

# Brakenhale School Parent News

9<sup>th</sup> June 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a restful half term. I was lucky enough to watch an extremely impressive dance show at South Hill Park at the start of the break which featured a number of students. Emily Cary, Skye Reed and Ella Hammond-Baveystock all excelled and it was a pleasure to see our students engaged in such a high level dance and representing themselves so well.

Students have certainly come back in a very positive frame of mind ready to learn during this final half term. I have been very impressed this week with students kind and compassionate responses to the assemblies that I have delivered on the plight of young Syrian refugees. Their empathetic reaction really illustrates what lovely young people they all are. Furthermore, we have had a number of visits to school this week including Will Smith the Chief Executive of Greenshaw Trust and we were both very pleased with the engagement of students across all lessons that we observed.

We have been busily finalising recruitment and timetabling for September and we continue to be in a very strong position. We have appointed two English teachers this week both of whom come with a wealth of experience and we are now overstaffed in our core areas.

Our Year 11, 12 & 13 students continue to sit their public examinations and all signs are that they are doing very well.

Best wishes

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## What's on next week

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**PTA Meeting**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 11 study leave starts**

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 7 and 8 PGL Trip to Weymouth**

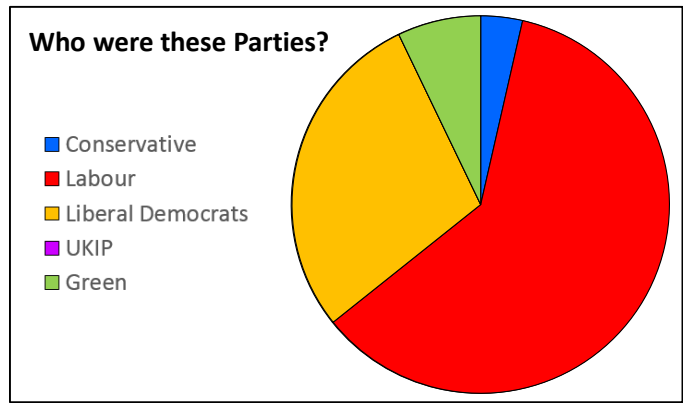
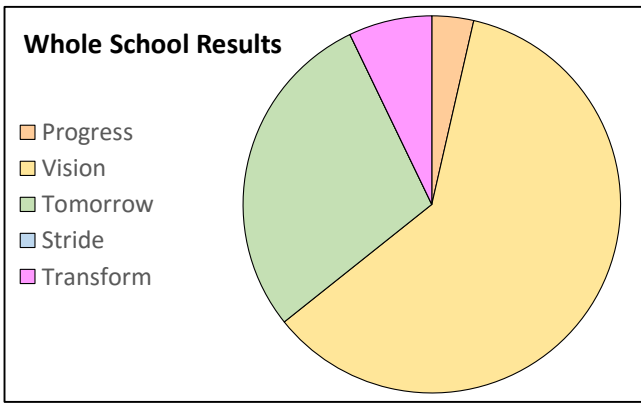
## Brakenhale Election Results

Recently Years 7 to 10 looked at some of the policies for the recent election and following from this they all voted in a mock election.

In this election we altered the names and the colours of the parties to ensure that we were approaching this with an open mind. The results for how our students voted can be seen below, adjacent to which parties these represent.

*Mr T Dean, Head of Maths*





## Anyone for Tennis?

Jocks Lane Tennis are working with the local council to get as many people involved in tennis as they can, working together to encourage more kids to get out and about, away from the screens having fun and learning a new skill.

Please see contact details if you are interested in a free trial.

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## The Berkshire Immunisation Team

### Who are we?

The **School Immunisation team** offer vaccinations to all eligible school aged children following the routine immunisation schedules:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/routine-childhood-immunisation-schedule>



The **Health Inequalities Team** are employed across Berkshire to support families who have children aged 0-4 years old who have difficulties accessing their GP's for routine childhood immunisations. Their main role is to identify who is missing immunisations and support them to access these services.

### Why are immunisations so important?

The two public health interventions that have had the greatest impact on the world's health are clean water and immunisations.

Immunisations are free, safe and extremely effective at protecting children against a range of serious and potentially fatal diseases. They have played a central role in radically reducing the incidence of many dangerous diseases, and some diseases have been wiped out entirely (e.g. smallpox), or are well on the way to being so (e.g. polio). Immunisations have saved many lives, and will save many more in the future, as new vaccines are developed giving protection against more diseases. For further independent information regarding immunisations please visit the Vaccine Knowledge Project: <http://vk.ovg.ox.ac.uk/>

### What Vaccinations do we deliver?

**Childhood Nasal Flu Programme** - offered to all Reception to Year 4 pupils and to pupils in Special Educational Needs Senior Schools (Autumn term only)

**HPV Programme protection against cervical cancer** - offered to all Year 8 girls first dose and Year 9 girls second dose

**School leaver Booster** - is that last of dose of Polio, Diphtheria and Tetanus offered to all Year 9 pupils and completes this programme which started when babies are 2 months of age

**Meningitis ACWY** - is offered to all year 9 pupils to protect against 4 strains of meningitis

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella Catch up programme** - for any children identified as not receiving 2 doses under the age of 5 years old.

### How to contact us?

**School Immunisation Team:**  
East Berkshire - 01753 636799  
West Berkshire - 01189207525  
Email: [bks-tr.SchoolImmunisationTeam@nhs.net](mailto:bks-tr.SchoolImmunisationTeam@nhs.net)

**Health Inequalities Team:**  
East Berkshire - Emily Hennessy (07929094761)  
West Berkshire - Nicky Smith (07798682445)  
Email: [bks-tr.healthinequalities@nhs.net](mailto:bks-tr.healthinequalities@nhs.net)

**Our core values:** caring for and about you is our top priority | committed to providing good quality, safe services | working together with you to develop innovative solutions

## Parent Support Group

at Brakenhale

### Tuesday 27th June 2017

### 1.30pm to 3pm

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.

*The Brakenhale School*  
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[tgosling@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:tgosling@brakenhale.co.uk)

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**PE News** **@brakenhalePE**

What a first week back, with a mixture of weather which meant cancellation of fixtures and clubs and some very wet students! Despite this we have had a number of students continuing to attend extra-curricular clubs and fixtures.

Details of the extra-curricular reward trip will come in next week’s parent news; if you would like to be involved in this ensure you turn up to extra-curricular clubs!

This week some of our students experienced their first real athletics competition at Palmer Park. At the time of writing we are waiting to hear back from the competition on how the boys did!

The girls had to face the weather on Tuesday, when one minute it was sunny and the next we were completely soaked. All the girls managed to keep their spirits up and did a great job despite running, throwing and jumping in puddles!

We had some good results with Maddie N coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the 600m and Emma W coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in high jump with a jump of 1.18cm!

A report on the boys’ Palmer Park experience will follow in next week’s parent news.

Well Done to everyone who attended and good luck in next week’s competitions.


On Thursday we also had the Year 7 District Athletics at Bracknell Athletics Track, more details on how our students got on will also be in next week’s news!

**Fixtures for next week:**

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June            Year 7/8 Cricket v Garth (Home)
- Year 7/8 Girls Athletics @ Palmer Park
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June        Year 7/8 Boys Athletics @ Palmer Park
- Year 7 A and B Rounders v Ranelagh (Away)

**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
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> 3:10 – 4:30	<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*

## Brakenhale School Ski Trip 2018

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



An Information Evening for parents will be held next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June in CO1 at 6pm for parents of students who are potentially interested in going on the trip and would like to find out more information. Parents should to come into Main Reception where they will be directed to C01.

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

Students need to collect a letter from the PE Office if parents are interested in attending.

*Mr W Yeates, Head of PE*

## Donations to Drama

The Drama Department are looking to stock the props and costume cupboard and would appreciate any donations. We are looking for old toys or random household items that you no longer want, for example; prams, dolls, toy guns, tea pots, table cloths, umbrellas, suitcases, hat stands etc. alongside unusual items of clothing such as old fashioned hats and coats.



Any of these items would be very much appreciated for stocking the Drama costume and props cupboard. Many thanks

*Mrs Raby, Teacher of Drama and Dance*



## PTA News

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

Our next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, 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.



<b>PTA Upcoming Events:</b>	<i>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Summer Term 2 Meeting
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We are once again collecting any unwanted clothes, shoes and accessories for recycling:



**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



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**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:**

- ✓ Duvets 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 27<sup>th</sup> May: Ms K**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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



Last term School Lottery gave two supporters the chance to win a 12-month family Heritage pass of their choice.

This term they are offering the chance for 4 supporters to win a Kindle E-Reader. 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.



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



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## Future Diary Dates

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>PTA Meeting</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 11 study leave starts</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 7 and 8 PGL Trip to Weymouth</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Year 10 Mock Interviews</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Year 10 Geography Fieldwork</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Year 11 Prom</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Sixth Form Transition</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Parent Support Group</b>

### 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>

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### 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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