



Brayton High School

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# Newsletter

Providing a "Good" and "improving" all round education for its students  
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## **"Be the best you can be"** this means we will...

Aim high and work hard to  
achieve our full potential.

Respect ourselves, other people  
and our environment.

Engage in the best quality Teaching and Learning  
to develop confident, creative and  
independent learners.

Be a positive part of a caring community  
where everyone matters.



# MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, parents and staff who have made my start at Brayton such a positive, welcoming experience. We have a number of staff leaving us and I want to thank all of the staff for their contributions to Brayton. Please can I make reference to Mrs Caroline Hight who has worked as a drama teacher for eight years and give special thanks to two colleagues, Mrs Karen Ellis and Mrs Sheila Bean, who have contributed a huge amount over their careers and are retiring this year.

Mr David Penman and Miss Susannah Davis have joined the senior leadership team as Directors of Key Stage 3 and 4 respectively. Mr. Chris Parish is our new Head of Science and started in June. In September, we will have more staff joining the academy; Mrs Lisa Singleton (Business Studies/ Resilience and Deputy Director of Learning), Mr Ian Dickinson (Computer Studies), Mrs Jess Bellis (Mathematics), Miss Liz Newton (Spanish /English) and Miss Lucy Blackburn (Drama).

As the school joins Rodillian Multi Academy Trust and we convert to academy status, we will see changes. The most significant so far has been the introduction of Positive Discipline (PD). Staff and students are already reporting that the atmosphere in classrooms is much better and that more learning is taking place. It will take some time for us all to get used to the new systems and we will ensure that all the rewards and sanctions will be applied as consistently as possible. This new approach to discipline is a proven method in improving the exam results of all our students and allows teachers to engage their students much more effectively.

One of our aims is that every student at Brayton Academy has a Form Tutor who is their champion, supporter and, as required, critic, who speaks to them every day. They will know about them and their lives and will take an active interest in their school career. There is a dedicated time each day where the Form Tutor coaches and supports their students through the use of the school planner. The Form Tutor is the first person to whom a student will turn to for help or advice. They will recognise good behaviour through daily monitoring and fortnightly PD sessions but will also be the first member of staff who will monitor any problems that may occur. Students will follow their year **group's form tutor programme which will include personal reading when they are not being directed** to another activity by their tutor. It is, therefore, important that your child has reading material with them every day.

The start of next term begins on Tuesday 6 September and school will start at 8.25am (doors open at 8.20am). I wrote to you all last week to confirm the new times of the school day and I include the times below for your information.

8.25am – 8.45am	Registration/Form Tutor/Assembly
8.45am – 9.35am	Period 1
9.35am – 10.25am	Period 2
10.25am – 11.15am	Period 3
11.15am – 11.35am	BREAK
11.35am – 12.25pm	Period 4
12.25pm – 12.50pm	Period 5a
12.50pm – 1.15pm	Period 5b
1.15pm – 1.40pm	Period 5c
1.40pm – 2.30pm	Period 6
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Period 7 (when necessary)

Shaded areas denote  
lunch period

For further information regarding our school, school policies and procedures, school calendar, letters to parents etc. please see our website, currently [www.braytonhigh.org.uk](http://www.braytonhigh.org.uk) and from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016, [www.braytonacademy.org.uk](http://www.braytonacademy.org.uk)

Thank you for your continuing support and I wish you all a very good summer.

Al Moon  
Head of School

# CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

## Students Enjoy a Day of Alternative Activities

Year 7 all took part in an inter-form sports tournament throughout the day. Each form had 2 teams and the morning saw the forms compete in Handball, Kwik Cricket and Rounders tournaments and Athletics relays in the afternoon. Well done to everyone - all forms demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

The results were as follows:

Winners of Handball - 7VGA

Winners of Kwik Cricket - 7VGA

Winners of Rounders - 7VGA

Winners of Athletics - 7LJO

Overall Y7 inter-form winners - 7VGA

Year 8 spent the day learning about the Battle of the Somme in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the bloodiest day in Britain's fight during World War One. The students learnt what it was like in the trenches and then created a poppy display which is situated on the grass at the front of school.



Year 9 took part in a special day that focused on the theme 'What a Wonderful World'. Students found out about diversity in the world and took part in an interactive session with Animal Intuition, who brought in a variety of animals from tarantulas to ferrets for students to learn about and handle. Students also explored how they could be creative with rubbish and this culminated in a fashion show that showcased some extremely imaginative designs that Vivienne Westwood would have been proud of!



# CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

## Year 8 Success at Eurofest!

A group of 21 Year 8 students took part in this year's annual final of Eurofest 2016 at Selby College. The effort and energy of the whole group was evident and our students demonstrated resilience and confidence throughout the day.

Students and visitors from York University and the University of Hull enjoyed an inspiring day which centered around a student-led foreign language trade fair, coordinated by Selby College in order to promote links between Modern Foreign Languages and industry.

Kim Strachan, Sophie Ruston, Millie Swales and Gabrielle Townsend were voted Best Overall Trade Stand with their beautifully presented Spanish accessories stall.

William Crow, Abbie Brown, Lucy Thorn and Chloe Smithwhite were awarded the Best Use of Foreign Language trophy for their efforts on their Spanish 'Misterio' game stand.

Star performers for Brayton were Lauren Jones and Ellis Douglas, whose energetic preparation and linguistic confidence shone through.

Every single student involved was a credit to Brayton High School and they were worthy winners through their eye-catching displays and confident use of the French and Spanish languages.

After the trade fair, students had taster sessions of Russian, Hungarian and Croatian amongst other languages. Hopefully they got a few ideas of how Valuable language awareness can be.

Following their success at the Selby area final, the 'Misterio' team (pictured below) was invited to attend the regional final of Eurofest at the York St John University on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

The team was 'Highly Commended' for the students' innovative use of the foreign language. This is a fantastic achievement as they were one of only six teams selected from across Yorkshire. Well done team 'Misterio'!



# CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

## Inspiration at Yorkshire Air Museum

On Thursday 16th June, 51 Year 9 students travelled to the Yorkshire Air Museum to attend the Inspirations 2016 event. The purpose of the visit was to enthuse students about careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and allow them to take part in 'hands on' workshops.



Our students had the opportunity to listen to the lecture 'Beyond the Universe', observe the stars in the astrodome and programme spherical robots called 'spheros' to navigate a pre-designed route.

They also benefited from visiting a number of exhibitors including Nestle, Drax Power Station, The Armed Forces, local universities and further education providers.

## SciFest



Year 8 recently enjoyed a celebration of Science workshop, delivered by the SmallPiece Trust, with a number of activities taking place throughout the day. Students built, charged and raced solar powered cars.



In the afternoon, a number of lessons were 'flashmobbed' by our KS3 Science Ambassadors. They delivered a number of 'magical' science experiments and explained the science behind them.



# Year 11 Prom

The weather did not dampen spirits at the Year 11 Prom at Monk Fryston Hall where students and staff had a wonderful evening of celebration and fun. Following a series of arrival photographs and socialising, everyone enjoyed a welcome drink followed by a 3 course dinner and disco.



# Art & Product Design Exhibition

On Monday 4th July, we held our annual Art & Design and Product Design Exhibition. The event was attended by students, parents and members of the community. The work on display was of a very high standard and featured GCSE work from Art & Design and Product Design.

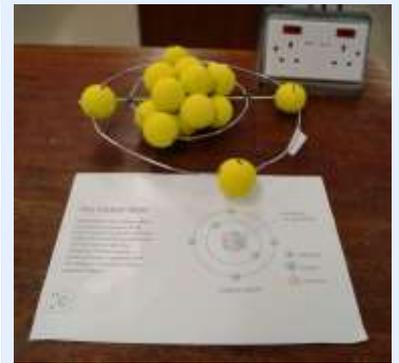
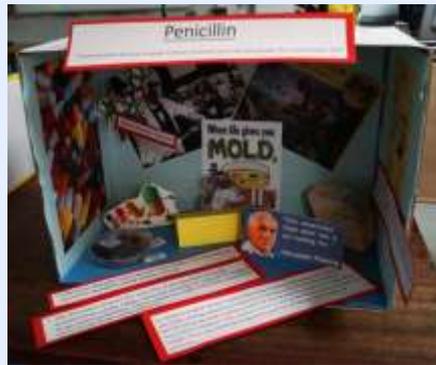


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## Science Projects

Year 7 and 8 have been working on Science projects, producing some wonderful models which have been displayed in two of our laboratories.

Congratulations to Mollie Newbould (Year 7) and Jacob Cauley (Year 8) who received prizes for their projects on water treatment and DNA respectively.



## National Space Centre

Our Year 10 Science Ambassadors visited the National Space Centre in Leicester. After taking part in a simulated mission to Europa and watching a show in the Planetarium, they spent the rest of the day engaging with the exciting exhibits.

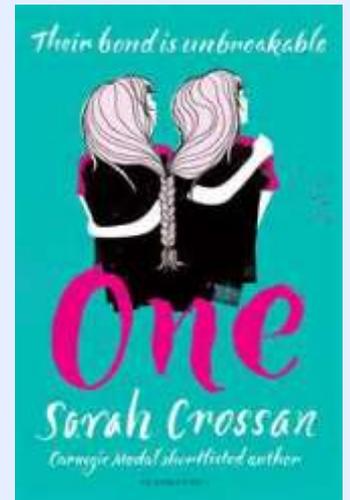


# LITERACY IN THE LRC

## Carnegie Award 2016

Every year, a group of students is invited to take part in Shadowing the Carnegie Award, which is presented to the writer of an outstanding book for young people. The students are challenged to read the shortlisted books and choose a winner, using the same criteria and timescales as the official judges.

Unsurprisingly, we did not agree with the official judges who chose 'One' by Sarah Crossan as their winner; we would have given the award to author, Nick Lake, as his book 'There will be Lies' was a clear favourite within our group. Well done to all who took part.



### **Review of 'There Will Be Lies' by Nick Lake by Caitlin Walters**

*"This book has to be in my top 10 favourite of all time! From start to finish I loved it and couldn't put it down. The way the book switched from one point of view to the next was so effective and seeing the characters develop as the story progressed was so nice. The characters were unique and all had their own faults that made me like them even more. As soon as I finished reading I just wanted to open it to the start and read it again."*

Pictured below, this year's Carnegie Shadowing Group



## Record Word Count for Accelerated Reader!

As their website states, the concept behind Accelerated Reader by Renaissance Learning is simple: "A student reads a book, takes an online quiz, and gets immediate feedback. Students respond to regular feedback and are motivated to make progress with their reading skills."

Since September 2015, our young people involved have excelled using Accelerated Reader and have read 54,464,951 words despite there still being, at the time this word count was recorded, a couple of weeks of reading and quizzing left. This is the biggest word count that we have reached since Accelerated Reader was introduced in 2005 and we're not finished yet - let's break the 55,000,000 barrier before the end of term!

Well done to all students involved in this fantastic achievement.

## City of York Athletics

Well done to all students (pictured) who competed at the City of York Athletics Semi Finals. Congratulations to Cameron Nelson (3rd for 300m), Harry Jackson (3rd for 1500m) and Stephanie Hardie (2nd for Shot Putt).



## Rounders and Cricket

The unpredictable weather allowed only one Rounders fixture, against other local secondary schools, to be played this half-term. Disappointing for the teams who were keen to play, but the one fixture that did survive saw a determined performance by all those who took part. Our cricket fixtures were unfortunately all cancelled again because of the weather.

## Olympic Taster Sessions

Selby Community Primary School have organised taster sessions of the Olympic Sports for their students and asked if Brayton High's PE department could get involved and help to inspire their students further. Therefore, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, the PE department delivered taster Netball and Handball sessions for 4 staff and 31 students. The afternoon consisted of the students completing warm up drills, skill development activities and game situations. Students also had the opportunity to play on full-sized courts, play full-sided matches and also shoot into full-sized goals.

## Sports Leader Skills Training

Sports Leaders from Years 8 and 9 took part in a planning day in preparation for delivering a range of activities at the Selby Primary Schools Multi-Skills event that we are hosting at school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The students worked throughout the morning with Steven Jeff, from UK Elite Sports, to develop their confidence and knowledge of how to deliver sessions effectively. They will deliver activities in Netball, Rugby, Handball, Cricket and Football. There was some excellent work produced and ideas shared.

## Sports Day

As the newsletter went to print, our annual Sports Day was underway with students competing in **their tutor groups with last year's winning tutor groups hoping to hold on to their crowns.** Field events are taking place in the morning and track events in the afternoon.

Also this year, as part of the rewards programme under the newly introduced Positive Discipline policy, the top 5 students from each year group, in terms of positive achievement stamps gained, will receive a free BBQ and ice lolly/ice cream. The next 5 students, making it a top ten in each year group, will receive a free ice lolly/ice cream. Congratulations to the successful students.

## Multi-Skills Sports Event for Primary Schools

A group of Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders worked with Year 1 and 2 pupils from **Brotherton, Longman's Hill and Hambleton** Primary Schools. They led and coached a range of sporting activities, including Football, Rounders, Rugby, Handball, Cricket and Netball, as part of a Selby Primary Schools Multi-Skills event. The leaders planned sessions before delivering them and were fantastic throughout, helping the pupils to develop their skills with confidence. The Sport Leaders will be working closely with the local Primary Schools next year, leading, coaching and officiating in a range of events.



## Diana Award for Fraya!

Year 11 student Fraya Copeland has again been recognised for her fundraising efforts. Fraya, who recently completed her GCSE examinations, attended an awards ceremony where she received A Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award, which recognises inspirational young people.

Fraya was nominated by her teachers here at Brayton High School following her endless fundraising and charity work, beginning when she was only 7 years old, which has included sponsored swims, cutting off her hair and organising a black tie event every year.

As reported in the December edition of the newsletter, last Christmas Fraya organised to deliver Christmas presents to all of the elderly in care homes in Selby, engaging the support of local businesses and organisations and handed out over 500 gifts across the town. This year, Fraya has already paid for 72 tickets to a pantomime this Christmas for ill children and their families as well as the medical staff looking after them. She will also be organising and holding her annual black tie ball and hoping, once again, to deliver festive gifts to the elderly in the town.



**Receiving the award, Fraya said "It was so humbling, I really did not expect it at all and was totally and utterly shocked. I didn't really know that the school realised what I have done or what I do so when I found out they had nominated me and that I had won it I was speechless for the first time in my life. I never realised the impact my work has had until this award because of the scale of how big this award actually is."**

We are tremendously proud of Fraya and wish her the very best, not only in her personal future but for her continued success at selflessly bringing happiness to those less fortunate than herself. Congratulations Fraya from everyone at Brayton High School!

## Students Get a Taste of Further Education

**Year 10 students recently attended a 'Discovery Day' at Selby College to give them the opportunity to consider their future plans for further education. Students selected from a range of 'A' level subjects as well as a full range of vocational areas ranging from Hair & Beauty to Construction, Media and Performing Arts to Public Services and enjoyed an informative day.**

## Y6 Induction Day

Our Year 6 Induction Day took place on Tuesday 5th July as we welcomed our soon to be Year 7 students to the school. Following a welcome by the Head of School, Mr Moon, and Key Stage 3 Director, Mr Penman, the students had a tour of the school and experienced a typical school day.

**The evening saw parents and students return for the Year 6 parents' evening. Students met their form tutors and questions were asked and answers provided around any concerns about the transition to high school. Everyone then had the opportunity to have a look around our Art & Design and Product Design Exhibition and all were very impressed with the high standard of work.**

## Rocket Science Result

The results from the Rocket Science experiment are in – the seeds that went into space were the Blue ones. From our experiment in school, these were the ones that germinated quickest but looked the least healthy during the experiment and less of these survived the entire experiment. These are now planted out in the Year 7 courtyard. See Tim Peake revealing the answer using the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV6bXBt4Ug0>

# NOTICEBOARD

## Brayton Academy

From 1st September 2016, the school will become Brayton Academy, part of the Rodillian Multi Academy Trust. Our new logo, on the right, was voted for by students, staff and governors.

From 1st September, our new website and e-mail addresses will be:

Website: [www.braytonacademy.org.uk](http://www.braytonacademy.org.uk)

E-Mail: [info@braytonacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@braytonacademy.org.uk)

Telephone and fax numbers remain the same.



**Parents and carers are reminded that the school's uniform code is on the school website. From September, all students must wear a Brayton Academy blazer and a traditional school tie (not a clip-on).**

Every student has been issued with a uniform voucher (sent via post to parents/carers on 13th July 2016). This voucher should be presented at Classroom Clothing, from Friday 5th August, in exchange for a free of charge badge and traditional school tie for the Key Stage your child will be **moving to from September. The badge must be sewn on to your child's existing blazer before their return to school on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 8.25am.**

From September, the timings of the school day will change. Parents and carers have also been advised of this by letter (dated 13th July) and a copy can also be viewed on the website

As a consequence of the above, the timetable for school transport will also change. At the time of writing, the Local Authority is producing the new timetables and, as soon as these are available, they will be published.

## Term Dates & Training Days 2016-2017

Holiday	Academy Closes	Academy Opens
Summer	Friday 22 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016
Autumn Mid-Term	Friday 21 October 2016	Monday 31 October 2016
Christmas	Friday 16 December 2016	Wednesday 4 January 2017
Spring Mid-Term	Friday 17 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
Easter Holiday	Friday 7 April 2017	Monday 24 April 2017
First May Bank Holiday	Friday 28 April 2017	Tuesday 2 May 2017
Second May Bank Holiday	Friday 26 May 2017	Tuesday 30 May 2017
Summer Mid-Term	Friday 16 June 2017	Tuesday 27 June 2017 *
Summer	Friday 21 July 2017	

\* GCSE Exams will be taking place during the Summer Mid Term Holiday.

## Training Days 2016/17

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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