

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 2nd November, 2017

Dear Year 9 Students

Welcome back after the half term; I hope you enjoyed your week off and you are ready for a busy and challenging seven weeks ahead!

Assemblies this week:

Ms Coley and Mr Hicks both delivered important messages this week with the underlying theme of "Don't Judge a Book by it's Cover." It is very easy to judge people and say things about people because of gossip you've heard from others or because of the way they look. When this happens you need to stop for a second and think: 'Is what I'm going to say going to be hurtful to that person? Does that person have things going on in their life that I don't know about? Would I like these things to be said about me?' It is a much more satisfying feeling to be nice to somebody than to make a mean comment!

Parental Workshop:

A quick note for your parents - there is a workshop offering parental guidance on the dangers of phones, filters and the digital world at The Kerith Centre in Bracknell next Tuesday 7th November. More details can be found on thepgworkshop.com.

Hot Chocolate at Lunchtime – Charity Event!

On Thursday of this week, tutor group 9R hosted an event at lunchtime which saw them make over 150 cups of hot chocolate and sell them alongside some biscuits. This was a very successful event and they managed to raise £115.25! This will all go towards the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal as each shoe box requires £5 for the charity's admin costs to ship the boxes. Thanks to all of Year 9 as a huge number of you made a great effort at queuing up to donate towards this great cause.



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High Expectations and Challenge for All

Christmas Shoeboxes for Children in Developing Countries:

Next Wednesday after school we will wrap up our empty shoeboxes and anybody who has brought any small gifts in will be able to come along and add them to the boxes. A big thank you to the year 9s who have already brought in some small gifts and anybody else who has any at home or would like to buy one over the weekend can bring them into your tutors or to me at the beginning of next week, then join us in C24 on Wednesday at 3.05!

Christmas Market:

The Brakenhale Christmas Market will take place on Thursday November 30th from 7pm to 9pm. This is a lovely way to begin the festive season and it also supports local trade. If your parents or anybody you know is interested in having a stall please contact the school!



Girl's rugby:

This started yesterday after school - if you did not go this week but are interested in joining bring your gear in next Thursday and meet in the PE office at 3.05!

Girl's netball:

Well done to the Year 9 netball team who are training hard at the moment for their matches!



Attendance:

Attendance for Year 9 for the first half term was 94.8%. This is very close to the 95% mark which is brilliant and with a great attendance this week after half term we will soon be able to push this up and over where we need it to be!

Exam week:

Last but definitely not least - don't forget you now have only two full weeks before your Year 9 exams, beginning on Monday 20th November!

Have a brilliant weekend.

Best wishes

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KEY EVENTS – w/c 6th November

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning Weekly Quiz	
Tuesday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning IT Rooms	
Wednesday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning Main Hall Assembly	
Thursday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning News of the World	
Friday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning Sports Hall Assembly	

Lunch-time and Period 6 detentions

Lunch-time detentions for lateness and uniform in G01
Period 6 HOY office with Mr Hicks and Miss O'Brien from after school till 3:30pm

If you do not attend your lunch time detention, there will be a message sent out via schoolcomms to your parents and you will be expected to be in period 6 the following day.

Key Dates:

Date	Event
20 th - 23 rd November	Year 9 Exams
15 th December	Last day of Term
22 nd February	Year 9 Parents Evening

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