



## Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 16th December 2022

Dear BSF Students,

I'm sure you are all relieved to get to the end of this huge term!

This is the last briefing of the year, but also my first briefing as acting Head of Sixth Form. As you are aware Ms Dunton is taking a short period of leave and I am sure you all join me in wishing her the best and look forward to her return in the new year. In the meantime, please do come and see me with any issues, concerns, or anything you would like to discuss.

I know that for all of you it is an important time coming up with mock exams in January, which can sometimes overshadow the holidays a little. Whilst it is very important to revise and be prepared, it is also important to recharge your batteries after a long term and make some time to relax. Many of you have found this term hugely challenging with increased workload and pressure as well as making important decisions about your futures by going through the UCAS process (and everything else I know comes along during this time!) so you deserve to take your foot off the pedal a little. Try to achieve a balance so that you feel well rested as well as being ready to face mocks in January.

### Monday Lunchtime

For a Christmas celebration, why not have your lunch in café 6 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Bring your own food, or buy some from Café 6 and if you wish you can bring Christmas crackers and tinsel for you and your group. We will set out the tables and put on Christmas music to get you in the festive spirit. It will be lovely to end the term with as many students and staff having lunch together.



### Last day of term arrangements: Tuesday 20 December 2022

8.40am – 9.10am Tutorials/Tutor time

9.10am – 10.10am Assembly

10.10am – 10.50am Lesson

10.50am – 11.20am Break

11.20am – 1pm Private study and work on UCAS application, personal statements and CVs

1.10 pm Buses depart

Term starts again for you on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### Cake sale for Happy Hill

Thank you Maisie Smith and Ben Hood for organising the cake sale at break time on Tuesday this week, and thank you to all students who supported them. They raised nearly £40 which will go towards a weighted blanket and sensory toys for Happy Hill.

## Quiz

I hope you enjoyed the quiz today – the winners will be announced in the end of term celebration assembly on Tuesday.

## Year 13 Leaver's ball

The letter regarding the Year 13 Leaver's ball and the details have already been sent out. I would like to clarify that currently all students in Year 13 are welcome and able to attend.

## Opportunities for you

### Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition 2023

Introduce your students to future careers in the world of tech, product design and more from industry experts themselves.

**Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition 2023** invites young people, ages 16 to 25, to create a tech-for-good solution for real world issues.

Participants will build three core competencies: **confidence, capabilities, and connections**. Having the chance to see how the seed of a great idea can take root and grow, explore creative and critical thinking, and hear from Samsung employees about careers in tech and design.

Entries can be from an individual or a team of up to five, all they need is an idea! Entries must be submitted by 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## Investin

A reminder that the 15% early-bird discount offer for their immersive summer career experiences will end on 31st December. The experiences give students the ultimate career experience in London: real-life industry experience alongside real-life professionals, empowering students to choose the right career path and gain vital professional skills before leaving school. View and register here: [Young Summer Experiences 2023 – InvestIN Education](#)

Northeastern University London: Free online Essay Writing Masterclass for students undertaking A-level

### Essay Writing Masterclass

Date: Thursday 29th December 2022

Time: 16:30 – 17:30 GMT

Location: Online via Zoom

The Essay Writing Masterclass will discuss how to plan, research, format, and reference essays. Their admissions team and current students will cover some common dos and don'ts that will help the essay writing process, as well as giving top tips on presenting arguments concisely and constructively.

I wish you all a really lovely Christmas and I will look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.



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