



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 26th January 2024

Dear BSF Students,

Well done on getting through another week, and especially well done to all the students who sat the two days of Criminology controlled assessments. With the exams completed for now for a short period of time, the focus will turn to learning key content, completing courses, completing coursework, working on feedback and building up revision resources. In addition, there will be more information and support for researching and discussing various progression routes.

Notices

This week it was lovely to welcome back an alumni student who left a couple of years ago and is now working for the Police. He spoke to our students about the different routes into the police, his degree programme and experiences working as a police officer. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming another Alumni student to speak to all year 12 students regarding his journey post Sixth Form.

There will be a lot of information over the coming months regarding progression routes and as a reminder we have Jane Cure who is an independent careers advisor available for any Sixth Form student to book a meeting with. If you are interested in having a career appointment, please let Ms Watson know and then an appointment time can be emailed to you.

Punctuality

Alongside monitoring attendance to lessons we will also be monitoring punctuality which holds a high level of importance for several reasons. Teaching staff and tutors will be recording the minutes late to lessons for all sixth form lessons,

Dress code

As the mock exams and external exams are now finished can I please ask that you familiarise yourself with the dress code again. We trust our students to take responsibility for dressing appropriately for the sixth form environment which should be modest, appropriate, and professional. We ask that students approach this in a positive manner, and also bear in mind their sixth form status as role models for younger students. The overall appearance should be smart whilst still allowing for personal choice. Staff within the Sixth Form will be monitoring this over the next few weeks with a particular focus on casual tracksuits and lounge wear, which are not considered part of the dress code.

LGBT+ History month

LGBT+ History month takes place in the UK in February and has been an annual event since 2005. It is a month-long annual celebration and remembrance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history. The theme for this year is Medicine -#UnderTheScope and it aims to celebrate LGBT+ peoples' contribution to the field of Medicine and Healthcare both historically and today.

Within the Sixth Form during this month, we would like to provide the opportunity to raise awareness, discuss and reflect on this through the tutorial programme and to offer the opportunity during lunchtimes for any students who might wish to meet and discuss anything in more detail.

Year 13 Leaver's event

Reminder that deposit for the Leaver's event is due by Wednesday 14th February. Letters have been sent out with all the details for the evening so please read this. We look forward to this evening every year to celebrate the achievements of all year 13 students. It will be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Opportunities for you

Free Career quiz

The InvestIN Career Quiz! By answering a series of expertly crafted questions, students unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with their skills and interests.

What's more, every report contains expert advice and resources collated from our years of work with top professionals. This is a great place to start for students looking for career inspiration and an opportunity to reflect on their goals.

[Career Quiz – InvestIN Education](#)

Free Workshop: Choosing Your Future Career

We are running an online workshop on how to choose your future career. Join us as we delve into future job options and explore the art of choosing the perfect career fit.

6th February | 6.30-7.30pm UK Time

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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

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.

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 – 13th march

We are running a Real Estate Insight day in **Cambridge** on **13th 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 **15th 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

We are running a 4 day residential at the University of Reading on **2nd - 5th 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!

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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