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Braunton Academy Newsletter:

6th March 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you have had a lovely week. Year 11 students have been busy doing their mocks and the staff are now busy marking them ready to support the final months of teaching before the exams start. Yesterday was World Book Day and the staff enjoyed taking part representing some of the books they love the best.

Key Dates for March:

18th March- Coffee and Chat at Wrafton Hall with Police

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

On Friday all year groups are receiving the second questionnaire from Kings College London on their smartphone use. It is going to all students (except for those that have requested to opted out) However, students only need to fill it in if they have a smartphone. Those with simple phones cannot answer the majority of the questions.

Last week we launched the parent survey about the smartphone policy as part of the mid-year review. Thank you to the 44 parents that have already filled it in. Please click on this link to participate. Parent Survey: Smartphone-Free School Policy – Fill in form

Finally, we have been able to access two free webinars for parents about child online safety, these are taking place on Monday 9th March, and all Braunton Academy Parents are able to access for free. The first sessions for primary parents is at 17:00 and secondary parents at 18:30. Please click on the link at the allocated time if you would like to watch these sessions.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bowler
Yours sincerely

Mrs F Bowler
Principal

Whole School Messages

Attendance

Please find the link below to a letter explaining our new attendance communication changes following feedback from families and our parent partnership group. This letter will explain the following key changes;

1. The importance of strong attendance
2. Changes to our 3- and 5-day absence home visits
3. Changes to our formal attendance letters & absence thresholds
4. Changes to our attendance communication emails – Broken weeks, absence bands and late letters
5. Our attendance rewards

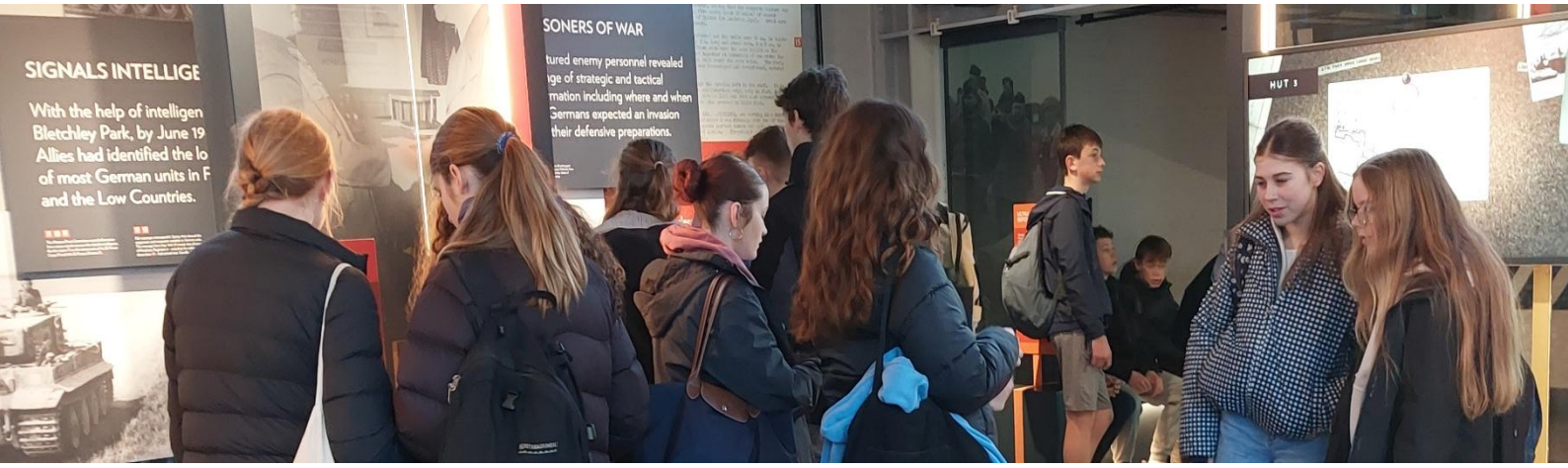
Attendance Changes Letter to All Parents and Carers.pdf

Send Parents Evening

We will be holding a SEND Parents Evening on **Tuesday 17th March from 4.00pm - 5.30pm** in the drama hall. The theme for this meeting will be support for the parents of SEND students and you will also have an opportunity to talk to the SEND team.

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.



Uniform plea

If anyone has any old uniform in good condition that you could donate to the Academy, particularly ties, blazers and PE t-shirts, it would be gratefully received.

Uniform Supplier Update

BROKEN has recently made some changes to help enhance how their retail brand operates online, and to group all school / club / work uniform together under one roof. As a result, all school uniform is now handled under the new **Total Threads** banner, and it's now unavailable via the BROKEN website. Links are in still in place there for the time being, however, these will direct customers to the Total Threads website.

The BROKEN store will remain as a customer service point for school uniform, for in-store purchases and order collections/returns during off-peak, and for in-person fitting appointments during the summer.

Local company Total Threads (www.totalthreads.org) offer an online ordering service and will post uniform items to your chosen address all year round. Outside the summer season, you can also buy in-store or order online and opt to collect from their customer service point which is located inside the BROKEN store in the Affinity Devon Shopping Centre in Bideford. During the busy summer season, fitting appointments should be booked early to avoid disappointment. Contact them on hello@totalthreads.store or by phone: 01237 700528

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.

Competitions

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Parent Mail is open for entries to our annual Easter Egg decorating competition. Tickets are £4.00 per student, and the poster provides more information.

Date – Wednesday 25th March 2026 during period 6 – the event will finish at 15.15
Venue – Isaac Hall – please come straight to the hall after Period 5 and register at the event

- You will have 30 mins to decorate/dress your egg
- Eggs are the medium sized eggs - roughly 14cm high and 30cm at the widest diameter
- Each student will be given one egg
- Themes are either Spring or Pop singer/bands
- Please bring with you everything you need to decorate your egg
- Prizes for each house will be awarded
- All students are welcome to enter

Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website.

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

PE Fixtures

Date	Year(s)	Venue	Opposition	Staff	Comp	Result
Tues 13th Jan	8 & 9	GTS	GTS	LO, DL	ND	8s won 4-0 9s lost W/O
Thurs 15th Jan	7 & 10	Braunton	GTS	LO, ED	ND	**Postponed**
Thurs 22nd Jan	8	Park	Park	DL	ND	**Postponed**
Tues 27th Jan	7 & 9	Braunton	Park	LO, ED	ND	**Postponed**
Tues 3rd Feb	8 & 9	Braunton	Pilton	ED, DL	ND	8s drew 4-4 9s won 46-27
Wed 4th Feb	7	Braunton	Pilton	LO	ND	7s won 7-5
Tues 10th Feb	7 & 8	Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	LO, DL	ND	**Postponed**
Weds 11th Feb	10	Braunton	Ilfracombe	LO	ND	**Postponed**
Weds 25th Feb	11	Plymouth College	Devon 7s	LO	Devon	**Plate Winners**
Weds 4th March	10	Braunton	Uffculme	LO	Devon Plate	L 22-45
Tues 10th March	11	West Buckland	ND 7s	LO, OM	ND 7s	
Fri 13th March	8, 9, 10	West Buckland	ND 7s	LO, ML, +1	ND 7s	
Tues 17th March	7	Park School	Waterfall tournament	LO	ND	
Thurs 19th March	9 & 10	Blundell's School	Devon 7s	LO	Devon	
Tues 24th March	8	Park School	Waterfall tournament	DL, LO	ND	
Thurs 26th March	9 & 10	Bideford RFC	ND Final	ED, LO	ND	
Weds 1st 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 24th February	7,8,9 B	Park	N.Devon Schools	League	5.45pm
Thursday 26th February	10	Park	N.Devon Schools	Tournament	5.45pm
Tuesday 10th March	7 A&B	Park	N.Devon Schools	Tournament	5.45pm
Wednesday 11th March	8 A&B	Braunton	WBS	Match	4.30pm
Thursday 19th 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	

Careers Update

North Devon College

Please find below a link to the March 2026 edition of the North Devon College Newsletter and some resources which you might find useful.
March Newsletter 26
NCW_About_Me_Resource_2026

Bicton College

Following on from the success of this event last year Bicton College's Pastoral Team will be running their "**Start Strong"** Event on the **25th June 2026**. This event is designed for those who may struggle with their transition to Bicton. Within this day they will be given a tour of Bicton from their Pastoral Team with their Parents or Guardians. This is a great opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with their campus before the start of the academic year. For those who would benefit from this experience please follow the link below to sign up. https://tinyurl.com/Bictonstartstrong

If you have any questions regarding this event please forward them into Charlotte Raymond charlotte.raymont@cornwall.ac.uk

Year 11 News

How you can support your child to manage exam stress?

If your child, or a young person in your care, is stressed about their exams, it can be difficult to know what to do for the best. It can be worrying both for you and for them.

Join Kooth for a free 45 minute webinar and you'll hear from one of our community engagement team, alongside a clinician from Kooth.

They will offer expert tips on when to take action, share practical ideas to help children manage their anxiety, and discuss how Kooth can provide extra support. The content has been written predominantly for families with secondary aged children sitting GCSEs and A- Levels.

Book 9th March, 6:00pm
Book 16th March, 7:00pm

Year 10 News

No news this week.

Year 9 News

No news this week.

Year 8 News

Immunisations

The immunisation team are due to visit Braunton Academy on **11th May 2026.** You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school. The code is DV138041. Please submit your form by **9am on 8th May 2026** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. How to Consent To provide consent, please follow the link and code below.

Link: https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV.aspx

Netball

Netball Matches Vs WBS on Wednesday 11th March. At Braunton, start 2.45pm, finished by 4.20pm

Year 7 News

Netball

U12 netball tournament at Park school Tuesday 10th March leave school 1.15pm, return approx. 5pm

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 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