

Brakenhale School

Sixth Form News

25th May 2018



As we hit the half way point in the exam season I must praise the students for the mature way in which they are approaching their exams. As the year winds down, it is important that both Year 12 and Year 13 BTEC students get their teachers to sign off their progress. This enables the student to demonstrate that they have completed the course or have completed the units that are required in Year 12.

Over the half term some staff have given up their time to provide extra support at this critical time of year please find below details of the subjects and support available for the students over the holiday.

Year 12 will be going to the open day at Royal Holloway on the 15th June. This is part of our programme to support the year group in thinking about their future. It is a great opportunity for them to experience University as they consider their next steps. We recommend that students in year 12 try to visit any university that they are interested in applying to, whilst prospectuses and websites have lots of useful information nothing is better than visiting in person. Following on from this, the students will be working on Unifrog, which is an excellent online careers platform which the school has been using for a number of years.

During the next half term the Year 12 students will also be involved in the transition events with the Year 11 students coming into year 12 next year.

Finally, can I remind parents that this is a critical stage for Year 12 as they prepare for Year 13s. I would like to make it clear that students attendance will be impacted should they be taken out of school for holidays and that this could impact their position in the Sixth Form as we require a minimum 80% attendance for students to return for Year 13.

Thanks for your continued support

Mr T Dale
Head of Sixth Form

Dates for the Half Term

Computer Science - Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am – 3pm in B12

Geography (Year 13) – Wednesday 9am – 12.00 for revision

Psychology (Year 13) – Tuesday 9.30am – 13.30

Sixth Form is open for student studying on Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00-3.00.

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

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

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
Friday 15th June

Summer Half Term
Year 12 Trip – Royal Holloway University

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