

Brakenhale School Parent News

23rd June 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have experienced some extremely hot weather, the students have coped brilliantly with this and we are grateful that temperatures have now dropped a little.

The Osmington Bay trip definitely benefited from the glorious sunshine and the students and staff had a fantastic time trialling all sorts of new activities and pushing themselves to the limit. A huge thank you to those staff who gave up their weekend including Fathers' Day to be with our students.

Today has also seen the first school tour for admissions in 2018/19 - myself and Mr Gibson took 26 parents and students around the school and as ever we were impressed by what we saw. School tours will continue for the remainder of this term and then again in September and October before the application deadline.

This week saw our four Year 10 Young Sports Ambassadors attending the local schools' athletics championship, along with other sports ambassadors (over 20) from other secondary schools. Our four students shone above all others and as a result have been chosen to lead the school games at Bisham Abbey in two weeks' time. This is a massive achievement so a huge well done to Tom Nower, Toby Gennery, Asha Munissi and Claudia Periquito.

On Thursday 22nd Mr Benson, Mrs Duddy, Ms Moore and 25 of our Y10 students visited London for a conference on "How to get into the country's top universities". Whilst it seems early to be thinking about university, the conference gave some excellent advice on what courses and institutions are out there, and how to reach that goal. All the students were of course wonderfully behaved and left London with renewed aspirations and a determination to aim for the brightest possible future.

Although there are only four more weeks to go we have a number of school events coming up: the music show; dance show; celebration of success awards and sports day. There is certainly no winding down at Brakenhale!

Best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 26th June

Monday 26th June and Tuesday 27th June

Tuesday 27th June

Thursday 29th June

Friday 30th June

Start of Year 10 End of Year Exams

Sixth Form Transition

Apologies, the **Parent Support Group** meeting has been postponed and rescheduled for Friday 7th July from 9.30am to 11.00am

School Tours

Non-Uniform Fundraising day for Thames Hospice

Parent Support Group

at Brakenhale

Rescheduled for Friday 7th July
9.30 to 11am

Please come and meet our Family Support Worker and other parents to discuss all aspects of living with teenagers.



Refreshments will be provided.

Please come to main reception where Tracey Gosling, our Family Support Advisor will meet you.

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High Expectations and Challenge for All

Art and Photography Exhibition

The Art and Photography departments wish to invite you to come and celebrate the wonderful work that has been created this year by our very talented GCSE and A-Level students. Work will be displayed in the main hall from 5pm to 7pm on the 3rd July. All students and their families are welcome to attend so please come along and view the talent we have at Brakenhale.

Mrs S Higham, Head of Design Technology

Dance News

Congratulations to Year 12 student Kieran West who has secured an audition for the National Youth Dance Company based at Sadler's Wells, London. Kieran participated in one of the open workshops across the country with around five hundred participants, from this he was selected to progress through to the audition stage in July.

The company aims to create and perform innovative and influential dance, bringing together some of the brightest dance talent from across England to work with internationally renowned Associate Artists of Sadler's Wells. The company has an established a reputation for challenging, high quality work that produces dancers that are open-minded, curious and brave. They select 30 young dancers they wish to work with each year and provide funding to enable them to work and tour as part of the Company. We wish Kieran the best of luck with his audition and congratulate him for being selected for such a fantastic opportunity.

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

Brakenhale School Ski Trip 2018

We are proposing to run our school ski trip at Easter 2018 to Sestriere in Italy between 31st March and 7th April 2018 during the Easter Holiday. The trip is currently open to current Year 7 and Year 8 students who will be in Year 8 and Year 9 next Easter.

An Information Evening was held last week for parents of students who are potentially interested in going on the trip. Please contact Mr Yeates if you would like to find out more information.

The trip will cost £1,100, which includes flights, coach transfers, 3* Hotel accommodation including all meals and full ski hire (not clothing). Payments can be made in monthly instalments between July 2017 and March 2018.

If you would like your son/daughter to be allocated a place on this trip please complete the trip form and return it to Main Reception no later than Friday 30th June with a non-refundable deposit of £150.00 on ParentPay.

Mr W Yeates, Head of PE



Attendance

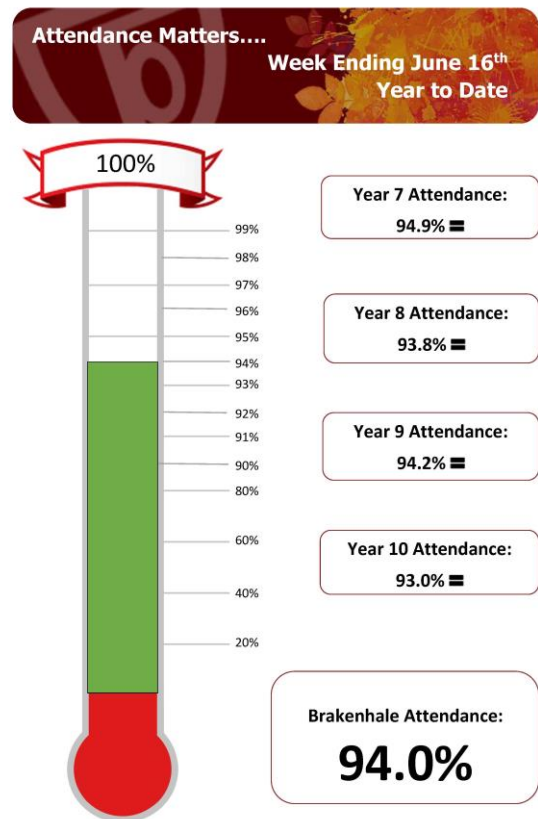
Attendance for the school is currently at 94.0% and this number is creeping up towards our target of 95%. Thank you to everyone: parents, students and staff who are making an extra effort to improve our attendance. It will make such a difference to the students grades as they continue their journey through the school.

In terms of tutor performance, last week saw Mr Smith's Tutor group 9A achieve 100% attendance and Mr Smith rewarded them all with an ice-cream which was especially welcomed this week! 7R came in second place with 98.3% and in third spot was 8E with 97.5%

We have 403 students who have achieved 100% attendance since we returned after the half term in May and our congratulations go to all those students. Please can we keep this up all the way until July 21st.

As always, please contact the school by email at 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

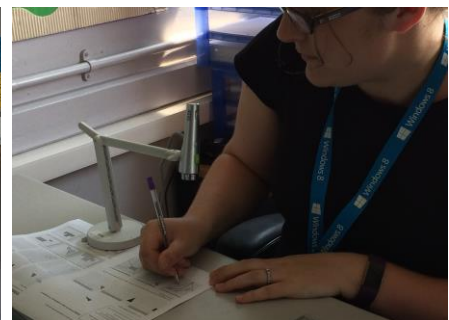
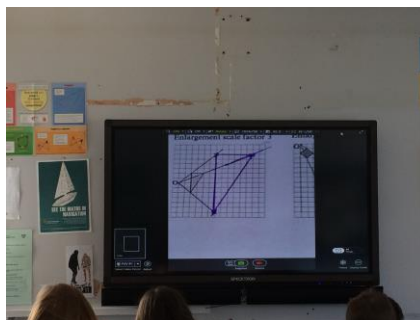


PTA Funding

The PTA has recently donated a significant amount of money towards various departments.

The Maths department asked for help to buy visualisers to help teachers demonstrate mathematical ideas to the students. These are multi-use web cameras with a macro mode which makes them ideal for close-up images.

Here you can see Miss Thomas using one in class to demonstrate scale enlargement.



PE News

@brakenhalePE

What a hot week this has been! There has been minimal complaining from the students and nearly everyone has been able to complete their PE lessons like normal. A lot of lessons have been adapted with part of the lessons being in the shade. If the hot weather continues please can you remind students to bring water bottles and ensure they have sun cream.

Athletics @ Palmer Park

This week we took 5 girls to Palmer Park and despite the hot weather they did really well and were a credit to the school. I am still awaiting results to come through. On Tuesday 27th June, we have the final for both the boys and girls; students should please come and see the PE department if they are participating.

Cricket festival

On Tuesday we took 9 Year 7 students to a cricket festival run by the Young Ambassadors. All 9 students worked incredibly well considering the heat and they all seem to enjoy themselves. They all learnt a great deal and enjoyed the cricket. They received the certificate for Fair Play.



Sports Day

Don't forget if students are down for an event on sports day, they should to come to Athletics club on Tuesday or Thursday to practice for Wednesday 12th July.

Donations

If you have any outgrown PE kit (trousers, shorts, t-shirts, jumpers or skorts) or trainers (that are still wearable), especially the Year 11s, we would love to have them as our spare kit seems to be getting smaller. Please can you bring them into the PE office.

Charity Day

On Friday 30th June, we are raising money for Thames Hospice. There will be a number of school events happening throughout the day as well as a football match. The teams are made up of staff and students and are captained by the Gennerys. Kick-off is at 4pm. Please come and show your support.

Fixtures for next week

Tuesday 27th June Year 7 and 8 Boys and Girls Final Palmer Park - 2pm-6.30pm.

Ultimate Frisbee Competition and Young Ambassadors @ Garth 4pm -5pm

Year 7/8 Cricket V Ranalegh @ Home

Friday 30th June Gennery Team 1 v Gennery Team 2 Football Match for Thames Hospice, Kick off @4pm

There will be other school events happening throughout the day. Please come and show your support.


Young Ambassadors written by Asha M and Claudia P

Asha M, Thomas N, Claudia P and Toby G represented our school incredibly as they hosted a Cricket inspired event for Year 7s across Bracknell Forest. This event took several months of commitment and teamwork to organise such an enjoyable event alongside Young Ambassadors from other schools. As Young Ambassadors, their leadership showed their confidence as they encouraged every single person to get involved - despite it being over 30 degrees. Regular check-ins were made by our team to make sure everyone was having a good time and staying hydrated. The station that our team created was based around bowling. The kids were paired up and set with the challenge of different distances to bowl from and they were put under a time limit. At the end, the kids were presented with certificates for their participation, fair play, teamwork and best effort - sending them off with smiles on their faces. Overall, the day successful as everyone enjoyed themselves.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

The extra-curricular timetable for this half term! Please encourage students to attend as we have lots of fixtures coming up!

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

Year 10 End of Year Exams

Week 1	Monday 26 th June	Tuesday 27 st June	Wednesday 28 th June	Thursday 29 th June	Friday 30 th June
Period 1	English 1 Hour 45	English 1 Hour 45	Option A Bus Studies 1 Hour 30 Economics 1 Hour Geography 1 Hour 30 History 1 Hour 15 HSC No Exam Spanish 1 hour 10 Art and Photography	Option B Bus Studies 1 Hour 30 Drama BTEC Practical Engineering No Exam French 1 Hour 10 Geography 1 Hour 30 Graphics 2 Hour History 1 Hour 15 HSC No Exam	Option D Bus Studies 1 Hour 30 RM 2 Hours Dance GCSE Practical Dance BTEC – Practical 2 Hours Geography 1 Hour 30 IT 1 Hour 15 Music 1 Hour 30 PE GCSE 1 Hour Spanish 1 Hour 10
Period 2					
Period 3	Maths 1 Hour 30	Maths 1 Hour 30	Maths 1 Hour 30	Option C BTEC ICT No Exam Computing 1.30 Engineering No Exam Food Nutrition 1Hour 45 French 1 Hour 10 Geography 1 Hour 30 History 1 Hour 15 Spanish 1 Hour 10 Media No Exam	Catch UP Dance GCSE 1 Hour 30
Period 4					
Period 5	French Listening 35 min	Spanish Listening 35 min			

Art and Photography Exams all day Wednesday 5th July

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.

Unfortunately our next scheduled event, Race Night, has had to be cancelled but we will be looking into rearranging this event for the autumn term.

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

We are also collecting any unwanted clothes, shoes and accessories for recycling. Please bring your unwanted clothes and accessories to main reception.



The Brakenhale School



RECYCLE
YOUR OLD CLOTHES, SHOES
AND ACCESSORIES.

We are once again collecting old clothes, shoes and accessories to help raise money for the school via the PTA.

Please start collecting your unwanted items ready to bring in to school before

Friday 30th June.

We will be giving out bags to students and they are also available from main reception, or put your items in a black bin bag.

Please contact Sarah Hartley at the school if you have any questions.
shartley@brakenhale.co.uk



Thank you for supporting the school!

The Brakenhale School, Rectory Lane, Bracknell





The Brakenhale School



RECYCLE!

Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...

The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.

The following 'good quality' items are accepted:

- ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags, Hats, Bags
- ✓ Scarves and ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen
- ✓ Curtains
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Bedding(bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Not accepted:

- ✓ Duvels and blankets
- ✓ Pillows and cushions
- ✓ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- ✓ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- ✓ School uniforms
- ✓ Corporate clothing and workwear
- ✓ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Thank you for supporting the school!

The Brakenhale School, Rectory Lane, Bracknell



School Lottery

Congratulations to the recent prize draw winners:

Saturday 24th June: Mrs H

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

We now have 44 supporters who have 67 tickets in the draw between them. So far we have raised over £270 for the school and the current projected fund for the year is almost £1400. Thank you to all our supporters.



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 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 - 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 to
 effortlessly help raise money for the
 school!

Future Diary Dates

2 nd and 3 rd July	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Assessment
Monday 3 rd July	Art and Photography Exhibition
Tuesday 4 th July	Music Show
5 th and 6 th July	Year 6 Transition Days
Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 Information Evening
Friday 7 th July	Year 10 Mock Interviews
7 th and 8 th July	GCSE PE Trekking Event
7 th to 10 th July	Year 8 and 9 France Trip
Wednesday 12 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 13 th July	Year 10 Enterprise Day Summer Awards Evening
Monday 17 th July	Dance Show

Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2017

Wednesday 19th April – Friday 21st July 2017

Summer Half Term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017

Summer Holiday for students– Monday 24th July to Monday 4th September

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Inset Days: Friday 1st and Monday 4th September
Inset Days: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December

Term dates for students:
Tuesday 5th September – Friday 15th December 2017

Autumn Half Term – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October



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



Term Dates 2017-18

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

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