

Message from Head of Year

Mr Bright
Head of Year 8



During the Spring Term we have been on a journey to a Better Brannel and Year 8 have responded and stepped up to the new systems put in place. Staff are looking forward to seeing you all for Progress Evening on April the 24th where we will be able to share the progress you have made from your latest assessments. Brannel students can win a Mountain Bike by earning raffle tickets for each week attending school without absence until the end of the Summer Term. Exciting opportunities coming up include going to Taunton to watch Somerset Cricket in The Big Bash and Bristol City verses Manchester City in the WPL, at Ashton Gate. For those that applied for the AspireScotland Sailing Expedition, preparations will start for team building and fund raising. The Summer Term also promises the usual schedule of fixtures, events, production auditions and the highly anticipated Challenge week.

What to look forward to?

At Brannel we believe in providing our students with exceptional opportunities to support their **wider development** and **experience new things**.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION AUDITIONS ON 1ST & 2ND MAY



MARY POPPINS

NEW



BRANNEL SCHOOL EXTRA

Summer Term Offer

Over 40 different clubs to choose from



THE RAMBUNCTIOUS FESTIVAL OF EPIC VERSE



3RD JULY

All students will read with their tutor in tutor time...



Sports Day

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8TH-12TH JULY

CHALLENGE WEEK





Summer term - Mon 15th Apr - Thur 25th July

Half term - Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May

Year 8 Progress Evening

Wednesday 24th April

What is my child learning about this term?

English	Next term, Year 8 will build on their knowledge of Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Era from Year 7 through the study of the tragedy 'Macbeth'. In the exploration of Shakespearean storytelling, they'll demystify the bard's language, bringing this beloved play to life in the classroom, ready for their Key Stage 4 reading of Romeo and Juliet.
Maths	Ratio and Proportion, Statistics and Charts, Angles.
Science	Year 8 will be exploring the biology topic of Bioenergetics. This involves plant biology, photosynthesis, and the different respiration types. This topic builds upon prior learning throughout the year and links to the Cells and Organisation topic that they completed in Year 7. The second half of the term students will explore the physics topic of Waves.
History	The experiences of enslaved people. Students will learn about the transatlantic trade of enslaved people from Africa to the Americas, their experience on plantations and how at every stage of enslavement, people found ways to resist and empower themselves against plantation owners. Civil Rights in America – Students will investigate the discrimination faced by black Americans following the abolition of slavery and how key events, such as the Brown vs. Topeka case and the Montgomery Bus Boycott, shaped American history in the 20th century.
Geography	In Geography you will be learning about Resources; what a resource is, where they are located and resources that can be found in Cornwall. In summer term 2 you will be looking at Rivers and you will be completing some Fieldwork on a local river.
French / Spanish	Social media and technology.
Computing	The summer term in year 8 is spent increasing their knowledge and understanding of programming. Using Scratch and Python pupils will program and refine variety of games and applications.
Drama	This term year eight will be exploring devising with a stimulus using episodic structure, naturalism and stylised acting.
Music	This term year eight will be exploring The Blues. They will be looking at 12 Bar Blues chord progressions, walking bass lines and improvisation on the keyboards.
PSHE	Students will be learning about digital resilience, online safety, disability awareness, consent, contraception, various types of relationships, Pride Month, aspirational goals, and ethical finance.
RE & World Views	We will be exploring religion in Cornwall and entering students in the Spirited Arts competition.
PE	Students will be looking at Cricket, Athletics, Tennis, Rounders and Softball with extracurricular clubs and fixtures for: Athletics, Cricket, Rounders and Softball.