



THE BRAKENHALE SCHOOL

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The Brakenhale School
Sixth Form
Open Evening
November 2016





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Raising Standards

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Aim of the Sixth Form

To work with students and parents to ensure that our young people achieve not only academically but also develop the skills and attributes which are essential to success in later life.

It's all about you!

In two years time you will be applying to be doctors, film makers, sports scientists, architects, accountants, archaeologists!

We can help you to make it happen!



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Why choose The Brakenhale School

It's changing.....





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A new, very experienced leadership team, driving excellence.





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A new Sixth Form Centre





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**A new independent
study area**





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A staff focused on improving Post-16 performance, teaching smaller classes.





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No option blocks – yet!





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ACADEMIC RESULTS 2016





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Why choose The Brakenhale School

- The BTEC pass rate and retention rate are both very high indeed
- Value Added performance last year put the school in the top 5% of providers nationally



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BTEC Level 3

- 8/9 subjects in the top 25% for progress nationally
- Applied Science 100th percentile for progress
- Music, Sport, Dance and IT all top 10%
- Applied Law 9 out of 11 D*s
- Overall judgement in the top 5% of schools nationally for progress



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A Level

Bottom 10 % for progress in 2014,
and 2015

**Top 40% in 2016 - with 50% of
results from the previous year**



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AS Level

Top 40 % for progress too

English Literature in the top 1%!

Art and Photography in the top 10%

Drama in the top 10%



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Supporting the gifted and talented

Visits from KPMG, PWC and Engineering Construction

Trip to Birmingham in June

Russell Group and Oxbridge evening in early March

Applications provided and supported for Sutton Trust Summer School, Oxford University Summer School and Eton Summer School

Visit from Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

Interview practice

Entry onto the Royal Berks pre-UCAS course

Putting engineering and science candidates in touch with the Headstart taster week courses



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Supporting students who don't wish to go to university

- Employment talks through Year 12 sessions
- Adviza interviews in Year 12 and 13
- Work experience for all non-university students and BTEC students
- Trip to Apprenticeship Fair
- Links with apprenticeship providers



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Student Destinations 2016

- Kerry Pether University of Cardiff
- Shamini Mustoe Royal Holloway
- Hazel Lockyer University of Brighton
- Catherine Hall University of Reading
- Molly Ewens Wembley UFC (Football Association)
- Grace Key University of Chichester





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High Expectations

Attendance

Punctuality

Independence

Deadlines

And follow ups if you don't meet
them



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Enrichment for the future

- Community Service, for example, mentoring younger pupils in specific subjects.
- EPQ
- Contributing to the School Council
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver
- Joining the 6th form committee
- Participating in the foreign expeditions- Croatia
- Political debates with the local MP.
- Sports teams



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Sixth Form Leadership Team

- Ryan Lodder
- Laura Maryon
- Charley Camp





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Trevor Dale

Head of Sixth Form





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Applications



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SIXTH FORM APPLICATION 2017-18



| | | | |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| Name: | | Tutor: | |
| Phone: | | Email: | |
| Address | | | |

Please find below the subjects that we are offering at Brakenhale.

Please select a minimum of 4 subjects from the lists of A Levels and Vocational Courses below and indicate your preference 1 to 4. You can choose from both A Level and Vocations subjects.

For example, if you would like to do Art A Level, Dance BTEC, Media BTEC and Music BTEC, and your preference for them is Music, Art, Media, Dance, then put a number 1 in the box next to Music, 2 next to Art, 3 next to Media and 4 next to Dance.

A Level Subjects

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Art | Geography |
| Biology | History |
| Business Studies | Mathematics |
| Chemistry | Mathematics (Further) |
| Computing | Photography |
| Economics | Physical Education |
| English Language | Physics |
| English Literature | Product Design |
| French | Psychology |

Vocational Subjects

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Applied Law BTEC | Health & Social Care BTEC |
| Applied Science BTEC | Information Technology BTEC |
| Business Studies BTEC | Media BTEC |
| Criminology Diploma | Music BTEC |
| Dance BTEC | Sport BTEC |
| Drama BTEC | Travel & Tourism BTEC |

On the application form you need to select subjects and number them in order of preference.

We recommend that students indicate to a minimum of four preferences.

Once the application deadline of the 8th January 2016 is reached we will then arrange interviews to discuss the options chosen.



SIXTH FORM APPLICATION 2017-18

| | | | |
|---------|------------|--------|------------------|
| Name: | Joe Bloggs | Tutor: | 11K |
| Phone: | 0787564987 | Email: | jbloggs@gmail.uk |
| Address | | | |

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A Level Subjects

| | | | |
|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Art | | Geography |
| | Biology | | History |
| | Business Studies | | Mathematics |
| | Chemistry | | Mathematics (Further) |
| 5 | Computing | 2 | Photography |
| | Economics | | Physical Education |
| | English Language | | Physics |
| | English Literature | | Product Design |
| | French | | Psychology |

Vocational Subjects

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|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
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| | Applied Science BTEC | | Information Technology BTEC |
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| | Criminology Diploma | | Music BTEC |
| 3 | Dance BTEC | 4 | Sport BTEC |
| | Drama BTEC | | Travel & Tourism BTEC |



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BTEC Level 2

- **Business**
- **IT**
- **Media**
- **English**
- **Maths**
- **Work Experience**



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Curriculum

VOCATIONAL COURSES

- BTEC Applied Law
- BTEC Applied Science
- BTEC Business Studies
- Diploma in Criminology
- BTEC Dance
- BTEC Drama
- BTEC Health & Social Care
- BTEC Information Technology
- BTEC Media
- BTEC Music
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Travel & Tourism



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Curriculum

ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics (and Further Mathematics)
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Product Design
- Psychology



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Entry for L2

- Those students around a 3 or 4 for Maths and English
- D grades for GCSE subjects



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Entry for BTEC Level 3 courses

4A*-C (4+) at GCSE and at least Cs in the subjects you wish to do at Level 3

You will usually do 3 subjects if following this pathway

Perfect if you like the BTEC style of working and will be getting a 'C-ish' average at GCSE



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Entry for A Levels

5A*-Cs (5+) or equivalent at GCSE
but we are also requiring at least a
B (6) in the subjects you wish to
take

Further Mathematics is an 8 or 9
in Maths

Starting a course you will almost
certainly fail is not in your interest



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Key Message

Choose A-Levels if you are strong at exams, memorisation, extended writing etc.

A profile of A*-B grades will help you

Choose BTEC if you work better on coursework, are consistent throughout the year, perhaps find examination style work a problem

A profile of B-D grades will mean you are suited to this

You can go to university with BTEC Level 3



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Choosing your options – Future Plans

| Career | Necessary Subjects | Preferred Subjects | Other Information |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|
| Medicine (Doctors) | Chemistry, (and one other subject from the preferred list) | Mathematics, Physics, Biology | GCSE Grades are going to be important, Also students will need to take other entrance exams. |
| Law | None | History, English Literature, English Language | Students may be required to take entrance exams |
| Architecture | None | Art or Design Subjects, Mathematics | Clear evidence of their interest in Architecture |
| Accountancy | Mathematics | Economics | Employer funded programmes require BBB grades |
| Engineering | Maths and/or Physics | Further Mathematics, Science Subjects | |



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Complementary Subjects

| Science | Financial | Humanities | Creative Arts | Social Science | Performing Arts |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Chemistry | Maths | History | Art | Psychology | Dance |
| Physics | Further Maths | English Literature | Photography | Applied Law | Music |
| Maths | Economics | English Language | BTEC Media | Criminology | Drama |
| Biology | Business Studies | French | Product Design | | |
| Applied Science | Applied Law | Geography | | | |
| Geography | ICT | Travel & Tourism | | | |
| PE | | | | | |



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Simple Advice – to sum up

Don't be afraid to ask for advice at any point during the next year

If you have a certain career in mind ask for guidance regarding the right choices

Sixth form taster day after PPE exams

If you don't have a particular career in mind, don't panic, choose those subjects which interest you the most then look at subjects which work well with them

If you change your mind just tell us- it is common for students to consider other options

During the Summer term there will be Sixth Form Induction days for you to see what life is like in the Sixth Form



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This evening.....

Sixth Form Common Room, SRC, SF01 and SF02

A floor plan is pinned up in your packs

Ask questions from staff and students

SLT will be on hand to offer advice and guidance too

The deadline for application forms is January 9th after PPE (mock) exams and results day