



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Dear BSF Students,

I hope that you are all feeling settled into the new term – I don't know about you, but I already feel as if I've been back for a month (is this a good or bad thing?!) It's been great to see people using study time effectively and feeling a palpable sense of purpose around the building. I even saw someone reading fiction at break time the other day, which warmed my English teacher's heart!

### **Enrichment**

You should all have had a chance to start planning your Enrichment by now and many of you have already submitted forms. It's excellent to see so many of you opting to use the time to undertake training courses. If you wish to organise work experience or work shadowing, you will need to be proactive and contact companies and organisations quickly. Make the most of this by choosing something which will support your applications to university, apprenticeships, or employment later on.

Many of you have already contacted teachers in Notley about helping in their classes which is lovely and will really help us build the sense of community across the whole school. If you have chosen this (or to be a teaching assistant at another school), you will need to attend a training session run by Mr Haddon, our SENCO, during period 5 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September in 211. He will talk to you about effective ways to support younger students as well as covering some important safeguarding information, so it is important you attend this.

If you are arranging your own enrichment or becoming a teaching assistant, you need to complete the appropriate form, both of which can be found outside Ms Watson's office. Please return them to me when you have completed them.

### **Work Experience Week 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> July**

I have had one person come to tell me that he has already arranged work experience for this week in July, which is impressive considering that you were only told on Tuesday! Remember that you need to organise this yourselves. You have plenty of time to arrange something really exciting but be aware that popular places will allocate work experience places very quickly so get this sorted out as soon as you can. There will be paperwork regarding this in due course.

### **Careers in policing**

We have an experienced policeman who has worked as a detective and in forensics, coming in on Wednesday lunchtime to talk to anyone interested in careers in the police. If you would like to meet him, please go to 201 at 1.40.

### **Open Morning**

Thank you to all of you who have offered to help at Open Morning on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The times are 9.30-12.30. Please can you let me know if you are coming so that I know how many of you there will be and can allocate roles.

## **Dress Code and Lanyards**

We have been a little lenient about dress code while the temperatures have been so high but, now that the weather is a little more bearable, we do expect you to adhere to our dress policy of being modest, appropriate and professional. This means that nobody should be wearing jogging bottoms, crop tops or non-tailored shorts in the sixth form. We will only be able to maintain our current dress code if you stick to it, so please recognise that you have a very fair policy and do not abuse it.

Linked to that, everyone should know that lanyards are required for us all. I am very aware that I sound like a broken record reminding the same group of people (you know who you are!) almost daily. Please be warned that if you continue to forget, I will start sending you home to get your lanyards.

## **Year of Number**

The school is focusing on number this year with the aim being that we all become more confident with number and the phrase "I'm rubbish at Maths" becomes a thing of the past! To this end, Mr Blogg will provide a Maths video link and puzzle each week which will go out with the bulletin. If you wish to have a go, please send your entries, with workings, to Mr Blogg.

### **Maths video of the week #1**

Each week we'll be linking to a different interesting or thought-provoking video relating to the world of mathematics as part of our Year in Number.

We see the numbers "million" and "billion" a lot, both in maths and in everyday life, but it can be difficult to visualise their relative sizes. In this week's video, Tom Scott demonstrates the difference between a million dollars and a billion dollars.

You may want to watch the first 2-3 minutes then skip ahead to a couple of minutes from the end, as there is a lot of driving in the middle.

A Million Dollars vs A Billion Dollars, Visualised: A Road Trip -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YUWDrLazCg>

## **Opportunities for you**

### **Swansea University**

Swansea University are holding 8 new sessions this term on a variety of different subjects from Aerospace Engineering and Chemical Engineering to Finance and Modern Languages. Webinars are delivered on current topics by lecturers who are experts in their fields. They give students an idea of the topical areas and developments taking place within subjects you may be interested in studying and can help to support personal statement content. You can register to access live sessions or access these sessions on demand, should you be unable to attend the live sessions. [Current News Webinar Series Registration - Swansea University](#)

### **Interested in studying in the USA?**

USA College Day 2023 Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 September, London. You can meet over 120 American universities at this fair, explore studying in the USA and discuss your options directly with admissions officers. Registration is now open here: [USA College Day 23-24 September | Fulbright](#)

### **Need help with your personal statement?**

The University of Hertfordshire can help. Use this link: [personal-statement-template.pdf \(herts.ac.uk\)](#)

## Careers in Fashion

At the Fashion Retail Academy, they have a wide range of fashion-focused courses, including Fashion Buying, Data Analytics, Fashion Business, and Digital Marketing. They work with over 140 brands to ensure that graduates have the skills needed by the industry. They also provide work placements, projects, talks, and workshops.

You'll be able to register for their upcoming Open Days a few weeks before the event. These are Open Days for students applying for September 2024 onwards. Click here for the dates: [Dash](#)

## UniTaster Days

- **Check out The Uni Guide Podcast** for an inside look at the student experience at university. In the latest episode, released just yesterday, we're joined by Jeff from Aberystwyth University and our fabulous student panel, discussing what to expect and how to prepare in advance. Catch this episode and all 18 others right [HERE](#).
- **Discover 589 exciting events** listed on UniTasterDays for students, with more being added daily. Your next university adventure awaits! Check them out [HERE](#).
- **Explore various university subjects** through the dynamic [webinar platform](#), featuring the UK's first video subject guide. The featured event this month is [Games Studies and Production](#).

**The Students' Guide to University** is your all-in-one free brochure for essential university guidance. Packed with insights from university experts across the UK. [Download it now](#) – no registration required.

## Weekend Career Experience Opportunities

Live & interactive career masterclasses are available in a range of subjects. All programmes take place on Sundays, with dates available from November to January. Students can choose to attend in-person at UCL in London or Live Online. Click here to find out what's on: [Our Programmes – InvestIN Education](#)

## Job Opportunities

The Hawthorns, a retirement community in Braintree, are currently recruiting for food and beverage team members to join its team. If you are interested in this role please call 01376 335500 for more information or send your CV to [sandra.tripney@hawthornsretirement.co.uk](mailto:sandra.tripney@hawthornsretirement.co.uk)

## Surviving your Workload Free Booklet

To request your free copy of Surviving Your Workload (KS5), simply click here: <https://timfootstudyskills.co.uk/sample-request-form/>

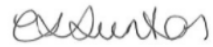
## Save the Planet: Join the Climate Change Challenge

Would you like to contribute to a revolutionary global movement? By partaking in this worldwide challenge, you will experience the opportunity of a lifetime, and receive the chance to present in person at the COP28 in Dubai. Following the presentation, selected winners will gain a coveted place on the climate change programme at the Saïd Business School at University of Oxford. Both experiences are all expenses paid. Click here for information: <https://localhost:6543/block?id=4f5b8a93-e787-42f5-8f27-47137083fbf5>

## Open days

Newcastle University is holding open days on Saturday 30 September, 9am-4pm and Saturday 18 November, 9am-4pm. You can book here: [Undergraduate Open Days | Study With Us | Newcastle University \(ncl.ac.uk\)](#)

Have a great weekend.



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