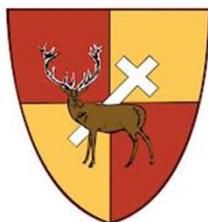


# Braunton Academy



## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Braunton village is surrounded by beautiful countryside and some of the country's most stunning beaches and as a respected and trusted centre of the local community, our academy is committed to providing the very best of education to the children of Braunton and its surrounding villages, shaping all of our futures. Supporting both students and their parent/carers, our central aim is to build strong partnerships that recognise and respect the value of learning, investing in and reigniting that true love of learning for all that it can offer our community and provide for our children as masters of their own destiny. We pride ourselves on our excellent community links and we have won many awards for this area of work. There is a strong and active association of local schools, known as the 'Braunton Learning Community' consisting of feeder partner primary schools and the Academy, itself.

Braunton Academy is a five form entry 11-16 mixed Comprehensive Academy with 650 students on roll. The Academy enjoys a strong reputation and increasingly attracts students from out of the immediate area. Students achieve high standards both academically and in the wide range of extra-curricular activities available.

In summer 2014, with 61% of Year 11 gaining 5 A\*-C, including English & Maths and 98% of our students achieving 5 A\*-G, we have a high achieving and academically successful cohort of students: The top 25 (just under 20%) students achieved 218 A\*/A grades between them - an average of nearly 9A\*/A GCSE grades each and 49% of our students were awarded at least 1 A\*/A grade. As importantly as our academic success, for the last two years we have a 0% NEET rate (Not in Education Employment or Training), meaning that every student has progressed on to further/higher education, apprenticeships or employment with training – every student has been able to progress successfully onto the next step in life's journey. All of this, placing us in a very strong academic position for educating every child within our community - whilst nationally, grades are decreasing; at Braunton they are increasing!

The Academy is proud of its International Academy Award.

Braunton Academy is a Gold Investor in People. We believe our students and staff are our biggest assets. We aim to develop all our people and to prepare them for the next stage of their lives and careers. We provide a full induction programme for NQTs and hold an induction course in September for all new colleagues prior to joining the Academy. We also support staff through the various development programmes available. We are fully committed to equality and diversity for all our staff and students.

Braunton Academy is an exciting and vibrant educational community. Working with the Governing Body, we have written mission statements for Learning, Leadership and Management, reaffirming our central belief in the importance of student learning and the development of the whole person. Our focus is on continuous improvement. We are committed to Comprehensive Education, believing in the value of each of our students, wishing to celebrate their achievement in all fields and to support all to achieve their full potential.

We place great emphasis therefore on:

- **We offer rich learning opportunities.** Building upon our [close](#) liaison programmes with partner primary schools, we [continue](#) to develop firm foundations in the basics of literacy, numeracy and computer skills, so that all young people can benefit from a broad, enriched curriculum and wide range of opportunities. Our Academy provides a purposeful learning environment which young people respond to and enjoy: we are committed to sustaining an academy in which individuals representing diverse cultures and experiences instruct one another in the meaning and value of community and in the joy and importance of lifelong learning.
- **Our young people flourish.** The mission for all within our Academy is to provide a rigorous, academic programme through which a committed and well qualified staff provides students with the knowledge and skills fully equipping them to keep learning throughout life, providing a sensible balance of competition and cooperation. Access to our rich and diverse culture, to our history and to our place in the world, must unite with advances in science and technology to provide insights into the very best that the world has to offer. By helping and co-operating with one another we come to appreciate differences and how by living and learning together we can help to make this a better world for everyone. Today's young people, our children, have broader horizons, will be more adventurous and travel more widely than any generation before them. Our status as an academy strengthens the partnership with parents/carers and the home, extending to the wider community our total commitment to high expectations, academic excellence, achievement and success for all.
- **We know our students personally.** Braunton Academy is a smaller school and with this advantage we aim to encourage each student to be happy: a self-confident, inquiring, tolerant, positive young person; a well-rounded character with an independent mind, an individual who respects the differences of others. We want to enable each child to have that true sense of resilience and self-worth which will encourage him/her to stand up for him/herself and for a purpose greater than him/herself, and, in doing so, to be of value to their family, local community and society as a whole.
- **We have a strong pastoral House system,** in which students stay within the same House throughout their time in the Academy and, following induction in Year 7, with the same Tutor in a KS3 tutor Group hosting Years 7-9 students. This allows Tutors and Heads of House to develop strong relationships with groups and with families. In Year 10, students join a KS4 Tutor Group with Year 11 students to increasingly encourage their focus on their GCSE studies. This Pastoral Leadership structure allows us to respond effectively to an 'Every Child Matters' agenda.

We are constantly seeking to improve the learning environment for students and staff. This year we have been delighted to open our new 'Aspire Centre'. The Centre houses a new Reception, Library, meeting room, two new teaching rooms, and Additional Learning Needs study area

I hope I have given you a flavour of our Academy and the values we hold. We welcome new staff committed to all young people and their education, who share our principles and who wish to work in a supportive and stimulating professional environment.

We hope, having read about our Academy, you will wish to join us. We look forward to receiving your application.

**Mr Mick Cammack**  
**Principal**



**Braunton Academy 'Aspire Centre'**



**The Coast on our doorstep!**