

# Brakenhale School

## Year 9 News



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Dear Year 9 Students

Welcome back after half term; hopefully you all enjoyed your break. With less than thirty school days left now until the end of Year 9, we are now steadily progressing towards the Summer holidays. Following closely a number of weeks after that, is the beginning of two very important years in your life, which will culminate in your GCSE exams in June 2020, presently being undertaken by the current Year 11s.

You heard a number of important messages this week in assemblies:

Ms Coley's assembly on Wednesday used the example of Mother Theresa, the nun who worked with the poverty stricken in the Indian city of Calcutta, whose selfless attitude in the face of her own hunger and poverty drew admiration from people around the world. Drawing from this then we all can think about being kind and selfless in our own lives. As well as having high expectations of ourselves academically, we can also have high expectations of our behaviour towards others and our environment both inside and outside school. In relation to looking after our environment another reminder to use the blue plastic bins to recycle your bottles and also the school are now selling plastic Brakenhale bottles for £2 which are refillable and would allow you to make a small change towards making the world a better place.

In Friday's assembly, Ms Baveystock announced that as you will be completing your GCSE Religious Studies exam less than twelve months from now, you will sit a PPE in RS on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. You have the next fortnight to study and prepare yourself for this two hour exam so use the time wisely.

PSHE this week was a little bit different than usual as you broke off into groups of male and female to cover the important subject of Health and Hygiene and changes which occur during puberty. If you have any questions relating to anything you learned, don't hesitate to ask your tutors, Mr Hicks or myself.

Best of luck to our own Conor Thompson who has been training hard and will represent Berkshire at the County Athletics event on Saturday in Reading in the Javelin. And a big well done to the group of Year 9s who represented the school as sports leaders during the week – helping with sports events for the local primary schools.

Finally, if any Year 9 girls are interested in a STEM residential in the Summer holidays which will take place in Oxford Brookes University and is a free event then you can register your interest on the following website: [www.studyhigher.ac.uk/event/girls-in-stem](http://www.studyhigher.ac.uk/event/girls-in-stem) no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Have a lovely weekend, see you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes

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**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

## KEY EVENTS – w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June

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

### 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 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.

### Key Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	School Closes for the Summer holidays

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