

Brakenhale School Parent News

17th June 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

There may only be just over 4 weeks to go however the pace continues to increase!

It has been a packed week, with students organising themselves for a number of trips and visits. We had a successful meeting for parents on Monday for the Year 7 and 8 Residential trips and forms are also flying in for some of the end of term enrichment days.

Year 10 students yesterday were in Westminster for a Higher Education conference and many of them are off to the Globe Theatre in London to see Macbeth next week.

I feel really privileged to have such fantastic staff in my team who are willing to give up their time to run these events and trips. I am also so very proud at the way in which students conduct themselves as they are a real credit to us.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Jane Coley
Headteacher

#challengeforall

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for our
exciting Race
Night next
Saturday

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Gone Bananas



As the exam season comes to an end for our students, we would once again like to thank Sainsbury's Bagshot Road for their support of our students by providing them with brain-boosting bananas for their pre- exam revision sessions.



Book Tokens School Prize Draw

The £5,000 National Book Tokens school prize is back!

Accepted in thousands of bookshops and online, National Book Tokens are the perfect way to reward, encourage literacy and inspire a love of books.

Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



HOME WHERE TO SPEND BUY CABOODLE REWARDS OUR VALUES MANAGE YOUR CARD

Win £5,000 for your school library!

Uniform Shop Opening Days

Our school-based Uniform Shop is open every Monday and Thursday during term time from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

You can order uniform online here: <https://www.thedirectclothing.co.uk/school/the-brakenhale-school/>. You can have ordered items delivered to the school shop for collection or there is an online delivery service at a small additional cost.

The Uniform Shop will be open on the Year 6 transition days: Wednesday 6th July between 3.00pm and 5.00pm and Thursday 7th July between 3.00pm and 7.00pm. Additionally the shop will be open between 10am and 12noon on the following days during the summer holidays:

JULY

- Thursday 21st July
- Thursday 28th July

AUGUST

- Monday 1st August
- Monday 8th August
- Monday 15th August
- Tuesday 30th August
- Wednesday 31st August

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 1st September
- Friday 2nd September

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

As the rest of the school were breaking up for the summer half term break, 26 Year 10 students embarked on their bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition.

They started in Englefield Green, Egham and walked through Windsor Great Park and into Sunninghill. The students completed the first day with ease and camped at a scout campsite. They soon settled into the outdoor life. Trangias were out and food was cooking. Tents were up and everyone embraced the atmosphere. We even had a campfire and all spent the evening relaxing round it or exploring the site.

The second day proved to be a little more difficult in terms of navigation. A few of the groups chose to take a few detours but all groups made it to the finish point in the end. There was a lot of laughter, a few blisters, lots of sore feet and even a few tears.

The entire weekend was filled with a range of emotions. Every student should feel proud at such an accomplishment. The sheer determination shown by all was outstanding. They were a credit to themselves and the school.



"We walked through beautiful areas. We spent times together and made some of the best memories; and now we get to do it all over again - but this time I will take blister plasters."

Billie-May



"The practice expedition was a great experience and full of amazing memories. I will never forget it." - Caragh

"It was a LONG journey but we had lots of laughs. It was one of the best experiences I've had."

Chandni



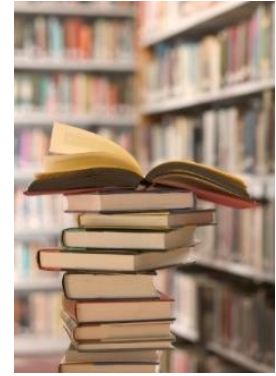
The students have been working hard all year towards this final part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. I sincerely congratulate all students for getting this far and look forward to the assessed expedition in July.

Mr Hicks, Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 Lead

Year 10 End of Year Exams

End of year exams for Year 10 students will be starting on Monday 20th June for ten days.

Could we please remind Year 10 students to ensure that they have the correct tools for learning ie, black pen, pencil, maths equipment, calculator, ruler and any other equipment required for their end of year exams which start next week.



Timetable:

Week 2	Monday 20 th June	Tuesday 21 st June	Wednesday 22 nd June	Thursday 23 rd June	Friday 24 th June
Period 1	Geography 1 Hour 45 mins	French Listening and Reading Foundation 25 and 35 mins Higher 35 and 50 min	Spanish Listening and Reading Foundation 25 and 35 mins Higher 35 and 50 mins	RM 2 Hours	Year 10 Macbeth Trip Normal lessons for those not going
Period 2					
Period 3	History Paper 1 1 Hour 15mins	Graphics 2 Hours	ICT 1 Hour 30 mins Computer Science 1 Hour 30 mins	Catering 1 Hour 15 mins	
Period 4					
Period 5	Dance 1 Hour	Business VCert 1 Hour Business Studies GCSE 1 Hour	PE 1 Hour	Music 1 hour	
Week 1	Monday 27 th June	Tuesday 28 th June	Wednesday 29 th June	Thursday 30 th June	Friday 1 st July
Period 1	Maths Paper 1 1 Hour 30 mins	Maths Paper 2 1 Hour 30 mins	Maths Paper 3 1 Hour 30 mins	SRE Risky Behaviour Workshop in G01 Period 1 – 10B Period 2 – 10R Period 3 – 10A Period 4 - 10K Other Tutor groups will be a week later Unless you have the workshop you attend your normal timetabled lesson	ART (A01) Photography will be the week after over two days. Days to be announced
Period 2					
Period 3	English Lang 1 Hour 45 mins	History Paper2 1 Hour 15 mins	English Lit 1 Hour 45 mins		
Period 4					
Period 5	Biology 1 Hour	Chemistry 1 Hour	Physics 1 Hour		

Mr Thomas, Assistant Headteacher

Sports Round Up

Athletics

Well done to all the athletes involved in the English Schools Athletics County Championships on Saturday 11th June.

Notable achievements were:

Mark R	100m
Callum R	800m
Ellis H	80m Hurdles
Mikita N	Shot Putt
Charlie W	Long Jump
Maizie F	Shot Putt
Tom N	Javelin
Luke S	1500m

Athletics

Well done to all the Year 7s involved in the District Athletics at Bracknell stadium on Thursday 9th June.

26 Year 7 students represented the school in a range of athletic events.

Well done in particular to:

Ricky O (70m Hurdles),
Miles H (Shot Putt) and
Lily K (Long Jump)

who all made it through to the U13 English Schools County Championships.

YELL Athletics

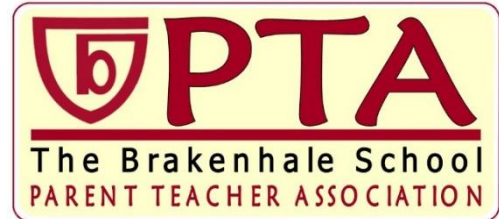
Well done to all the Year 7 and 8 students who have represented Brakenhale in the YELL Athletics at Palmer Park Athletics Stadium, Reading. There is one more week of competitions before the final on the 28th June.



PTA

PTA Upcoming Events:

Saturday 25 th June:	PTA Race Night
Tuesday 5 th July:	July PTA meeting
Saturday 23 rd July:	Stall at Bracknell Lions Bracknell Show



Next Event:

Thank you to everyone for their continued support for the PTA this year. We are really looking forward to our exciting end of year event, which is the **Race Night**, on **Saturday 25th June 2016**. Tickets are available through the school or the PTA. We look forward to you joining us.

There will be a professional tote, the ticket price will include a BBQ-style dinner and there will be a cash bar. There will also be an opportunity on the evening to buy tickets to win two club enclosure tickets to a Royal Windsor racing event this season. The PTA would really appreciate your support so please try to get a group of family or friends to come along to the event to raise some money for the school.

The PTA will also be running a summer raffle and tickets will be on sale from next week, this will be drawn on the Race Night evening so please make sure you purchase your tickets, available from main reception or through tutors. Prizes include Garden Vouchers courtesy of Syngenta, tickets to 'Be Amazed' at the Lookout, Ice Skating tickets from John Nike, wine and chocolates among others. You have to be in it to win it!

Letters have been sent home via schoolcomms or you can access a copy from the school website [here](#).

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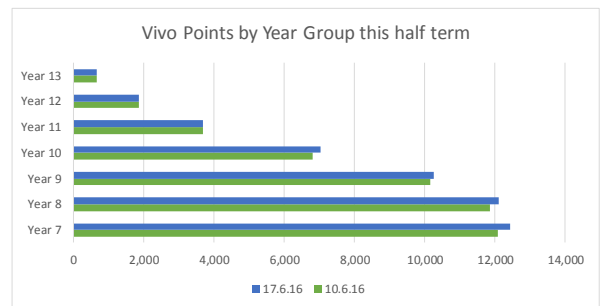
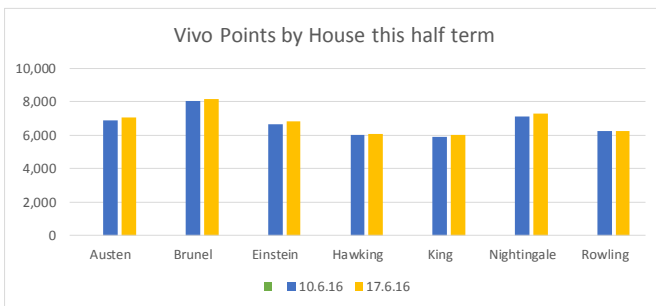
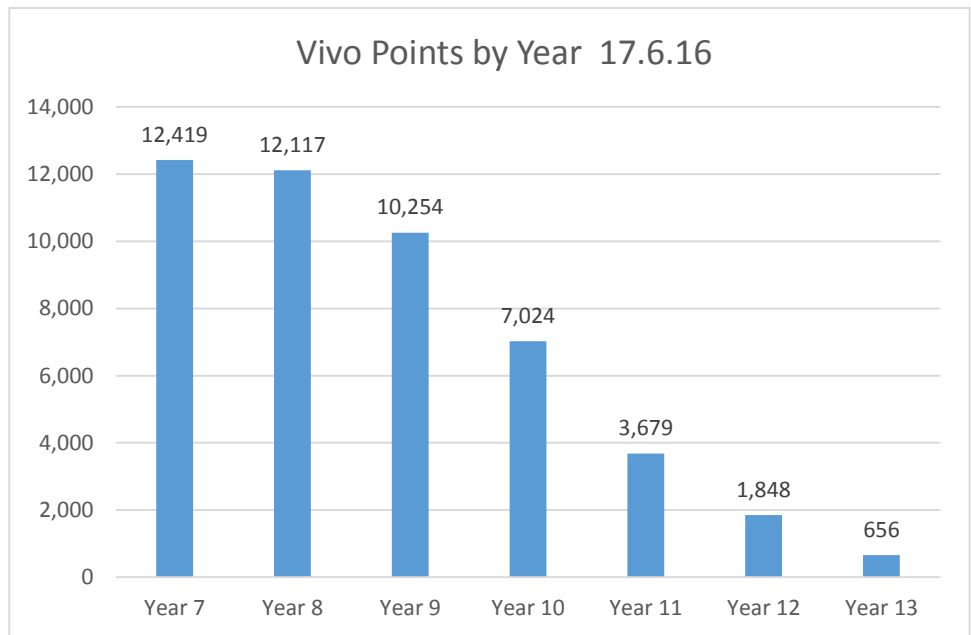
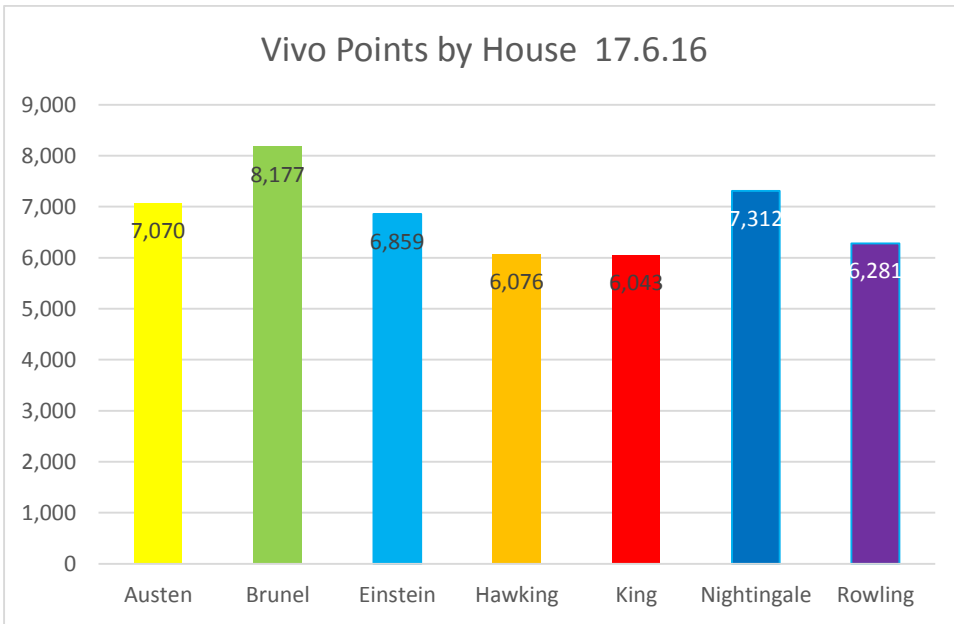
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Vivo Rewards

Total points by House and by Year group up to Friday 17th June, together with a comparison for this half term.



Diary Dates

15 th to 24 th June	Catering Practical exams
Monday 20 th June	Start of Year 10 end of year exams
Friday 24 th to Sunday 26 th June	Year 7 Residential trip
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Race Night, 7pm for 7.30pm
Monday 27 th & Tuesday 28 th June	Sixth Form Transition days
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, 9.30am
Thursday 30 th June	Year 11 Prom
Friday 1 st to Sunday 3 rd July	Year 8 Residential trip
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition days
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition Information Evening
Monday 11 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 13 th July	Summer Awards Evening
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 Coffee Morning, 9.30am
Thursday 14 th & Friday 15 th July	Year 9 Residential trip
Monday 18 th July	Alternative Curriculum day

Term Dates

For a full list of dates please see our calendar page on the website.

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooltermandholidaydates>

Summer Half Term:
Monday 30th May to
Friday 3rd June 2016

Inset Days:
Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd July 2016

Summer Holiday:
Monday 25th July to Friday 2nd September 2016
(Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are Inset Days)

Autumn Term:
Starts on Monday 5th
September 2016

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