

Brakenhale School

Year 7 News



Friday 26th January 2018

Dear Year 7 Students

Last week, the quote of the week was "Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person." The quotes this year have been reminding us that we are all different, and when we try our best, work hard, we can make positive things happen. Mr Hartley talked at his assembly about the high expectations of the school. This coming week and next week, the senior leadership team are focusing on high standards of expectations in the classroom and around school. Can we be helpful to others? Say, "Good morning", "Thank you for helping me to learn how to ... in your lesson." Can we hold the door? Say, "Thank you" to the person holding the door. As Mr Hartley explained, these good manners are the life skills which will enable us to do well in any workplace. You would be surprised how much it means to teachers and assisting staff when their help is acknowledged. When we share positive thoughts by voicing them, it changes the world for someone else.

We have had a busy week of visitors in our assemblies. The police gave us an informative talk on Thursday on "safeguarding", staying safe when we are out of school and not in our homes. They expanded on the "Stranger Danger" and explained how it is so important to be wary of new young people who try to become our friends, by trying to join in our footie games, buying us drinks on hot days. It could be summarized into two messages. One, if your head has an alarm bell ringing, tell an adult. Alarm bells should ring if strangers, new friends ask you to deliver items for cash. Two, these people are liars, the police reminded us that anyone of secondary school age (over age 10) can be prosecuted in a criminal court.

On Friday, the University of Reading visited us, to inform us through an entertaining quiz, about university, degrees and student life, including different sports activities. We were all surprised to hear that there is a Quidditch team at the Reading campus.

Well done to 7R who won the attendance award last week. Mrs Harbour was delighted to be able to share a box of chocolates with them. Who will win this week? Ensure you are in everyday, then your tutor group could win. If you need to have a medical appointment, ask is it possible to have an appointment after school? Or during the school holidays?

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Regards

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Please share with us your views on what you like about the school and what we can do to improve by clicking on the links below:



Fab & Drab

[Fab](#)

[Drab](#)

Please let us have your nominations for any members of staff who have exceeded your expectations this week:



**Staff Member
of the Week**

[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Paper copies of nominations can be dropped into the boxes in main reception

KEY EVENTS – w/c 29th January

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	B11 - B B12 - R B13 - A B14 - K B15 - E B16 - N B17 - H PiXL Edge focus!	
Tuesday	Sports Hall assembly	Clubs: Homework club in the LRC Hockey – all years - LWI Handball – all years - JBO Netball – all years - LRU
Wednesday	Literacy	Clubs: Table Tennis – All Years – WYE Girls Football – All years - CMY
Thursday	Tutor Current Affairs	Clubs: U12 Football – RBE Trampolining – all years – LWI Badminton – all years - LRU
Friday	Main hall assembly	

Future Dates

Saturday 27 th January	All Day Rehearsal Whole School Show (School of Rock production)
Saturday 3 rd February	All Day Rehearsal Whole School Show (School of Rock production)
Monday 5 th February	Week of House assemblies in main hall
Tuesday 6 th February	All day technical rehearsal, Whole School Show
Wednesday 7 th February	Primary School Performance School Of Rock 9.30 – 11.30
Wednesday 7 th February	Whole School Show 6-8pm
Thursday 8 th February	Whole School Show 6-8pm

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