



**Braunton  
Academy**

**Aspire &  
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## **Braunton Academy Newsletter:**

### **12<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Dear Families,

We hope you have had a good week. The weather hasn't been the greatest again, but it hasn't stopped lots of positive things taking place in school and luckily for the first group of Year 9 students doing their Duke of Edinburgh expedition this weekend the weather is due to improve.

The Year 11s have had their last full week of exams. The last two are at the start of next week and we will be taking the opportunity on Monday to do the annual final assembly sharing stories and pictures of them over the past 5 years. As the exams session comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Year 11 families for their hard work, dedication and support for the school. Not just over this period of time, but for the past 5 years. The students have been exemplary during the exams, a large part of this will be down to the support you have provided them. We will look forward to celebrating all their hard work at Prom on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 10 are now in full swing with their first practice exams and again, the feedback from the exams team has been very positive. We have 30 Year 10 students visiting Exeter University today which we hope they will find informative and enjoyable.

This week we saw the first of our transition afternoons for Year 6 students. We have received very positive feedback about the events and in particular about the Year 7 transition leaders that were supporting the event. We look forward to welcoming the full Class of 2031 to school in a couple of weeks for their two transition days.

#### Key Dates for June:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June-  
Yr 11 Leavers  
Assembly

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June-  
Welly Wanging  
Competition

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June-  
Sports Day (Reserve  
days are 24<sup>th</sup> and  
25<sup>th</sup> June)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June-  
Year 11 Prom  
6:30pm @  
Barnstaple Hotel

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June-  
DofE Expedition

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June-  
Barcelona Parents  
Meeting 5:30pm in  
Drama Hall

In sport this week, the girls' teams took part in the final matches of the North Devon Rounders league with their final placings in the league being Year 8 and Year 9 teams in first place, Year 10 in second and Year 7 in third. Well done to all of them that participated.



Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mrs F Bowler".

**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

### **Welly Wanging Competition**

Join us at lunchtime on Tweedies for a fun competition (rain or shine)—no need to pre-register, just come along and have a go! Everyone is welcome, so we hope to see lots of you there.

### **Studio KIND Summer Art School Opportunity**

Studio KIND are offering an exciting Art Summer School for pupils aged 12–15 this summer. This four-week programme will run on Monday afternoons at the gallery and will be led by local artist Nicky Ruddick. The course will explore themes of art and activism, giving students the opportunity to learn about the connections between art and politics, while experimenting with a variety of creative techniques in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Places must be booked in advance and there is a cost to attend; however, tickets have been subsidised by Barnstaple Town Council, making this a very affordable opportunity.

Further information and booking details can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/artivism-four-week-art-summer-school-tickets-1990203805156>

This is a fantastic opportunity for any students with an interest in art and creativity.



## **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.



# 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**

- 🌊 Ages 8-16
- 🌊 £16 Per Session
- 🌊 All Abilities Welcome
- 🌊 During School Terms
- 🌊 4-6pm Every Thursday

## SAUNTON SURF CLUB



### 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](mailto: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 🌱🌍

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





## Parent Engagement Evening

Join us on **Wednesday 17th June, 5:30–7:00pm** for our next Parent Engagement Evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Join our new 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 you interest please contact Mrs E Woodhead at:  
[ewoodhead@braunton.academy](mailto:ewoodhead@braunton.academy)



## Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website.

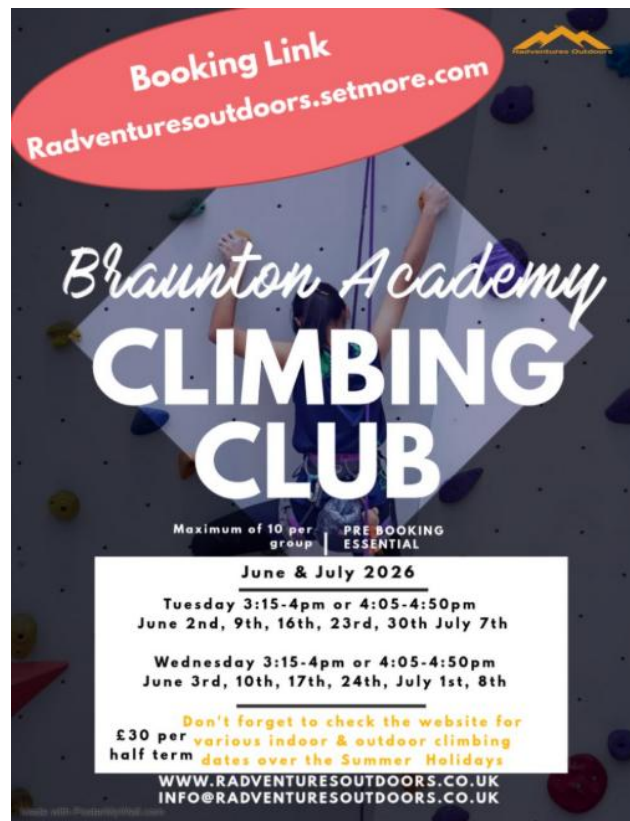
<https://www.braunton.academy/key-information/whole-school-messages>

### Rounders Fixtures

Date	Year Group(s)	Opponents	Venue	Estimated pick up from Braunton School
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	7,8,9,10	Pilton, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	5.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	7,8,9,10	Chulmleigh Park	Braunton	5.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	7,8,9,10	Reserve date for <del>rearranged</del> matches		5.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9	Pilton, Ilfracombe, <del>Chulmleigh</del> Park GTS	Braunton	TBC
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	7,8,9,10	GTS South <del>Molton</del>	South <del>Molton</del>	5.45pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10	Mixed Tournament TBC	GTS	5.30pm

## 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

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

Costs... COMPLETELY FREE

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

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## **Forces Families:**

### **Free Webinar**

This online session will be available nationally and overseas and is intended to complement the recent Escapeline face-to-face sessions.

The webinar will include presentations on social media awareness for welfare teams, parents and all teaching staff. It will also feature shared lived experiences from military families impacted by County Lines.

# County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation

## Free Webinar For The Armed Forces Community

Join our free, live webinar for the armed forces community to learn about how children are being groomed and criminally exploited.

Understand how to spot the signs of exploitation, and how to get help if you are worried about a child.

**[Register Your Place Now](#)**



26 June 2026  
10.00am - 12.00  
Online

“i feel confident now to speak to my child about grooming.”





## Year 11 News

### Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11

As we approach the culmination of another successful GCSE exam season, can I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child during the exam process. It is always a challenging time, so well done to everyone involved! I'd also like to remind you that your son/daughter will have their Leavers' Assembly on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11:30 am, after the completion of the final Science exam. We will aim to dismiss students with final farewells from 12:30 pm. This is a celebratory event with Mr Ovey and the Year 11 Tutor Team and there will be an opportunity for shirt signing before our assembly, if desired.

**NB - If your child is taking Additional Maths on Monday afternoon, they will need a spare shirt for signing since they must not have any writing on their shirts in official examinations.**

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate parents/carers at this assembly and only students should attend. Thanks for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing your son/daughter on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, for this celebration of their time at Braunton Academy, and if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Academy.

Kind regards,

Mr T Barfield, Assistant Vice-Principal - Curriculum

### Army Careers Newsletter

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

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

[University of Plymouth – Open Day](#)



The University of Plymouth have a Spring Open Day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. This is a great way for students to discover the university, courses, campus and speak with their staff and students.

Follow the link below for further information and to book a place.

[Open days - University of Plymouth](#)

[Women in Engineering Day at SEA Ltd](#)

SEA Ltd are hosting a 'Women In Engineering' open event to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day. The event is being held on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 6pm – 7.30pm** at their Barnstaple site.

Please follow the link below for further information and to book a spot:-

[International Women in Engineering Day - Open Event Tickets, Tuesday, June 23 • 6 PM - 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

### **Leavers Photos**

Dear Parents/Carers

As the end of the school year approaches, we would like to remind you that it's not too late to purchase the leavers group photograph via : [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

Please enter the following reference number, followed by your school email and name to view on the website.

Year 11 – Reference No. FE89630C6B

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the "contact" button on our website home page ([htempest.co.uk](http://htempest.co.uk)) where our friendly team will be happy to help.

Many thanks and kind regards,

H Tempest Photography



## North Devon College Sports Trials

North Devon College is inviting registrations for its Sports Academy trials for the 2026/27 season. Trials will take place on **Wednesday 24th June, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**, across football, netball and rugby. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their ability and all are welcome.

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# NORTH DEVON COLLEGE

# SPORTS ACADEMY TRIALS

— TRAIN • DEVELOP • ACHIEVE —

Take your talent further with North Devon College Sports Academies. High quality coaching, top class facilities and opportunities to perform, compete and progress to the next level.



**TRIALLING FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON**

Whether you're a shooter, striker, defender, setter, or playmaker, we want to see you in action.



**FOOTBALL**  
TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G

REGISTER TO TRIAL  
[neil.armstrong@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:neil.armstrong@petroc.ac.uk)



**NETBALL**  
SPORTS HALL  
MAIN COLLEGE SITE

REGISTER TO TRIAL  
[josie.weatherley@petroc.co.uk](mailto:josie.weatherley@petroc.co.uk)



**RUGBY**  
TOP FIELD  
MAIN COLLEGE SITE

REGISTER TO TRIAL  
[johny.carter@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:johny.carter@petroc.ac.uk)

 **DATE**  
WEDNESDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

 **TIME**  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

 **VENUES**

-  Football – Tarka Leisure Centre 3G
-  Netball – Sports Hall, Main College Site
-  Rugby – Top Field, Main College Site



## **Year 10 News**

### **Year 10 End of Year Exams**

We would like to remind you that Year 10 exams will be taking place in the coming weeks. This is an important period for students to demonstrate their progress, and 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. Thank you for your continued support

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Drama and Ethics

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – History and Biology

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – English Literature and Food

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Computer Science Paper 1

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Geography Paper 1 and Maths Paper 1

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Chemistry and Engineering

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Maths Paper 2 and Physics

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – PE and DT

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – French Listening & Reading and French Writing



**A LEVEL  
OPEN EVENT**

**16 June 2026 5 - 7PM**  
Sticklepath Hill, Barnstaple

For Year 11 students considering their next steps,  
and Year 10s looking ahead.

Explore our **Reach** Academy, **Extend** and **Excel** programmes,  
designed to help you stand out on your UCAS application and  
make the most of your time at college. Discover specialist  
guidance for Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary  
science routes.

SEE WHY **NORTH DEVON COLLEGE** IS THE AMBITIOUS CHOICE FOR A LEVELS.

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## **Year 9 News**

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## Year 8 News

### Year 8 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:

- English – *Friday 19th June, Period 1*
- 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

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### Exam Equipment Checklist

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- 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.

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Sports Hall Exam Dates

Please make a note of the following exams that will take place in the Sports Hall. **They may have previously been other dates on communications, but these are now correct:**

- Science – *Friday 19th June, Period 5*
- English – *Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Period 1*
- Maths – *Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Period 5*

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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

	<b>Monday –</b>	<b>Tuesday –</b>	<b>Wednesday –</b>	<b>Thursday –</b>	<b>Friday –</b>
<b>Main Meal</b>  	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
<b>Veggie</b>	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
<b>Desserts</b>  	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
<b>Grab &amp; go Break &amp; Dinner</b>	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
<b>Grab &amp; go Break</b>	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
<b>Deli Bar</b>	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 