



Spring 2023

Welcome from Principal Moon



Dear Parent/Carer,

As another term comes to an end it is good to reflect on what has happened here at Brayton Academy.

As you see in what follows our students and staff have been busy. The usual workings of a secondary school have taken place with Options Evening and Exam Preparation Event as well as the Geography Field Trip. It is a key time for our Year 11 students going into the final half term before their exams and we wish them well.

The work that our students do with external visitors is always beneficial but the work with RSC Associate programme and the Speakers Trust have gone to a higher level. Seeing our students perform 'The Merchant of Venice' at the Theatre Royal in York was inspiring.

The work that our science department does in promoting interest and progression into careers is brilliant to see.

I hope you enjoy reading some of what we have been up to this term. I hope you have a peaceful and restful Easter.

Yours faithfully,

Al Moon
Principal

Options Evening

On the 30th March we held our annual Options Evening for Years 9 & 10. The event is vital in supporting your child when making their GCSE subject choices. The evening consisted of a talk by the Principal Al Moon, followed by the opportunity to speak to subject specialists about what the GCSE courses comprise of.

This event was exceptionally well attended and we hope it helped students make these very important decisions for their upcoming GCSE's.

Exam Preparation Evening

In preparation for this summer's GCSE examinations we invited parents/carers along with their son/daughter to an examination evening on Thursday 23rd March 2023.

The evening is designed to provide both parents/carers and students with an overview of how examinations are conducted in the academy and further guidance and information of expectations, revision and support.

Mrs Walker, Deputy Head, and Mrs Singleton, Assistant Head, presented a presentation on how to support our students with their revision and key revision strategies. Subject specific packs containing revision resources were provided for all students.



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Geography Field Trip

On Thursday 9th March, sixty eight Year 11 Geography students headed off to Hornsea for the day to collect data for their GCSE fieldwork enquiry. Despite the rain, wind and cold weather when we arrived; the students enthusiastically walked down to the beach to measure pebbles, groynes and even throw oranges into the sea, all with the aim of investigating the rate of longshore drift. The second part of our enquiry involved asking questionnaires and conducting environmental and bi-polar surveys to and find out the impact of tourism on the local people in the town.

Unfortunately, the challenging weather conditions meant we had to leave earlier than planned but all the students were very well behaved and demonstrated true resilience in difficult circumstances collecting sufficient data to complete their enquiries.



Students who answered the most questions correct on Hegarty Maths

First name	Last name	Year
Harry	Tan	7
Layla	Ramskill	7
Nate	Mccafferty	7
Olli	Wheatley	8
Jayden	Huthart-Smith	8
Alfie	Woodfine	8
Charlie	Betteridge	9
Emilia	Davison-Mcmullen	9
Chloe	Rollinson	9
Sofia	Di Giorno	10
Isla	Capperauld	10
Grace	Gibson	10
Tilly	Tudgay	11
Maddie	Heselwood	11
Caitlyn	Davey	11

Applied Resilience

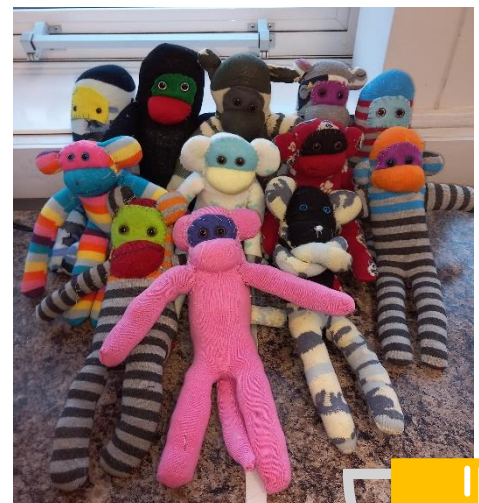
This term Applied Resilience, Computer Game Design, have been working with a new piece of animation software called Blender.

Year 8 and Year 9 have really taken to this piece of software, they used online tutorials to understand the program and showed real resilience when it came to creating their own pieces of work. We had students creating rockets, cars, Super Mario characters spinning doughnuts, moving solar systems and even a bedroom with light moving around the room to show the time of day.



This term Year 9 Applied Resilience pupils have worked really hard to master hand sewing and machine sewing.

They have looked at toy safety and produced these amazing Sock Monkeys. Well done Year 9!





Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 8th February the English department took ninety students from Key Stage Four to York Grand theatre to see An Inspector Calls.

Students in both year groups enjoyed seeing characters they have studied brought to life and we feel sure that this experience of live theatre will be of benefit to their GCSE studies. Behaviour in the theatre from our students was exemplary as always. It is always lovely to take students out on trips - for many this was the first time they had been taken to the theatre. Thank you to the staff who gave up an evening to escort the trip.



World Book Week

Brayton Academy recently celebrated Word Book Day with a week of fun filled activities.

Students in KS3 took part in a sponsored read and have raised £535 for hospital education services. We also hosted another very successful book swap, with hundreds of books being swapped between students. Students also showed us their favourite books in various mixed media.

Finally, the whole school joined together to share a story in a day. At the start of every lesson on Thursday students were treated to a section of a shared story, with the exciting denouement revealed in period 6.

Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Schools Performance

On Wednesday 29th March, twenty three Year 9 Pre-Option drama students performed 'The Merchant of Venice' at the York Theatre Royal as part of the Royal Shakespeare Associate Schools Programme.

The Merchant of Venice is told in six sections by six schools. Using choral and ensemble approaches to tell the story through multiple bodies and voices.

Students have worked incredibly hard to learn their parts and we would like to congratulate them on a fantastic performance. All students involved showed real talent and resilience. Well done!





University Technical College (UTC) Physics Careers Event

A number of Year 11 students planning to study A Level Physics were given the opportunity to visit University Technical College (UTC) in Leeds. Students enjoyed a talk delivered by an astrophysicist which has spurred them on to learn more about physics outside of the GCSE Specification and has solidified their decision to read Physics at college.

The behaviour of all students involved could not have been better and we believe this was a very beneficial trip for our students.

Science Week

This year's Science Week theme was 'Connections' and was celebrated at Brayton from the 20th to the 24th of March. We were lucky enough to be invited to participate in a Medical Careers program, allowing students to explore the world of health, medicine and technology.

Year 7 and 8 students explored heart sounds with stethoscopes, tested reflexes, and checked pupil reactivity. Year 9 students watched a documentary called 'The Human Guinea Pig Show', where a doctor used various scanning equipment on himself to show what the carotid artery and jugular veins look like, and an ECG to check for arrhythmias.

KS4 students explored a different medical career option every lesson, from Vascular Science to Radiography, Respiratory Physiology to Medical Engineering!

This event has sparked many new career conversations and inspired the next generation of Medical Scientists!

Speakers Trust Event

Forty eight Year 10 pupils took part in an intensive workshop with Speaker's Trust to refine and perfect their oracy and presentation skills and develop their confidence in speaking out in front of an audience. The speakers praised Brayton's pupils on their manners and resilience in the face of challenge, particularly those who were able to stand and present to their groups with minimal preparation.

However, the following pupils shone and were nominated by the host and their teachers to attend the Brayton Final on 26th April. The winner of this final will then go through to the semi-finals where they will compete for the chance to take part in the regional competition at the Leeds Carriageworks.

Our Year 10 finalists are:

- Guy Vickers
- Stevie Dolan
- William Taylor
- Charlie Jackson
- Melissa Sykes
- Olivia Eastwood

Mrs Bowe and Miss Cruddace will be in touch with finalists and parents to arrange the final.



Fixture Results

2nd March 2023

Year 7 Netball beat Selby High 13 points to 4. Players of the matches Molly Brooks and Molly Simpson.

Year 7 Rugby beat Selby High 40 points to 25.

14th March 2023

KS3 Girls Rugby

The rugby girls remain undefeated again this year in the Inspired by 9's Secondary School Festival.

Game 1: 24-0 win against Archbishops

Game 2: 40-8 win against Manor

Year 9 Netball

Match against read scores:

A team: won 24-21. Player of the match - Mia Donoghue

B team: lost 10-13. Player of the match - Olivia Charley

27th March 2023 - Rugby

Year 7 Team lost 30-15, however did extremely well and the score was 15-15 for a long while before we let in 3 late tries.

Year 8 Team lost 35-0

29th March 2023 - Cross Trust Netball Academy Tournament

1st = Brayton A

2nd = Rodillian A

3rd = Brayton B

4th = Brayton C

Player of matches:

Brayton A: Chantelle Hoto

Brayton B: Isabell Suaznabar

Brayton C: Abigail Cauley

Student achievements

Esme Keal has had several mentions in our newsletter before for her fantastic achievements in Trampolining. We are very excited to announce that Esme has now become British Schools Champion in Trampolining. She was a whole two marks clear of the athlete who came second, with her best scores ever. Well done Esme!

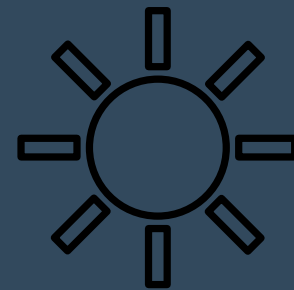
We would also like to congratulate Charlie Rawes. Charlie has had another amazing night boxing. With less than 24 hours' notice of the fight he took on a bout in Rotherham and won by unanimous decision. Fantastic achievement Charlie!

We love to hear about all our students' achievements outside of school and give students the acknowledgment they deserve. Please continue to email any achievements in to info@braytonacademy.org.uk or your child's Form Tutor.



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Key Stage 4 Holiday Intervention

There are a number of holiday intervention sessions running for the Year 10/11 GCSE cohort during the Easter Holidays. With only 4 school weeks after the Easter break until the external GCSE exams start, it is a fantastic opportunity to complete NEA controlled assessment and gain further support and tuition from teaching staff.

Please see below the timetable for our Key Stage 4 Easter intervention sessions.

Date of Intervention	Time of Intervention	Subject	Room	Additional Information
Monday 3 rd April	9am – 15.00pm	Food and Nutrition	DT8	Y10 and Y11 Classes
Monday 3 rd April	9am – 12.30pm	GCSE PE	GT3	Y10 and Y11 Classes
Monday 3 rd April	9am – 12.30pm	Computer Science	IT1	Y10 and Y11 Classes
Tuesday 4 th April	9am – 12.00pm	Geography	GG3	JGR classes only
Tuesday 4 th April	9am – 12.30pm	Music	IT3	Selected students only
Tuesday 4 th April	9am – 12.30pm	Design Technology – Materials	IT2	WPO and LAB classes Y10 and Y11 Classes
Wednesday 5 th April	9.30am – 12pm	Maths	M1 & M5	HCO & JRO Y11 Classes only
Thursday 13 th April	9.30am – 12pm	English	EN7 / EN1	JLO and JWH Y11 Classes only
Friday 14 th April	9.30am – 12.30pm	History	HI2	Y11 Class only

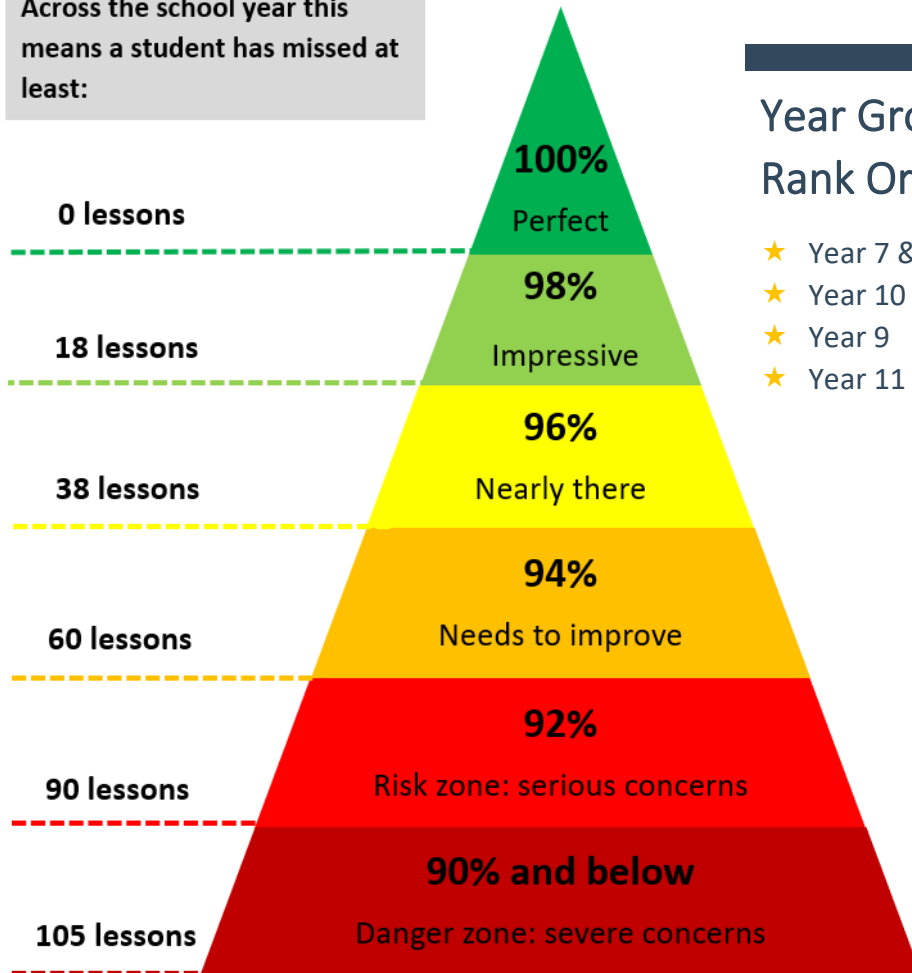


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Attendance matters

Across the school year this means a student has missed at least:



Attendance at school is a priority for us. We want to give all our student's the best start in life, and we know that education and support from school can help to do this.

All students should strive for 100% attendance. This should not drop below the school target of 98% for each academic year.

Attendance Easter Eggstravaganza

The students were very excited for the Easter Attendance Rewards. Every day that the students have been in school between the 24th March and the 30th March, they have been entered into a Prize Draw. There has been a winner from every form, from every year group for the 5-day window. As the days have progressed, the Easter Prizes have got bigger and better. All of the winners were very grateful to receive their prize courtesy of Mr Moon, which was very pleasing to see.

To report a child's absence please call 01757 293243 before 9:00am on the first and every day of absence. The absence is open from 7:00am.