



**Braunton
Academy**

**Aspire &
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Braunton Academy Newsletter:

2nd October 2026

Dear families,

I hope you have had a good week. It was lovely to see so many Year 10 students and their families at the 'Welcome to GCSE' evening on Wednesday night. The slides from the evening have been sent out so that you have all the links to the resources.

Today we welcome into school the acclaimed young adult writer and prize-winning poet Luke Palmer. He is visiting schools in the area as part of the Appledore Book Festival. Today he is running talks and workshops for students in Key Stage 3.

On Wednesday GCSE Drama students had the opportunity to attend the Film Devon careers event at North Devon College. They met people in the film industry including costume designers for the latest Star Wars films, and film crew from the Blue Planet series. Next week Year 11 Drama students complete their component two practical examination in school; we wish them the best of luck.

Best wishes,

**Mrs F Bowler
Principal**



Key Dates for October:

Tuesday 6th
October:

School Tours for
Prospective
Families 3.30 to
5.00 pm

Thursday 8th and
Friday 9th October:

Year 11 Drama
Students –
Practical Exam

Wednesday 14th
October:

Year 11 Post 16
Pathways Evening
6 to 7.30pm

Whole School Messages

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Parent Engagement Group

Last year we launched the Braunton Academy Parent Engagement Group giving parents/ carers the opportunity to work with the leadership team to develop the school. Last year a homework audit was carried out from feedback from this group and changes to the policy were made. We also developed the format of this weekly newsletter from collaborative work.

We would love for you to join us for all or even just some of the sessions this year on the following dates. **The meetings start at 5.30pm and finish at 7pm and are held in the Conference room at the Academy.**

Wednesday 21st October
Wednesday 9th December
Wednesday 10th February
Wednesday 24th March
Wednesday 26th May
Wednesday 7th July

Devon Family Hubs



DEVON FAMILY HUBS

FREE Family Advice & Guidance

For Parents/Carers of children aged 0-19 and Young People aged 13 –19 (25 with SEND or Care Leaver)

Single Session Appointments available in person, via phone or online

CALL:

Advice & Guidance Line
0800 5385458
Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

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Request for Contact

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'Connecting Moments'- Digital SEND Support for Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**? Join us for **Connecting Moments** – a friendly online space designed just for you.

What's it all about?

- Connect with other families in a small, welcoming group
- Share experiences and ideas
- Build a peer support network

Please join us on the **12th December at 10am, for a 1 hour session**— email childsc.familyhub-mailbox@devon.gov.uk to book a space, places are limited and the session will be run via Teams.

If you would like support from the Devon family hub, please scan this QR code and complete our request for support form



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DICE Parenting Programme





DICE Parenting Programme

DICE is a 4 week free universal support for parents/carers of pre-teens and teens who are worried about parenting in the modern world, with the risks and challenges this presents.

DICE provides families with information, advice and support to help them provide a safe and protective environment for their child or young person.

The programme is running on a regular basis throughout the year, online and face to face. Contact details overleaf for further information or a referral form.

01752 256339

exceed@barnardos.org.uk

[Online referral form](#)

www.barnardosexceed.org.uk



You can email us to be sent a referral form, or follow the link/scan the QR code for our online referral form.

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DICE Upcoming Dates

Please note this is a 4-week course, therefore please ensure you're able to attend all 4 dates listed. Online sessions are run on Teams.

Session	Location	Dates	Time
Face to face	Green Ark, Devonport Plymouth	Tues 13th Oct	1pm-3pm
		Tues 20th Oct	
		Tues 27th Oct	
		Tues 3rd Nov	
Face to face	Dell Family Hub, Highview School, Efford Plymouth	Tues 12th Jan '27	12.30-2.30pm
		Tues 19th Jan '27	
		Tues 26th Jan '27	
		Tues 2nd Feb '27	
Online daytime	Microsoft Teams	Weds 11th Nov	10am-12pm
		Weds 18th Nov	
		Weds 25th Nov	
		Weds 2nd Dec	
Online evening	Microsoft Teams	Mon 9th Nov	5pm-7pm
		Mon 16th Nov	
		Mon 23rd Nov	
		Mon 30th Nov	

Action for Children

New January 2027 dates coming soon!





Session 01: Introduction and the life of a teenager

The teenage brain, why teenagers might take risks and the pressures they face in the modern world.

Session 02: The exploitation of children and young people

Grooming - what is it, how does it happen, where and by whom? How can we spot the signs?

Session 03: Digital dangers

Social media, nudes and the complexities of the online world. How can we be better digital parents/carers?

Session 04: A safe place to share ideas about parenting

Parenting top tips - practical advice and information about communicating effectively, support networks and working together.

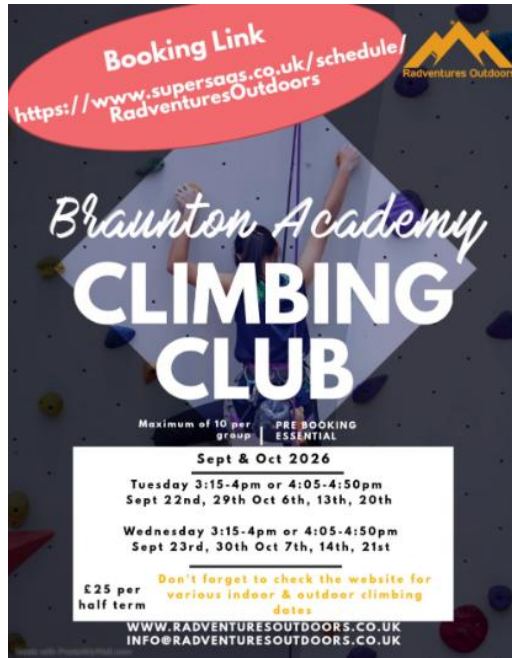
The Barnardo's Exceed service is open 9am - 5pm Mondays to Fridays (not including bank holidays). We aim to get in contact with you within 1 working day after receiving your enquiry.

For all enquiries, further information or a referral form please contact - exceed@barnardos.org.uk

Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website
[Clubs & Activities - Braunton Academy - Aspire and Achieve](#)

Climbing Club



Parents can now sign our digital safety agreement, book their child's slot, and securely check out online in under two minutes using our new booking link:

<https://www.supersaas.co.uk/schedule/RadventuresOutdoors>

FC Camps – October Half Term



Basketball Club

I am delighted to confirm that we have once again managed to secure the services of Basketball coach, David Roper, a Level 3 advanced Basketball coach, former England Player and qualified Physical Education teacher, to support the coaching of our students for the duration of the Autumn term.

We are therefore offering your son/daughter the opportunity to book a place in our upcoming Basketball Academy during the Autumn term, See below all details.

Mondays - Year 7,8 and 9 from 3.30 till 4.45

Start date - Monday 14th September

End date - Monday 19th October

6 sessions at £4 per session - £24

Fridays - Year 10 and 11 from 3.30 till 4.45

Start date - Friday 11th September

End Date - Friday 23rd October

7 sessions at £4 per session - £28

N.B. - Please note there may be changes if the hall is out due to mock exams!

This year, all parents/carers MUST book their child's place directly with David Roper and NOT through Braunton Academy Parent Mail system. David would like to manage all booking and payments direct through him from now on. Therefore, apart from this email, all queries, questions etc must go directly through David Roper from now on. See details below.

Booking

Email David direct at davidropersports@gmail.com to book your child's place.

Please copy and paste these details into your email and fill in the details for your child.

School: Braunton Academy

Name:

Year Group

Parents Name:

Parents Contact Details:

Payment Details

Name - Mr D G Roper

HSBC 40-10-16

Account no. 21191160

Payment reference: BA Childs name and year group

Contact details

David Roper

Email: davidropersports@gmail.com

Facebook: North Devon bucks

Volleyball Club

3:30-4:30 on Thursdays with Danny Mulford.

Price (£30 for 10 sessions)

Dates – starts Thursday 17th September and runs through to Christmas.

All levels and year groups are welcome, it's great for beginners and all those who regularly come will be able to play in the North Devon Schools competition in the spring term.

NO TRAINING 12th and 19th November due to exams in the hall.

Please book via the school portal.

Competitions

U14 North Devon Netball tournament at Park Thursday 8th October, leave school at lunchtime, return approx 4.30/5pm (TBC)

Year 11 News

West Buckland Sixth Form – Open Evening Please follow the link below for further details of the West Buckland School Sixth Form Open Evening taking place on Wednesday 7th October. [Sixth Form Open Eve A4](#)

No netball club **Thursday 8th October** due to U14 tournament

Year 10 News

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Year 9 News

U14 netball tournament at Park school on Thursday 8th October. No netball club or football club.

Year 9 Misogyny Workshops

On Tuesday the 6th October all of year 9 will take part in a workshop about Misogyny. This will be for one lesson and they will be informed which lesson their class will be.

The workshop will be delivered by The Stand Against Violence team who are external professionals who work with schools on a professional basis. The workshop supports lessons in Personal Development.

This engaging workshop helps explore the impact of misogyny, sexism and harmful gender stereotypes in today's society. Students will develop a deeper understanding of how attitudes towards gender are shaped, how misogyny can manifest both online and offline, and what they can do to challenge it safely and effectively. This thought-provoking session encourages critical thinking, empathy and respectful relationships while empowering students to become positive role models within their communities.

Key features include:

- Understanding misogyny and sexism
- The influence of social media and online culture
- Challenging stereotypes and assumptions
- Harmful language and behaviour

Year 8 News

No Football Club Due to Fixtures

Year 7 News

No Football Club Due to Fixtures

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.

	Monday –	Tuesday –	Wednesday –	Thursday –	Friday –
Main Meal 	Exmoor beef chilli & rice served with cheese nachos & green salad	Macaroni cheese topped with bacon lardons, broccoli & garlic bread	Gammon served with roast potatoes, seasonal veg, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Chicken Fajitas served with flavoured rice & side salad	Breaded white fish served with <u>chips</u> , peas & curry sauce
Veggie	Vegetarian chilli & rice served with cheese nachos & green salad	Macaroni cheese served with broccoli & garlic bread	Veggie plait with roast potatoes, seasonal veg, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Sweet potato & veg medley topped with savoury crumble & side salad	Veggie burger served with chips, peas & curry sauce
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 &	Pasta Bolognese Veggie Bolognese	Chicken pesto pasta with loaded veg Veggie option	Chicken rice & vegetable medley Veggie option	Pasta bolognese Veggie option	Thai green curry served with rice & veg
Grab & go Break	Cod fish finger bap served with iceberg lettuce & tartar sauce	Halloumi burger, roasted peppers, mayo, sweet chilli sauce	Bagel with cream cheese, bacon & chives 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 