



ACADEMY NEWS TERM



**Welcome from Mrs Walker, Interim
Head of School**

As you will see from this newsletter we have had another very busy term with lots going on in school.

Well done to the Head of Year Stars of the Term. This is a very prestigious award and Daniel, Martyna, Isabelle, Charlie and Alice should feel very proud of themselves.

Today we said goodbye to our Year 11 students during their Leavers Assembly. Year 11 have worked incredibly hard and we look forward to seeing them again at the Prom and on Results day in August. I hope you all enjoy half term. School reopens on Tuesday 25th June when students begin our new academic year.



HEAD OF YEAR

STARS OF THE TERM



YEAR 7

Daniel is a pleasure to have within the year group, his behavior is exemplary and he always puts 100% into everything he does.



YEAR 8

Martyna is the only student in the school to receive a diamond certificate so far this academic year. This goes to show how fantastic she is across the board! Martyna is very hardworking and dedicated to always doing her best!



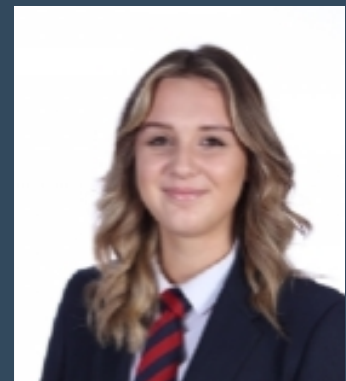
YEAR 9

Isabelle is always positive and has a smile on her face. I admire how much of a supportive friend and peer to others in the year group she is.



YEAR 10

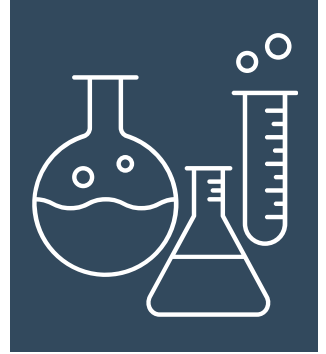
Charlie played a key part in our Principal interviews this term displaying confidence and maturity throughout. Charlie continues to show resilience whilst excelling academically. He is a pleasure to have within the year group.



YEAR 11

Alice is a ray of sunshine! It has been a pleasure to have her as part of the Brayton Academy community. Alice has worked extremely hard for her recent GCSE exams, we wish you the best of luck for your next steps.

SCIENCE



STEM enrichment and careers

To enhance our STEM enrichment this term in Science and promote STEM careers, year 9 pupils have had the opportunity to take part in live chats with a scientist. Throughout the term, different classes were given the opportunity to take part in a discussion hosted by multiple scientists in the renewable energy sector. It was a very informative session and pupils were engaged by the different career avenues into renewable energy.

Civil Service STEM challenge

A group of Key stage 4 students successfully took part in the civil service STEM challenge and were awarded a certificate in recognition of their excellent sustainable energy project and their vision of 'Carbon neutral sustainable housing'. It was a tough challenge, which saw them tackling real world problems and doing research and scientific analysis to put together their project.

Curriculum links: Maths – shapes, measurement; Science – materials, renewable energy sources; D&T – design, make, evaluate | Skills learnt: Design, building, testing, evaluation



A sustainable future

Embracing the theme of a sustainable future in the Science department at Brayton means that later on in the term we will be embarking on a 'Solar tower' Challenge. By the end of the event students will have built a solar tower that harnesses energy from the sun to turn a turbine. In the process, students will learn about renewable energy, how and why hot air rises and the 'greenhouse effect' but with the opportunity to get creative in producing purposeful and functional designs. I'm sure you will agree these are great skills to have!

Clean Air Day

Clean air day is coming up on the 20th June. Following the success of the live science chats we have decided to offer the opportunity to other year groups. Key Stage 3 pupils from year 8 will have the opportunity to chat to scientists who are working on the clean air day project in the first week back at school.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENGLISH?



Topics

This year in English has been filled with some fantastic topics, students have engaged thoughtfully and shown some real skill.

Year 7 have been exploring the shrewish Katherina in *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Year 8 have been dusting off their magnifying glasses and hunting for clues in their detective fiction scheme of work.

Year 9 have been working on their skills of analysis looking at a plethora of poems ready for GCSE.

Year 10 have been feeling Christmassy as they have been exploring Dickens' infamous *A Christmas Carol*.

Although these have been fun, we are ready and raring to go for a new term of fantastic topics!

Here are the topics for after half term:

Year 8 - *Les Misérables*

Year 9 - *Macbeth*

Year 10 and 11 - Spoken language NEA. All students in Key Stage will write and deliver a speech as part of their English coursework.

Exams!

All English exams are complete! The English department would like to say a huge congratulations to all of year 11 for working so hard in the run up to the exams. They were tough but every single one of you showed resilience and showed off the knowledge you have been building up since year 7. Hopefully it will pay off on results day. Good luck with everything in the future and enjoy your prom!

Reading Plus Rewards

A special shout out goes to Ethan H who was the top student in the whole school for the total words read on Reading Plus this year. He read a whopping 529,166 words!

All term students who get a green week on Reading Plus have been putting their names in our rewards post box. 4 lucky prize winners have been awarded £25 Amazon vouchers this week in our praise assembly and a further 2 students have won £5 book tokens. A further 25 students have won brand new reading books.

We are proud of all our readers. Keep your eyes peeled after the holiday for news of our exciting summer reading challenge.

Reading Plus Heroes

This term students have been making excellent progress and putting real effort into their Reading Plus.

7Y1 are still on the top of the reading plus leaderboard with the highest total amount of reading lessons! 8Y2 were extremely close to beating 7Y1's top spot but they did not quite make it. Well done to both classes for being in the top spot for this year!

The English department would like to shout out the following students:

Reading Plus holiday

There is no Reading Plus homework due for any student over the June half term holiday.

When we come back after the break all students will complete the end of year assessment. We do ask that students keep reading their reading books.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
				
Progress	Tilly B	Jasmine A	Noemi G	Laylan B
Effort	Alex T	Libby F	Alfie W	Darcey W

BONJOUR BRAYTON!

We're excited to bring you the latest news from our French department. It's been a long half term but our lovely students have kept up the hard work!

Firstly, Congratulations to our students who were named "Linguist of the Month" for May! These deserving students have stood out for their hard work and dedication to learning French. In recognition of their outstanding achievements, they have received rewards from their teachers. Tiana was lucky enough to win a French themed pen, all ready for her move to Y8 and to continue French.

Our Linguists of the Month for May are:

Tiana MY7- Madame Kendall

Kara H Y10- Madame Claringbold

Milena S Y7 - Madame Simbananiye

Evie C Y7- Madame Colling

Additionally, we are very proud of the Y11 students who have successfully completed all of their French exams. Congratulations to them and we can't wait to celebrate with them at Prom.



After half-term, the week beginning 1st July, our new cohort of Y11 students will have their first speaking exams. This will help them gain confidence and feel prepared for the mocks after the summer. Please wish them luck.

It was a pleasure to meet so many Y8 and Y7 students at parent's evening this month. A special well done to Y7 for completing their first year at secondary school and first year of French. We hope you keep up the good work going into next year.

For new school year, Madame Kendall is looking for Language Ambassadors to help promote languages around school. As an ambassador you will help make displays, design posters, organise pop up events and more. Please see your form tutor, French class teacher or Madame Kendall if you are interested.

We would also like to create a "Brayton's Brilliant Bilinguals" display to celebrate those students, their language and their culture. Please complete the form and include a suitable photo you would like to use for the display, if your child would like to take part.

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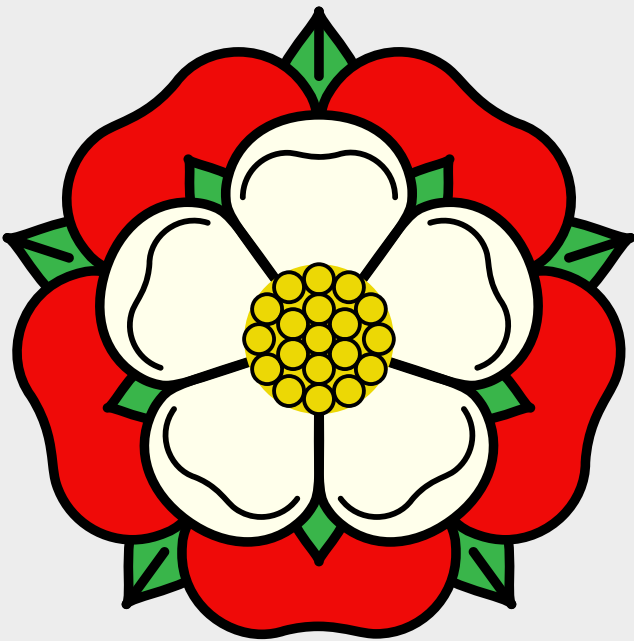


As always, we would like to congratulate all our students for their remarkable achievements and for their ongoing commitment to learning French. We are on the look out for June's linguists...

HISTORY

We have covered lots of different topics and stages in history this half term. We hope you enjoy reading about what our students have been studying...

YEAR 7 - MIDDLE AGES



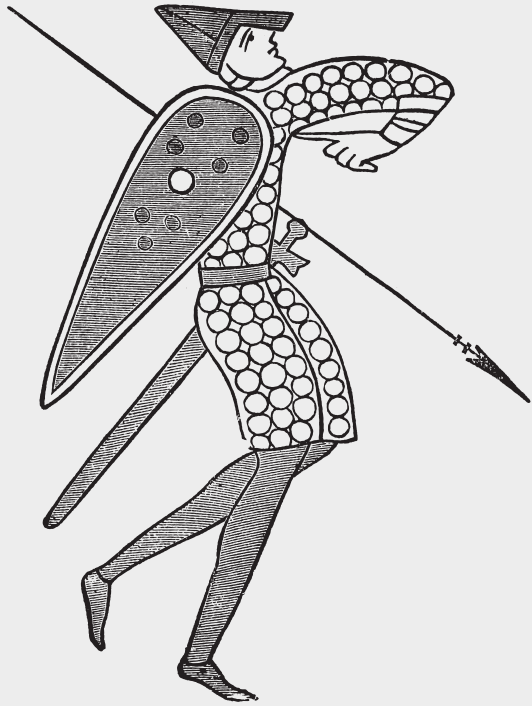
This term Year 7 students have completed their study on the Middle Ages. They have focussed on how society changed during the period, with a special focus on The Black Death and its impact on the rest of the period. Students then moved on to learn how the Tudors changed Britain. They have looked at key monarchs from the period and studied the short term and long-term impact of the religious changes made at the time by successive monarchs.

YEAR 9 - 20TH CENTURY HISTORY

Year 9 students have spent the term completing their study of 20th century history. They began the term looking at the main causes of the second world war and then focused on key battles, key events, the impact of the war on civilians and how the war ended. They concluded their studies of key stage three history by studying the Cold War and its impact on the world.



YEAR 10 - THE NORMAN CONQUEST



Year 10 spent the term learning about the Norman Conquest. They have studied who was involved, why four men emerged as contenders for the throne, and how William managed to capture the crown. They then studied how the Normans secured their position in England and how they established their rules and customs over the people. Students also studied the major developments in government, education, towns and religion before completing their Historic Environment question on Durham Cathedral.

YEAR 11 - NORMAN CONQUEST IN WALES & GCSE REVISION

Year 11 students spent the first half of their final term studying the Norman Conquest in Wales which was the required Historic Environment question for this year. They learnt about significant individuals, places and castles and why the border was so important to King Williams success. They spent the second half of the term taking part in revision classes that covered the previously studied topics of Health and the People, The First World War and Germany 1890-1945.



WHAT'S
NEW?

Careers update

JUNE
EDITION

- Our careers guidance counsellor Miss Whiting has now had an appointment with all pupils in year 11 to discuss their next steps, thank you to Miss Whiting for the expert guidance and support that she has provided! She has now started seeing pupils in year 10, and will continue meeting pupils in this year group when the new academic year starts. If you feel that your child needs some early support from Miss Whiting then please let Miss Cotterill know and we can prioritise them for an appointment.
 - Year 10 students were visited by the Apprenticeship Skills and Knowledge Company, who ran an assembly to share information on all things apprenticeships. This information will be invaluable as students enter year 11 and begin to plan for what they are going to move on to after leaving us.
 - Mrs Humphreys and our year 8 games design applied resilience group were delighted to host visitors from Drax in May who explained the role that robots play at the power plant and took pupils through a workshop where they programmed their own robots to move around a map of Drax. They also heard all about the different career routes available at the plant, including the various different apprenticeship routes that the company offers.
 - The British Army visited a group of pupils in year 9 to talk to them about the wide variety of careers available in the army and to take part in an "Elite Skills Academy". Pupils had the opportunity to complete a wide variety of different physical activities, helping to build resilience and develop transferable skills for the future.
- Early planning has begun for a careers fair for year 10 pupils, which is set to take place on 13th February next year. If you or any friends or family work for employers that would like to be represented please send an email through to bra-careers@braytonacademy.org.uk and we will look at how we can get you involved. If you would like to be involved in our careers programme in any other way either as a business owner or on behalf of your employer then please do get in touch with Miss Cotterill using the same email address and we will add you to our growing careers parent database.



SPORTS

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GCSE PE Students

We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the PE students who have sat their exams this year. You have all worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of your dedication and perseverance.

We eagerly look forward to you receiving your results in August and hope you achieve the success you deserve. A massive good luck goes out to our two Year 11 classes as you embark on the next chapter of your educational journey. We have no doubt that you will continue to excel in your future careers.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment. Enjoy your well-deserved break!

Year 8 Netball Victory

On Thursday 30th May, our Year 8's had an incredible match, beating The Featherstone Academy 28-2! The students displayed fantastic skill while showing great respect to the opposition.

Daisy was named Player of the Match for her kindness and honesty during the game. The opposition also gave a special mention to Lucy for her excellent performance.

Well done team!



Under 14 Girls' Football

Our U14s girls' football team narrowly missed out in the County Cup final! We were 3-2 up at half-time, and the match ended in a thrilling 6-6 draw at full-time, taking it to penalties. Despite the narrow loss by 1 penalty, the girls gave it their all and showcased amazing skill throughout the game.

★ Goals from Violet (2), Sophie (2), Lexi, and Olive.

Being the second-best school team in the county is an incredible achievement. So proud of our team!



Sports news continues on the next page...



GET READY FOR SPORTS DAY!

We are thrilled to announce that our annual Sports Day will be held on Thursday 11th July, and it promises to be our biggest and best yet!

This year, we are going all out to make the day unforgettable. In addition to our exciting athletic events, we will have ice cream vans, inflatables, and much more to keep everyone entertained. It's going to be a fantastic day filled with fun, competition, and community spirit.

Students will have the opportunity to showcase their skills in a variety of events, from sprints to long jumps, and we encourage everyone to participate and support their peers. There will be something for everyone, and it's a great chance to celebrate the incredible talent and sportsmanship within our school.



Summer Sports Are Here!

We are excited to announce our new PE summer sports timetable! Whether you're a fan of cricket, athletics, or rounders, we have a variety of activities that cater to all interests and skill levels.

This summer is the perfect opportunity to try out new sports, improve your skills, and spend quality time with friends. Our programme is designed to be inclusive and fun, encouraging everyone to get active and enjoy the sunshine. Don't miss out on the chance to participate in these exciting activities. Come down to the sports fields and get involved! We look forward to seeing you there.

Huge congratulations to Georgina S, Year 7, who has won Royal Windsor for the second year running earlier in the month! Fantastic achievement Georgina, keep up the hard work!

UPCOMING ATHLETICS



We are excited to announce that on Thursday 13th June, a handful of our talented students from Years 7, 8, and 9 will be participating in the semi-final athletics event. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young athletes to showcase their skills and compete at a high level.

We wish all our participants the best of luck and are confident they will do Brayton Academy proud!



EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Year	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
7	Rounders Club Quick Cricket Club	Athletics Club	Girls Rugby Girls and Boys Football
8	Rounders Club Quick Cricket Club	Athletics Club	Girls Rugby
9	Rounders Club Quick Cricket Club	Athletics Club	Girls Rugby
10	Rounders Club Quick Cricket Club	Athletics Club	Girls Rugby

Clubs will run period 7 (2:30 – 3:30pm)
Students must bring full Brayton PE Kit



YEAR 9

Music Showcase

This term, Year 9 students electrified the Brayton stage with an unforgettable showcase of their musical talents! A multitude of bands rocked out, delivering exhilarating performances with songs from the Arctic Monkeys, Blur, Olivia Rodrigo, and Green Day. The audience was also treated to mesmerizing solo acts, featuring soulful jazz piano and exquisite classical guitar. Backstage buzzed with excitement and a few jitters, as for many, this was their debut in front of a live audience. The students took charge of the entire event, from forming their bands to selecting their setlists. Their dedication and hard work paid off in spades, resulting in performances they can be incredibly proud of.

Parents and staff were immersed in the vibrant atmosphere. It was a night of pure musical magic, leaving everyone eager for the next showcase!



Bridge Pizza Party!

Brayton Academy Bridge celebrates its Pizza Party on Thursday 13th June. This is a celebration for all the hard work and dedication the pupils have put into their intervention sessions throughout the term and rewards them for regularly attending before and after school activities. We will be feasting on pizza, painting our own gingerbread biscuit and drinking plenty of pop! We also say farewell to our year 11 pupils and wish them every success in the future. We will miss you all!



York Minster Trip

On Thursday 30th May four of our Year 10 students visited York Minster. Students learnt key events in the history of York Minster and had the opportunity to ask questions about its architectural style and the symbolism behind its different parts. They also looked into the biblical story of creation and compared it to stained-glass images.

Library Update

The library ambassadors have been busy once again, sourcing a new and exciting range of literature. The ambassadors were keen to add some diversity to our existing resources and have built an impressive range of Polish literature. We have a number of bilingual students here at Brayton and the ambassadors wanted to make sure this was represented in the library. Phase one was to collect suitable Polish children's literature, phase two, which is already underway, is to collect suitable texts from around the world. So far we have some Arabic and Thai and we hope to continue this growth in diversity. If you have any texts at home suitable for the school library, please consider us when you are clearing your book shelves.



Wicked Theatre Trip



In May the year 9 musical theatre applied resilience group took a trip to The Alhambra Theatre in Bradford to see the touring production of Wicked. Stephen Schwartz's musical is a prequel to the well known classic The Wizard of Oz, which sees familiar characters cast in a new light. All of the pupils did a fantastic job representing the academy and everyone agreed that the production was absolutely fantastic!



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Monday 8th July 2024
5.00pm – 6.30pm

