

20th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families have had a lovely break and that you are refreshed for the Summer term, which may even bring some summer weather with it!

I hope that you have had a chance to read our new newsletter, which you will receive towards the end of every term, to ensure you have access to both information, but also to celebrate the fantastic work of our school community.

I wanted to point out part of my end of term message in this welcome back letter today;

We are committed to creating a school for our entire community that has a vision and set of values that represent our entire community. Next term we will start to capture the voice of all of us, to develop our school for our young people creating and cultivating our vision and our values for our school.

I really am looking forward to our listening campaign around the next steps in our vision and values for Brannel school.

As ever at the start of a new term, there are some new structures that we have been able to put in place following some internal and external reviews and feedback from students, parents and carers and staff, as well as some new names to learn and be aware of how these may affect our young people.

Mrs Abby Macdonald joins the school as Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead, and can be contacted via email: amacdonald@brannel.celtrust.org

Mrs Macdonald comes to us with high levels of experience in the inclusion and safeguarding world and comments:

"I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school. I bring with me a strong commitment to ensuring that every student feels safe, supported, and able to thrive both academically and personally.

I look forward to working collaboratively with you all."

We have reviewed and expanded our pastoral teams and support systems for all our young people and are now able to announce that we have five individual Heads of Year, as well as five Year Managers. This means that you as parents and carers know who to contact regarding your children's education and/or pastoral support in the first instance, for some there will be no change, however, for some there will be new staff members; please review the information below and take a note of their contact details.

Year 7

Head of Year – Mr Andy Harris – aharris@brannel.celtrust.org

Year Manager – Mrs Nadine Groom – ngroom@brannel.celtrust.org

Year 8

Head of Year – Miss Kayleigh Brown – kbrown@brannel.celtrust.org

Year Manager – Mrs Lilly Lenny – llenny@brannel.celtrust.org

Year 9

Head of Year – Mr James Webb – jwebb@brannel.celtrust.org

Year Manager – Ms Teela Doorey – tdoorey@brannel.celtrust.org

Year 10

Head of Year – Mrs Emily White – ewhite@brannel.celtrust.org

Year Manager – Mrs Beverley Simpson – bsimpson@brannel.celtrust.org

Year 11

Head of Year – Mrs Kerry Elford – kelford@brannel.celtrust.org

Year Manager – Miss Teresa Minear – tminear@brannel.celtrust.org

In addition to these staff, we are also updating our website to include teaching and non-teaching staff photos and contact details to enable you to contact members of staff in a far easier way.

I hope that this information is a positive step in how we are looking to support all young people, both inside and outside of the curriculum.

As ever if you have any questions and/or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school directly.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Muller-Forster
Headteacher