



**Braunton
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Braunton Academy Newsletter:

15th May 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you have had a good week. Well done to the Year 11 students that have started their exams in earnest this week. The exams team have given me very positive feedback on how the students are conducting themselves. The teaching staff have been busy analysing the questions and topics in the first papers so that next week they can feedback to the students what is most likely to come up on the paper two exams. Then they will focus the lessons on exam techniques related to those topics.

This weekend is the Braunton Beats Festival in the village a number of our students and alumni are performing at South Street Church from 6pm-8:30pm on 'The Voice Introduction Stage'. The students have invested a lot of time into perfecting their performances so please if you can come and support them on Saturday night.

Last week we received the results for the UK junior maths challenge that our Year 7 and 8 students took part in. An outstanding performance saw us achieve an incredible 43 Bronze, Silver, and Gold certificates – our highest ever total! Even more impressive, 7 students have qualified for the prestigious Junior Kangaroo follow-on round! A big congratulations to: William, Kush, Joshua, Evie, Ava, Freya, and Meadow.

Well done to Chloe (Y11) who was awarded two certificates and prizes for her entry to the Rotary Young Writer 2026 competition. She has also been invited to the celebration event on the 10th June. She did incredibly well, winning the regional level for the senior category before winning the District level – which covers areas of Devon, Dorset and Somerset. She has now gone on to the National level of the competition.

Key Dates for May:

16th & 17th May-
DofE Practise Walks

W/C 18th May- Year
10 Work Experience
Week

22nd May- Last Day
of Summer Term 1

Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May-
HALF TERM



Best wishes,

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

Let's Talk Parent Support Webinars

The Let's Talk Project aims to empower parents and carers by raising awareness of community safety risks and challenges faced by young people. It is a free resource which has already reached nearly 10,000 people. Their new Let's Talk Website – www.letstalksaferfamilies.org has been launched and at the bottom of each page, you can sign up to the mailing list. There are several upcoming events for varying age groups, you can sign up to these webinars via the links below:

Let's Talk Primary - Let's Talk Safer Families

Tuesday, 2 June 2026 19:00
Tuesday, 9 June 2026 19:00
Tuesday, 16 June 2026 19:00

Let's Talk Pre-Teens - Let's Talk Safer Families

Tuesday, 23 June 2026 19:00
Tuesday, 30 June 2026 19:00
Tuesday, 7 July 2026 19:00

Let's Talk Teenagers - Let's Talk Safer Families

Tuesday, 5 May 2026 19:00
Tuesday, 12 May 2026 19:00
Tuesday, 19 May 2026 19:00



Braunton Community Garden Open Days

The Braunton Community Garden is opening its gates this summer and welcoming everyone to enjoy this vibrant community space. Open Days will take place on **Saturday 13th June (1–4pm)**, with live music from 2.30pm by the ONO band, and **Saturday 22nd August (11am–3pm)**. Located opposite Braunton Academy, behind the car park and just before the athletic track, the garden offers free entry for all. Visitors are invited to meet new people, enjoy the outdoors, and relax in a welcoming environment. Refreshments and plants will be available to buy, and the site is accessibility friendly.



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE, 1–4PM Live music from 2:30 by ONO band

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST, 11AM–3PM

At Braunton Community Garden, Opposite Braunton Academy,
behind the carpark, just before the athletic track.

Come along to our community garden – free entry for all! Meet new people, enjoy the great outdoors, and relax in a welcoming space. Refreshments and plants available for sale.





Check out our new minibus!!! AAA

Braunton Beats Festival 2026

This weekend sees the return of the fantastic Braunton Beats Festival, running from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May. Celebrating live music across the village, the festival brings together talented musicians performing across a wide range of local venues, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for the whole community. We are especially proud to share that students and alumni from Braunton Academy will be performing at South Street Church on 'The Voice Introducing Stage' from 6:00pm–8:30pm—a brilliant opportunity to showcase their talent and support our young musicians.

Braunton BEATS

ALL ACROSS BRAUNTON
15 | 16 | 17 MAY 2026

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Braunton BEATS MUSIC FESTIVAL IT'S ALL ABOUT THE VIBE

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Festival warm up | Thursday 14 | Nothing But Treble | The White Lion 8PM - 10PM

FRI 15TH

Sam Dowden | SQ Bar & Restaurant | 5PM - 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY
Adam Cumbers Acoustic | The London Inn | 6PM - 8PM | FREE ENTRY
Mentality | The White Lion | 6PM - 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY
BIG BEATS 3 DJ SET Tom Capron • Sexy Toast • Kitchen Disco
BRAUNTON PARISH HALL | 7:30PM - 11PM | TICKETS £10 ONLINE
Scott Anchors & The Heavyweights | The White Lion | 8PM - 10PM | FREE ENTRY
Beckon The Wyrd | The George Inn | 8:30PM - 11PM | FREE ENTRY
Highway | The London Inn | 9PM - 11:30PM | FREE ENTRY
Strange Brew | The Mariners Arms | 9PM - 11PM | FREE ENTRY

SAT 16TH

Beats Buskers | Outside the Museum of British Surfing | 10AM - 4PM | FREE ENTRY
Djembe Drumming Workshop | South Street Church | 11AM - 12PM | TICKETS £10 ONLINE
Bright Lights Collective Saturday Session feat. The Acoustic Band • Isaac Gregory • Bright Lights Collective
Toby • Cattlefish | SQ Bar & Restaurant | 12PM - 5PM | FREE ENTRY
Katie Kerslake's Singing Workshop | South Street Church | 12PM - 3PM | FREE ENTRY (Refreshments available)
Kris Thompson | The London Inn | 2PM onwards | FREE ENTRY
Beer Matters Males | The George Inn | 2PM - 4:30PM | FREE ENTRY
Saunton Road Choir | South Street Church | 3:30PM - 4:30PM | FREE ENTRY (Refreshments available)
Surfing Sound Guitar Workshop with Erian | The British Museum of Surfing | 4PM - 5PM | TICKETS £10 ONLINE
Radio Sunset plus DJ Set | Surf'd Out Chivener EX31 4EG | 5PM - 9PM | FREE ENTRY
The Voice FM Introducing Stage (feat. local schools) | South Street Church | 6PM - 8:30PM | FREE ENTRY (Inc. Full Bar)
The Greater Good | SQ Bar & Restaurant | 7PM - 9PM | FREE ENTRY
Ali Pengelly | The Black Horse | 8PM - 10PM | FREE ENTRY
The Neil Sadler Band | The George Inn | 8:30PM - 11PM | FREE ENTRY
The Jump Jets | The White Lion | 8:30PM - 11PM | FREE ENTRY
Bad Flowers | The London Inn | 9PM - 11:30PM | FREE ENTRY
The Rhythm Keepers | Olive or Twist | 9PM - 12AM | FREE ENTRY

SUN 17TH

David Smole plays Koto [trad. Japanese Instrument] | South St Church | 12PM - 1PM | FREE ENTRY
Jules Moberly | SQ Bar & Restaurant | 1PM - 3PM | FREE ENTRY
Smart & Dangerous' Open Mic Sunday Session | The London Inn | 2PM - 5PM | FREE ENTRY
Bear Beats feat. • Richard Malfait • Vidris Coda • Marsh & The Reluctant Friends • Dogleg
South Street Church 2PM - 6PM | FREE ENTRY (Inc. Full Bar)
Chris Ostler | The White Lion | 4PM - 6PM | FREE ENTRY
Amonia Grove | The Black Horse | 5PM - 7PM | FREE ENTRY
Pete Robinson & Matt Todd DJ Sets | Olive or Twist | 5PM - 9PM | FREE ENTRY
NICK PARKER & support Amber | South Street Church | 7:30PM - 10PM | TICKETS £10 ONLINE (Inc. Full Bar)

Pictured NICK PARKER 7:30pm | 17 May Tickets £10 online Scan QR code



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 th April	7,8,9,10	Pilton, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	5.30pm
Tuesday 5 th May	7,8,9,10	Chulmleigh Park	Braunton	5.30pm
Tuesday 12 th May	7,8,9,10	Reserve date for rearranged matches		5.30pm
Tuesday 19 th May	9	Pilton, Ilfracombe, Chulmleigh Park GTS	Braunton	TBC
Tuesday 9 th June	7,8,9,10	GTS South Molton	South Molton	5.45pm
Tuesday 16 th June	10	Mixed Tournament TBC	GTS	5.30pm

Athletics

Date	Year(s)	Venue	Opposition	Pick Up Time	Comp
Wednesday 29 th April	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	ND Schools	6.30pm	ND Schools League
Tuesday 5 th May	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	English Schools	3.45pm	English Schools
Wednesday 13 th May	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	ND Schools	4.00pm	ND Championships
Wednesday 20 th May	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	ND Schools	6.30pm	ND Schools League
Wednesday 10 th June	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	ND Schools	6.30pm	ND Schools League (Finals Night)



Forces Families:

RMB Chivenor Family Day

Families Day open to Serving Families, MOD Contractors and Civil Service at RMB Chivenor. Scan QR Code for Tickets.

FREE ENTRY

RMB CHIVENOR

FAMILIES DAY

AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

- >BBQ
- >CHILDREN'S RIDES
- >ENTERTAINMENT
- >LIVE MUSIC
- >RAFFLE
- >FREE ICE CREAM
- >REFRESHMENTS
- >EVENT STANDS & STALLS

**THURSDAY
28TH MAY
1200-1700**

OPEN TO ALL SERVICE FAMILIES, CIVIL SERVICE & MOD CONTRACTORS
SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS

 **ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES CHARITY**

 **ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

 **THE SAPPER CHARITY**





Year 11 News

Re: Attendance for Year 11 and request for Study Leave

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to begin by saying how pleased we are with the focus, maturity and effort shown by Year 11 students since returning after the Easter break. In lessons, students have been engaging well, working purposefully, and demonstrating a clear determination to do their best in the final weeks before their GCSE examinations. Now is the moment when a final push can unlock major gains. At home, you should now be seeing increased levels of focused and active revision, as students consolidate their learning and prepare for upcoming exams. While this is important, we would also encourage students to balance revision with activities that help them to relax and maintain their wellbeing, such as regular sleep, exercise, and time away from screens. A healthy balance will support both performance and resilience during this demanding period.

I would also like to make it absolutely clear that it is a legal requirement for all Year 11 students to attend school full time until **Friday 22nd May 2026**, and any absence without authorised medical evidence would be a breach of national attendance regulations. A reminder that medical appointment evidence needs to be emailed to attendance@braunton.academy to ensure students are able attend appointments.

Students also need to remain available up to and including **Wednesday 24th June** which is a National Exam Contingency Day in case any national exams couldn't take place on the published date.

From **Monday 1st June**, once the legal attendance period ends, students whose parents have requested study leave (**using the online form linked below**) can be allowed home under certain conditions. This is an agreement that students will only attend lessons where they still have exams in that subject and must obviously attend their formal exams. Deadline for this online form to be completed is by **Friday 22nd May**.

It is compulsory that your child still attends these vital lessons in school as some subjects finishing off teaching new content. These sessions are deliberately designed to ensure students are fully prepared and confident going into each examination. They are not optional, nor are they simply independent revision time. These lessons will include:

- Delivering content that has not been taught yet, in some cases



- Teaching and practising essential exam skills
- Addressing key content and areas where students typically lose marks
- Completing high-impact revision activities that directly improve exam performance
- Providing expert guidance, feedback, and support in each subject based on exam practice

The single most effective action students can take at this stage is to be in school, on time, for every lesson, right up until their examinations are completed. Consistent attendance enables students to benefit fully from specialist teaching, structured revision, and targeted support.

Thank you for your continued support during this vital stage of your child's education. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school so that we can work together to support your child. **Click Link - [Attendance for Year 11 and Request for Study Leave 2026 – Fill in form](#)**

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Bowler and Mr Twohig

Please Help Your Children To Have All The Equipment They Need

As we approach the GCSE exam period, we would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your child comes to each exam fully prepared with the equipment they need. Having the correct equipment helps students feel confident and avoids unnecessary stress on the day. Please can you check that your child has:

- Black pens (at least two or three)
- Pencils
- Eraser and sharpener
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator (essential for maths and some science exams)
- Protractor and compass (where required)
- Highlighters (if useful for planning)



All items should be carried in a clear pencil case or transparent bag, in line with exam regulations.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child perform at their best.

Useful Online Revision Resources

As we approach the GCSE examination period, some subject teachers have shared recommended revision links that students can be directed to at home. These resources, listed below, have been carefully selected by departments to support effective revision and help pupils consolidate key knowledge and skills for their exams. We strongly encourage students to make regular use of these materials, as they are excellent resources that complement classroom learning and independent study.

Maths

[The GCSE Maths Tutor - YouTube](#)

[Maths Genie - Learn maths for free](#)

[1st Class Maths - Free online GCSE Maths Revision](#)

[Videos and Worksheets – Corbettmaths](#)

Science

[GCSE Science - BBC Bitesize - SELECT AQA \(trilogy for combined science\)](#)

[Learn smarter with PLUS](#)

[Free Maths & Science Revision and Past Papers for A-Level, GCSE and KS3 |](#)

[Cognito](#)

[Sparx Science - Home](#)

English

PMT - they have everything. Just type in PMT (insert which topic). They have past papers and revision booklets.

[AQA Paper 1 GCSE English Language Past Papers](#)

[AQA Paper 2 GCSE English Language Past Papers](#)

[AQA GCSE English Section B: Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology - PMT](#)

Mr. Salles on YouTube does amazing mini lectures on all the context

[The ONLY MACBETH REVISION you will EVER NEED for TOP GRADES](#)



Mr. Bruff is also good, he is more fore middle ability.
['Macbeth' Top Set Analysis \(part 1\)](#)

York Notes

[Sample Answers - An Inspector Calls \(Grades 9-1\)](#)

North Devon College May Newsletter

Please find below a link to the May edition of the North Devon College newsletter.

[May Newsletter 2026](#)

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



Monday 1st June – English Language Paper 1

Friday 5th June – Computer Science Paper 2

Tuesday 9th June – Music

Tuesday 16th June – Drama and Ethics

Wednesday 17th June – History and Biology

Thursday 18th June – English Literature and Food

Friday 19th June – Computer Science Paper 1

Monday 22nd June – Geography Paper 1 and Maths Paper 1

Wednesday 24th June – Chemistry and Engineering

Thursday 25th June – Maths Paper 2 and Physics

Monday 29th June – PE and DT

Friday 3rd July – French Listening & Reading and French Writing

North Devon College Taster Day

Please follow the link below to sign up for the North Devon College Taster Day on Wednesday 1st July. It is essential all year 10 students sign up for this by Friday 22nd May. Also below is a link to further information about the day.

[Taster Day Leaflet](#)

[North-Devon-College-Taster-Day-Information-2026.pdf](#)

Sports News

No rounders club on Tuesday 19th May, due to the year 9 tournament.

Year 9 News

Sports News

Rounders Tournament, Tuesday 19th May at Tweedies. Meet by the front gate at 1.45pm. Finish approx. 4.45pm

No rounders club on Tuesday 19th May, due to the year 9 tournament.

Year 8 News

Sports News

No rounders club on Tuesday 19th May, due to the year 9 tournament.

Year 7 News










Sports News

No rounders club on Tuesday 19th May, due to the year 9 tournament.

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 B MENU

	<u>Monday -</u>	<u>Tuesday -</u>	<u>Wednesday -</u>	<u>Thursday -</u>	<u>Friday -</u>
Main Meal  	Devon Pork sausages served with mashed potatoes, peas & gravy	Cottage pie served with savoy cabbage, carrots & gravy	Roast Chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding seasonal veg & gravy	Chicken Fajita wraps served with potato wedges & coleslaw	Breaded white fish served with hash brown bites, peas & tartar sauce
Veggie	Quorn sausages served with mashed potatoes, peas & gravy	Cauliflower & broccoli bake Served with savoy cabbage & gravy	Veggie cottage pie served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding veg & gravy	Halloumi & roasted pepper wraps served with potato wedges & coleslaw	Homemade veggie quiche served with hash brown bites & mixed leaf salad
Desserts  	Traybakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Traybakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Traybakes Fresh fruit fruit pots	Traybakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Traybakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots
Grab & go Break & Dinner	Pasta Bolognese Veggie Bolognese	Cheesy pasta bake with garlic bread	Pasta Bolognese Veggie Bolognese	Chilli rice & nachos Veggie chilli & rice	Chorizo pasta bake with garlic bread
Grab & go Break	Hot BLT wrap with hash brown Veggie option	Spicy wedges topped with cheese & bacon	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  