

# 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.

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 2023, 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*



## STEM

### Brannel Mining Silver!

A Team of Year 8 students came second in the Cornwall Schools' Mining Games. Students competed in a series of mining tasks throughout the day at The King Edward Mine Museum. This unique competition aims to inspire and encourage students to engage with engineering, especially mining.



## STEM

### Machines of the Future

Congratulations to Year 7 students who recently completed a CREST Challenge in Brannel Challenge.

The 'Machines of the Future' Challenge saw students work collaboratively to learn about machine learning and how it could be used in a home environment.

As part of the challenge, students used a CREST Discovery Passport to record and reflect on their work before creating a presentation with their findings.



## Brannel Challenge

### Magistrates Mock Trial Winners

Our team of students who entered the Cornwall Magistrates Mock Trial Competition were announced as the winning school earlier in the year and progressed to the regional competition. The team were given a new fictional criminal damage case and faced schools from across the South West. The students did incredibly well and showed determination and resilience throughout the competition.



**DID YOU  
KNOW...?**

**WE OFFER FREE  
BREAKFAST  
TO STUDENTS  
EVERY MORNING  
AT BRANNEL  
SCHOOL**

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## English

### English Revision Escape Room

Year 10 students have been revising A Christmas Carol ready for Year 11 and students were challenged to a multitude of Escape Room-style tasks. Their prize for completing the challenges was a cream tea, baked by Mrs Ireland!

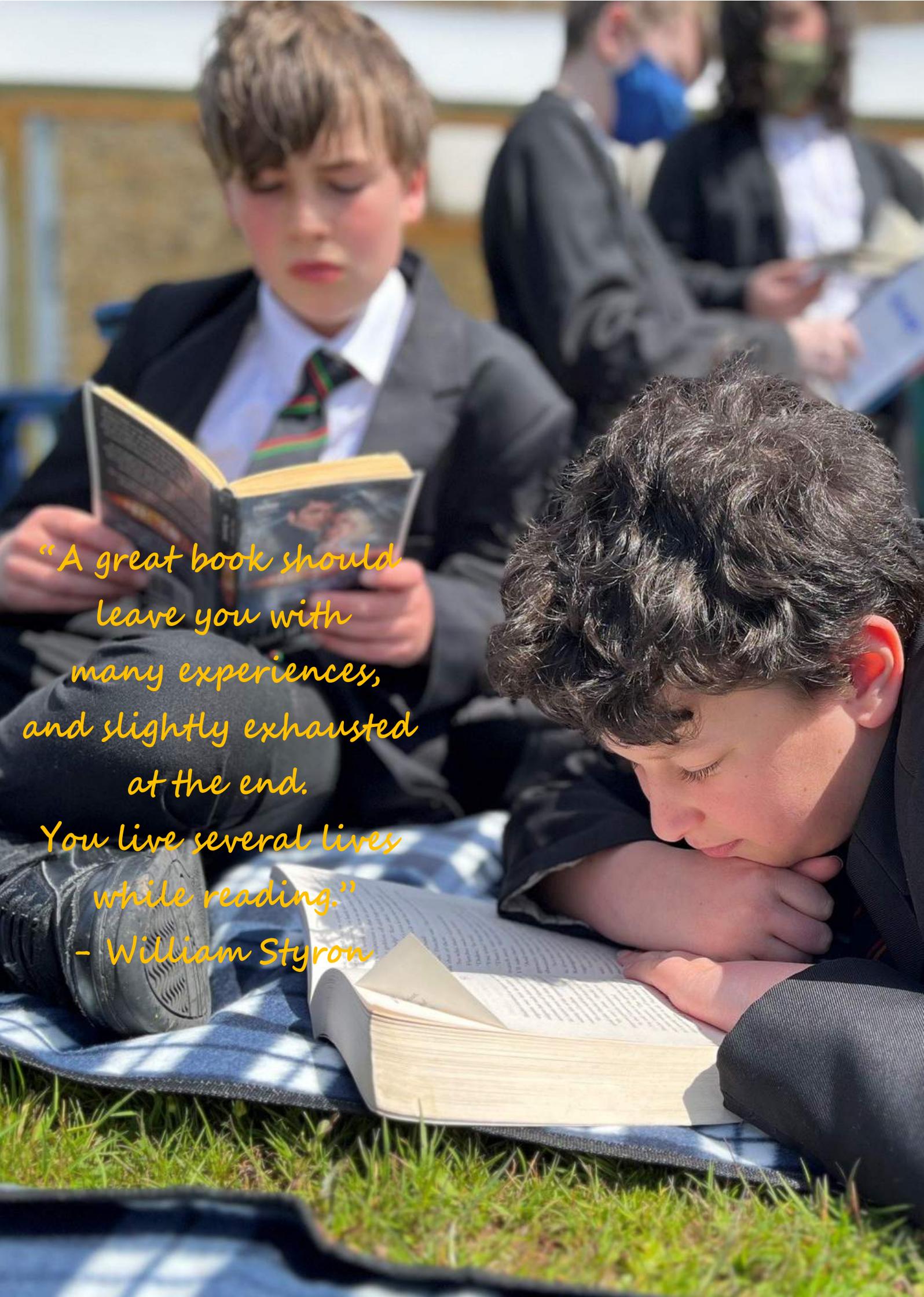


## Library

### The Library had a Booknic

This term, the library has been taken outside for a series of booknics (reading picnics). With better weather in May and June, the students went 'al fresco' during lunch times to read a book and play board games.





*"A great book should  
leave you with  
many experiences,  
and slightly exhausted  
at the end.*

*You live several lives  
while reading."  
- William Styron*

## Summer of Sport

Brannel School has had a fantastic summer of sport this year, with teams representing the school in cricket, rounders and athletics this term. There was also the highly anticipated staff v students kick about.





# Sports Day 2023



## Careers

### Introducing Students to College Life

This term, the whole of Year 10 took a trip to Cornwall College 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 college is like and to learn about the vocational subjects that are available to study in Cornwall.

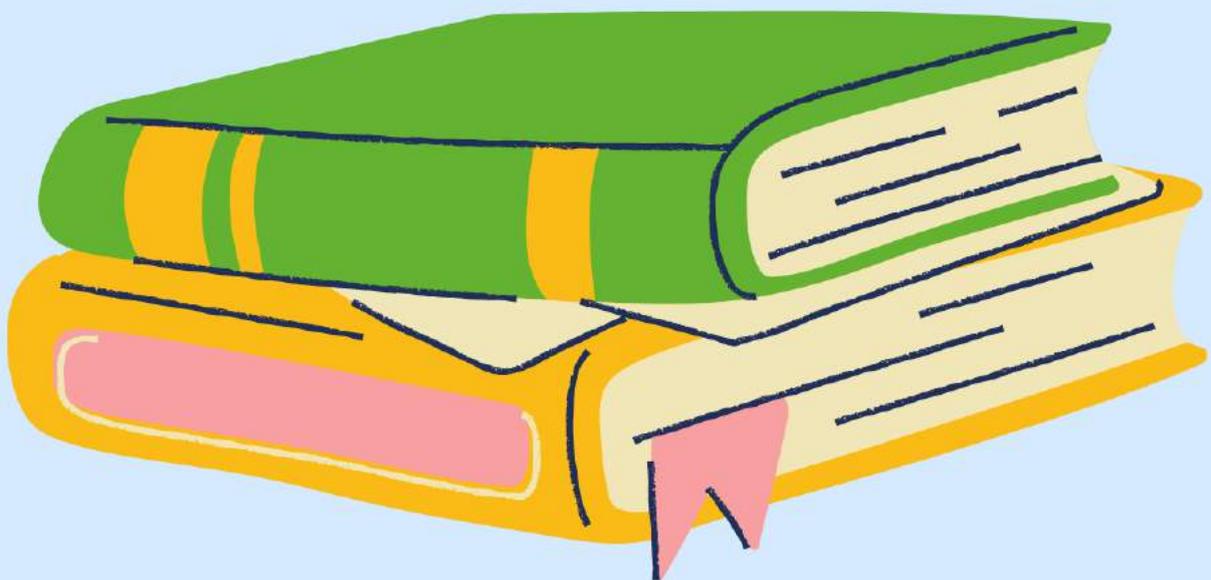


**GOT LIBRARY BOOKS?**

# 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*

## Computing

### Brannel Wins Girls Tech Competition

The TECgirls Green Future Jam at The Eden Project was an exciting and engaging experience for year 8 students. Across a number of workshops on the day, students learnt how technology, engineering and coding/apps specifically can be used to make the world a better place.

Brannel students looked at environmental-related issues raised by DEFRA where the gathering and sharing of data from the public could help create tools needed to make real-world positive change.

Part of the day involved designing an app to help solve a real-world problem and Brannel's concept was awarded 'Best Overall App and Design' by the judges.



**New term dates for 2023/24  
now available on the school website  
[brannel.com](http://brannel.com)**



# Community

*Serving Others*

Extra-curricular

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

During 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.

This year, students completed Bronze and Silver awards.







### Reading

## Reading Buddies visit local schools

Branel students have been visiting some of the local primary schools this term as part of a reading project. This is a great way for the primary pupils and Branel students to build confidence with reading.

### Community

## Branel students sail round Britain

Two students from Branel had the incredible opportunity to take part in the Aspire 360 Round Britain Challenge. The adventure took 49 days and 1758 nautical miles. Sam (Class of 2022) and Willow (Year 9) set off from Fowey with the Morvargh Sailing Project and visited 16 unique locations including sailing up the Thames into Central London, Belfast's Titanic Museum and the Caledonian Canal.



## 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 vintage motors and a lorry!

Everyone enjoyed a meal together before dancing throughout the evening.

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





# Prom 2023





## Music

### Open Mic Afternoon

Students were given the opportunity to perform to friends and family at an Open Mic Afternoon at the end of term.

Students performed solos and in bands with a fantastic turn out from families who came to support.



## Charity

### Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride



Mr Liles and Mr Delamere took part in the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride in May to help raise awareness and fundraise for men's mental health and prostate cancer research.

The pair were part of a motorcycle ride and raised £500 together.

# Year 7 Camp















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