



**Braunton
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Braunton Academy Newsletter:

19th June 2026

Dear Families,

I trust you have had a good week. On Monday Year 11 completed their last GCSE exams and we marked this with the usual celebration assembly looking back at their 5 years at the school, they formally pass into the annals of Braunton Academy history from now on being known as the Class of 2026. We look forward to celebrating their efforts at Prom next Friday.

Sports day

Next week is Sports day, it is looking like it will be a hot day, so please make sure you take time to read the full sports day information in the letter attached. Hats, sun cream and shade will be the order of the day. We usually have a lot of parents attending which is great for the students and we look forward to seeing you.

Athletics news

Last weekend 29 Braunton Academy students represented North Devon Schools at the Devon Schools Athletics Competition in Exeter. There were a number of standout performances across the team: Nanise (Year 7) secured 2nd place in the 100m and recorded the 3rd fastest time in the 200m. Quentin (Year 10) delivered an impressive double, finishing 2nd in both the 100m and 200m. Maddie (Year 11) earned 2nd place in the 300m and 3rd in the 200m, while Dylan (Year 10) claimed 2nd in the 400m.

Key Dates for June:

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

Friday 26th June-
Year 11 Prom
6:30pm @
Barnstaple Hotel

Year 10 GCSE
Fieldwork Day 1

Saturday 27th and
Sunday 28th June-
DofE Expedition

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

Year 10 GCSE
Fieldwork Day 2

Amelie (Year 10) was a standout performer, winning the 300m and placing 2nd in the 200m. She also achieved English Schools qualifying standard times in both events.

Quentin, Amelie, Maddie, and Dylan will now go on to represent the County at the South West Schools Championships this weekend, where they will be aiming to secure qualification for the English Schools Championships later in the year. We wish them all the best of luck.



Stranger Danger

We have been made aware this week of concerns in the local area about stranger danger. We have had contact with the police, and they have asked us to remind all parents and students as we move into the busy summer period 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. This is also being discussed in tutor time and assemblies.

Uniform update

Finally, I have been asked to confirm for eco/recycling and cost reasons students in KS3 can continue to wear the older grey jumpers. These can no longer be purchased new but second-hand ones are still available in our CRESS on-line shop.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mrs F Bowler'.

Mrs F Bowler,



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

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.

Devon
County Council

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

Future Year 7 Parents and Carers – Online Support Session

Children and Family Health Devon are offering an online session to help support a successful secondary school transition on Wednesday 24th June 2026 from 6pm to 7pm. Full details via the link below:

https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/news-and-events/supporting-a-successful-secondary-school-transition-year-6-parents-and-carers/?fbclid=IwVERDUASgXjtIeHRuA2FlbQlxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAwzNTA2ODU1MzE3MjgAAR57ERRX0JkYdqMHm7E7ExyYgkKQsIFipCHRn_M27Q8yIR-72jN5OO9Bg0yFQ_aem_anQaHM74tbCpCB-OwCcqZA

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.





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.





Join Our PTFA

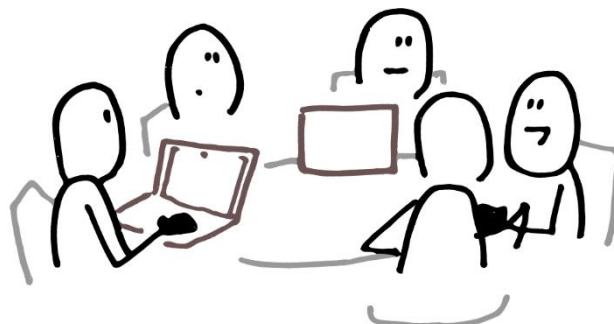


Join Our PTFA



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 you

North Devon Forum for Autism Spectrum conditions and ADHD



info@ndfautism.co.uk
facebook.com/groups/ndfarb
@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)

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](#).

Surf Success

It's been a really successful time for our Braunton Academy surfers who have been competing in numerous national competitions recently. In particular, massive congratulations need to go to Annie and Jack.

Annie finished third in the U16 girls English Nationals at Fistral, Newquay last weekend.

Jack finished 3rd in the Rip Curl gromsearch at the end of May in a really close final where he only missed out on first place by 0.2 points on his wave scores.

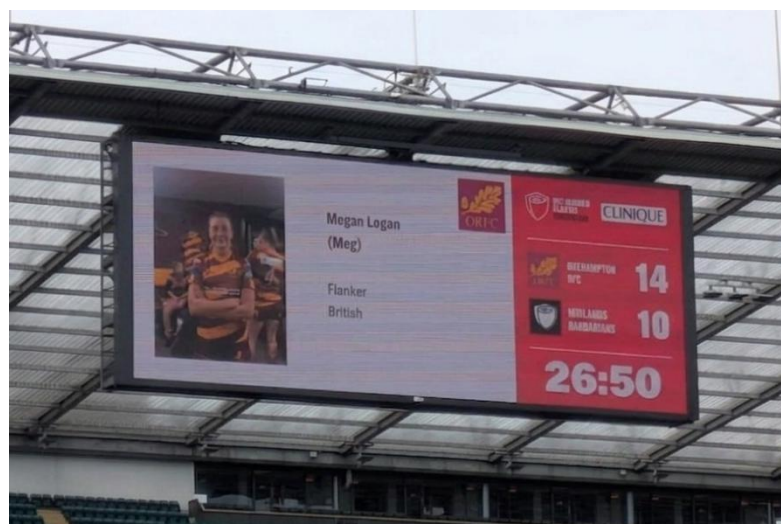
Staff Success



The squad travelled to Twickenham, the home of English rugby, to compete in a tournament supporting the RFU Injured Players Foundation — a charity that provides vital support to players who have sustained life-changing spinal cord or traumatic brain injuries during the game.

In an outstanding achievement, the team not only won the tournament but also raised over £10,000 for the charity. This success marks a perfect conclusion to an already impressive season, having also been crowned NC1 South West League Winners.

We are very proud of her and her success with the team!



Schools Swim Gala

Ilfracombe and Braunton were crowned joint **winners**, making it another fantastic and closely contested event. We are incredibly proud of all the Braunton Academy students who took part and represented the school so positively. A special congratulations goes to junior girls and inter girls categories from Barunton which both won. Congratulations also to



Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website.

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

Rounders Fixtures

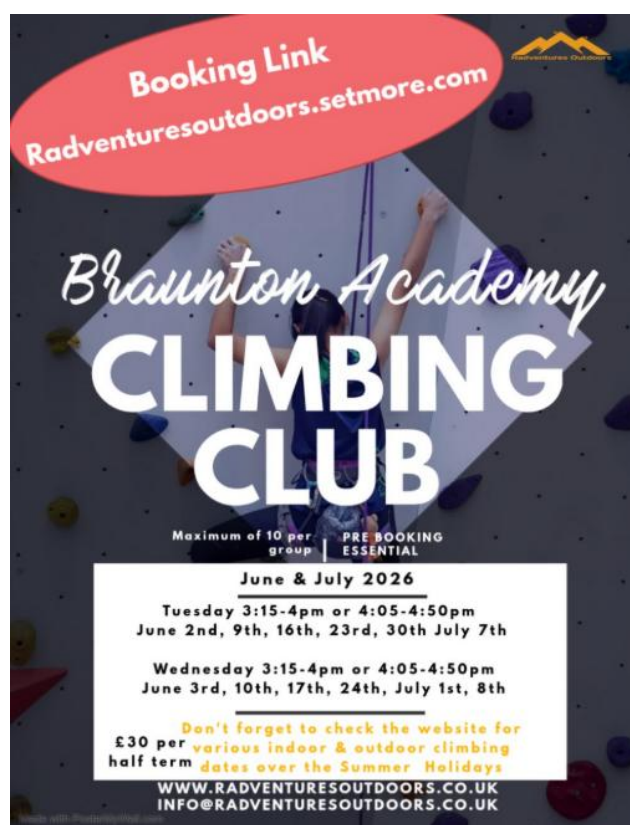
Date	Year Group(s)	Opponents	Venue	Estimated pick up from Braunton School
Tuesday 28 th April	7,8,9,10	Pilton, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	5.30pm
Tuesday 5 th May	7,8,9,10	Chulmleigh Park	Braunton	5.30pm
Tuesday 12 th May	7,8,9,10	Reserve date for rearranged matches		5.30pm
Tuesday 19 th May	9	Pilton, Ilfracombe, 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)

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



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

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

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) 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.

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

TRIALLING FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON

<p>FOOTBALL TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G</p> <p>REGISTER TO TRIAL neil.armstrong@petroc.ac.uk</p>	<p>NETBALL SPORTS HALL MAIN COLLEGE SITE</p> <p>REGISTER TO TRIAL josie.weatherley@petroc.co.uk</p>	<p>RUGBY TOP FIELD MAIN COLLEGE SITE</p> <p>REGISTER TO TRIAL johny.carter@petroc.ac.uk</p>
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<p>DATE WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE</p>	<p>TIME 2:00PM - 4:00PM</p>	<p>VENUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football – Tarka Leisure Centre 3G Netball – Sports Hall, Main College Site Rugby – Top Field, Main College Site </p>
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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 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

Army Careers Newsletter

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

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



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 23rd 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_](#)

Sports News

No rounders club Tuesday due to Sports Day

Year 9 News

Sports News

No rounders club Tuesday due to Sports Day

Year 7,8 & 9 beach volleyball competition at Croyde on Monday 22nd June. All information for those involved is on the parentmail sent home.



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.

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

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.

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Mr Twohig
Vice Principal

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Year 7 News

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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 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 <u>bake</u> with garlic bread	Pasta Bolognese Veggie Bolognese	Chilli rice & nachos Veggie chilli & rice	Chorizo pasta <u>bake</u> 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  