



Autumn 2023

Welcome from Principal Moon



Dear Parent/Carer,

At the end of a long half term it is great to be able to showcase all that we have done at Brayton Academy over the last eight weeks. It is wonderful to see that the students are taking part in a lot of fixtures across netball, football and rugby and as we go forward the Rugby Academy have a great deal of games scheduled. We also celebrate those who do sport outside of school.

Over 200 of our Year 7 students attended the UK Resilience Camp and you can read about this on the following pages. As part of what we do at Brayton Academy we want to support as many different experiences as possible. To have students go on residential trips, complete fieldwork and be able to be rewarded is part of the ethos of the Rodillian Multi Academy Trust.

Please may I draw your attention to the information about our book fair. Reading for pleasure is a key aspect of academic improvement across all of the subjects we study. The bookfair supports the work done with Reading Plus and in English lessons.

We always put information about attendance in our school newsletter. Please can you ensure that you have a look at the information provided and realise that each day missed in school means that students have to catch up on the work of six lessons. Even with an attendance of near 96%, which sounds good over a whole year, this means that a student will have missed 38 lessons. This is why we talk about attendance regularly to students and parents to ensure that as little learning as possible is missed.

Yours faithfully,

Al Moon
Principal

Open Evening

On Thursday 28 October, we held our annual Open Evening and welcomed prospective students and their families into our academy. This was a hugely successful event with more visitors than ever before.

Each department showcased their subject and lots of fun was had. The Brayton students involved with the evening were great ambassadors for the academy and as always, we were incredibly proud of the way they engaged with our visitors and conducted themselves.

We have also held a series of Coffee Mornings for those who were unable to attend the evening or wanted to see the academy in session. These mornings became quickly fully booked.

They allowed prospective students and their families to meet and talk with Mr Moon and receive a tour of the academy during the school day. We received lots of positive feedback and feel extremely proud of our students and staff here at Brayton Academy.

Internet Safety Week

Brayton Academy launched Internet Safety Week 2nd- 6th October, the objective to empower students to become informed and responsible digital citizens who can harness the power of the internet while guarding against its potential pitfalls. The students explored online identity, discussed respect and relationships, the importance of digital footprints and made sense of fake news through a variety of teaching resources.



Sport Fixture Results

We have had a busy term in the PE Department with lots going on. Our Netball and Rugby Academies have started the year of well working hard in training developing their fitness alongside their skills needed for the game. The Rugby Academy have lots of festivals lined up for next term and we hope to see them putting their skills to action soon. The Netball Academy have already had some fixtures this term demonstrating their ability and hard work.

This year we have entered all the football teams into leagues and cups. The majority of our teams have successfully made it through to the second round of the cup. We look forward to seeing how each team progresses and hopefully bring back some silverware.

Below is a table of results from all fixtures played so far this year.

You can also keep up to date on all fixture results by following our Brayton Academy PE Instagram @braytonacademy

Date	Sport	Year Group	Result
Monday 18 th September	Netball	Y8	Draw
Monday 25 th September	Netball	Y9	Brayton A 3 rd Place Brayton B 6 th Place
Thursday 28 th September	Rugby	Y8	Lost
Wednesday 4 th October	Football (League)	Y10	Lost 2-1
Thursday 5 th October	Netball (League)	Y8	Lost 12-7
Thursday 5 th October	Netball	Y10	Won 28-5
Monday 9 th October	Netball	Y10	3 rd Place
Tuesday 10 th October	Football (Cup)	Y7	Won 5-0
Wednesday 11 th October	Football (Cup)	Y10	Won 5-1
Thursday 12 th October	Netball (League)	Y8	Lost 11-9
Thursday 12 th October	Football (Cup)	KS3 Girls	Won 9-0
Tuesday 17 th October	Football (League)	Y10	Won 1-0
Thursday 19 th October	Football	Y9	Lost 6-2
Thursday 19 th October	Netball	Y7	Lost 7--2
Thursday 19 th October	Netball	Y9	Won 18-1

Sporting Successes

Well, done to Lexi E in Y9 who attended a 10-day motocross training camp in Belgium. What an amazing opportunity.

Congratulations to Ciara M and Milly F in Y10. Both of these students have been successful in their Yorkshire rugby trials.

Congratulations to Angel B in Y10 for passing her foundation cheerleading skills course meaning she is now a qualified coach at foundation level.

Congratulations to Henry M in Y7 who has reached the regional competitions in the North East and is aiming to be in the top 24 of the North East swimming all 4 strokes. His preferred stroke is breaststroke and is determined to be the next Adam Peaty.

Well, done to Mitchell in Y7 for achieving two black belts in two different disciplines (Martial arts and Taekwondo).

Well, done to Katie H in Y7 who swam at the Yorkshire county championships in Leeds. She did brilliantly smashing 2 pbs in both her races. She has also qualified to swim in the North East Regional championships at Ponds Forge next month in 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly.

We also would like to congratulate Daniel M & Max S for both receiving their black belt grading in kickboxing. Both boys have worked incredibly hard for this, and we are very proud! Well done boys!

Finally, as you may have already seen Miss Renouf, Miss Taylor, and the rest of the York Valkyrie Women's Rugby team won 16-6 victory over Leeds Rhinos in the Women's Super League Grand Final! Huge congratulations to the team. Both teachers have worked incredibly hard to achieve this victory. Well done ladies!



Year 7 UK Resilience Camp – A Trip to remember

On 18th September, the first cohort of Year 7s embarked on their Resilience camp trip to the Lake District. Together, as the newsletter team, we interviewed some of the tired and hardy campers. Overall, most students showed many signs of resilience throughout their trip in the X band and faced all their challenges with an open mindset, learning many great lessons along the way. From getting lost during orienteering, to shooting targets in archery, they did it all. Ava from 7.2 shared wonderful tales from her crate stacking adventures, time spent with friends and overcoming getting lost whilst partaking in orienteering, stating that she “learnt to be more resilient” throughout the time she spent away. Others from 7.2 (Abi and others) said that they would not let the wet weather dampen their spirits and affect their time there. Students from 7.7 shared some great times they spent with friends and the comforting times. Henry, from 7.7, told us that he really enjoyed taking part in raft building, working together as a team, whilst hoping one of his friends may fall in! Whereas another student from 7.7, Myla, enjoyed her time building a warm and cosy fire to chill out by when nightfall arrived. The two students both also noted how they enjoyed the beauty of the Lake District and having to be resilient with their activities.

We interviewed some more keen Year 7s from Y band ahead of their trip to learn about their hopes and fears for their upcoming Resilience camp. Some were worried about being away from home, while others were thrilled to be able to be independent and partake in enjoyable activities with their friends. Students from 7.8 expressed worry about the previous camper's misfortune with the weather and worried about their tents. However, one student Yuki was also excited to be spending the time with friends and making memories.

Gloria, another student from 7.8, was excited for the raft building since she had heard from students on the previous trip that it was the favourite activity among most, being very exciting and challenging. Overall, their attitude was positive and what we gathered on their return was that they had a fantastic time (especially in their watertight lodges!).

Researched and written by Erin Poulton and Phoebe O'Brien (Year 10) – Newsletter Club



Science CPD Opportunity

We were successful in securing a grant from The Royal Society of Chemistry to be used for a Science CPD opportunity. We had a guest speaker come in and deliver some training on teaching primary science with a focus on Chemistry practical based work. Brayton Academy hosted the event, and we had Primary Science leads from five of the Primary schools in the local area come along and take part in the event. The afternoon was very successful with rave reviews from the Primary schools involved.





Paris Trip

From the moment we waved farewell to parents on Wednesday 11 October, until the moment we arrived back at Brayton, it has been non-stop laughter and smiles. Despite the news of the dreaded 'bed bugs', which were nowhere to be seen, the French taking part in more strikes, we still managed to explore this wonderful capital enabling students to experience a different culture and practise speaking French.

We have seen extraordinary views from the top of Montparnasse and the Eiffel Tower, shopped until we spent all our money, cruised in style along the river Seine, toured the streets of Paris taking in the magnificent scenery and



and admiring some of the most beautiful architecture and famous monuments and chased around Parc Astérix by knights in shining armour, gargoyles and monsters.

We certainly have made treasured memories which will last forever.

Rewards Trip

We had over 300 students from years 8, 9, 10 and 11 out on the annual rewards trip this year which is absolutely fantastic and a great achievement for those invited to take part. Students could choose to attend either Flamingo Land, Alton Towers, Yorkshire Wildlife Park or Xscape. The weather stayed dry and clear all day which was brilliant for those outside and although there were some longer queues at Alton Towers the students enjoyed spending the day with their friends, Ben in year 10 said his day "was great and we liked it... I would definitely want to go again with my mates next year if I could."

Flamingo Land was all open and those thrill-seeking students had an amazing time going on all of the rides while others wanting a quieter pace spent time searching for the red panda and sampling the various food outlets. James in year 10 said it was "an amazing day out even though I got a bit wet on the water ride." Those at Xscape got to watch a movie, had a pizza lunch and played two rounds at Laser Zone. Check out the photos on the Brayton Academy X page and we look forward to it all again next year!

Prison Me No Way workshops

On 12 September, Year 11 took part in numerous workshops delivered by national charity, Prison Me No Way (PMNW). Provided as part of RSE education, the workshops covered topics such as anti-social behaviour, knife crime, rail safety, county lines, prison life and choices. The feedback from parents, students, Academy and PMNW staff was positive, with PMNW staff stating that they were "blown away by the attitude, politeness and intellect of students... they are a credit all who work at Brayton, and it has been an absolute pleasure to attend your school. Keep up the amazing work". The Academy is looking forward to running the workshops again next year.

Hornsea GCSE Fieldwork

On 7 September, GCSE geography students visited the Holderness coast to conduct fieldwork, focusing on coastal erosion, sea defences and tourism. The trip involved students observing and collecting fieldwork data on coastal processes and defences, whilst investigating the impact of tourism in Hornsea. Everyone had a lovely day and they even managed to find time for a fish and chip lunch.



Scholastic Book Fair

As you know, here at Brayton Academy we are very enthusiastic about reading for pleasure. Students in Key Stage Three have the regular homework of reading 50 pages of their reading book per week and, through the Brayton Reading Challenge, we celebrate and monitor reading for pleasure.

We have organised for the Scholastic Book Fair to visit our school, and hope this provides you with the opportunity to purchase new and exciting reading for your child. Help us to celebrate reading at our Book Fair. The Book Fair will be arriving in school on Tuesday 7th November, with hundreds of new children's books. Books will be available for students to browse in the library all week. We would also like to invite parents and carers to browse and buy books with us.

WHEN: Monday 13th November 2.30pm – 4.30pm

WHERE: Brayton Academy (in the hall)

Our bookfair runs on a cashless system and vouchers can be bought in advance on the scholastic website or on the online payment system. More details will follow when the book fair arrives.

One great advantage of the book fair is that by hosting the event is that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library. You do not have to attend our bookfair to support our school to fund new library books. At any point in the year, when you purchase books with Scholastic <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/>, you can nominate Brayton Academy to receive reward points when you check out.

Every reward point we earn goes directly to fund the purchase of new library books for the school library.

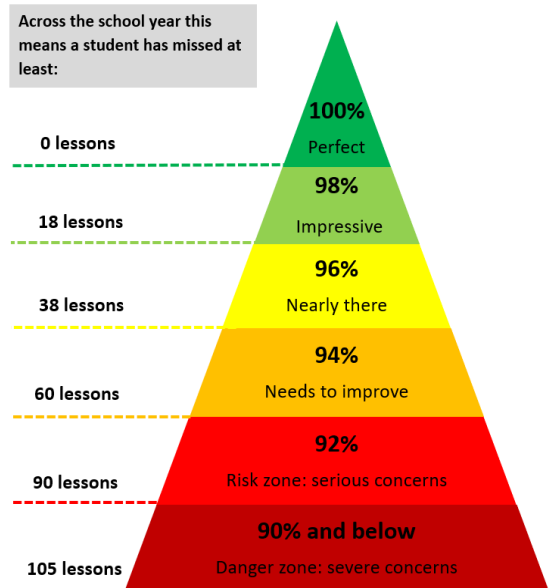
Halloween Science Club

Halloween Science club kicked off the first of many Science events planned this year, with the new Year 7s being treated to some exciting experiments. We had Halloween themed Science in the form of vomiting pumpkin, static ghosts, heart dissections and slime making. Many other year groups attended and it was great to see so many familiar faces! Halloween Science was a great opportunity for pupils to explore some scientific experiments they might not get to encounter every day and everyone had lots of fun experimenting!

Attendance matters

Huge congratulations to the 415 students who have had 100% attendance for this Half Term. Keep this up!

Attendance at school is a priority for us. We want to give all our student's the best start in life, and we know that education and support from school can help to do this.





Description	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Lost (Lessons) Across the school year actual lessons lost
Perfect	100%	190 Days	0	0
	99%	188 Days	2	12
Excellent	98%	186 Days	4	24
	97%	184 Days	6	36
Impressive	96%	182.5 Days	7.5	45
	95%	180.5 Days	9.5	57
Nearly There	94%	178.5 Days	11.5	69
	93%	176.5 Days	13.5	81
Needs to improve	92%	174.5 Days	15.5	93
	91%	173 Days	17	102
Risk zone: serious concerns	90%	171 Days	19	114
	89%	169 Days	21	126
Danger zone: severe concerns	88%	167 Days	23	138
	87%	165.5 Days	25	150
	86%	163.5 Days	26.5	159
	85%	161.5 Days	28.5	171

To report a child's absence please call 01757 293243 before 9:00am on the first and every day of absence. The absence is open from 7:00am.