

# Brakenhale School Sixth Form News

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018



As we return after the half term break, the countdown to the exam season is well underway. The students had an assembly on Tuesday focusing on what is going on this half term and also the importance of starting their revision at this point. We have 40 teaching days now before the start of the summer series of exams and also the coursework details coming fast in the period between now and the Easter Break.

We also have a number of important events on the horizon. During the week beginning the 12th March, the students will be in options week. Over the course of the week they will have whole days with each subject to focus on exam preparation, coursework or assignments. It is vital opportunity for the students to ensure that they are ready for this important period in the academic year. The following week we have PPE 2 when students will be sitting their exams prior to the Easter holiday. This is a chance for the students to prepare for the summer exams. In addition, we have allocated the Hall as a walking talking mock and past paper zone. Students can be sent there during study periods to undertake exam papers, which will then be marked by their teachers. This ensures that the students are able to have consistent exam practice. On the 27th March, we are taking a group of students to Epsom Race Course for Oxford and Cambridge University Fayre. It is a chance for students to find out about the application process and the key elements for their individual application.

I would like to finish by praising JJ Sanderson, Kiera Hopkins, William Campbell and Keir Buist who were excellent in the recent School of Rock Production. Often school shows are worthy but not of a high standard, this certainly wasn't the case with the School of Rock and the students should be particularly proud of their efforts. I'm sure I speak for the students when I also thank Ms Haley, Ms Raby, Mr Duffy and Ms Hope for all of their efforts in putting on the show.

We thank you for your continued support

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

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#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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>

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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>

## 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=PLLqieA9QBTMJ5bqXxGp9d89DF6MZzTUK0>

**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

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

27<sup>th</sup> March

Options Week

PPE 2

Oxford and Cambridge University Fayre

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