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Braunton Academy Newsletter: 22nd May 2026

Dear Families,

I would like to start by congratulating the Year 11s on another busy week of exams. The exams team feedback has been that the students have conducted themselves exceptionally well and that we should all be extremely proud of them. At the end of this week Year 11 parents can opt for their child to start formal study leave, please make sure that you fill in the form provided in the Year 11 section of this newsletter.

Year 10 have also been very busy this week participating in their work experience, the staff have been busy visiting to check on their progress, and we have had some lovely comments from the employers about their work ethic and general conduct.

Eva at Exmoor Zoo



Key Dates for May:

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

Key Dates for June:

1st June – GCSE PE
Exam

Tuesday 2nd June-
GCSE Physics and
GCSE Statistics
Exam

Wednesday 3rd
June- GCSE Maths,
GCSE Geography,
GCSE H&S Care
Exam

Thursday 4th June-
GCSE History and
GCSE French
Reading Exam

Friday 5th June-
GCSE English
Language and
GCSE Music Exam

Ashton at Steve Roberts Carpentry



Annie at Lloyds Bank Headquarters and Rocca plotting the yachts course somewhere in the Mediterranean!



In sport this week Braunton Academy made an outstanding start to the athletics season, finishing first in every year group during their opening league fixture against a strong field of North Devon schools. This impressive performance sets a positive tone for the remainder of the competition. Round 2 is scheduled to take place on 20th May, where we look forward to building on this early success.

North Devon Athletics Championships

On 13th May, Braunton students competed in the North Devon Athletics Championships, delivering a number of excellent performances across a range of events. Winners from this competition have the opportunity to progress and represent North Devon Schools at the Devon Schools Championships.

There were several standout individual performances on the day, including:

- Quentin in the 100m and 200m
- Nanise in the 100m and 200m
- Dylan in the 200m and 400m
- Carys in the 800m

All athletes demonstrated great commitment, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

English Schools Athletics Competition

Braunton has continued its success in the English Schools Athletics Competition, with all age groups winning their respective Devon round events. As a result, they have secured qualification for the regional finals, which will take place in Exeter in June. This is a fantastic achievement for the school, and we wish all athletes the very best as they prepare to compete at the next stage.

We wish you all a lovely half term.

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

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



EasyFundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Braunton Academy with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brauntonacademy/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Braunton Academy at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Braunton Academy will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Please support

us: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brauntonacademy/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=fb-1



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Vaccination Mop Up Visit

The Devon Immunisation Team will be re- visiting school on the 9th July 2026 to see anyone who previously missed for their vaccination. This will be the last opportunity for your child to have any of these vaccines in school, this academic year.

Please note: The HPV vaccine is one dose first offered those in years 8, and the DTP & MenACWY vaccine is first offered to those in years 9

School Code: DV138041

HPV Consent - www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV.aspx

DTP & MenACWY Consent - www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP.aspx

The link will close at 9am on the 8th July.

If you have a child in Year 9, 10 or 11 and you think they have missed any of these vaccinations, please call The Devon Immunisation Team so they can check and advise.



Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website.

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

Rounders Fixtures

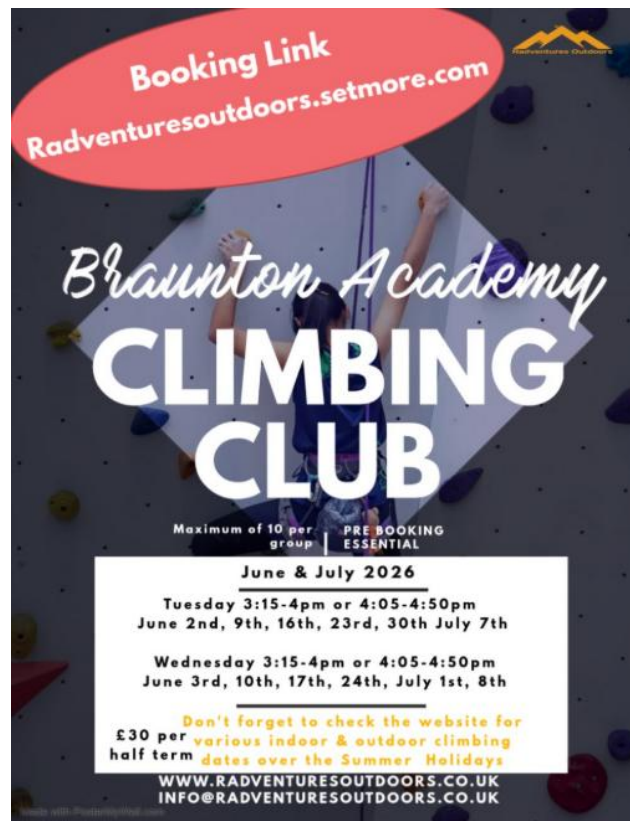
Date	Year Group(s)	Opponents	Venue	Estimated pick up from Braunton School
Tuesday 28 th April	7,8,9,10	Pilton, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	5.30pm
Tuesday 5 th May	7,8,9,10	Chulmleigh Park	Braunton	5.30pm
Tuesday 12 th May	7,8,9,10	Reserve date for rearranged matches		5.30pm
Tuesday 19 th May	9	Pilton, Ilfracombe,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

Cricket Opportunity

(The Devon Cricket Foundation) are running three ECB cricket leadership courses in half term (called the Young Cricket Collective) for young people aged 14-18.

They are taking place at Chudleigh CC (female only on Tuesday 26th May and mixed on Friday 29th May) and Bideford CC (Friday 29th May).

By taking part, young people will:

- Train as a Young Activator, Young Official, and Young Club Leader.
- Build confidence, leadership, and life skills.
- Receive unique kit, merchandise and certificates.

The cost of the course is just £10. All the information along with the booking links can be found on our website (Devon Cricket) via this link: [Join the Young Cricket Collective](#).



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

BRAUNTON 1880 CRICKET CLUB



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

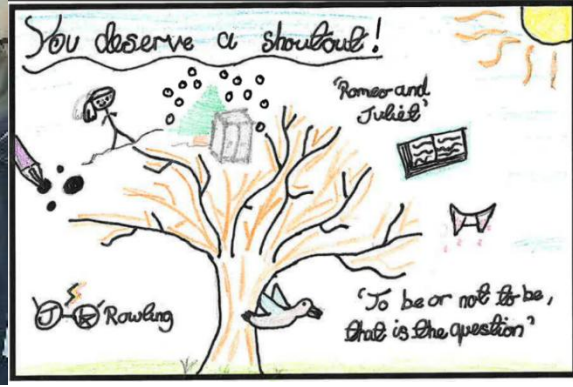
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 **ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES CHARITY**

 **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, resilience and effort that our Year 11s have shown since the beginning of their GCSE exams. They have received so much praise from the invigilation team. The challenge now is remaining as focused both at home and in school as it becomes a test of endurance and character as much as preparation.

At home, you should now be seeing continued and 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:

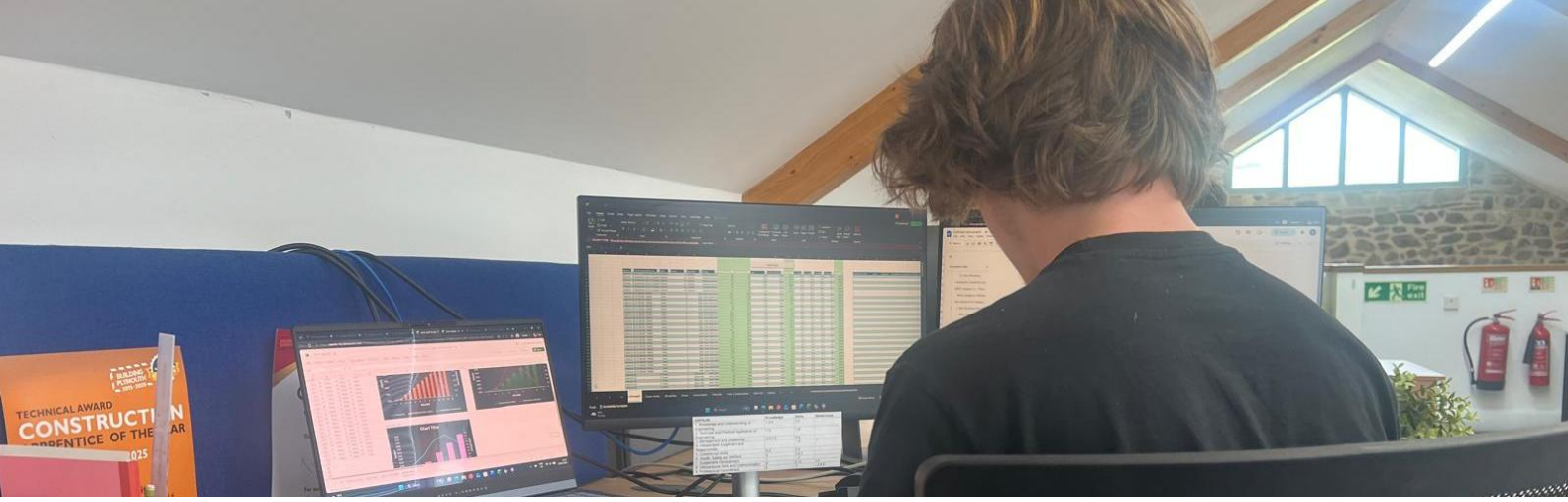
- Delivering content that has not been taught yet, in some cases
- Teaching and practising essential exam skills
- Addressing key content and areas where students typically lose marks
- Completing high-impact revision activities that directly improve exam performance
- Providing expert guidance, feedback, 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 for 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



REGISTER NOW

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.



Sports News

Rounders club Tuesday 2nd June at Tweedies.



Year 9 News

Sports News

Rounders club Tuesday 2nd June at Tweedies

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Twohig
Vice Principal

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Year 7 News

Year 7 End of Year Exams – Important Information for Parents

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Mr Twohig
Vice Principal








Sports 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 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	<u>Cheesy pasta 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  