



**Braunton
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Braunton Academy Newsletter:

27th March 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you have had a lovely week; it was great to see so many Year 8 parents last night. Although the weather has turned a bit colder, we have been able to open Tweedies at lunchtime for the first time this year. We have had some construction work taking place throughout the week with the fence on Exeter Road being raised and new fencing around the parent entrance to reception being completed.

This week I had the pleasure of watching the students participate in the Easter Egg decorating competition, there was a tutor group competition as well as an individual house competition, there were some very impressive entries and lots of literary egg puns. I particularly liked Egg Sheeran!

Next week, our House Competitions continue with Girls' Football and Boys' Rugby taking place across several year groups. Year 10 will compete on Monday 30th March during Period 5, followed by Year 9 on Wednesday 1st April during Period 2. Later that day, Year 7 will take part in Period 3, and Year 8 will round off the events in Period 4. We look forward to seeing excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and plenty of House spirit throughout the week.

Just a final reminder that school (including reception) closes for the Easter Break at 1.05pm on Thursday 2nd April 2026.

Best wishes, Mrs F Bowler, Principal

Key Dates for
March:

PE House
Competitions:

Year 10 - 30th March
P5

Year 9 - 1st April P2

Year 7 - 1st April P3

Year 8 - 1st April P4

31st March- GCSE
PE Moderation Day

2nd April – NON
UNIFORM DAY – £1
donations

2nd April @1.05pm
to 17th April –
EASTER HOLIDAY

W/C 20th April - MFL
Speaking Exams

W/C 27th April - Art
Exams

28th April - North
Devon College
Taster Day





Whole School Messages

End of Term – 2nd April 2026

Please could we remind families that the whole school will close at 1.05pm on Thursday 2nd April 2026 (including Reception) for the Easter holidays.

Thursday 2nd April is Non-Uniform Day - £1

This non uniform day is organised by some of our Y11 sports captains who as part of their fundraising campaign are raising money to purchase PE leadership / sporting excellence honours boards to be displayed in the Isaac Hall. Many thanks, Ryley and Eva - Principal Students

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.

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.

Y11 PROM PAYMENT DEADLINE REMINDER

This year's Year 11 prom will be held at **The Barnstaple Hotel**, Braunton Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1LE on **Friday, 26th June 2026**, from **6.30 pm to 11.00 pm**.

Ticket Information:

Cost: £32.50 per ticket

Payment Deadline: Full payment must be made on ParentMail by **9.00 am on Friday 1st May 2026**. Please note that the cost of the ticket is non-refundable, and no further tickets will be sold after this date.



EcoClub- Cake Sale

The school EcoClub is holding a cake sale at break time on **Tuesday 31st March** on the middle playground to raise funds to adopt a polar bear (and hopefully a snow leopard too) through the World Wildlife Fund adoption scheme. All cakes will be a £1. Eco group – don't forget to get baking this weekend!!

Tennis Club-

Summer Term - Tennis Club will be running every **Tuesday from 5:00–6:00pm**, delivered by the Devon Tennis Academy.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their tennis skills, enjoy regular physical activity, and work with experienced academy coaches. Please see the link below:

[Braunton Academy Tennis Club Summer 2026.docx](#)

The HAF Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in North Devon provides free, enriching holiday activities and healthy meals for children eligible for benefit-related free school meals. Designed to support wellbeing, nutrition, and engagement during school breaks, the programme runs across Easter, summer, and Christmas, offering a wide range of exciting opportunities for young people. Families can find full details, eligibility information, and booking options on the Devon County Council website:

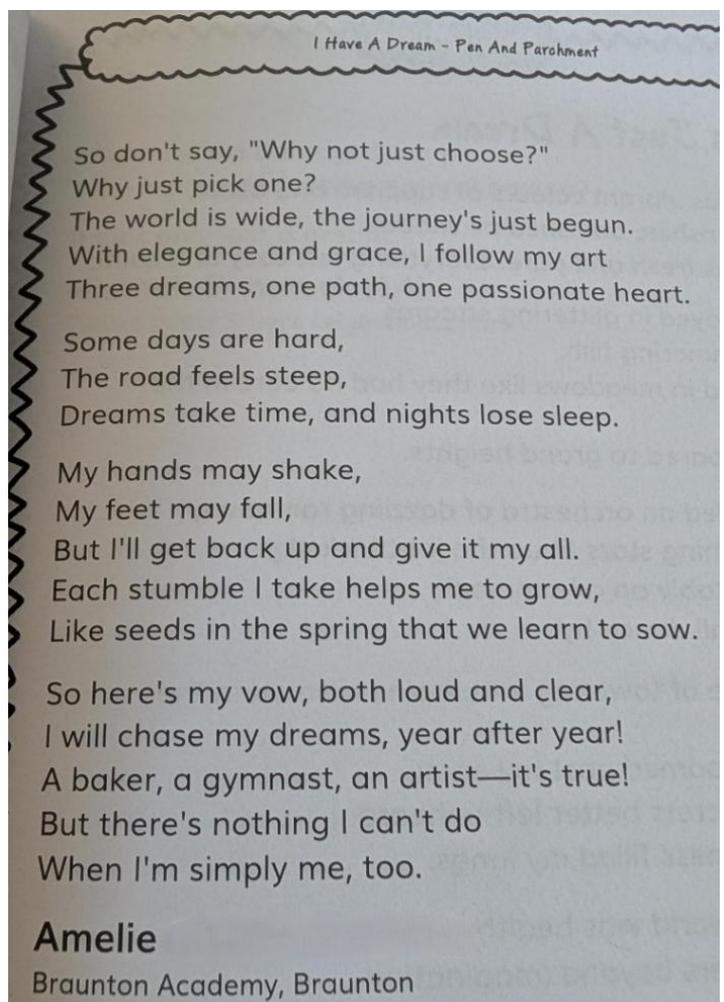
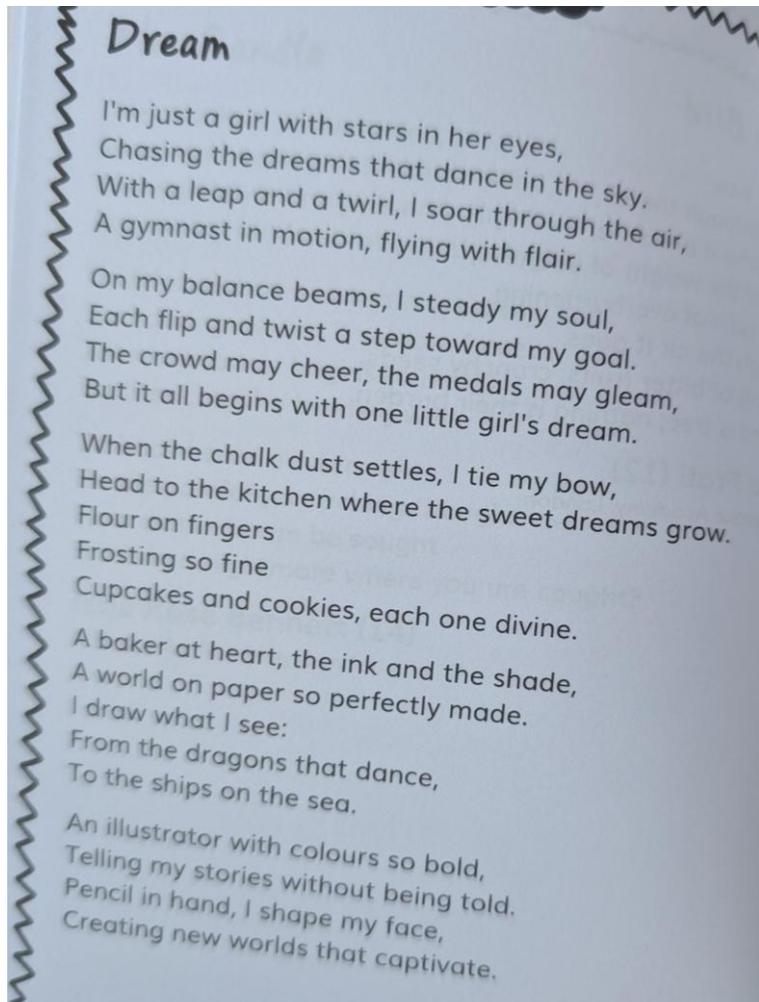
[Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme - Children, families and education](#)



Student Spotlight- Creative Writing Club

This term we've had a number of successes in Creative Writing Club! Amelie in Y7 has been our first student of this year to be printed in a 'Young Writers' anthology, 'I Have a Dream', a copy of which was sent to the school last week and will be available to students in the school library. There have also been entries from Matilda and Florence (Y7) that are in the process of being judged as we speak.

On the theme of Young Writers, several other Creative Writing members will also be printed in upcoming anthologies: Shore (Y8), Clodagh, Coco, Hetty, Sylvia (Y9), Daisy and Amelie (Y7). These will be featured in Stranger Sagas and/or Ghost Stories – Midnight Madness collections.





Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website.

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

Football Fixture

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last girls football game of the season

23/4/26	U13 and U15 County Final	Newton Abbot	TBC	AS,OM	Devon County	
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Forces Families:

Root Cause CIC are holding a FREE Easter holiday Families Day for veterans and serving personnel on the **15th of April at Venn Vineyard**. Please scan QR to book place!

FAMILIES DAY



SERVING OR VETERAN FAMILY?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN YOUR WELLBEING AND TIME WITH YOUR KIDS.

WE'RE OPENING UP A FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROOT CAUSE SESSION FOR FAMILIES - TIME OUTDOORS, SURVIVAL SKILLS, BUSHCRAFT, CAMPFIRE BREWS, AND SPACE TO RECONNECT WITH PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND MILITARY LIFE.

NO PRESSURE, NO PERFORMANCE, JUST SOLID TIME TOGETHER DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

WE'LL SEE YOU BY THE FIRE.



BOOK YOUR FREE SPACE HERE

- 15TH APRIL,
- 10AM - 2PM
- VENN VALLEY WINERY, LANDKEY

ROOTCAUSEPROJECT.COM





Year 11 News

A message from Mrs Couch- Year 11 English Revisions

Dear Parents/Carers,

My colleagues and I have taken the decision to offer a programme of English Literature and Language revision sessions for our Year 11 students.

These sessions will run after school each week and will be open to all Year 11 students on a completely voluntary basis.

Details as follows:

27.3.26 – Mr Helliwell - Language

1.4.26 – Mrs Couch – An Inspector Calls

22.4.26 – Miss Reed – Language Paper 2 Question 5

24.4.26 – Mr Helliwell - Poetry

29.4.26 - Mrs Young – Lady Macbeth

6.5.26 – Mrs Haines - Unseen Poetry

6.5.26 – Mrs Maughan – A Christmas Carol

13.5.26 – Miss Reed – An Inspector Calls

20.5.26 – Mrs Couch – Language Paper 2

Kind regards

Mrs L Couch, Head of English

Lcouch@braunton.academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the Easter break, your child should now be increasing the amount of time they spend completing **independent revision** in preparation for their upcoming GCSE examinations. To support them, the school has provided a set of **revision templates** designed to help students plan, structure, and organise their study time effectively.

Students have been explicitly taught a range of revision strategies in school, including:

- **Cornell Notes**
- **Mind Maps**
- **Flash Cards**
- **Revision Cards**

These techniques help students break down complex information, commit key knowledge to memory, and regularly check their understanding.

Students have also been shown how to use the **Pomodoro Technique**: a simple study method where they work with full focus for 25 minutes, followed by a short 5-minute break. This improves concentration, reduces procrastination, and helps revision feel more manageable.

How to Use AI for Revision

AI tools can support revision when used safely and responsibly. Here are **five helpful ways** your child can use AI to reinforce their learning:

1. **Generate model answers** using *past exam questions* (making sure to include the **exam board**, for example: "AQA English Language Question 2").
2. **Create quiz questions** to test themselves on key topics or vocabulary.
3. **Ask for explanations** of tricky concepts written at a level that suits them.
4. **Turn revision notes into summaries**, such as bullet points or key facts.
5. **Produce examples of flashcards or mind maps** based on their class notes.

AI should be used as a revision aid, not a replacement for independent thinking, and students should always cross-check information with their class materials and specifications.

With consistent practice, the support of school, and your encouragement at home, our Year 11 students have everything they need to succeed. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish all our students a productive and restful Easter break.

Year 10 News

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 with 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 \(2024\)](#)

Girls football club has finished for the season. After school on **Wednesdays** will now be **athletics club**, all students are welcome.

Year 9 News

Netball club has now finished for the season. Please join us at **rounders club** on a **Tuesday** after the Easter holiday.

Girls football club has finished for the season. After school on **Wednesdays** will now be **athletics club**, all students are welcome.

Year 8 News

Netball club has now finished for the season. Please join us at **rounders club** on a **Tuesday** after the Easter holiday.

Girls football club has finished for the season. After school on **Wednesdays** will now be **athletics club**, all students are welcome.

Year 7 News

Netball club has now finished for the season. Please join us at **rounders club** on a **Tuesday** after the Easter holiday.

Girls football club has finished for the season. After school on **Wednesdays** will now be **athletics club**, all students are welcome.

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

	Monday –	Tuesday –	Wednesday –	Thursday –	Friday –
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			
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 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 