

Brakenhale School

Year 10 News



Friday 2nd March 2018

Dear Year 10 Students

I hope this letter finds you all in good form. Unfortunately Ms Coley and her JCB were not able to keep to the school from closing. The decision was made with the safety of you and the staff in mind. I hope you are enjoying the snow, sensibly, as I know this is the first time snow has happened since you were tinier versions of the students I know today. Life must continue though and we, as your educators have a responsibility to you. With that in mind, as I am sure you are all aware, your teachers have set lots of work for you to do on SMH. This is also the perfect opportunity for you to catch up on missed homework and complete coursework so your deadlines are met. Keep yourselves moving forward.

Ms. Coley's quote of the week is:

"Sometimes the strength within you is not a fiery flame that all can see, it is just a tiny spark that whispers softly, "you got this", "keep going"" – Any Lengths.

This is such a powerful message and really describes the strength that people can have within themselves. Throughout your life you will face challenges. The people who succeed mightn't necessarily be the brightest, naturally gifted or athletic. They are the people who have belief in what they can do rather than focussing on what they cannot do. All of the staff at Brakenhale believe that you can offer something positive to the school and in your daily lives. Be confident and show us this confidence. You don't have to strut around the school like a God to show us you are confident. You can do this by excelling at a piece of homework, sharing an interesting point of view in lessons, or putting yourself out there and doing something like DofE or doing a school show. The most important part of all of this is to listen to the voices (yours and other peoples) that says you are awesome when you do something awesome. There is no shame in praise, enjoy it you've earned it.

January and February have made us take a massive hit on attendance. We are currently at 93.5% which is the lowest in the school and also 1.5% below national standards. We need to make sure that we are getting to school on time and if you are not feeling well, soldiering on. We need a massive push before Easter to improve this.

Looking forward to next week, the weather is set to be a lot calmer. Please be mindful that is still going to be cold and to make sure you are wearing a black coat and you have suitable clothing for PE. The sports hall will be available at break and lunch time for you to go in rather than being outside. Please respect this space – it is a working classroom and will need to be kept clean and tidy everyday. As ever we will continue to check uniform, make-up, earrings and tools for learning. Please ensure make-up is not visible – a natural look always works. Earrings should be a plain silver or gold stud – 1 in each ear lobe only. All tools for learning should be fully replenished for you to get the most from your lessons.

Have a great weekend, complete your homework and ensure all tools for learning are in check!

Kind regards

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High Expectations and Challenge for All

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](#)

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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 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 19 th March	11.25am Btec Engineering exam in B11 + B12
Wednesday 21 st March	9.00am RS exam Philosophy – Sports Hall
Thursday 22 nd March	9.00am RS exam Christianity – Sports Hall
Friday 23 rd March	9.00 RS exam Islam – Sports Hall
Tuesday 27 th March	Btec Business exam in B11 (time TBC)

Week commencing – 5th March 2018

	8am club	Tutor	Notices	Lunchtime	After school clubs and fixtures
Monday	Boxing LRC open for homework	House quiz		Keyboard Club – C01	Homework club – LRC Spanish support – C03 French support – C05 EAL homework support club – Connexions room
Tuesday	Boxing LRC open for homework	Sports hall assembly		Identity group -T01 Pops Choir – C01	Homework club - LRC Homework club – LRC Hockey Club Netball Club U15 Football Club Free Fall girls dance company
Wednesday	Boxing LRC open for homework	Window to the world	REMEMBER YOUR PE KIT!	Guitar & Ukulele group LS1	Homework club - LRC Table Tennis Club Girls Football Club STEM club – Miss Metcalf
Thursday	Boxing LRC open for homework	News round up	p.1 PSHE (tutor rooms)	Esteem - mental health drop in RS1 Handball Tournament	Homework club - LRC Trampoline Club Badminton Club Art club – A02 EAL Young interpreters club – Connexions room Terranova boys dance company
Friday	Boxing LRC open for homework	ICT rooms -Homework - Pixl Lit		Band practice LS1	