

Brakenhale School Sixth Form News

19th January 2018



This week has been another full one for Sixth Form. On Monday the students received their new lanyards. It is important that the students wear these at all times on the school site, as it makes it clear that they have permission to be on the secure site. This is a vital aspect of safety and security for all students so we do expect them to be wearing their lanyard at all times.

On Tuesday, Mr Gibson gave an interesting assembly on the subject of change focusing on how this generation will be experiencing and be the heart of major changes in our society. It is important for us all to realise the massive changes that have occurred in society and that this often can leave the students confused and uncertain.

Regarding change and preparing for change, on Thursday the Year 12 students were given a talk about the large number of opportunities available to them as they begin to consider their next steps. As you are aware, we include information on a range of opportunities on the newsletter but this week we are also sending out the presentation which has over 40 different summer experiences that students can apply for. It is critical that students in Year 12 use this time to seriously consider what they are doing next.

There are two opportunities coming up for the Year 12 students.

The first is the annual Lessons from Auschwitz project which involves two students having the chance to visit the site of the Auschwitz complex and also engage in workshops on the holocaust.

The programme is on the following dates;

Stage 1: Orientation seminar

Tuesday 13th March
3:00-7:00pm
London

Stage 2: Visit to Poland

Wednesday 21st March
London Gatwick Airport

Stage 3: Follow-up Seminar

Sunday 25th March
1:00-4:30pm
London

Here is a link to the programme website

<https://www.het.org.uk/lessons-from-auschwitz-programme>

I have asked students to email me if they are interested so we can start the application process.

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Another opportunity is a trip to the Oxford and Cambridge Careers fayre on the 27th March.

<https://www.oxfordandcambridgeoutreach.co.uk/student-conference/introduction>

We have 15 free places - this is limitation provided by the Universities on all schools.

Students will be able to engage in workshops and lectures from academics on a range of subjects. Get support about personal statements and preparing for Uni as well as student finance and money management.

This is a great event for those students considering applying to any competitive course. We have asked students to express their interest and then we will select from there.

Next week we have Debbie Linton part of the admissions team at the University of Reading coming into school to talk to the Year 12 students about university application. Alongside this we will have an assembly on apprenticeships from Stephen Nower, a former Sixth Form parent.

Finally, I'd like to praise the vast majority of students who have been attending and who have been punctual. It is a particularly demotivating period of the year and I would encourage students to really push themselves into school and on to success through this time of year.

Thanks for your continued support

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Opportunities

Actuarial apprenticeships - Do you want a career that counts?

If the answer is yes then you might want to consider an actuarial apprenticeship. There are two schemes that are available for you to choose from – either embarking on an apprenticeship taking the Certified Actuarial Analyst (CAA) qualification or taking the Fellowship exams. It will be the decision of the company that you apply for to decide what route they decide to take. Both are incredibly beneficial and will take you on your journey to becoming an actuarial professional. www.actuaries.org.uk

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

Unilever – Apprenticeships - Do you want to kick-start your career in one of the world's largest consumer goods companies? At Unilever, they give you the skills and support you need to unlock a bright future that's full of opportunities and new experiences www.unilever.co.uk/careers/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](#)

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/>

Key Dates

26th January 2018

PPE Results assembly