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Braunton Academy Newsletter:

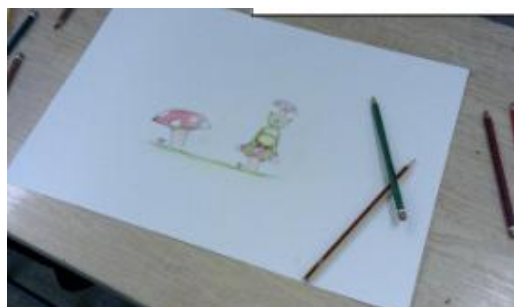
26th June 2026

Dear families,

Wow what a week! Firstly, I would like to thank all the staff and students that have managed the conditions so well. We've all been uncomfortable and found it difficult at times, but we have all had a lesson in character building and resilience this week, not least our Year 10 students who have carried on with the mock exams. Fingers crossed it won't be as hot for them next year when they are sitting the real ones.

Today we get to finish the week with a double celebration, first with sports day and then tonight with the Class of 2026's Prom, look out for the pictures on the website and socials over the next few days.

Last Friday the English and Art department welcomed a professional book illustrator into school to run workshops for students in KS3. Please see below some of the amazing work created by our students.



Key Dates for June:

Tuesday 30th June-
Barcelona Parents
Meeting 5:30pm in
Drama Hall

Key Dates for July:

Friday 3rd July-
House Competition
Rocket Launch

Tuesday 7th July-
Friday 10th July:
Barcelona Trip

W/C Monday 13th
July: PE House
Competitions all
week

Tuesday 14th July:
Summer Concert

Tuesday 21st July:
Half Day Closing-
END OF TERM



Yet again we have a busy week ahead of us with Year 6 transition days. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2031 to Braunton Academy and their families. At the same time Year 10 start to think seriously about their post 16 options with taster days at North Devon College and Exter College. Year 10 Geographers have their GCSE field work at Westward HO! and Year 7 and 8 start their end of year exams.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

**Mrs F Bowler,
Principal**



Whole School Messages

Medication in School

We are noticing an increase in children coming to first aid requesting pain relief. Whilst we do have school spares, we are asking if parents/carers can provide their own for their child, especially if they require a specific type e.g. liquid or dissolvable tablets. Please bring the medication to Reception, where you will be asked to complete a short form for non-prescribed medication. Once this is done, the medication will be stored safely in First Aid and can be given to your child if they need it during the school day

Safety Out of School

As we move into the busy summer period, we would like to gently remind parents/carers and students to stay extra vigilant around vehicles. Please take a moment to reinforce with your child the importance of not approaching or getting into any car or vehicle driven by someone they do not know, even if the person appears friendly or familiar. A quick conversation at home can help keep this message fresh and ensure everyone stays safe.

Summer HAF

Bookings are now open for the Devon Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme this summer. With over 170 locations across Devon, children and young people can enjoy a wide range of fun, safe and engaging activities, including sports, creative arts, outdoor pursuits and more.

The programme offers inclusive provision, with support for SEND pupils, and many clubs provide extended hours to support working families. Subsidised and paid places are also available.

To find out more and secure a place, visit: <https://eequ.org/devonhaf> or scan the QR code on the poster.

Future Year 7 Parents

https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/news-and-events/supporting-a-successful-secondary-school-transition-year-6-parents-and-carers/?fbclid=IwVERDUASgXjtleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbZcnRjBmFwcF9pZAwzNTA2ODU1MzE3MjgAAR57ERRX0JkYdqMHm7E7ExyYgkIKQsIFipChRN_M27Q8ylR-72jN5OO9Bg0yFQ_aem_anQaHM74tbCpCB-OwCcqZA



Summer HAF

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

With more than 170 locations across Devon, exciting Holiday Clubs will be offering fun, safe and engaging activities for children and young people!

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- ☑ A wide-ranging programme spanning sports, outdoor pursuits, creative arts, life skills and much more.
- ☑ SEND-inclusive universal support and Specialist provision.
- ☑ Reclaim the Parks outreach days.

Many clubs offer extended hours for working parents and paid places for friends who are not eligible for HAF provision.

Sign up now at
<https://eequ.org/devonhaf> or
scan the QR code below





Saunton Surf Club – After School Sessions

Saunton Surf Club is offering exciting weekly surf sessions for young people aged 8–16. Taking place every Thursday from 4–6pm during term time, these sessions are open to all abilities and provide a fun, safe and supportive introduction to surfing. Led by experienced and qualified coaches, participants will learn ocean safety, surf skills and etiquette, all within small group sizes. All equipment is provided. For more information or to book a place, please contact Walking on Waves directly.



SURFING ENGLAND

WALKING ON WAVES

SAUNTON SURF CLUB



Ages 8-16

£16 Per Session

All Abilities Welcome

During School Terms

4-6pm Every Thursday

What to Expect

- ✓ Ocean Safety
- ✓ Fun & Inclusive For All
- ✓ Experienced & Qualified Coaches
- ✓ Surf Etiquette
- ✓ 6:1 Max Group Ratio
- ✓ Equipment Included

CONTACT US

07578 595140
contact@walking-on-waves.com





Preloved School Uniform – Shop & Support

Families can now shop for preloved school uniform through Cress, helping to make school wear more affordable while supporting the school. This sustainable initiative also helps reduce waste and promote environmentally friendly shopping. By choosing preloved, you can save money, support the school, and shop sustainably. Visit the website or scan the QR code on the poster for more information.

cress

Shop our preloved uniform here

Help fund your school

Sustainable school shopping and selling, at last 🌱🌍

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👉 [@cresscollective](https://twitter.com/cresscollective)
👉 info@wearecress.com

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SHOP PRELOVED UNIFORMS TODAY:

Save Money | **Fund Your School** | **Shop Sustainably**

All orders will receive a free book from Awesome Books

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Join Our PTFA

Join Our PTFA

We are setting up a new PTFA. This will help us raise money to go towards school rewards, play equipment, computers... the list goes on!

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

If you would like to join or register your interest please contact Mrs E Woodhead at:
ewoodhead@braunton.academy



North Devon Forum for Autism Spectrum conditions and ADHD



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@northdevonforum

North Devon Forum for ASC and ADHD Announces Revitalisation and Expanded Support Across the Region

The North Devon Forum for Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC) and ADHD — a long-standing community charity supporting families and carers since 1992 — has announced a renewed period of growth and development following the recruitment of new Trustees.

Originally established over 30 years ago and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2017, the Forum has played a vital role in supporting autistic people, individuals with ADHD, and their families across North Devon. Its core objectives include:

- Providing informal support for autistic people, those with ADHD, and their parents, carers, and close family members.
- Organising social events and activities that enable individuals to access everyday experiences that might otherwise be difficult or inaccessible.
- Maintaining strong links with professionals, ensuring families receive up to date, reliable information.
- Offering signposting and networking opportunities to connect families with relevant organisations and services.

Regular Activities Supporting Families Across North Devon

The Forum continues to deliver a growing programme of inclusive activities designed to reduce isolation and create safe, welcoming spaces for autistic people and their families. Current provision includes:

- **Regular coffee mornings in Barnstaple**, featuring guest speakers and access to a specialised lending library of autism related resources.
- **Free monthly swimming sessions in Northam**, enjoyed by families throughout the year in a calm, supportive environment.

- **Day trips to local attractions**, including Exmoor Zoo and The Big Sheep, providing opportunities for social connection and sensory considerate outings.

Call to Action

The Forum welcomes contact from families seeking support, professionals wishing to collaborate, and potential funders or trustees who would like to help shape the next chapter of this essential local charity.

Media Contact

Name: Elaine Gannon

Role: Trustee

Email: elaine.gannon@ndfautism.co.uk

Phone: 07830 213265 (not monitored 24/7)

Technology & Engineering Update

We're excited to introduce our brand-new 3D printer in Technology & Engineering! This fantastic addition will open up creative opportunities for students to design and bring their ideas to life. We're also hoping to launch a CAD/3D printing club in September—watch this space!





Let's Talk

The funded Let's Talk Project which “aims to empower parents and carers by raising awareness of risks facing young people, including pornography, drugs and alcohol, exploitation, and unhealthy relationships. The programme provides practical guidance to help families start difficult conversations and support their children. The Project delivers through multiple methods, consisting of live online sessions for parents, carers and professionals as well as bitesize tool kits and videos. The Project organisers also have plans for a dedicated Let's Talk ‘Dads campaign’ [Click here for further information](#)

Action for early years settings, schools and local authorities: Summer savings for families

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer. The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#). If helpful, please share this with parents, carers and families through your usual channels.

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#)



Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website.

<https://www.braunton.academy/key-information/whole-school-messages>

Climbing Club

<https://radventuresoutdoors.setmore.com/classes/4adbf691-9b54-437b-88f1-02584a9a5f71>

Booking Link
Radventuresoutdoors.setmore.com

Braunton Academy
CLIMBING CLUB

Maximum of 10 per group | PRE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

June & July 2026

Tuesday 3:15-4pm or 4:05-4:50pm
June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July 7th

Wednesday 3:15-4pm or 4:05-4:50pm
June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st, 8th

Don't forget to check the website for £30 per various indoor & outdoor climbing half term dates over the Summer Holidays

WWW.RADVENTURESOUTDOORS.CO.UK
INFO@RADVENTURESOUTDOORS.CO.UK

Girls play cricket too!

FUN FRIENDLY FITNESS

Girls Only Cricket Sessions

Every Tuesday 16:45-18:00

5th May – 21st July 2026

School Years 4-10

Costs... COMPLETELY FREE

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

For more information, please contact:
Martin Brice
brice100269@gmail.com
07597 543104

BRAUNTON 1880 CRICKET CLUB



Year 10 News

Year 10 End of Year Exams

We would like to remind you that Year 10 exams will continue over the coming weeks. This is an important period for students to demonstrate their progress, we encourage them to begin preparing in good time.

You can support your child at home in a number of ways. Encouraging regular, focused revision sessions can make a big difference, as can helping them to create a simple revision timetable to manage their time effectively. Providing a quiet space to study, checking that they have all the necessary equipment (such as pens, pencils, calculators, and revision materials), and encouraging good routines—such as getting enough sleep and eating well—will also help them feel confident and prepared.

Talking to your child about their revision, testing them on key topics, or simply showing interest in their work can be very motivating. If they are unsure about anything, please encourage them to seek support from their teachers. Please remind your children that their first big exam is on the first day back after half term. Thank you for your continued support

Monday 29th June – PE (8.45am) and DT (12.45pm)

Students who miss the above exams due to the rearranged Geography fieldtrip will do them on Tuesday 30th June at the following times:

- 8.45am Catch up for PE students who attended Geography fieldwork
- 12.45pm Catch up for DT students who attended Geography fieldwork



As you will know, the decision to close the school early on Thursday 25th June means that the planned Physics exam cannot take place at the originally planned time. The new timings are below. Please note that this has impacted the French exams with new timings below also.

Friday 3rd July – 8:45am Year 10 Physics Exam

Friday 3rd July – 11:05am Year 10 French Listening Exam (45 minutes with lunch available after this)

Friday 3rd July – 12:45pm Year 10 French Writing Exam

*French Reading Exam will be conducted in lessons

Army Careers Newsletter

Please find below a link to the June edition of the Army Careers Newsletter

[June-Army-Careers-Newsletter.pdf](#)

Year 9 News

No News This Week

Year 8 News

Year 8 End of Year Exams – Important Information for Parents

As we approach the end of the academic year, Year 8 students will be sitting their end of year assessments. To help prepare them for the next stage of their education, some of these exams will take place in the Sports Hall, giving students valuable experience of a more formal exam environment similar to GCSEs.

This is an important step in building confidence, independence, and good exam habits ahead of Key Stage 4.



Please make a note of the following exams that will take place in the Sports Hall:

- Science – Wednesday 1st July, Period 1
- Maths – Wednesday 1st July, Period 5

Students should arrive to school on time and be fully prepared for these assessments.

Supporting Your Child at Home

You can play a key role in helping your child feel calm, prepared, and confident. Here are some simple ways to support them:

- Encourage regular revision in short, manageable sessions rather than last-minute cramming
- Provide a quiet, distraction-free space for study
- Help them organise a revision timetable leading up to their exams
- Talk positively about exams, helping to reduce anxiety and build confidence
- Ensure they get enough sleep and maintain a healthy routine

Teachers will have provided revision lists and guidance, which should be used as the main focus for preparation. Encouraging your child to follow this guidance will help them revise effectively.

Exam Equipment Checklist

It is important that students come fully prepared for every exam. Please help your child ensure they have the correct equipment ready the night before:

- Black pens (at least two)
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator (for Maths and Science)
- Geometry set (for Maths, if required)
- Clear pencil case – not compulsory however will need this for Year 10 and 11



Final Reminder

These exams are an excellent opportunity for students to experience formal exam conditions and to practise the skills they will need for GCSEs in the future. Your encouragement and support at home can make a significant difference to their confidence and performance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Twohig
Vice Principal

Year 7 News

Year 7 End of Year Exams – Important Information for Parents

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This is an important step in building confidence, independence, and good exam habits ahead of Key Stage 4.

Sports Hall Exam Dates

Please make a note of the following exams that will take place in the Sports Hall:

- Science – *Due to Sports Day this exam will now take place in normal lesson time.*
- Maths – *Due to Sports Day this exam will now take place in normal lesson time.*

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Catering

This is a polite reminder that we are a **nut free school**. Please ensure your child does not bring nuts or food containing nuts as part of their lunch. Many thanks.

WEEK A MENU

	<u>Monday –</u>	<u>Tuesday –</u>	<u>Wednesday –</u>	<u>Thursday –</u>	<u>Friday –</u>
Main Meal  	Macaroni cheese topped with bacon served with peas, garlic bread	Exmoor beef lasagne with garlic bread salad & coleslaw	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire puddings seasonal veg & gravy	Chicken curry served with rice naan bread & veg	Breaded white fish served with hash brown bites peas & tartar sauce
Veggie	Macaroni cheese with broccoli served with garlic bread	Quorn lasagne with garlic bread, salad & coleslaw	Veggie cottage pie served with Yorkshire pudding, seasonal veg & gravy	Cauliflower & butternut squash curry served with naan bread	Homemade fish pie topped with cheesy mash served with crusty bread
Desserts  	Tray bakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Tray bakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Tray bakes Fresh fruit fruit pots	Tray bakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Tray bakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots
Grab & go Break & Dinner	Pasta Bolognese Veggie Bolognese	Cheesy pasta <u>bake</u> with garlic bread	Pasta Bolognese Veggie Bolognese	Chilli rice & nachos Veggie chilli & rice	Chorizo pasta bake Veggie pasta bake
Grab & go Break	Hot BLT wrap with hash brown Veggie option	Spicy wedges topped with bacon & cheese	Hoisin duck wrap Veggie option	Breakfast wrap Veggie option	Meat ball sub roll Veggie option
Deli Bar	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  