

Brakenhale School

Sixth Form News



Friday 10th November 2017

Dear Sixth Form

Since returning from the half term holiday the Sixth Form has been very busy. On 2nd November we had the Year 13 parents evening. It was great to see so many parents attend and engage with staff in supporting you. Also, the reports for the first Assessment point of the year were issued over the half term. Often reports raise questions and concerns I recommend that parents contact us with any questions. Below are the email addresses of the Sixth Form tutor team should you have any questions.

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This week we have had two trips and the Sixth Form Open Evening. On Monday Year 12 attended the annual Safe Drive Stay Alive roadshow at the Hexagon Reading. We have been attending this event for the last 9 years and it is an excellent if emotional presentation on road safety. The presentation also plans on offering an evening presentation for members of the general public and I will share details with you when I get them. I would recommend looking at the website as it also provides details of schemes to support young drivers across Berkshire, the website address is below.

<http://www.safedrive.org.uk/>

On Tuesday Year 12 Law Students went to the Houses of Parliament for a guided tour and workshop. Both the House of Commons and the House of Lords were sitting and students got to observe some interesting debates. In the House of Commons students witnessed Boris Johnson the Foreign Secretary answering questions on Syria and also getting grilled on his statements relating to Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe's detention in Iran. In the House of Lords they saw a debate on the impact of modern technology on the young. It is a great experience for students to actually visit such an important place in our democracy and after the tour the students participated in a workshop about law making in Parliament and raised some interesting points on the topic of the national minimum wage.

Wednesday this week saw our annual Sixth Form Open Evening. It was well attended by Year 11 parents and students. I must thank all the staff who put time and effort into making it a success. Most gratifying was the large number of you from both year 12 and year 13 who gave up your evening to discuss subjects and support the evening. A special mention must go to Ewan Gennery and Jordan Penn who not only gave up their time but also presented to over 100 guests in the main hall. Both the young men were confident and articulate speakers who were a credit to the school and their parents.

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High Expectations and Challenge for All

Over the coming weeks we will be looking to work with both Year 12 and Year 13 on your next steps. For Year 13 applications for University are well underway and we will be beginning to work on apprenticeship opportunities for those considering a more vocational pathway. For year 12 the summer programmes are beginning to open up both for work schemes and university programmes.

Please take some time to have a read of the opportunities below and please contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mr T Dale
Head of Sixth Form

Opportunities

KPMG Apprentices – Are looking for bright, motivated students from all backgrounds from across the UK. There are insight days to find out more, opportunities to combine study and work as well as fully-supported apprenticeship programmes, so there really is something for everyone. To learn more about KPMG and the career opportunities, visit their website: www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprenticeships

Highways England - [Apprenticeship Opportunities](#) click to start your journey to careers success

Vodafone Apprenticeships are Open Now – Click [here](#) to register your interest

The Nestle Academy - You know Nestlé. But you may not know about the delicious range of Apprenticeships they offer. Applications are now open for the following Apprenticeships.

Level 4 CIMA Finance Higher Apprenticeship

This two-year programme is designed to expose you to a variety of roles whilst you start working towards a CIMA Diploma in Business Accounting, studying on day release at a local training centre.

Apply in Gatwick or York – [Here](#)

Level 6 Commercial Management Degree Apprenticeship

This three-year programme will see you study for a BA (Hons.) Degree in Professional Business Practice at Sheffield Hallam University, combined with placements in a number of Nestlé's business functions. Apply in Gatwick – [Here](#) or Apply in York - [Here](#)

Do you Love Math's? Then this is could be for you!

Institute and Faculty of Actuaries – Actuaries are highly regarded professionals; actuaries are problem solvers and strategic thinkers with a deep understanding of financial systems. Click [here](#) to find out more

Royal Veterinary College – Application and Work Experience Form deadline for Veterinary medicine is 15th October at 6pm – click [here](#) to find out more

Social Mobility Foundation – APP Residential Applications for the 2018 programme are open now. APP Residential support high achieving students from low income backgrounds across the UK.

<http://www.socialmobility.org.uk/programmes/app-residential>

University of London is offering students a Taster Course Programme - The Taster Course Programme provides year 12 sixth form students with a taste of what life at a university in London is like. Through your chosen taster course you will experience the different teaching methods used by university academics and gain an insight into the additional facilities available, whilst meeting students from across the UK

<http://www.london.ac.uk/tasters>

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Further Links

Engineers is a very good resource if you are considering reading Engineering at university or as a career can be found at; <http://www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/>

The Nuffield Research Placement Scheme can offer Year 12 students exciting placements in industry and at local organisations, undertaking a 4-week placement. Applications can be made at <https://www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org/>

Classical Music could help some students with their revision - there are lots of playlists on Spotify and Youtube. Please see link which you may find useful.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLgieA9QBTMJ5bqXxGp9d89DF6MZzTUK0>

The BBC offers an amazing 2 year apprenticeship to train to be a Digital Journalist with the BBC - with a diploma in journalism at the end of it - Apprentices will learn how to create great content and programmes for TV, Radio, Digital Online <http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships/journalism/dja>

British Airways offer a combination of working on real life projects in head office and undertaking formal training, apprentices will acquire the skills and experience necessary to oversee complex projects to completion. <https://jobs.ba.com/jobs/apprentice/>

BCE is a fast paced and exciting UK media industry students need a course that will equip them with the skills and knowledge to compete with the UK's brightest innovators and creatives.
<http://www.bigcreative.education/bcap-courses/bcap-media/>

Thameslink are committed to helping local young people get into the engineering and transport industry through the Thameslink Programme and are working closely with Southwark Council and our contractors to deliver a number of apprenticeships and work placements. <http://www.thameslinkprogramme.co.uk/our-people>

BT Software roles involve working to design, develop, implement, test and support software applications that help BT to run its networks and systems. This could include anything from working on web applications, apps for smart phones and tablets or on BT's internal systems.
<http://www.btplc.com/Careercentre/earlycareers/apprentices/index.htm>

Vodafone have a number of apprenticeships available for further information go to <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/careers/apprentices/>

Sutton Trust US Programme 2018 - The programme, delivered in partnership with the US-UK Fulbright Commission, is centred on a one week summer school in the US (in previous years at either Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale University or Harvard) with introductory events and application support in the UK before and after. The programme provides participants with a wide range of activities to help them make the right decisions about American higher education.

The Sutton Trust covers all programme costs, including residential events, accommodation and travel.

<https://us.suttontrust.com/>

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