

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 9th February 2018

Dear Year 9 Students

Well done, another half term has been completed successfully. It is now the half way point of Year 9 and the time is creeping closer to the GCSEs. For those of you still contemplating upon which subjects to choose for next year, take the opportunity of the week off to really give it some serious thought. Remember your final options form is due on 3rd March. In the first week back after the break you will be asked by your teachers to take your books home for your parents to have a look at. If you do this in the first part of the week, your parents can then have a discussion about your work on parents evening if they wish. Parents evening will be on the Thursday of that week (22nd February) from 4pm to 7pm. There is an online system this year which allows your parents to make short appointments with your teachers at a time that suits them. Last year our year group had an excellent attendance at the Year 8 parents evening and we are looking forward to seeing you all again this year.

A big well done to the Year 9 who took part in the 'School of Rock' school show this week - performing in front of primary school children, parents and their friends. The show was a huge success but that wouldn't have been possible if it hadn't been for the long hours of practice and preparation which was put in by everybody involved.

Yesterday, thirteen Year 9 students went to a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day at Minley Army Barracks to celebrate the Year of Engineering.



"We learnt what armies do in real life. Overall, we all loved the day and found it interesting and fun. Personally I found it inspiring and I now want to study GCSE Engineering." Rachel Sullivan 9B

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.3% - just under the 95% mark. Ensure you use half term to rest up and prepare yourself to be in school every day for the next half term. As well as this if you are missing any equipment this needs to be replenished during your week off as there will be a formal equipment check with sanctions in the first week back... *Pen *Pencil *Ruler *Sharpener *Rubber *Highlighter *Protractor *Calculator *Colours *Planner *Reading book (borrowed or your own)

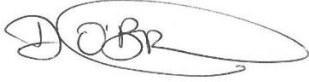
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High Expectations and Challenge for All

A reminder that Duke of Edinburgh's Award letters were emailed home and the deadline to submit the enrolment form and pay the deposit is Monday 19th February. Thank you to all those who have done this already.

Hope you all have a lovely break!

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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High Expectations and Challenge for All

		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
 Period 6 HOY office with Mr Hicks and Miss O'Brien from after school till 3:30pm
 If students do not attend their lunch time detention, there will be a message sent out via schoolcomms to you and your child will be expected to be in period 6 the following day.

Key Dates:

Date	
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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