

Brakenhale School

Year 7 News



Friday 23rd February

Dear Year 7 Students

This week we had our Chair of Governors, Karen Roche, visit us in Assembly to share with us the plans for the new building. We noted that the shape is 'C' shaped and that the classrooms are green coloured in the plan. She shared that "you deserve better", as the government do not permit any of the building fund of £18 million to be spent on fittings or furniture. Karen Roche has tasked us all to remind our parents to read the parent school communications this weekend. Ms Coley informed us that the building work commences on 5th March and there will be more information about access to the outdoor space and classroom changes in forth coming assemblies and newsletters.

The motto of the week has been, "If you don't give anything, don't expect anything. Success is not coming to you, you must come to it," by Marva Collins who was an American Educator. Ms Coley said, "If we want to achieve, we have to work hard for it." Take a look at the winter Olympics and consider how long those athletes have trained, practicing again and again their moves, routines, training programs to achieve their best result. Even if they don't win a medal, if they achieve their personal best, season's best or a new national record, these athletes are delighted to be representing their nation. We are #teamBrakenhale, so treat others as you would like to be treated, be kind, be prepared to share.

Due to the extreme cold weather forecast for this coming week, please wear a plain black coat, available from Primark, Sainsbury's or Tesco's and wear a hat, scarf and gloves. There are coats in school uniform shop, and they can be borrowed for the day from the HOY office. Break and lunchtime, students are invited to stay warm and be in the main hall (not in the geography block) with year 8 students.

This week we had PSHE on the topic of bullying. Each tutor has reported that all of you participated in a thoughtful and caring way to one another. It was great that some of you were able to share strategies that you learnt and found helpful in the past. We look forward to seeing your Anti-bullying posters being completed and going up in your tutor rooms. Remember that we also have PSHE on Thursday, P1, next week.

Attendance is improving since half-term. It is great to see you when you all come in looking smart. Remember we are giving special smiles to those who need encouragement to make it in on time. As always have a great weekend. Remember to complete any homework and replenish your tools for learning ready for Monday morning.

Regards

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



**Staff Member
of the Week**

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

KEY EVENTS – w/c 26th February

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Tutor in the IT Rooms B11 - B B12 - R B13 - A B14 - K B15 - E B16 - N B17 - H Focus - Pixledge	
Tuesday	Tutor Anti-bullying poster work	Clubs: Homework club in the LRC Hockey – all years - LWI Handball – all years - JBO Netball – all years - LRU
Wednesday	Tutor Literacy Normal Lessons periods 1 - 4 PSHE – period 5	Clubs: Table Tennis – All Years – WYE Girls Football – All years - CMY
Thursday	Tutor - Current Affairs PSHE – period 1 Normal Lessons periods 2-5	Clubs: U12 Football – RBE Trampoline – all years – LWI Badminton – all years - LRU
Friday	Sports Hall – Year 7 Assembly with a member of SLT	Clubs: Dance Club

Future Dates

Thursday 1 st March	PSHE period 1
Thursday 1 st March	Maths Challenge for invited year 7 and year 8 pupils in the main hall, P3
Monday 5 th March	year 7 book look week
Thursday 8 th March	Year 7 Parents' evening
Thursday 15 th March	KS3 year 7 Interhouse competition
Wednesday 28 th March	Year 7 disco, 7-9pm
Friday 6 th – Sunday 8 th July	PGL Trip to the Isle of Wight