

Brakenhale School

Year 7 News



Friday 25th May 2018

Dear Year 7 Students

We're writing this just before the half term summer break and we are reflecting on all those students who have followed the non-negotiables, earned lots of house points, progressed their learning and had a great half term of acquiring new skills. Congratulations to those who have received tutor certificates and Head of Year certificates. We were inspired in our house assemblies and thrilled by the excitement of the raffle for wearing your house badge. Those students who achieved more than 200 house points since the beginning of this term; Ellie Y of 7H, 255 points; Rebecca W of 7R, 247 points; Victoria T of 7N, 214 points, Daisy B of 7R, 209; Callum-James D of 7E, 204; Madison R of 7E, 203 points.

Good work was shown by the students of 7N and Mr Thomas who won the best tutor attendance on 98%. With the last new half term starting, who is going to get the most house points for their house? Who is going to get 100% attendance? Who will win big prizes at the end of the summer term, celebrating the end of the school year. This half term you can try your best every day and be a winner. Consider the last quote of the week.

"It always seems impossible until it is done."

When we are faced with something new to do or learn it can seem impossible. Then when we listen, learn a new skill by practising, suddenly it becomes easier and even automatic. Think back to any new sport, like riding a bike, swimming, scoring your first goal in a football match. It seemed impossible, but after trying, showing perseverance and resilience you succeeded. The same is true in our learning.

This half term we are continuing our learning and you will find the focus of tutors and teachers is towards your end of year exams. So give your full attention in lessons, apply yourself in your homework and see if you can achieve some fabulous results and show progress in all your subjects. We love to celebrate your successes.

A reminder that this coming week we have PSHE on Friday 8th June, period 1.

Have a great rest and enjoy your half term.

Regards

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KEY EVENTS – w/c 4th June 2018

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Tutor – Reading	
Tuesday	Movement studio – Assembly Mr Cooper	Clubs: Homework club in the LRC Rounders – all years – LWI, LRU Athletics – all years – WYE, JBO, CMY
Wednesday	Tutor Planners signed and tools for learning check	Clubs: Cricket – year 7 & 8 - RBE
Thursday	Tutor - Reading	Clubs: Art Club
Friday	Main Hall Assembly Ms Coley P1 – PSHE P2-5 – Normal lessons	Clubs: Softball – all years – JBO Athletics – all years – LRU, RBE, LWI Tennis – all years – WYE Dance Club

Lunchtime and Period 6 detention

Lunchtime detention for lateness and uniform in G01
Period 6 A04 with Mr Cooper and Mrs Wilkins from after school until 3:30pm

If you do not attend your lunchtime 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.

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Key Dates

Date	Event
Friday 8 th June	PSHE, period 1
Tuesday 12 th June	U/14 League competition Girls match 2
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Thursday 14 th June	Leighton Park Reading U/15's Athletics P3 onwards U/14 League competition boys match 2
Tuesday 26 th June	KS3 Inter-house Competition Tues/Weds/Thurs
Tuesday 26 th June	PSHE
Friday 6 th – Sunday 8 th July	PGL Trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight

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](#)

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

For Your Information - Book list for year 7 tutor time (please do NOT purchase books)

- 7B Counting Stars by David Almond
- 7R Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- 7A The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- 7K Tins by Alex Shearer
- 7E Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin
- 7N The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank
- 7H Wonder by Raquel J Palacio

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SHAKESPEARE IN ACTION

WEEK FIVE

Targets met:

- ✓ Development of Dance Drama
- ✓ Using stimuli to create ideas
- ✓ Development of collaboration



We welcomed Victoria and was impressed with her eagerness and passion to join in with us all. She brought lots of ideas to the table and even tried her hand at directing – great job Victoria 😊



Today we compared the stories of West Side Story and Romeo and Juliet. We looked at the prologue and used this as stimulus for our dance drama: how to show conflict and get ideas for movement.

‘From ancient grudge break to new mutiny’

Romeo and Juliet.

• Dance Drama

We worked on how to show the conflict between both houses more clearly and effectively. We added timed sections – moving away from improvisation now to devised. We even added a lift!

• Transitions:

We have been working on the news report – being formal and stereotypical. Using camera man and on stage directors to add to the realness of it all.

We now have around 3 minutes of Dance Drama followed by the prologue, and it looking great!

Enjoy the half term and I will see you on Wednesday 7th 😊



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