

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 26th January 2018

Dear Year 9 Students

We are slowly creeping closer to the big decision of your options choices. On Wednesday of this week (during your PSHE lesson period), you attended an Options Assembly in the Main Hall. The Head of Department of various subjects gave short presentations about what you will be learning in GCSE and this will give you a great opportunity to begin thinking about which subjects you would like to continue in over the next two and half years or maybe even into A Level and beyond. Soon you will be given a pathway - green, blue, purple or yellow and these will determine the subjects you can choose from. Mr Gibson will provide more information in his speeches in the Options evening on February 1st which also has the opportunity for your parents to attend. These speeches will be at 6pm and 7pm, which will provide an opportunity for everybody who would like to attend to hear them. As well as this, there will be time to talk to your tutors, teachers, Mr Hicks and myself or indeed Mr Gibson about any worries/concerns before you must make your final decision in a number of weeks' time.

Uniform:

Overall uniform is well presented across the year group. Two things we do need to reiterate is acrylic nails and fake eyelashes are not allowed so we advise you not to pay money for them, as they will have to be removed in line with school rules. In addition to this, trainers are not allowed to be worn on school site and a sanction will be issued if you are found to be wearing them.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones must be kept switched off in your bags until you off school site in the evenings - if you are caught with one it will not be removed from you but your name will be taken down and you will be logged. If this happens three times, it means that your parents will have to come in to collect the phone from reception.

School Show:

Good luck to all the year 9's taking part in the whole school show 'School of Rock' on 7th and 8th February, we know you are all rehearsing loads at the moment and we are looking forward to your performances! Pictures to follow after these dates in the Year 9 newsletter.

Year 9 Parents Evening:

This is happening on Thursday 22nd February at 4pm. The system for making appointments has changed this year so you will no longer approach your teachers for appointments instead there is an online system in which your parents will book available spaces with your subject teachers. This is a great opportunity to find out what you have been achieving academically and again allows you and your parents a much greater insight into those subjects you are considering as your GCSE options.

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High Expectations and Challenge for All

Well done:

The following Year 9 students were nominated for Ms Coley's 'Student of the Week', which is published each week in the whole school weekly bulletin. Despite the fact, they did not become the final nomination; their teachers have recognised their academic achievements.

Sean Turner - A huge improvement in attitude towards school and lessons, he is a current superstar in Maths, has the ability to make everyone laugh and is very highly praised by his Maths teacher for becoming a brilliant learner


Kirsty Ruff - producing an immaculate piece of descriptive writing about life as a Victorian child. It was heart-wrenching!

Emma Warner - for her participation in South Hill Parks professional Panto with several performances over December and Christmas

Attendance:

We have just fallen below the 95% mark at the moment with our Year 9 attendance currently on 94.5%. We will easily rectify this however as long as everybody continues to attend school as much as possible! Remember if you can achieve 100% attendance this half term your name will be entered into a draw for cinema tickets. Hope you all enjoy your weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes



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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

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		Tutor	Notices
Monday		Uniform Check Tools for Learning Reading Time	
Tuesday		Uniform Check Tools for Learning Reading Time	
Wednesday		Uniform Check Tools for Learning Main Hall Assembly	
Thursday		Uniform Check Tools for Learning Reading Time	
Friday		Uniform Check Tools for Learning Sports Hall Assembly	

Lunch-time and Period 6 detentions

Lunch-time detentions for lateness and uniform in G01

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

Period 6 HOY office with Mr Hicks and Miss O'Brien from after school till 3:30pm

Key Dates:

Date	
1 st February	Year 9 Options Evening
7 th /8 th February	Whole School Show
9 th February	School finishes at 3.05 for half term
22 nd February	Year 9 Parents Evening

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