

# Brakenhale School

## Parent News

7<sup>th</sup> July 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an incredibly busy and positive week for the students at Brakenhale School.

The Year 7 ambassadors were exceptional this week as they supported our 210 Year 6 transition students as they spent their first two days with us. They epitomised the high expectations that we have of our students and really showed what can be achieved. The Year 6 students themselves were an absolute pleasure and we are really looking forward to working with them as a year group from September. They were so excited to be at Brakenhale and we know that they will do a great job representing us.

This week has also seen Year 10 having their careers interviews. They were almost unrecognisable in their suits with many of them looking as if they were off to weddings and business meetings. An enormous thank you to our dozens of volunteers from across a wide range of businesses and industries who came to support our students and to interview them. It was a real pleasure to meet with them and to hear them speak so positively about our young people.

This week has also seen the Duke of Edinburgh expedition go out and a STEM trip to the Winchester Science museum; both trips were very successful and further examples of the variety of the opportunities available for students at Brakenhale.

Tuesday night saw the annual summer music concert which Mr Duffy and Ms Hope organised so effectively. The talent on show was exceptional and the very brave Connie B in Year 7 showed what a rising talent she really is.

We have also had Mark Hooper from South Hill Park come into school to run a two-hour workshop for our dance and drama students this morning. I was amazed at the standard and quality of work that the students displayed and it was a real shining example to our Year 5 students who were on a tour of the school with their parents.

The Art and Photography exhibition earlier this week was yet a further showcase of the incredible talent that we have in the school. All credit to Miss Hemmings and Miss Wilhelmy who have encouraged and facilitated such outstanding art and photography work.

Best wishes

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

### What's on next week

7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 8 and 9 Trip to France</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Sports Day</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 10 Enterprise Day Summer Awards Evening</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition</b>

## Art and Photography Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who came to browse the wonderful work created by our talented GCSE and A-Level students this week. Here are some of the highlights:



## Leadership Course

### Three staff graduate from Wellington College leadership course

Last Monday, Miss Haley, Miss Douse and Mrs Gibbons all officially completed their leadership course, 'Equality and Diversity: Leading for Impact', that was hosted and led by Wellington College. The graduates experienced a broad range of lectures and seminars, alongside completing assignments to get themselves ready for the next stages of leadership and their careers. The course was sponsored by the Department for Education and led by Wellington College. Mrs Gibbons said, "The course gave us time to think about leadership and deconstruct the component parts of what it is to become a good leader. It was also great to listen to other delegates who are at the same point in their careers and reflect on their challenges and successes."

The picture was taken on the final evening of the course and shows the certificated delegates celebrating their success.



As a school Brakenhale is proud to support its staff in career development and is always looking for ways of sourcing training routes. This year is the first year we have worked with Wellington College and we are extremely grateful for the outstanding opportunities it is facilitating for Brakenhale School.

*Mr Hartley, Deputy Headteacher*

## Medicines at the end of term

If your son or daughter has any medication in school that is held in the medical room can they please collect it from school on the last day of the term if you wish for it to be kept.

We will not be leaving any medication at school over the holidays and therefore any items left after the end of term will be disposed of at a Pharmacy.

*Mrs Ball, Health Coordinator*



## Charity Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed on Friday towards our Thames Hospice charity day in memory of Helen Gennery.

The final amount raised was £1060 from the day plus £500 online from family, friends and staff, which is fantastic!

The FC Ewan v FC Toby match was played in great spirit and it was great to see so many students and staff coming down to support.

Thank you to everyone who played and contributed.

Final score:

- FC Ewan 1 (P Gibson)
- FC Toby 5 (M Nower 2, T Nower, T Gennery, N O'Donaghue)

*Mr Yeates, Head of PE*



## Dance and Drama News

Our Year 12 students performed at the iDance Festival at Kingston College on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Their duet was created by past student Freya Harris who continues her dance studies at Laban Conservatoire next year. Students performance exceptionally well and feedback from the event was incredibly positive.

*Miss Haley, Head of Drama and Dance and Mrs Raby, Teacher of Drama and Dance*



## Music Show

A huge thank you from everyone for all the hard work and effort that went into the Music Show on Tuesday evening. The students really appreciate the chance to showcase their talents.

Thank you to everyone that came along to support the students at the music show on Tuesday evening, it was great to see so many staff and parents offering their support to the students. The young people really appreciate it and the chance to showcase their talent.

And a huge thank you for all the hard work and effort that went into putting together such an event.

*Mr Duffy, Head of Music and Miss Hope, Music Teacher*



## Cookery Challenge



In Sixth Form the Year 12 students had their cooking hats on as they took part in a ready steady cook challenge. This involved getting a carrier bag of ingredients with 45 minutes to prepare a main dish and pudding.

The entries were all interesting and certainly there was some imagination in the favour combinations. In the end Mr Mullett's tutor group were the winners, ably lead by Quincy and his team. Ms Byers' tutor group have vowed to come back strong in the Autumn term.

*Mr Dale, Head of Sixth Form*

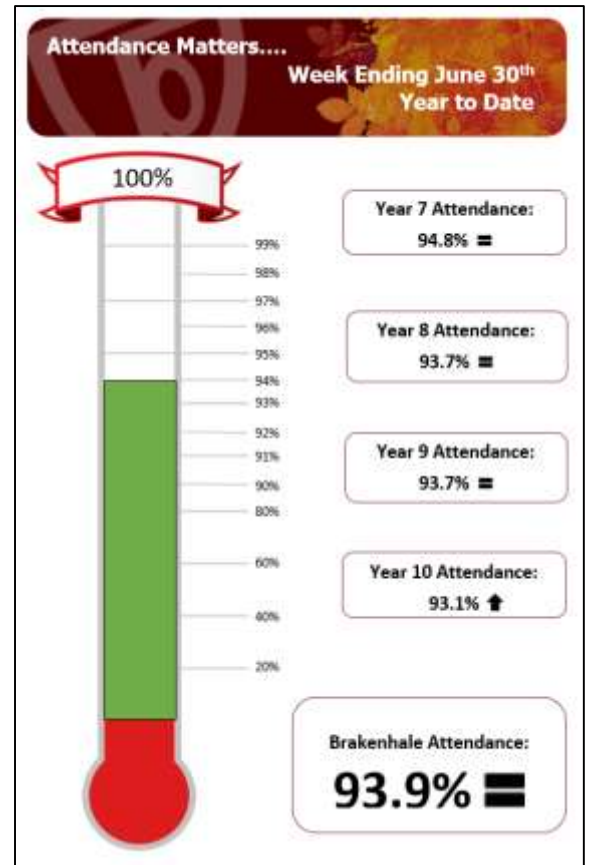
## Attendance

Whole School Attendance for Years 7 to 10 last week was 93.7% which is up from last week, well done.

The attendance for year to date remains at 93.9%.

As always, please contact the school by email at [schoolattendance@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:schoolattendance@brakenhale.co.uk) or by telephone on 01344 465050 on each day of absence so that we can update the register. Over the coming weeks we will be contacting parents where this information hasn't been provided.

*Mrs Evans, Attendance Officer*



Workshop and talk for parents of children awaiting diagnosis or newly diagnosed with **Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am-12.30pm at The Oaks and Hollies Children's Centre, Wordsworth, Bracknell RG12 8QN

Bracknell Parent Forum welcomes local charities

**Autism Berkshire**

and

**Parenting Special Children**

They will be providing information on their services and how they can offer support and guidance.

Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits provided.

All parents/carers welcome.

[www.autismberkshire.org.uk](http://www.autismberkshire.org.uk)

[www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](http://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

## The Wayz Summer Offer 2017

### Young People Aged 14-17yrs

When?	What?	Where?	Wayz Member	Non Wayz Member
2nd Aug	Go-Karting	TeamSport, Reading	£25.00	£35.00
4th Aug	Aqua Inflatables	Lagoons Park, Reading	£10.00	£17.50
9th Aug	London & Duck Tours	Various London Locations	£20.00	£35.00
11th Aug	Kayaking / Canoeing	Wokingham Waterside Centre, Reading	£20.00	£35.00
16th Aug	Pabstailing	Delta Force, Maidenhead	£17.50	£25.00
20-22nd Aug	Watersport Residential	Rhos y Gwalia, Wales	£50.00	£80.00

Limited Spaces so Book Early!

For more information or to book on please speak to your youth leader or contact:  
 Sarah Mopham 01344 483 596 / 07328 910 186 or [sarah.mopham@berkshireryouth.co.uk](mailto:sarah.mopham@berkshireryouth.co.uk)

## PE News

### Berkshire School Games

This week we saw our Young Ambassadors lead at the Berkshire School Games and they did a fantastic job! They had a whole day training where they had specific preparation for their events and what to do if there was a lost child, learned about safeguarding issues, as well as putting up signs and getting to know the other Young Ambassadors.



At the start of the main event the Young Ambassadors were in charge of registering the schools and ensuring they received a welcome pack, together with being involved in the opening ceremony and ensuring everyone had a seat! They then spent their time at the curling even, on the 'meet and greets' for the morning, and on the cycling. In the afternoon our students were involved with the disc golf.

After all the events had finished they handed out medals and had to tidy the gazebos and take signs down. By the sounds of the stories and the laughter in the car on the way back all four of them had an amazing time and they have done a fantastic job and the PE department are proud of them!

### Sports Day!

Field events will take place during normal lessons Periods 1 to 3. Field events include High Jump, Long Jump, Shot and Javelin. We will have an earlier lunchtime on the day at 12.25pm until 12.55pm and then meet as a whole school on the field at 1pm. Tutors will register students in tutor groups on the Tennis courts at 12.55pm.

Track events - all the running events plus the Tug of War and 'Welly wanging' events will take place from 1pm to 3.05pm.

Students and staff will be coming into school in their House colours for the day, making sure they are wearing suitable clothes to compete in. Face paints etc. to show off your colours are allowed but we would ask students and parents to not go overboard with these please, especially if it is a hot day!

Students need to bring enough water for the day, sunscreen and money for the PTA refreshments stall.

Last year the winners were Nightingale! Good luck to everyone this year!


<b>Brunel Green</b>	<b>Rowling Purple</b>	<b>Austen Yellow</b>	<b>King Red</b>	<b>Einstein Royal Blue</b>	<b>Nightingale Navy Blue</b>	<b>Hawking Orange</b>
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### Reward Trip

The reward trip to watch a T20 cricket match at the Ageas Bowl is taking place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Details will follow in a school comms message.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

The extra-curricular timetable for this half term!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>AFTER SCHOOL 3:10 - 4:30</b>	<b>Staff Meetings</b>  	<b>Athletics</b> Mr Jackson-Sankey, Mr Yeates, Miss Willimott  <b>Cricket</b> <b>KS3</b> Mr Boucher	<b>Rounders and Rounders Leaders</b> All Years Miss Willimott, Miss Rushby  <b>Cricket</b> <b>KS4</b> Mr Beukes  <b>Softball</b> All Years Mr Jackson-Sankey	<b>Athletics</b> Mr Boucher, Mr Beukes, Miss Rushby  <b>Tennis</b> All Years Mr Yeates	<b>GCSE Revision/ BTEC Catch up (Year 10 and 11)</b> Mr Yeates, Miss Rushby, Mr Beukes, Miss Willimott, Mr Boucher

\* Trampolining to be confirmed

Miss L Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE and Teacher in Charge of Health and Social Care

**PTA News**



The PTA meets once every half term. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Our next meeting will be in the autumn term next academic year, everyone is invited.

**Bracknell Show**

We will once again have a stall at the Bracknell Lions Bracknell Show on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Wildridings Playing Fields between 12noon and 5pm, so come and join in the fun.

**FREE ENTRY!**  
 For the third year running,  
**Bracknell Lions Present:**  
**Bracknell Show**

Fun day out  
for the family!

Support local  
charities!

**Sat 22nd July 2017**  
**Wildridings Playing Fields**  
 12-5 and live music & BYO picnic from 5:30

**Arena displays - Food stalls - Arts & crafts**  
**Bouncy castles - Face painting and much more!**

@BracknellLions  
[www.bracknellforestlions.org.uk/bracknellshow.html](http://www.bracknellforestlions.org.uk/bracknellshow.html)  
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## School Lottery

### Congratulations to the recent prize draw winners.

Don't forget to join up and purchase your tickets to start helping our school.

Our supporters have gone down recently, so if you haven't signed up now would be the time. This is an easy way to make money for the school and be in with a chance for winning. Thank you to all who have bought tickets and who continue to support the school.

We have now had 15 draws since we launched our school lottery which means 15 lucky people have won £276.80 between them. Why not join today and not only will you be in with a chance of winning in the weekly prize draws but you will be helping to raise money for the school at the same time.

Click here to [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)



Last term School Lottery gave the chance for 4 supporters to win a Kindle E-Reader, well done to the winners.

This term they are offering the chance for 2 players to win a Family Heritage Membership. You can find full details on their website.

Our School Lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to help improve our school but we need your help to make it the best it can be.



## Easy Fundraising

With [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny!

When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to shop through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to effortlessly help raise money for the school!





## Future Diary Dates

<p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</p> <p>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August</p> <p>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Dance Show</b></p> <p><b>Last day of term</b></p> <p><b>Sixth Form Results Day</b> in the Sixth Form Common Room                  Year 13 may pick up results from 9:00                  Year 12 may pick up results from 11:00</p> <p><b>Year 11 Results Day</b> in the Main Hall                  Results may be picked up between 9:00-13:00</p>
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### Term Dates

**SUMMER TERM 2017**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Summer Half Term - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Summer Holiday for students– Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**AUTUMN TERM 2017**

*Inset Days: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September*  
*Inset Days: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December*

Term dates for students:  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Autumn Half Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October



Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:  
<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooltermandholidaydates>



### Term Dates 2017-18

<b>Autumn Term:</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September to Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	<b>Inset:</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September, Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Spring Term:</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January to Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018		<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Summer Term:</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	<b>Inset:</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June

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