

**BRANNEL SCHOOL**

EXCELLENCE | CREATIVITY | COMMUNITY



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## PROSPECTUS 2025/26

Engineering Excellence | Capturing Creativity | Creating Community





Tristan Muller-Forster  
Headteacher

## Welcome

It is with great pride that I get to welcome you to our school, a school that is part of a wider family of schools across Cornwall Education Learning Trust, benefiting from the expertise and support of colleagues and students to fulfil our mission, which is simply 'Exceptional Education Experience'.

We are an inclusive learning community in which everyone is valued where difference is celebrated. All young people have an unequivocal right to our curriculum as well as our personal development programme, taught by experts in their chosen field. Through our culture curriculum and our enrichment opportunities, we will challenge our young people to strive for the highest standards so that they can take these experiences through to the next steps in their young lives.

A 5-year journey with us means that young people will experience both challenges and opportunities that life brings with a culture of connection and care, being pushed to thrive academically, socially and emotionally. We offer progress routes across all key stages of learning to ensure that our young people are ready for their next steps, in whatever form that takes; apprenticeships, A levels, vocational qualifications, and future employment.

I hope but this prospectus shows you that through Creating Community, Capturing Creativity and Engineering Excellence we are the school of choice for your child and that you can trust us with the next steps in their education





# #BRANNELNATION

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# ENGINEERING **EXCELLENCE**



# Engineering Excellence

At our school, excellence is more than a measure of achievement – it's a mindset. We believe that every student has the potential to excel, and we are unwavering in our commitment to provide the challenge, support, and inspiration they need.

Our culture of high expectations touches every aspect of school life – from the classroom to the sports field, from the creative arts to community involvement. We set ambitious academic standards and empower students to take pride in their work, aim high, and believe in their ability to grow and improve.

## We engineer excellence through:

- **Outstanding teaching:** Our passionate, expert teachers deliver inclusive, dynamic lessons that stretch, support, and inspire every learner.
- **Personal development:** We nurture confidence, resilience, and leadership – helping students grow not just academically, but as thoughtful, responsible individuals.
- **Celebrating success:** We recognise and reward all forms of achievement – from academic progress and creative flair to acts of kindness, courage, and integrity.

We prepare our students for a future of opportunity by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and mindset to succeed. Excellence is not just an outcome – it's at the heart of who we are.



"The school is ambitious for its pupils. There is a shared vision for pupils to achieve highly and develop strength of character during their time at Brannel School."

Ofsted





# CAPTURING **CREATIVITY**



# Capturing Creativity

At Brannel School, we capture whenever we can, creativity. Creativity is at the heart of everything we do. Our school values inspire learners to think critically, embrace challenges, and approach problems with innovative, imaginative solutions.

Creativity is a mindset. Our lessons harness this mindset. We use appropriate technology to deepen understanding and empower students to design, create, and engage fully in a diverse and enriching curriculum. We champion a culture where mistakes are seen not as failures, but as vital opportunities for growth and learning.

Here, courage and curiosity go hand in hand — we encourage our students to take risks, explore new ideas fearlessly, and celebrate every step of their learning journey with pride, passion and creativity.

Students are empowered to express themselves fully and cultivate their talents. At Brannel School, creativity is central to our educational philosophy, nurturing confident, independent learners prepared to contribute meaningfully to society.



“Pupils have opportunities to broaden their horizons and raise their ambitions.”

**Ofsted**



EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE



# CREATING **COMMUNITY**





# Creating Community

Our community is at the heart of everything we do. We are proud to be a vibrant and inclusive community school, with a strong tradition of academic ambition, creative expression, and community spirit. We are committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared to thrive in a changing world.

Strong relationships between students, staff, families and the wider community create a shared sense of belonging and purpose. We work closely with all stakeholders to ensure that we can offer the best educational experiences possible as a collective. As well as working in partnership with community groups to increase opportunity.

## **Community at Brannel School means:**

- Student voice: we empower students to lead, listen and take initiative through school councils, peer mentoring and the Combined Cadet Force.
- Caring and compassion: we nurture a culture of respect, empathy and support, where every student is seen and heard.
- Pride in place: we celebrate Cornish identity and encourage students to contribute positively to the local community.
- Partnerships that matter: through collaborations with local organisations, charities and businesses, we create meaningful opportunities for students to give back and grow.

We work closely with local organisations, families, and cultural partners to ensure that our young people feel rooted in their community while developing the skills and values needed to become active and responsible citizens. Brannel School is more than a place of learning—it is a place at the heart of the community where students grow and feel a sense of belonging.





# ENRICHMENT & STUDENT EXPERIENCE



# Enrichment & Student Experience

At Brannel School, we are committed to the holistic development of every learner. We believe that education extends far beyond the classroom and that personal development and the enrichment of cultural capital are vital in preparing students to become well-rounded, confident, and aspirational young people. Our strategy centres on creating rich, varied, and inclusive experiences that develop character, resilience, and ambition, while also cultivating an appreciation of cultural diversity and opportunity.

The creative arts and physical and health education are a cornerstone of our personal development programme. Our curriculum ensures all students have access to high-quality experiences in music, drama, art, design and physical education. Students can regularly participate in school productions, exhibitions, and performances, fixtures and visits further afield developing not only their creative and physical skills but also self-confidence, collaboration, and discipline. We actively engage with local artists and cultural institutions and sports clubs to promote heritage, identity, and pride in the region's creative legacy and physical literacy. We host inter-house competitions and represent the region in county and national events, promoting a sense of community and achievement.

We believe that meaningful experiences beyond the classroom are crucial to widening students' horizons and enhancing their cultural capital. Our programme of trips and visits is designed to expose students to a breadth of experiences, including theatre productions, art galleries, museums, and historical sites. We make purposeful connections to the curriculum, ensuring students can contextualise their learning. International trips, such as cultural tours, also play a key role in developing global awareness, empathy, and independence.

An effective and embedded careers education programme underpins our personal development vision. From Year 7 onwards, learners engage with a structured programme that includes encounters with employers, workplace visits, and career-focused events. We work closely with local businesses, apprenticeship providers, FE and HE institutions to give students real insight into future pathways. Personal guidance interviews, skills workshops, and enterprise projects enable students to make informed, aspirational choices that align with their interests and strengths.

Our approach reflects both the unique context of Cornwall and our belief in the transformative power of education to change lives and communities for the better.



"Each student grew in confidence, resilience, and empathy. They found their voice, both in French and English, and carried themselves with maturity and pride as ambassadors for their school."

**Matt Barraud, Morvargh  
Sailing Project**



A young man with light brown hair and blue eyes is smiling at the camera. He is wearing a black beret with a gold-colored crest and a camouflage-patterned jacket. He is holding a black walkie-talkie to his mouth with his right hand. The background is a dense wall of green leaves and vines. The text 'COMBINED CADET FORCE' is overlaid on the right side of the image in white, with 'COMBINED' in a thin outline font and 'CADET FORCE' in a bold, solid font.

# COMBINED **CADET FORCE**



# Combined Cadet Force

At Brannel School, our values of engineering excellence, creating community and capturing creativity are woven through everything we do. They guide every lesson, every opportunity, and every expectation. We believe in high standards, strong support, and bold ambitions.

We are so proud to introduce our Combined Cadet Force (CCF): an impactful addition to school life and a living embodiment of our school ethos. The cadet motto “To Inspire to Achieve” encourages cadets to aim high and unlock their unique potential.

The CCF isn't about military recruitment. It's about leadership through service, resilience through challenge, and character through discipline. It's about real responsibility, personal growth, and friendships rooted in loyalty and a shared commitment to something bigger than ourselves. This is how we bring our values to life—by expanding horizons, breaking down barriers, and giving every student access to opportunities once reserved for the privileged few. Every young person deserves the opportunity to be the best they can be.

As part of the Department for Education's Cadet Expansion Programme, Brannel School is proud to be leading the way nationally in building an inclusive, values-led model for the cadet experience in UK state schools. We can't wait to see where this journey takes us, together.



“Few things are more powerful than seeing young people rise to a challenge not because of where they come from, but because of who they choose to be.”

**Elizabeth Fletcher,  
sergeant instructor**



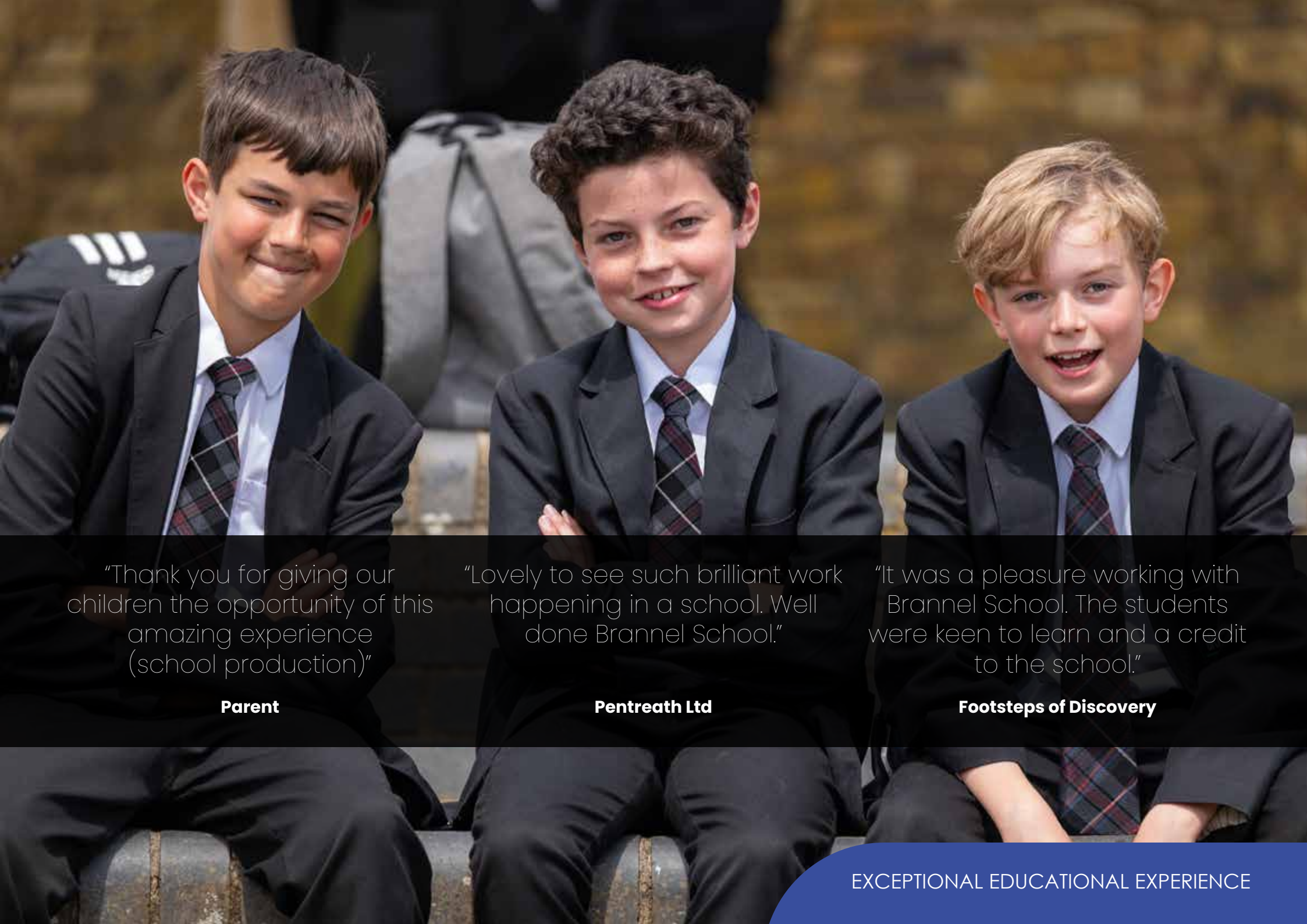
A photograph of two young women in school uniforms sitting on a grassy lawn. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The woman on the left is wearing a dark blazer, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. The woman on the right is wearing a dark blazer, a light blue shirt, and a patterned skirt. They are sitting in front of a large tree and some green foliage. The background is slightly blurred, showing more trees and a building in the distance.

# VISIT US

If you would like to visit us for a tour so that you can see our school in action, please contact our reception team on 01726 822 485 or at [info@brannel.celtrust.org](mailto:info@brannel.celtrust.org)

We would be delighted to welcome you to Brannel School





"Thank you for giving our children the opportunity of this amazing experience (school production)"

**Parent**

"Lovely to see such brilliant work happening in a school. Well done Brannel School."

**Pentreath Ltd**

"It was a pleasure working with Brannel School. The students were keen to learn and a credit to the school."

**Footsteps of Discovery**

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