

# Inspire



**Snapshots from Brannel School**

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# Welcome to Brannel School's Summer Term Newsletter



What an amazing academic year it has been! So much has happened through this exciting and demanding summer term that it is difficult to know where to begin.

From a successful Ofsted inspection to cultural events, outstanding sporting successes, a Summer Jamboree, the first Year 11 Prom in three years, Year 7 Camp and all the other Challenge Week activities, work experience, DofE expeditions and engaging transition activities to support students' transition to secondary school.

The Brannel community and drive to achieve has never been stronger. I am immensely proud of all that our students are, and all that they do. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our team of talented staff for all they do to nurture and cultivate the best in our young people – their hard work and dedication make all the difference.

Thank you to you too, for your valued partnership throughout this year. To the class of 2022, we say a fond farewell to you and your families, and hope that you will stay in touch and share your future successes with us.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing our students back and energised for another year of learning in September.

Mr C. Liles  
Headteacher



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# Excellence

*Pursuit of Academic Excellence*



## Year 7 Awards

### Year 7 Brannel Speaks Competition

As part of Brannel Challenge, Year 7 took part in the first Brannel Speaks Competition, an opportunity to learn public speaking skills. The whole year group were tasked with creating a speech and presenting it to their peers.

Mrs Carbis said: "The competition developed their public speaking skills, challenged them to step out of their comfort zone and gave them transferable skills that will be vital in the workplace. We look forward to building on our speaking success at Brannel. It is scary to stand up and so a big well done to all the students who challenged themselves!"



## ICT

### First School in Cornwall to Achieve CyberFirst Award

Brannel was recently awarded the Bronze CyberFirst Award to recognise the work being done to provide an excellent cyber security education.

Mr Makepeace, Head of ICT, now has plans for the school to achieve the Silver Award by 2023.









P.E.

## These Girls Can!

Our Year 8 Girls Football Team made it all the way to the Cornwall Schools' Final. This is an amazing achievement, given that the team was only formed this year.

Unfortunately the girls didn't win this year but we're confident that this team will only get stronger.

STEM

## Women Engineers of the Future

Recently, ten of our Year 8 girls attended the International Women in Engineering Day at Truro High School for Girls. The day included speaking with lots of engineering companies and taking part in a range of workshops with girls from schools across the county.

The girls represented Brannel very well and left the event feeling inspired.





## Cornwall Mining Games

Two Year 8 teams competed at the Cornish Mining Games at the King Edward Mine. The teams had the opportunity to take part in a series of different events including: panning, hand steeling, mineral separation, mucking and sawing. Both teams did fantastically well, finishing 2nd and 4th against other schools from around the county.







## RED GROUP

BRANNEL 1  
SIR JAMES SMITH  
CSIA 1

## YELLOW GROUP

REDLITH 2  
RICHARD L...  
HUMPHRY...

## MUCK

20  
15  
10

20  
15  
10

TOMMY JEANS



CORNWALL SCHOOL  
MINING GAMES

2ND



## Summer of Sport

Brannel School has had a fantastic summer of sport this year and it's been so good to be able to offer fixtures, trips and competitions again. This year the Cornwall School Games returned and we had teams representing the school in cricket, rounders, BMX, scootering and softball.









P.E.

## Brannel Show Jumping Team Success

Our school show jumping team came back with lots of rosettes from a recent competition and despite the rain, there were plenty of smiles.











## Careers

### Introducing Students to University Life

This term, the whole of Year 7 took a trip to Falmouth University to take part in subject taster sessions and a tour the campus.

It's important that we give students the opportunity to see what a university looks like and to learn about the subjects that are available to study in Cornwall.





## Year 7 Contour Models

Year 7 created contour models in Geography after learning about maps. Head of Geography, Mrs White, said "I was really impressed with the level of detail and creativity this year."







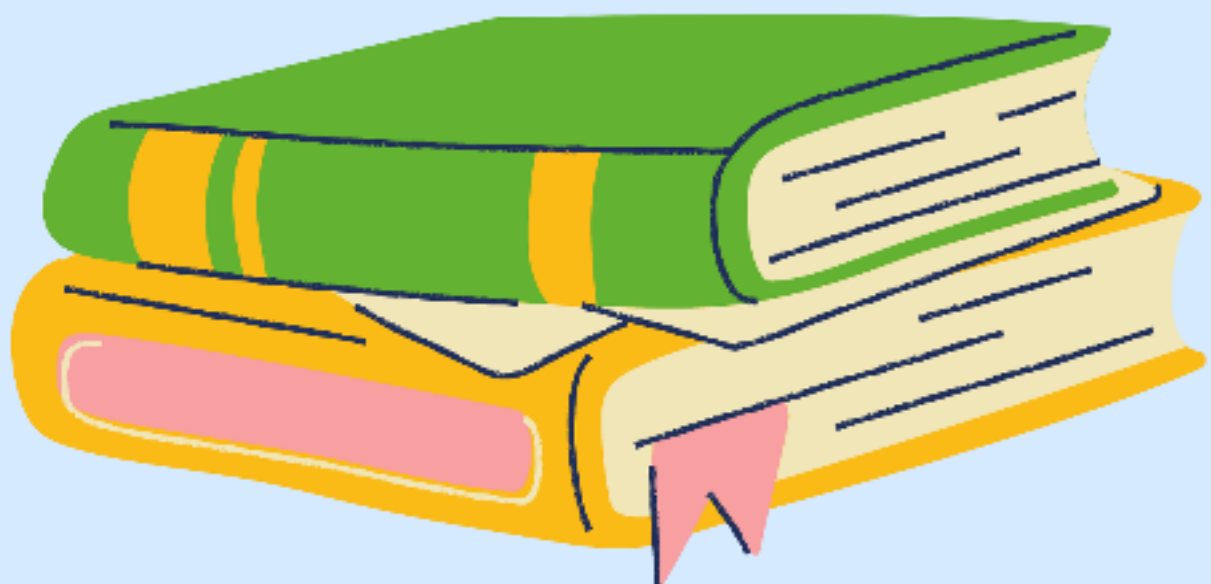


GOT LIBRARY BOOKS?

# Bring your library books back

**The more you return, the greater  
choice students have**

Drop off your books in the LRC







# Creativity

*Creative Problem Solving*





**Celebrating other cultures**

## **Year 8 Creative Commonwealth Project**

The cultures of Commonwealth countries were explored by Year 8 students during Brannel Challenge as part of a Creative Commonwealth project. Students chose to learn about the Commonwealth in preparation for the Commonwealth Games being held in Birmingham this summer.

Drama, Dance, Music, Art, Creative Writing and Cookery were showcased during a special presentation afternoon for parents, which was supported by Active Cornwall.

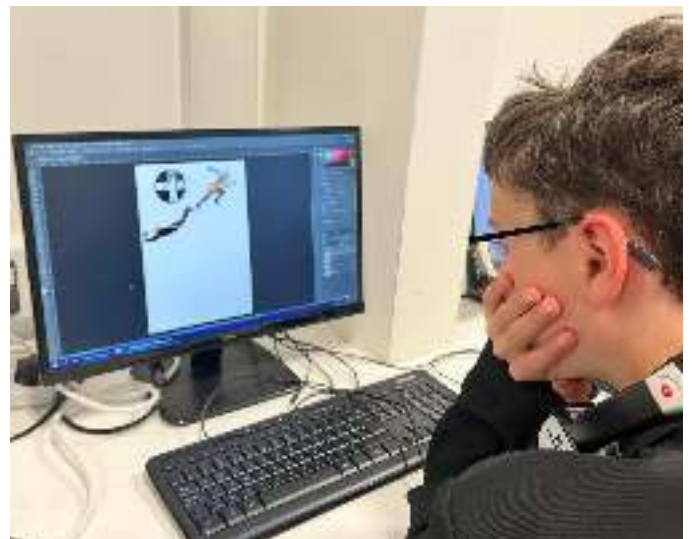






## Poetry Festival

Year 7 and 8 students performed brilliantly in the Lost Words Poetry festival alongside pupils from partner primary schools. Despite some nerves, they all rose to the challenge and presented their own poetry to an audience in the Bell Theatre. The festival took place over three evenings.



## iMedia

### Commonwealth Designs

Year 10 iMedia students were given the opportunity to design the torch and banners for this year's Cornwall School Games. Their work was showcased at the Cornwall School Games, held at Poltair School in June.



## Extra-curricular

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

During Brannel Challenge Week, students successfully completed their DofE expeditions. Students worked in small teams to navigate their walk before pitching their tents and cooking dinner for themselves.

"I feel that D of E has helped to build my confidence in talking to others more and working as a team." said Liam from Year 9.











BRANNEL SCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAMME

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Interested in  
joining us?**

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Contact Mrs Hocking  
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## WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Supporting students reading
- One-2-one reading
- Starting a book club

Training, support and travel  
expenses provided for all  
volunteers





# Community

*Serving Others*











## Year 11 Leavers

### Oh What a Night!

We had a wonderful evening at The Atlantic Hotel for this year's Leavers' Prom.

Students arrived in style in all manner of vehicles including a stretch limo and open-top bus. Everyone enjoyed a meal together before dancing throughout the evening.

We wish students every success in the next chapter of their journeys.













## Community Events

### Platinum Jubilee

Year 11 student, Matthew, had the honour of being bugler at the lighting of the beacon ceremony at St Stephen Beacon as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.





## Animal Care

### New Arrivals to the Eco Patch

Students have been welcoming new animals to the Eco Patch after saying goodbye to the pigs, who had outgrown their area.

A family of three Pygmy Goats have joined the menagerie. Students enjoyed watching new chicks hatch in May.



## LGBTQ+

### Students support LGBTQ+ Day

In June, students from the school's LGBTQ+ group attended a celebration day in Bodmin. The Intercom Trust organised the day for schools.







## Alumni

### Alumni Success

Iceney left Brannel School in 2019 and has just graduated from BodyWork Company in Cambridge. She recently played a leading role in the company's Starlight Express production and performed at Move It, the world's biggest dance event, held in London. Iceney has enjoyed her time in Cambridge and embraced every opportunity she's had. She's currently in the process of securing an agent for professional work after receiving interest already.



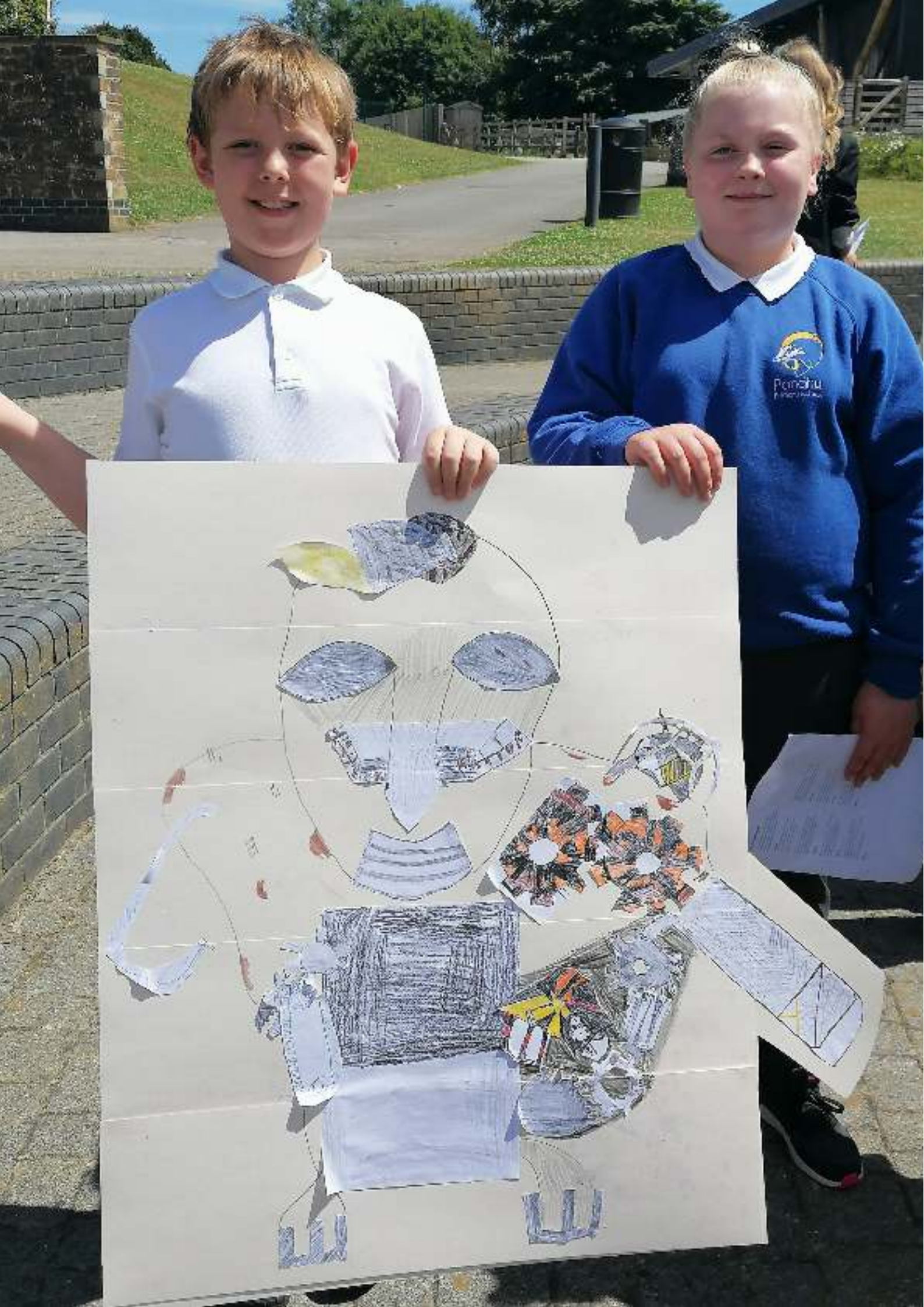
## Transition Day

### Summer Jamboree

Pupils from local primary schools took part in a creative transition day at Brannel, followed by performances for parents in the amphitheatre.









## Sailing

Thanks to funding from the Roseland Youth Sailing Trust, a group of students from Year 8 were given the opportunity to learn sailing and water sports at Polkerris Beach during Brannel Challenge.





# Year 7 Camp















# Challenge Week 2022



















Have a safe and enjoyable  
summer  
from everyone at  
Brannel School!