



## **Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear BSF Students,

A big well done to you all for getting through mock week! You have faced the challenges of an exam week very well, some of you still struggling through illness and overall, those of you I have spoken to have seemed positive following your exams.

A few reminders from this week regarding your final exams. There are no such thing as catch-up sessions in the real exams, only provision for clashes, so you should all avoid booking anything over the exam period and make sure you attend all your exams. Please ensure for all exams you are on time; you should not be walking into the exam after the start time. Ensure that your pencil case is clear and that you have all the relevant equipment for that exam. Finally, that any mobile phones, or smart watches etc. are not on you in the exam hall.

The deadline for marking the mocks is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Year 13 students will not receive any grades before this date as there will be a mock results release morning, however you may receive your marks. Year 12 results will be given back during lessons once the exams have been marked for that subject area.

### **Notices**

#### **General expectations**

As you all return back to Sixth Form and to the regular week, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a couple of the general expectations that are being focused on.

-Tutor period and your Sixth Form day starts at 8.40am please make sure you arrive on time.

-You **MUST** have your lanyard with you and visible at all times, this is for safeguarding reasons, however you will also be issued with a new badge with contains a QR code which will be used for signing you in and out.

-Mobile phones should not be used during lessons or tutor time unless you have been instructed to use them by the member of staff.

-You should have a purple target sheet for each subject with you target grades on them. Please have this sheet with you during lessons and when you are studying in the study zones. You will be adding targets to these sheets following the feedback from your exams.

#### **Year 13 Year Group Photo**

This will take place during tutor time on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. All year 13 must be in and ready at 8.40am. Please can you make sure that what you are wearing is adhering to the Sixth Form dress code and you look professional.

#### **Finding and applying Apprenticeship Workshop**

This session will now take place in G13 during period 1 on Tuesday (9.10-10.10am). It is run by Aim Apprenticeships and is designed to give advice on finding and applying for apprenticeships.

This is open to anyone in year 12 or 13 who would like further support on this. Please give your name to Ms Watson if you are interested in attending. There will be limited spaces.

## **UCAS Deadline**

The UCAS deadline is fast approaching 18:00 (UK time) on **31 January 2024**. This is the 'equal consideration' deadline, which means course providers must consider all applications received by this date.

## **Unifrog**

Do not forget that all students in the Sixth Form have a Unifrog account which you can sign into using your sixth form email address. There are some fantastic resources on here and this is another place where you can search for apprenticeships as well.

Year 12 – you should be logging activities on here that you are completing and you can start researching into specific subject areas you may wish to study and university options.

Year 13 – there is still lots of information that is useful and relevant to you.

Please aim to log into your Unifrog account this week.

## **Opportunities for you**

### **Upcoming webinars to access via unifrog**

You can access these all via your unifrog account. You just need to sign up to it.

Let's talk about gap years **Monday 29 January @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins**

Discovering Hair and Beauty **Monday 5 February @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins**

Discovering Animal care and agriculture **Monday 5 February @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins**

Discovering sports and sport therapy **Tuesday 6 February @ 17:00 UK time - 45 mins**

Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair 2014 **Wednesday 7 February @ 16:30 UK time - 2hrs 30 mins**

### **Your Local Hawthorns Retirement Community Is Recruiting**

The Hawthorns in Braintree are currently recruiting for food and beverage team members to join its team.

The contract is six hours per week and working hours are Sunday 8am-10am/12.15pm-2.15pm/5.30pm-7.30pm.

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)

### **Professional Pathways Event Series (February Half Term)**

Deadline is January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Students can apply: [HERE](#)

#### **What**

We are hosting a series of events in February half term (13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>) which are designed to provide year 13's with a completely unique insight into the world of Private Equity & Private Credit investing through meeting with a range of the top firms in the industry.

#### **Why**

Finance and banking internships have become so competitive that there is an expectation with employers that students have at least one Spring Week before 2<sup>nd</sup> year of University. We know that many students without a family background in finance do not have an awareness around Spring Weeks, and tend to miss out on applying in their first weeks on campus. Consequently, the barrier to entry within financial services remains high. This event has been designed as a Spring Week alternative (Spring Weeks are essential programmes which 1<sup>st</sup> year university students complete in

order to gain an internship in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year), meaning that those who attend the Professional Pathways Events will already be one step ahead of their peers when it comes to applying for professional experience when they get to campus in September.

### Who

This event is for current year 13 students who are curious about a career in finance or who are working towards studying a STEM, Economics or Finance focused university course. The event is also suitable for alumni from your school who are currently in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of university. Students can register their interest via this link: <https://trkr.app/campaign/classroom-to-boardroom-foundation-opportunities/> it is a simple application for students to complete (under five minutes).

### How

These events will be held in the City of London, and all travel costs and catering will be covered via the Foundation (meaning the events are accessible to all). The Event series will be run over three days and will offer an in-depth insight and networking opportunity for students to develop their understanding of three areas of finance. Students can choose to attend between one and three events, depending on their interests.. The series will be run as follows:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Insight into Private Credit Investing
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Insight into Public Markets Investing
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Insight into Private Equity Investing

### Free Accountancy Summer School

Our **FREE** Accountancy Summer School will be held 10th and 11th July 09:30 – 15:30 in our Chelmsford centre.

We will cover:

- Introduction to Accountancy
- Routes into Accountancy
- What does an Accountant do (with practical tasks)
- CV and interview preparation
- Employer forum (Q&A)

Places are filling up fast so make sure students sign up to register their interest [here](#).

Open to students in year 11 and above who may be interested in a career in accountancy or finance. Click [here](#) to read about what previous Accountancy summer school students said about the event.

### FREE MEDIC MENTORING

In2MedSchool is a registered Charity (1197973), which supports aspiring medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds. We are inviting students at your school to sign up for our **FREE MEDIC MENTORING** scheme. So far, we have around 2,400 mentors, all of which are doctors/medical students who have been through the application cycle and will do their best to help your students with their application. All our mentors have agreed to follow our Code of Conduct, which can be found on our [website](#).

**Should you have any aspiring medics at your school that would be interested please get them to apply here:** <https://bit.ly/I2MS-Mentee>

Whilst we primarily offer a mentoring service, we also run events open to **all** students who would like to learn more about **life as a doctor/medical student, our tips and tricks, UCAT/BMAT/exam support and much more**. You can find more information on our website: [www.in2medschool.com](http://www.in2medschool.com).

**After a student signs up directly; we will obtain their parent/guardian's permission and match them with one of our medical student or doctor mentors.**

To find out about the work we do here please visit our [website](#).

### **Property Insight day Cambridge – 13<sup>th</sup> march**

We are running a Real Estate Insight day in **Cambridge** on **13<sup>th</sup> March** in order to help students discover more about careers within the property Industry.

Students will go on a site visit, work on a small project and have a Q&A session with both current and recent Real Estate graduates who are now working in the Industry. They will also be assisting students throughout the day. The day will be fully funded by Pathways2property including travel costs to and from the venue.

Applications can be found [here](#) on our website here and will close on **15<sup>th</sup> February**. Priority will be given to those students that live in the Cambridge area and fit within our [criteria](#).

Students that have attended any one of our programmes will subsequently be able to take part in our **work experience** and **e-mentoring programme** and they will also be able to apply for a **bursary of up to £30,000** should they go on to study a property related degree at any University. If they apply to study a Real Estate course at the University of Reading they will be **guaranteed a contextual offer** and will automatically be given **£2500** once enrolled.

We are a charity funded by the Real Estate Industry who are keen to support students from less advantaged and non-traditional backgrounds. In the 10 years we have been running we have engaged with over 26,400 students - 22% of attendees of our Summer school have since gone on to study or work in property. Further information can be found on our [website](#) or you can contact me on [pathways2property@henley.ac.uk](mailto:pathways2property@henley.ac.uk)

We are running a 4 day residential at the University of Reading on **2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July** if students would prefer this (they cannot do both) – please see our website for further information and an application form.

Our programmes are suitable for students that want a career in property or are just unsure of what they want to do to - it may just provide the aspiration a student needs!

### **In2STEM application deadline**

The application deadline for the In2STEM programme has now been extended to **Sunday 28 January** to allow more young people to benefit from our fantastic opportunity

Every year, the In2STEM programme supports Year 12, S5/S6 or equivalent students from low socio-economic backgrounds by giving them access to hands-on work experience placements, skills workshops and events. Students connect with STEM experts to get the knowledge and guidance they need to confidently choose their future career, and produce high-quality UCAS and apprenticeship applications.

Students must meet our **eligibility criteria** and a teacher reference is required to verify this. A reference request is sent to the teacher's email inbox automatically when their student applies.

## Student Application Form

### UCL Expand

We are extremely excited to be launching this new programme designed for Year 12 students to expand their knowledge and skills beyond the school curriculum.

UCL Expand is a hybrid 7-week subject focused academic programme (running 14 February 2024 - 27 March 2024), created and delivered by UCL postgraduate students and staff. Participants will enhance their academic skills, learn from UCL postgraduate students, meet new friends, and more in this brand new UCL programme.

There are four subject strands to choose from, allowing participants to delve deeper into a topic of interest and provide them with great super-curricular engagement which will undoubtedly strengthen university applications:

**Creativity and Imagination** (for students interested in subjects relating to Fine Arts, Creative Writing, Theatre & Performance Studies, Visual Arts, Design)

**Societies and Cultures** (for students interested in subjects relating to Social Sciences, Modern & Ancient History, Anthropology, Law, Economics, Politics & International Relations, Media, Linguistics, Geography)

**Life and Health Sciences** (for students interested in subjects relating to Health & Population Sciences, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, Pharmacology)

**Technologies and the Physical World** (for students interested in subjects relating to Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, Information & Data Technology)

**Apply now**

Have a great weekend.



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