

Brakenhale School Sixth Form News



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As we head towards the holidays we have a number of events coming up. On 8th December Dr Philip Lee Mp will be visiting the Sixth Form to discuss current events with you. This is a great opportunity for you to interact with our representative to Parliament and debate the issues that effect them. On 14th December we have the Sixth Form Christmas Trip, details will be following in the next few days. A reminder that 15th December is the last day of the term and you are expected to be in and will be dismissed at midday. On 1st December we had a taster day for current Year 11 students. We will be also having some visiting speakers for both year 12 and 13 to aid with your next steps

In the new year the you will be undertaking your PPE's and a timetable will be issued to parents over the coming weeks. I cannot emphasise how important these are. They will be carried out in full exam conditions with a formal results day which will mirror the August results day. After the PPE's there will be resits for those students who fail to obtain the expected grade, this is to ensure that staff can really address any issues in technique or gaps in understanding for individual students.

Over the coming weeks we will be looking to work with both Year 12 and Year 13 students on their next steps. For Year 13 students 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 students the summer programmes are beginning to open up both for work schemes and university programmes.

Can I also request that students and parents take some time to complete the catering survey which provides vital information on the provision for students.

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.

Kind regards

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Opportunities

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](#)

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>

KPMG- KPMG are a global firm offering services in areas like tax and auditing. All over the UK, they are offering rotational apprenticeships which provide experience across the company, plus a Digital degree apprenticeship in a choice of technical specialisms.

<https://successatschool.org/jobandcoursedetail/280/KPMG360%C2%B0-Digital>

EY- EY are offering apprenticeships in Tax, Assurance, Transactions & Consulting - get the qualifications you'd normally gain after finishing uni on a salary up to £21.5K. Or choose EY's degree apprenticeship which includes a paid-for BSc in Digital Innovation. In Year 12 and not sure? Try the Business Academy WEX scheme next summer

<https://successatschool.org/jobandcoursedetail/305/EY-Business-Apprenticeship-Assurance>

National Audit Office- Study to become a chartered accountant straight from school/college with NAO's school/college leaver programme. NAO inspects public spending of government departments, agencies and

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public bodies, so a career at NAO is an opportunity to make a difference to our society. Available in London and Newcastle.

<https://successatschool.org/jobandcoursedetail/314/School-Leaver-Scheme-2018-London>

Dentons - Dentons' six-year law apprenticeship gives you the chance to qualify as a solicitor and be awarded an LLB university degree by BPP University. Based in the London office, you will gain experience, earn a starting salary of £18K and complete a law degree. All this with your tuition fees paid for as you study one day per week at university.

The Government have started to publish a regular listing of higher and degree apprenticeship opportunities. This is a great place for students and parents to examine positions with a wide range of providers. For Year 13 students intending to undertake an apprenticeship this should be a first point of call and for Year 12 students and parents this shows the wide range of alternatives to University.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/659506/Apps-Campaign-Listing.pdf

Work Experience

BLP- Trainees at law firm BLP learn by working with clients straight away - and this two-week WEX placement in summer 2018 is a great taster. The scheme is aimed at state-school students completing Year 12 who would be the first of their immediate family to go to university, and/or who receive free-school meals.

Taster Events- Universities and Jobs

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

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

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>

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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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/>

UNIQ Summer Schools- Run by the University of Oxford these summer schools are a great way to test out the university experience in one of the top institutions worldwide.

<http://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/>

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/>

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>

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