

# Brannel School Challenge Week 2024



Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July

**Excellence • Creativity • Community**

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## Are YOU ready for the challenge?

Brannel School is a safe and supportive community that encourages individuals to express themselves and strive for excellence.

Our School Values summarise our expectations for everyone in our school community, and ensure that every student is aware of what we aim to achieve for them. Our School Values are:

### Excellence

We hold the highest expectations of ourselves and of each other.

### Creativity

We approach challenge with curiosity and imagination, and we express ourselves with confidence.

### Community

We celebrate the unique aspects of what makes everyone different, and we believe that together everyone achieves more.

Challenge Week is not just about sacking off lessons and having fun! Challenge Week is designed to give our students opportunities to try new and varied activities which may not strictly fit into the curriculum, but which develop creativity, character resilience and motivation, and encourage them to pursue wider goals and an appreciation for cultural and community issues, teamwork and social responsibility. The point is to challenge each individual to step outside their personal comfort zone.

Challenge Week is for students in Years 7-9.

- Year 7 students will all follow the activity schedule designed for their year group. *See the Year 7 section of this booklet.*
- Years 8 and 9 will choose from one of six different week long-activities. *You will find details of each activity in this booklet.*
  - ⇒ Survival Academy
  - ⇒ Explore Cornwall
  - ⇒ Bring the Drama!
  - ⇒ Animal Week
  - ⇒ Sports Academy
  - ⇒ Art and Games Design



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**Challenge Week 2023**

## BEFORE reserving your place on an activity

- ⇒ Show this booklet to your parent/carer. Talk about the activities you want to choose and make sure they are willing and able to pay the cost of these activities.
- ⇒ Talk to your friends and find out what activity they will be doing.
- ⇒ Only pick an activity that you think you will be able to do. It is not easy to change your choice after the deadline, so you may be disappointed.
- ⇒ Parent pay opens on the 28th March for sign up and there are 65 places on each year 8 and year 9 activity. Numbers are allocated on a strictly first come first served basis and a £10 deposit will be required to reserve a place on any of the paid activities
- ⇒ Talk to your tutor, or to your head of year, if you have any questions or you are not sure whether an activity is for you.
- ⇒ Camp, beach games and Flambards spaces are available for all year 7 students.
- ⇒ Make sure you know how much you are able to spend. Do not book an activity that your parent/carer will be unwilling or unable to pay for.

## What do I need to do next?

Complete the online ParentPay form and pay a deposit by the **17th April**.

- ⇒ Once your activities have been confirmed, your parent/carer will need to make remaining payments on Parent Pay.
- ⇒ Payments can be made in instalments.
- ⇒ Payment must be made in full by **June 24th** or you will be removed from your choice and placed on the free in-school week.

If you have any concerns relating to booking activities, in the first instance please speak to your tutor.



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## Attendance

- ⇒ Please note that all students must attend school during Challenge Week.
- ⇒ Attendance is NOT optional. It is part of the school term and so normal school attendance must be maintained.

## Arrangements for the week

- ⇒ During Challenge Week students do not have to wear school uniform for any of the activities.
- ⇒ School transport will operate as normal.
- ⇒ The canteen will be open during the week. If your child is entitled to free school meals and they are attending an activity which is not taking place on the school site, they will need to book a packed lunch through the Catering Manager at least 24 hours before that activity and collect it from the canteen before the trip leaves.
- ⇒ We have high expectations of our students' behaviour and we often receive compliments on their conduct. Please note, however, that any unacceptable behaviour will result in students being withdrawn from activities. In such cases a **refund will not be given** as most bookings for visits will have been paid for in advance.

## Health & Safety

- ⇒ All activities, trips and visits are carefully risk assessed. Where activities take place in a potentially hazardous situation, specialist tuition and supervision is provided by trained and qualified instructors.
- ⇒ It is important that the Parental Consent Form is completed and returned to the school by 24th **May**.
- ⇒ Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the activity they have chosen. This may include bringing in a waterproof coat, sun tan lotion, sun hat, packed lunch and water to drink. All water sports will require swimwear and a towel.

Should you have any concerns relating to booking activities, please speak contact the school on 01726 822485.



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## BEFORE reserving places on any activity

- ⇒ Please read the Terms and Conditions included at the end of this booklet. By signing and returning the Parental Consent Form you are providing agreement that you, as the parent/carer, has read, understood and will comply with these terms and conditions.
- ⇒ Talk about the activities your child wants to choose and make sure you are willing and able to pay the cost of these activities.
- ⇒ Please note that prices are currently indicative. Prices will be confirmed once student numbers for each activity are known. You will be advised on the exact cost in due course.
- ⇒ Once your child has completed their **Online Form** and their place has been confirmed, you will need to make payments on Parent Pay.
- ⇒ Payments can be made in instalments.
- ⇒ Payment must be made in full by **June 24th** or you will be removed from all activities and placed on free in-school activities.

**Please note that if money is owed to the school for previous paid school trips or activities, your child's activity choices will be limited to a free activity until the outstanding balance is cleared.**

## Note on ParentPay

- ⇒ Brannel School uses ParentPay for the financial administration of all visits and activities. Please be aware that the school will no longer accept card payments over the phone and the school will no longer accept personal cheques.
- ⇒ ParentPay has helped to alleviate the risks associated with students bringing large amounts of cash into school. It has also increased levels of control for parents/carers by ensuring that they are able to view and track payments online.
- ⇒ Should you have any queries regarding ParentPay or require support to activate your online account, please do not hesitate to contact the School Finance Office or email: **finance@brannel.com**



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Year 7

# 5-Day Programme

Year 7 only

Set Activities  
Schedule for  
all Year 7  
students

## Year 7 Challenge Week

A full week of activities has been designed specifically for our Year 7 students. This is a 5-day set programme which every Year 7 student must take part in. It is designed to challenge our students to further develop their social skills and other key skills before they join Year 8. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to bond with each other and with key staff. We have also planned a Beach Day, a school Sports Day and a trip to Flambards. The charge for all these activities is £45.50 including all food on camp, transport and entrance into Flambards.

Students will camp for two days at the beautiful Treago Farm Campsite near Poly Joke Beach. We recognise that for some of our students, Year 7 Camp may be the first time they have stayed away from home and family. Our staff are there to support every child and to ensure that this experience is an enjoyable one.

Tutor	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7G	Camp 1	Camp 1	School Games	Flambards	Beach Games
7G2	Camp 1	Camp 1	School Games	Flambards	Beach Games
7R	School Games	Camp 2	Camp 2	Beach Games	Flambards
7M	School Games	Camp 2	Camp 2	Beach Games	Flambards
7H	Flambards	Beach Games	Camp 3	Camp 3	School Games
7M2	Flambards	Beach Games	Camp 3	Camp 3	School Games
7K	Beach Games	School Games	Flambards	Camp 4	Camp 4



# 2-Day Activity

Year 7 only



Year 7  
Camp



## Year 7 Camp Programme

We are offering Year 7 students this fantastic opportunity to create some lasting memories to finish off your first year at Brannel. Camp will give you chance to develop some important skills before you join Year 8 - resilience, teamwork, confidence. Most importantly, it will also give you chance to have fun and enjoy spending time with your friends and teachers in a beautiful part of Cornwall.

**Where?** Treago Farm Campsite near Poly Joke Beach.

**When?** 2 days during week commencing 4th July (see table, page 7 for tutor group).

<p><b>Day 1</b></p>	<p>Arrive at school normal time Coach leaves Brannel 9am Drop off near Newquay Walk to camp lunch on route (packed / FSM) Arrive at camp and set up tents Surf Lesson/Beach Games/Orienteering Camp BBQ (Provided by school) Sunset walk and evening games</p>
<p><b>Day 2</b></p>	<p>Breakfast (Provided by school) Surf Lesson/Beach Games/Orienteering Lunch at camp (Provided by school) Pack up camp Return to school for buses 3:15pm</p>

### What is included?

- Transport, meals, tents, surf lesson, beach games  
Please bring lunch for day trips.

### Requirements for Camp

- **Essential:** Sleeping bag and pillow, warm clothing, waterproof coat, water bottle, sunscreen, toiletries, plate and mug.
- **Optional:** Wetsuit, camping mat, tent, snacks and treats.
- Breakfast: Cereals, Toast and Fruit.
- Lunch: A range of sandwiches, crisps, cereal snack bar and fruit.
- Evening BBQ: Includes a range of burgers, sausages and salad with vegetarian options available.



Years 8-9

# 3-Day Activity

Monday-Wednesday



## DofE Award Expedition

\* FOR STUDENTS SIGNED UP FOR DofE AWARD ONLY \*

At Brannel School, students can sign up to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) in year 9 and Silver in Year 10. They complete 3 sections on their own and the 4th section is an expedition where participants complete a 2 or 3 day walk unaccompanied with an over night or two night camp. They carry everything they need and cook their own meals. Training for this is carried out across the school year ahead of Challenge Week on a Wednesday afternoon.

For students signed up for this year's award please see Miss Cording for further information.



THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

## Survival Academy

How to survive anything! Ever fancied spending the week outdoors like Bear Grylls? Have a go at:

- Have a go at building your own survival shelter.
- Learn how to light a campfire, stay warm and cook over a fire.
- Practice hitting a target. Have a go at archery, tin can alley and axe throwing.
- Learn some basic First Aid techniques and try these out on your team.
- Learn to work as a team and develop your problem-solving and leadership skills with some fun challenges and Command Tasks.



<b>Cost:</b>	£25
<b>Available Places:</b>	70
<b>Requirements:</b>	None
<b>Return:</b>	Normal School Hours

## Explore Cornwall

Spend a week exploring Cornwall and enjoying everything the county has to offer. Whether it is the history of Geevor mine, the landscapes of the Eden Project and Lanhydrock or the adrenaline fuelled adventure of Flambards and Adrenaline quarry, this week has it all



<b>Cost:</b>	£96
<b>Available Places:</b>	70
<b>Requirements:</b>	None
<b>Return:</b>	Normal School Hours

## Bring the Drama!

Day 1: Careers in the Arts. Learn about different performing arts jobs with industry professionals.

Write Your Own Play. Think about character and plot. Let your imagination run wild!

Days 2 & 3: Creative workshops with 'Told by an Idiot' Theatre Company. Be part of a performance in our very own Bell Theatre.

Day 4: Guided tour of Cornwall's spectacular open air Minack Theatre. Cliff-top walk and picnic on Porthcurno Beach.

Day 5: Theatre makeup workshop with a professional make up artist. Design your own character and paint your face.



<b>Cost:</b>	£47
<b>Available Places:</b>	70
<b>Requirements:</b>	None
<b>Return:</b>	Normal School Hours

## Animal Week

Calling all students who are interested in animals and animal care.

Animal week is an opportunity to get hands on with animals, learning how to care for them and finding out about careers and courses related to animals and animal care. If you love animals, want to learn more about them and want to visit Newquay Zoo, this is the week for you.



<b>Cost:</b>	£13
<b>Available Places:</b>	70
<b>Requirements:</b>	None
<b>Return:</b>	Normal School Hours

## Sports Academy

If you like sports, this is the perfect week.

Spend two days being coached by a team of professionals, take a trip to Home Park and explore a range of sports both familiar and new.



<b>Cost:</b>	£46
<b>Available Places:</b>	70
<b>Requirements:</b>	None
<b>Return:</b>	Normal School Hours

## Art & Games Design

A chance to roll your sleeves up and get arty for the week.

Whether you enjoy traditional or computer art, this is an opportunity for you to complete a week long project under the expert tuition of a group of art specialists. Get in touch with your creative side and produce something to be proud of



<b>Cost:</b>	Free
<b>Available Places:</b>	70
<b>Requirements:</b>	None
<b>Return:</b>	Normal School Hours

# Educational Visits: Terms & Conditions

## TO BE RETAINED BY PARENT/CARER

Terms and Conditions relating to educational visits and activities

### Consent Form

- 1.1 In order to comply with Health and Safety regulations, prior to participating in an educational visit or activity, all students must return a completed Consent Form signed by a parent/carer.
- 1.2 Students without a correctly signed Consent Form will not be allowed to participate in the visit or activity. Handwritten notes, letters or verbal consent will not be accepted.

### Expectations of Students

- 2.1 Students are expected to behave appropriately on school trips. The health and safety and enjoyment of the visit or activity by others is of paramount importance at Brannel School; inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.
- 2.2 Any student behaving in an inappropriate manner or putting others at risk whilst participating in a visit or activity shall be removed immediately. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher. Where necessary, this will be at the parent/carer's expense.
- 2.3 Any student behaving in an inappropriate manner or putting others at risk whilst at school prior to departure shall be removed from the visit or activity. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher. The parent/carer will be required to stand any loss of deposit or cancellation charges.
- 2.4 Students are required to ensure that appropriate clothing is worn for visits and activities e.g. good waterproofs and walking shoes are essential for field study visits. If unsure please consult with the group leader. School uniform should be worn unless otherwise stated.
- 2.5 In the interest of Health & Safety, students may use digital equipment such as iPods and similar during a school trip only at the Group Leader's discretion.

### Charges for educational visits and activities

#### Extra-Curricular visits and activities

- 3.1 Where a visit or activity is being provided as an extra-curricular activity (i.e. as an 'optional extra') the school will require parents/carers to pay for the full cost of their child's place.
- 3.2 The charge made in respect of individual students should not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of students participating.

#### Curricular visits and activities

- 3.3 It is school policy to request voluntary contributions where charges must be met by the school for curricular visits and activities (i.e. which take place during school hours as part of the National Curriculum, as part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for at the school, or as part of religious education).
- 3.4 Parents will be informed from the outset if the visit or activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions e.g. this might be to fund overnight accommodation for a residential stay.
- 3.5 The voluntary contribution requested in respect of individual students should not exceed the actual cost of providing the curricular activity, divided equally by the number of students participating.

#### ParentPay: online cashless payment

- 4.1 ParentPay is used for the financial administration of all visits and activities. ParentPay has helped to alleviate the risks associated with students bringing large amounts of cash into school. It has also increased levels of control for parents/carers by ensuring that they are able to view and track payments online.
- 4.2 All payments to the school are made through ParentPay.
- 4.3 If you have any queries regarding ParentPay or require support to activate your online account, please do not hesitate to contact the School Finance Office or email [finance@brannel.com](mailto:finance@brannel.com).

# Educational Visits: Terms & Conditions

## Deposits

- 5.1 Deposits collected for visits and activities are non-refundable in most cases.
- 5.2 If a student decides not to participate in a reserved visit, cancellation will only be accepted in writing from the parent/carer and the tour operators/booking agencies cancellation charges will apply. The school will attempt to fill cancelled places and endeavour to obtain refunds but this is not guaranteed.
- 5.3 It is noted that where deposits collected for visits and activities are done so according to the tour operator or booking agencies regulations, the terms and conditions of the Tour Operator or Agent will apply.

## Insurance

- 6.1 On trips organised by the school, all members of the school journey party are covered on an insurance policy negotiated by Cornwall Council on behalf of the school. This covers all students on all trips including those abroad.  
A detailed, full copy of the insurance cover is available for inspection in the school.
- 6.2 It is noted that some overseas trips may also be covered by the Tour Operator's own insurance. Full details will be available from the Group Leader organising the overseas trip.
- 6.3 Students are responsible for their own personal belongings; any losses must be reported to the police to enable a claim to be made through the insurance company.

## Cancellations and Withdrawals

- 7.1 In the event that a student cancels their participation in a visit or activity, where applicable any monies due to be refunded will normally be returned via the online ParentPay account to the parent/carer who made the payment. The amount of refund is dependent on how late the student is withdrawn from the activity, whether a replacement student can be found and what costs have already been met by the school which cannot be reclaimed.  
**Any withdrawals from activities after the 24th June 2024 will not be refunded and the parent/carer are still responsible for any outstanding monies that are owed.**
- 7.2 Where the trip has been organised through a tour operator or other external supplier, the cancellation charges which are described in the booking conditions and/or terms of the insurance will apply.
- 7.3 The school reserves the right to withdraw any student from a visit or activity if the student repeatedly displays poor standards of behaviour in school and it is considered that this behaviour would pose a risk on a visit or activity. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher. In such a circumstance the school will not refund any payments made by parents/carers.
- 7.4 **Where a visit or activity is not paid for in full by the 24th June 2024, the school reserves the right to withdraw the student from this visit or activity and will place the student onto free activities available within school.**

## Debt Management Policy

- 8.1 The school's Debt Management Policy can be viewed on the School Policies page of the school website ([www.brannel.com](http://www.brannel.com)).
- 8.2 Where debt is outstanding in relation to visits or activities, parents/carers are expected to settle the amount owed to the school by a single payment as soon as possible after receiving a formal overdue payment reminder. Repayment terms may be negotiated at the discretion of the Governors' Resources Committee and/or Headteacher.
- 8.3 In accordance with the school's Debt Management Policy, where parents/ carers are in receipt of a Third Formal Reminder of Overdue Payment of Debt from the Headteacher and where this debt remains outstanding, the student against whom the debt has been accrued - and any siblings at the school - will be allowed to participate **only** in free (i.e. non-chargeable) extra-curricular visits and activities until the debt is settled.
- 8.4 For further clarification, the student against whom the debt has been accrued - plus any member of this student's household - will therefore **not** be allowed to participate in any chargeable extra-curricular activities which include Brannel Challenge activities, summer term Challenge Week visits and activities, ongoing music instrumental tuition or any other chargeable extra-curricular visits, activities or events e.g. the Year 11 Prom.