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Braunton Academy Newsletter:

20th March 2026

Dear Families,

The sun has been shining, and we are hoping Tweedies will have dried out enough by Monday to start opening it to students. This week I received a lovely email about the Year 8 students that have been visiting Tyspany Care Home from one of the resident's children, thanking the students for the time they are spending there and how happy it has made their mother. It was lovely to get positive feedback on this project.

This week has seen lots of sporting achievements: last Friday the Year 8, 9 and 10 Rugby 7's teams played in the Devon Festival. Year 8 won every game, Year 9 made it to the semifinals and Year 9 came third. The girls Under 13 and 15 football teams both won their semi-finals this week and are now preparing for the finals that are being played at Newton Abbot.

At the weekend we saw gymnastics success and pleasingly it is the first time we have entered a mixed gender team. We won the under 15 mixed team, the under 13 boys' team and the under 13 mixed team with the under 13 girls team coming first. There was also lots of individual successes with Destiny winning the male U15 and Harry the Under 13 category and Will won the best under 13 vault of the day.

Key Dates for
March:

23rd March- Local
DofE Practise Walks

25th March- Easter
Egg Decorating
Competition

26th March- Year 8
Parents Evening
(4:00pm-7:00pm)

30th March- PE
House
Competitions (All
Week)

31st March- GCSE
PE Moderation Day

2nd April @ 1.05pm-
End of Term

3rd to 17th April -
EASTER HOLIDAY



Finally, we look forward to welcoming Year 8 families to school this Thursday for Parents Evening.

The last day of school is Thursday 2nd of April, the Principal students have requested this date as the final own clothes day of the year. They are requesting students bring £1 into school to wear their own clothes with donations going to support additional sport enrichment activities.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs F Bowler
Principal



Whole School Messages

Dear Parents, Last week we accidentally included in our Newsletter a Gift Voucher for Devonshire Tennis Academy. This was an error and shouldn't have been included. Please disregard that notice and accept our apologies for any confusion caused. Thank you.

Medication in School

If parents or carers would like their child to have medication available in school, this can be arranged. 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.

Year 5 Taster Day

We are pleased to be offering Year 5 students from our local primaries the opportunity to attend an exciting Taster Day on **Thursday 16th July 2026**. Letters have been sent to our local primaries, however if you would like your Year 5 child to attend, please register using the link on our website.

Parent Numeracy Support As part of the Leading Parent Partnership Award that we are working towards, one of the areas we want to develop is supporting parents with their own learning, to enable them to support their young people. This resource is great to help you develop your skill and confidence with numeracy.

[Getting on With Numbers | National Numeracy Challenge](#)

Non-Uniform Day

On Thursday 2nd April (last day of the spring term), we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise funds to the PE department. Please bring in £1 on the day.



Dance Workshop & Performance Opportunity with James Wilton Dance Company

We are thrilled to offer students a fantastic opportunity to work with the internationally acclaimed **James Wilton Dance Company**. During the school day, selected students will take part in an inspiring **contemporary dance workshop**, exploring dynamic movement and creative choreography with professional dancers. In the evening, students and families will have the chance to watch the company's stunning new production, **Bach Reimagined**—a powerful fusion of contemporary dance and reimagined classical music that promises to be an unforgettable experience.

👉 Interested in taking part in the workshop? Any student who dances or would like to try dance is warmly encouraged to get involved. **Students must speak to Mr Carroll to register their interest.**

We hope many of our young performers will seize this exciting opportunity to learn from leading artists and be inspired by world-class dance.

Second Hand Uniform

On Tuesday 26th March, during the Year 8 Parents' Evening, we will be running a second-hand clothing rail with a selection of pre-loved items available to purchase. We will also have a uniform donations bin on site, and we would be grateful for any good-quality, clean uniform you are able to donate. We are particularly in need of blazers, ties and PE polos, but all items are very welcome and much appreciated. Your support helps us make school uniform more accessible and sustainable for our community.



Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website.

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

PE Fixtures

Rugby

Date	Year(s)	Venue	Opposition	Staff	Comp	Result
Tues 13 th Jan	8 & 9	GTS	GTS	LO, DL	ND	8s won 4-0 9s lost W/C
Thurs 15 th Jan	7 & 10	Braunton	GTS	LO, ED	ND	Postponed
Thurs 22 nd Jan	8	Park	Park	DL	ND	Postponed
Tues 27 th Jan	7 & 9	Braunton	Park	LO, ED	ND	Postponed
Tues 3 rd Feb	8 & 9	Braunton	Pilton	ED, DL	ND	8s drew 4-4 9s won 46-27
Wed 4 th Feb	7	Braunton	Pilton	LO	ND	7s won 7-5
Tues 10 th Feb	7 & 8	Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	LO, DL	ND	Postponed
Weds 11 th Feb	10	Braunton	Ilfracombe	LO	ND	Postponed
Weds 25 th Feb	11	Plymouth College	Devon 7s	LO	Devon	Plate Winners
Weds 4 th March	10	Braunton	Uffculme	LO	Devon Plate	L 22-45
Tues 10 th March	11	West Buckland	ND 7s	LO, OM	ND 7s	
Fri 13 th March	8, 9, 10	West Buckland	ND 7s	LO, ML, +1	ND 7s	
Tues 17 th March	7	Park School	Waterfall tournament	LO	ND	
Thurs 19 th March	9 & 10	Blundell's School	Devon 7s	LO	Devon	
Tues 24 th March	8	Park School	Waterfall tournament	DL, LO	ND	
Thurs 26 th March	9 & 10	Bideford RFC	ND Final	ED, LO	ND	
Weds 1 st April	10	Ilfracombe	Braunton	LO	ND	

Netball

Training times:

Year 7 and 8 – Tuesday after school (when there is no game in the week)

Year 9 and 10 – Thursday after school (when there is no game in the week)

Date	Year(s)	Venue	Opposition	Comp	Return to Braunton
Tuesday 24 th February	7,8,9 B	Park	N.Devon Schools	League	5.45pm
Thursday 26 th February	10	Park	N.Devon Schools	Tournament	5.45pm
Tuesday 10 th March	7 A&B	Park	N.Devon Schools	Tournament	5.45pm
Wednesday 11 th March	8 A&B	Braunton	WBS	Match	4.30pm
Thursday 19 th March	10 A&B	Braunton	WBS		4.30pm

Girls Football

Training times:

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 – Wednesday after school (When there is no game in the week)

Date	Year(s)	Venue	Opposition	Staff	Comp	Result
25/2/26	U13 DC Tournament 9 a side	Bideford - Return 5.45	TBC	AS,OM	Devon County tournament	
4/3/26	U15 DC Tournament 9 a side	Bideford - Return 5.45	TBC	AS,OM	Devon County tournament	
26/3/26	U13 and U15 County Semi Final	Newton Abbot	TBC	AS,OM	Devon County	
23/4/26	U13 and U15 County Final	Newton Abbot	TBC	AS,OM	Devon County	



Forces Families:

Please email Shart@braunton.academy if your serving person is due to, or has been deployed. We can offer extra support for your child and make teachers aware.

[Southampton Family Trust](#) are hosting parenting courses, seminars and couple-support sessions available to Royal Navy and Royal Marines families. Funded by RNRMC as part of the Strengthening Families Programme.

Thursday 30th Apr - An Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism

Thursday 7th May - An Introduction to Parenting Children with ADHD

Mondays 11th May - 6th Jul - Autism Parenting Course

Mondays 1st - 22nd Jun - Big Emotions Parenting Course

Thursday 4th Jun - Masking and Burnout

Thursday 18th Jun- Understanding School Anxiety

Thursday 2nd Jul - Parenting During the Deployment Cycle

Thursday 16th Jul - Oppositional Behaviours

Southampton Family Trust Couples Support - Six Free Sessions

Email info@sftrust.org.uk to book a place.

Year 11 News

Year 11 Summer Exams – Important Information

Our Year 11 students have now received their summer exam timetables. We encourage you to spend some time looking through these with your child so that you are both aware of key dates and can plan ahead. Written exams begin on 8th May, so the coming weeks are a crucial period of preparation.



At home, you can support your child by helping them establish regular, independent revision routines. We have given all students blank revision calendars that they can use to organise their study time, plan subject priorities, and build effective habits. At this stage, you should be seeing an increase in the amount of independent revision they are completing alongside the support and resources provided in school.

Please also ensure your child is equipped for every exam and the lessons leading up to them. This includes black pens, pencils, a ruler, a calculator (where permitted), and any subject-specific equipment they may need.

Attendance is now more important than ever. In the weeks ahead, subjects will be completing essential content and strengthening the exam skills that will support students' success. Missing lessons at this stage can have a significant impact on confidence and readiness.

This final stretch is very much a team effort — home, school, and most importantly, your child working together. Thank you for your continued support in helping them achieve their best. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Year 11 hoodies

They are on sale now via an online shop, **not on ParentMail**. There is a wide selection of styles and colours to choose from; prices are online. Here is the link to the online shop: [Braunton Academy 2026 Leavers](#)

The deadline for payment/order is 11.00 pm on Sunday 29th March. Once this deadline has passed the shop will be closed to any further orders. The order form has a field to enter 'belongs to'. Please enter the **name of the student** the hoodie is being purchased for.

Please note: Hoodies will be given out at the end of June at the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly.



Year 10 News

🚩 **Saunton Golf Club – Free Student Coaching Programme**

We are pleased to announce that Saunton Golf Club will once again be offering a free golf coaching programme for students after the Easter Holidays.

📅 **When:** Every Thursday

🕒 **Time:** 3.45pm – 4.45pm

🏌️ **Duration:** A 4-week coaching block focusing on different aspects of the game

🎯 **Who can join?** Years 9 & 10 - Open to students of all abilities

If your child would like to take part, please visit ParentMail to register their interest.

📅 Deadline for sign-ups: Friday 27th March

If you have any questions please let me know.

Mr K Parkin – Head of Physical Education

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Work Experience

The deadline students to get the details of their work experience placement onto Unifrog is fast approaching. Please could we ask that placements are entered onto Unifrog by Thursday 2nd April. There is a link below to our Work Experience webpage which gives all the information needed. Also below are links to Unifrog and a video showing how students enter the details of their placement onto Unifrog.

Please email admin@braunton.academy if you have any problems or ask your child to speak to Mr Parsons or Mrs Martin in school.

[Work Experience - Braunton Academy - Aspire and Achieve](#)

[Unifrog - The universal destinations platform.](#)

[Filling out your student initial form \(2024\)](#)



Year 9 News

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Year 8 News

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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

	Monday –	Tuesday –	Wednesday –	Thursday –	Friday –
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  