



**Braunton  
Academy**

**Aspire &  
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## **Braunton Academy Newsletter:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

We hope you had an enjoyable long weekend, even though it has been a slightly shorter week it has still been jam packed with events and activities. It was lovely to see so many families at Year 10 parents evening last night and to hear how positively they are doing at school. I would also like to congratulate the GCSE Art students that did amazingly well in their two day exam last week. Today sees the first formal written exam, starting with Drama and then we get into full swing next week starting with English on Monday. The feel in Year 11 is that they are prepared and just want to get started. We wish them all the best of luck over the next few intense weeks.

This week 80 students in years 7-10 participated in the England Schools Championship Athletics. We won all 4 age categories and are waiting for confirmation that we have reached the next round. Also, our Year 7-10 rounders teams took part in the North Devon competition this week and again, won every game. Well done to all of those involved.

This week Mr Carroll and Mrs Halpin have started the auditions for next year's Expressive arts performance of Matilda. The final auditions take place on Thursday after school. The whole school performance is an amazing event and we encourage as many students as possible to get involved.

**Best wishes,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'F. Bowler'.

**Mrs F Bowler,  
Principal**

Key Dates for May:

11<sup>th</sup> May- HPV  
Vaccinations

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May-  
DofE Practise Walks

W/C 18<sup>th</sup> May- Year  
10 Work Experience  
Week

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May-  
HALF TERM



## 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.

### HIP HOP STREET DANCE WORKSHOP

On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** there will be a Hip Hop Street Dance Workshop conducted by Beaford Arts in the Drama Hall.

The workshop will be given by touring performers The O'Driscoll Collective from their show 'Something OUTTA Nothing'.

Please see Mr Carroll to sign up for the workshop asap as there are limited spaces available.

**beaford** exploring our land, lives and future **in Berrynarbor** Hip Hop Dance

**O'Driscoll Collective**  
**Something OUTTA Nothing**

Something OUTTA Nothing is a high-energy theatre adventure set around a real car. Wearing headsets, audiences shape their own journey through music and storyline. See explosive breakin' and hip-hop live in a North Devon barn!

Limited places – book early!

More info and book tickets: [beaford.org](https://beaford.org)

**Friday 15 May 2026**  
**Easter Barton, Castle Hill**  
**Berrynarbor, EX34 9SX**  
7pm (doors 6pm)  
Advance: Adults £10 | Students £5  
On the day: £12.50 | Students £7.50  
from Berrynarbor Community Shop  
or online at [beaford.org](https://beaford.org)

Food & Drink: La Tavola Pizza from 6pm  
(pre-book 07511 421349)  
Tea & coffee (cash only)/ BYO refreshments  
Fundraising for Ovarian Cancer  
Parking on site or village car park



### **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](http://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

#### **Let's Talk Teenagers - Let's Talk Safer Families**

Tuesday, 5 May 2026 19:00  
Tuesday, 12 May 2026 19:00  
Tuesday, 19 May 2026 19:00

### **Matilda Auditions**

Due to popular demand, there will be another round of auditions, Thursday after school next week. Please collect scripts from Mr Carroll in the Drama Hall.

We have seen some amazing talent so far and are very excited to announce casting and commence rehearsals! 😊



## **Braunton Academy Uniform Reminder**

Thank you to all parents and carers for helping us maintain the high standards that make Braunton Academy a focused, respectful, and successful community. **Why Uniform Matters- Belonging:** Builds equality and school pride. **High Standards:** Smart dress supports smart learning. **Safety:** Ensures students are ready for all lessons and activities.

### **Uniform Essentials**

- **Shirt & Tie:** White shirt with house-colour striped tie (Croyde, Putsborough, Saunton, Woolacombe).
- **Bottoms:** Plain black trousers, shorts, or pleated skirt — no jeans or cargos.
- **Shoes:** Plain black shoes or trainers (no boots).
- **Jumpers:**
  - Y7–9: Burgundy or grey jumper with logo (grey allowed until Sept 2025).
  - Y10–11: Black blazer with logo — must be worn for assemblies.

**Hijabs:** Plain navy, black, or cream.

**Jewellery:** One watch (not smart)

and one small stud per ear.

**Appearance:** No extreme hair, unnatural colours, heavy make-up, or false nails/lashes.

**Outerwear:** Zip-up jackets only in bad weather

— hoodies ☹️.

### **Working Together**

Your support keeps our community smart, safe, and ready to learn. Questions? Please contact the school office.

**BRAUNTON ACADEMY  
UNIFORM REMINDER**  
*High Standards, Strong Community!*

IDENTITY & BELONGING Promotes Quality ✓ HIGH STANDARDS Supports Learning ✓ SAFETY "Appropriately!" ✓

**UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

<b>YEARS 7–9</b> Burgundy OR Grey Jumper	<b>YEARS 10 &amp; 11</b> Black Blazer with Logo Removed
<b>WHITE SHIRT &amp; HOUSE TIE</b>	<b>BOTTOMS &amp; SHOES</b> Black Trousers / Skirt
<b>PLAIN HIJABS</b> Black, Navy or Cream	<b>NO EXCESSIVE JEWELLERY &amp; NO HOODIES!</b>
<b>NO UNNATURAL HAIRSTYLES!</b> Keep it Neat & Natural	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## **Braunton Community Garden Open Days**

The Braunton Community Garden is opening its gates this summer and welcoming everyone to enjoy this vibrant community space. Open Days will take place on **Saturday 13th June (1–4pm)**, with live music from 2.30pm by the ONO band, and **Saturday 22nd August (11am–3pm)**. Located opposite Braunton Academy, behind the car park and just before the athletic track, the garden offers free entry for all. Visitors are invited to meet new people, enjoy the outdoors, and relax in a welcoming environment. Refreshments and plants will be available to buy, and the site is accessibility friendly.



**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1–4PM** Live music from 2:30 by ONO band  
**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 11AM–3PM**

At Braunton Community Garden, Opposite Braunton Academy,  
behind the carpark, just before the athletic track.

Come along to our community garden – free entry for all! Meet new people, enjoy the great outdoors, and relax in a welcoming space. Refreshments and plants available for sale.

✓ **Accessibility friendly**

✓ **free entry**

✓ **Meet new people**



Website: [www.livewellinbraunton.co.uk](http://www.livewellinbraunton.co.uk)   Live Well in Braunton



## 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 <sup>th</sup> April	7,8,9,10	Pilton, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	5.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	7,8,9,10	Chulmleigh Park	Braunton	5.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	7,8,9,10	Reserve date for <del>rearranged</del> matches		5.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9	Pilton, Ilfracombe, <del>Chulmleigh</del> Park GTS	Braunton	TBC
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	7,8,9,10	GTS <del>South Molton</del>	South <del>Molton</del>	5.45pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10	Mixed Tournament TBC	GTS	5.30pm

### Athletics

Date	Year(s)	Venue	Opposition	Pick Up Time	Comp
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	ND Schools	6.30pm	ND Schools League
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	English Schools	3.45pm	English Schools
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	ND Schools	4.00pm	ND Championships
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	ND Schools	6.30pm	ND Schools League
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	7,8,9,10	Braunton (Athletics Track)	ND Schools	6.30pm	ND Schools League (Finals Night)



## 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

SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS

**ROYAL NAVY &  
ROYAL MARINES  
CHARITY**

**ROYAL  
ENGINEERS  
ASSOCIATION**

**THE SAPPER CHARITY**



## Year 11 News

### Design the Family Hub Logo – Win a Drawing Tablet!

Young people aged 16–18 are invited to take part in an exciting creative competition to design a new logo for the Devon Family Hubs. The winning design will become the face of the Family Hub and the designer will win a drawing tablet.

The Family Hub supports families with children and young people aged 0–19 (up to 25 with SEND), offering advice, guidance, and inclusive support across rural, coastal, and urban communities in Devon.

Entries can be submitted by email or posted to a Family Hub location.

📅 Closing date: Sunday 31st May

For full details and entry information, see the poster below.

**16-18 YEAR OLDS** ★

# DESIGN THE FAMILY HUB LOGO!

**WIN A DRAWING TABLET**

**YOUR DESIGN COULD BE THE FACE OF FAMILY HUB!** ★

**Devon County Council**

Design a logo that represents our Family Hub – a place where families feel supported, connected and welcome.

The Family Hub is an inclusive partnership for families with children and young people aged 0–19 (25 with SEND) providing advice, support and guidance.

Delivered across rural, coastal and urban communities.

**YOUR LOGO MUST:**

- ✓ Be able to be printed in black and white
- ✓ And in full colour

**HOW TO ENTER:**

**Step 1.** EMAIL your logo design to: [business.earlyhelppartnership-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:business.earlyhelppartnership-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)

**OR**

**Step 2** POST your logo design to one of the Family Hubs. Find your local hub and addresses on our website.

**SCAN TO ENTER COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

**CLOSING DATE SUNDAY 31ST MAY.** ★

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DEVON FAMILY HUBS**  
[www.devonfamilyhubs.org.uk](http://www.devonfamilyhubs.org.uk)

Information, support and guidance for families across Devon.



## **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, maturity and effort shown by Year 11 students since returning after the Easter break. In lessons, students have been engaging well, working purposefully, and demonstrating a clear determination to do their best in the final weeks before their GCSE examinations. Now is the moment when a final push can unlock major gains. At home, you should now be seeing 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:attendance@braunton.academy) to ensure students are able attend appointments.

Students also need to remain available up to and including **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** which is a National Exam Contingency Day in case any national exams couldn't take place on the published date.

From **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 \(Grades 9-1\)](#)



### **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:

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](mailto:Lcouch@braunton.academy)

### **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**

### **North Devon College Taster Day**

Please follow the link below to sign up for the North Devon College Taster Day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. It is essential all year 10 students sign up for this by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Also below is a link to further information about the day.

[Taster Day Leaflet](#)

[North-Devon-College-Taster-Day-Information-2026.pdf](#)



### **Sports News**

Rounders Club on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, finish 4.20pm

## **Year 9 News**

### **Sports News**

Rounders Club on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, finish 4.20pm

## **Year 8 News**

### **Sports News**

Rounders Club on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, finish 4.20pm

## **Year 7 News**













### **Sports News**

Rounders Club on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, finish 4.20pm

# 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>
<b>Main Meal</b>  	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
<b>Veggie</b>	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
<b>Desserts</b>  	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
<b>Grab &amp; go Break &amp; Dinner</b>	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
<b>Grab &amp; go Break</b>	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
<b>Deli Bar</b>	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 