www.herts.ac.uk/study/open-days-and-events/undergraduate-events/online-events/advice-and-guidance

Upcoming Events

Year 12 University Taster Day – 6th June 2024 [Group Bookings now open](#)

Annual Teacher and Adviser Conference – 21st June 2024 [Book now!](#)

HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP LIST OF 300

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing. Showcasing 300+ vacancies from 70 employers including Balfour Beatty, Ofcom, Goldman Sachs, Government Economic Service (GES), MBDA, Ford Motor and Jaguar Land Rover, it's the perfect resource to share.

[CLICK HERE](#)

ACCESS CAREER AND APPRENTICESHIP VIDEO LIBRARY

All things about apprenticeships as well as getting a career such as CV and LinkedIn.

[CLICK HERE](#)

National Career week 4th -8th March

Make Happen are excited to celebrate National Careers Week 2024. Between the **4th and 8th March**, we are offering a programme of virtual events for year 12 and 13 students and FE students in years 1 and 2 (level 2 and 3 students). We have partnered with [MADE training](#), [My Great First Job](#), [TechGirls](#) and [Mr Beezy](#) to deliver sessions alongside our fantastic Make Happen team to help students prepare for those milestone choices in their education and career planning.

We want students to come away from this week feeling much more confident about their futures after college, regardless of their career pathway. Whether they're thinking about doing an apprenticeship, going to university or are not sure at all, we have a range of sessions being delivered, to support their prospects.

These events can be booked onto individually.

To view the full programme of events and book onto sessions, please visit our [events page](#).

Cambridge University – Essay Writing Masterclass Programme 2024

Newnham College is pleased to announce the return of the Essay Writing Masterclass Programme 2024! Please submit your application using [this form](#). Applications will close on 09:00am on Monday 11th March. The form should be completed by the applicant themselves. To complete your application, you will need:

- Home and school address
- Contact details for a nominating teacher
- Predicted grades

There are 130 places for this year's programme. Application outcomes will be communicated by 17:00 Friday 22nd March.

What is it?

The Essay Writing Masterclass Programme (EWMP) is a *free*, 12-week programme in Humanities and Social Sciences research and essay writing for women in the UK in Year 12 or equivalent. Through a series of expert-delivered virtual workshops, independent research, and a Cambridge-style supervision, participants will work towards producing an essay for submission. Each participant will receive a grade and personalised feedback on their work.

Participants can expect to receive specialised instruction in research, critical thinking, and essay writing. The EWMP aims to improve academic independence and confidence, fostering the knowledge and skills that will prepare participants for university-level work, as well as application to selective universities.

The EWMP is open to all women in the UK in Y12 (or Y13 in N. Ireland/S5 in Scotland), regardless of school type or background. Applications are welcomed especially from those who identify with any of the Widening Participation criteria listed in the privacy notice below. This information, alongside subjects and predicted grades, will be taken into account when prioritising applicants to the programme.

In 2024, the EWMP has been designed for those interested in pursuing Humanities or Social Sciences at university.

The content and essay topics will appeal to a broad range of subject interests; questions have been designed as open-ended and relevant to current public and academic debates. Applications are encouraged from all students interested in Humanities or Social Sciences.

Who is it for?

The EWMP is open to all women in the UK in Y12 (or Y13 in N. Ireland/S5 in Scotland), regardless of school type or background. In the event that the programme is oversubscribed, [widening participation criteria](#) will be used for prioritisation of applicants.

Please contact essayprizes@newn.cam.ac.uk with any questions.

Opportunities with other Cambridge Colleges

Robinson Women in Science Festival

The 2024 Festival will be held at Robinson College, one of the Colleges that form the University of Cambridge, as a residential event from the afternoon of Monday 8th April to the afternoon of Tuesday 9th April. The event will involve talks and sessions delivered by members of our science community here at Robinson, alongside admissions information and exploration of the College, the city centre, and the city's science museums. Attendees are also invited to take part in a Science Fair, which gives them the opportunity to produce and present their own academic poster.

Deadline: 4th March. All details and application form [here](#).

Magdalene Subject Taster Webinars

The sessions held across February and March are intended for Years 11 and 12 (or equivalent) students. Students from other year groups are welcome to attend but should be mindful that the session content is aimed at GCSE/A Level. All sessions will take place on Zoom from 17:00-18:00 on the dates specified. Sessions include History, Computer Science, Geography, Criminology, Mathematics, Law, Medicine, and Languages.

All details and registration forms [here](#).

The Aspiring Scientists Training Programme

St Catharine's College & Pembroke College are partnering with the Gurdon Institute to run the Aspiring Scientists Training Programme (ASTP), a residential programme that will run from

Sunday 7 July 2023 to Friday 12 July 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for students studying sciences to experience life as a student at the University of Cambridge, work in labs alongside the university's scientists and stay in a Cambridge college.

Deadline: 1st April. All details and application form [here](#).

Modern and Medieval Languages Open Day

Bookings are now available for the Modern and Medieval Languages Undergraduate Open Day on 15 March 2024 at Cambridge! This is aimed at prospective applicants from Year 12 (or equivalent) to learn more about what it's like to study languages at university, to get a taste of Cambridge life and to ask questions.

All details and registration [here](#).

Have a great weekend and Half Term.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms A Brewis-Shephard', written in a cursive style.

Ms A Brewis-Shephard
Head of Sixth Form



Careers Evening

Thursday 25th April

5pm - 8pm

P & A Wood are authorised Rolls-Royce Motor Car Dealers, Bentley Service Dealers and Rolls-Royce and Bentley Heritage Dealers, specialising in sales, service, restoration and spare parts for the entire range of pre and post war Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars from 1904 to the present day.

Our showrooms and workshops will be open and our team on hand to show you what a career in the automotive industry looks like with tours of the departments. If you are interested in bodywork, mechanical engineering, trimming, engine rebuilding or any other workshop based career please come along...



Mechanical
Workshop Tours
6pm & 7.30pm

Coachwork Tours
5.30pm & 7.00pm

Spaces are limited so please register your attendance
with Lisa Gardiner lisa.gardiner@pa-wood.co.uk
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