

Brakenhale School Parent News

27th May 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

Even though it is the end of a very busy half-term, it has not stopped all sorts of events going on across the school as well as continued revision sessions and examinations.

We have had some very positive feedback on our new website and we hope that it has made it easier for you to find the information you are looking for. Please continue to send in your feedback.

I am also delighted to end the half-term with the fantastic news that in September the surveys and planning will commence for our refurbishment/rebuild under the Priority Schools Building Project Phase 2. It has been a year since we found out we were part of the project so to finally have confirmation that it will be starting is very welcome news!

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support this half-term and wish you a safe and restful break, ready to start back on Monday 6th June.

Kind regards

Jane Coley
Headteacher

#challengeforall

Student Planner 2015-2016

Thank you to those of you who diligently sign the student planner each week and check your son/daughter has completed their homework to the required standard. Success at school relies on home and school working together to support students to become young adults and this is very much part of that process.

We want to ensure this vital piece of equipment is being used by all students and parents to its full potential and to this end any student without a planner will be issued with a temporary one which should last until the summer holidays. It will be a requirement for students to get their planner signed each week by a parent or carer. A day will be set by the form tutor for this to happen each week. Please can I ask that parents do their best to ensure that they see the planner at least once a week and check if homework is being completed properly and is being given the adequate care and attention it deserves.

We will also be using the planner to record departmental detentions in – known as D40s. There will always be 24 hours' notice given as per our policy however, the emphasis will be on students and parents to keep a dialogue up regarding each days experience at school. We hope this will further strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Mr Hartley, Deputy Headteacher

The Brakenhale School

High Expectations and Challenge

**Student Planner
2015-2016**

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School Uniform

School uniform is worn to encourage the development of self-confidence and pride in the school and a high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students. The wearing of school uniform whilst travelling to and from school and during the school day is very important to us. We feel that it sets standards in terms of high expectations and a purposeful attitude towards work, whilst promoting the school and our ethos. Please help us to maintain standards and expectations by ensuring that your son/daughter is wearing full school uniform. Any student arriving at school in non-uniform clothing may expect to be sent home to get changed. To ensure consistency and clarity parents/carers can purchase some items of school uniform, including logo items, from 'The Direct Clothing Company' who run the Brakenhale school uniform shop.

Please see the below documents sent via Schoolcomms

[Parent Uniform Letter](#)

[School Uniform List](#)

Year 11 May Half-Term Revision

Year 11 revision sessions will be running over the May half term break for various subjects. With the GCSE examinations in full swing it is vital that our pupils get as much information, subject knowledge and exam technique delivered to them as possible.

The sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 31 st May	Business Studies (all day) Maths (9-3)	Miss Morgan Mr McCauley Mr O'Donoghue Miss Thomas
Wednesday 1 st June	Business Studies (all day)	Mr Gibson
Thursday 2 nd June	History (all day) Geography (9-12) Computer Science (1-6) **Cancelled** (History priority if clash)	
Friday 3 rd June	Science for all (all day)	

All sessions will take place in their normal rooms.

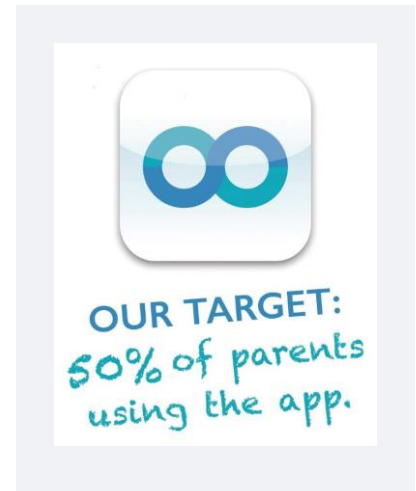
If a session is by invite only then your child will receive notification from the teacher.

School Gateway

We're making communication easier, faster and more effective

We are pleased to advise that we've introduced a new service - 'School Gateway'. This means that we can share information with parents more quickly via email, text, online and smartphone app. It will also save parents - and the school - time and money.

[Parent Letter School Gateway](#)



Brakenhale Judo School



Brakenhale Judo School

We will be re-starting our Judo Classes in June which is Summer term.

We welcome new beginners to our classes and would like to offer new students a free trial class before they **sign up**. Please note that judo kit can be hired for £5.00 a term (lost kit will be chargeable).

This term is a 6 week course and the cost of the course is £36.

Date	Wednesday 8th June - Wednesday 13th July 2016
Time	3.30pm – 4-30pm
Venue	John Nike Studio – Brakenhale School

[Judo Brakenhale Summer sign up](#)
[Half Term Judo Day Camp 2016](#)

Cake Decorating to Raise Money

On Tuesday 24th May the school's LGBT group, Identity, organised and hosted a cupcake decorating sale at break and lunch time.

Our aim this year was to achieve the Bronze School's Champion Award from Stonewall, a charity that campaigns for the equality of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans people across Britain. Signing up to the programme costs money, as does additional training for staff on how to tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying in the classroom.



The students were given an opportunity to fundraise for this themselves and have jumped at the chance. I am overwhelmed with pride at the confidence and determination the students have shown. They decorated posters and sorted all advertising. They managed the cupcake decorating stall themselves and walked up and down corridors encouraging others to come and join in.

Word spread fast and there were loads of students wanting to come and do this incredibly fun activity. I can't express how happy this event made me.

Below are comments from 2 students and a staff member. They pretty much sum up how much of a success the day was.

A special thank you to Mrs Gibbons, who when she heard how much we raised, topped it up so we have enough to sign up to the School's Champion Award programme. Target 1 has been achieved.

Mr Hicks

"It was a fun thing to do and the money goes to a good cause. It was nice for students of different years to come together and enjoy the experience."
Sixth Form Student

"It was great to see how determined the younger students were to raise this money for their group and the school"
Sixth Form Student

"It was great to hear the students buzzing with excitement, it certainly was a wonderful atmosphere. It was also wonderful to see the LGBTQ students confidently celebrating the diversity within the school, they have grown in leaps and bounds this year I couldn't help but smile to see and hear just how much all the students who decorated cakes enjoyed the chance to express themselves in a very colourful and sparkly way. "Mrs Daniels, LRC

Sports News

Athletics

Well done to the students who competed in the District athletics competition on Wednesday 18th at Bracknell Athletics stadium. We had notable achievements in a range of events, with the following students making it through to the prestigious County athletics qualifiers at Palmer Park in June.

Lynford S	200m
Ellis H	80m Hurdles
Tom N	Javelin
Charlie W	Long Jump
Maisie F	Burke Shot Putt
Gideon O	200m
Callum R	800m
Mikita N	Shot
Luke S	1500m
Ciaran M	100m
Katie V	80m hurdles
Mark R	100m

Year 7 Rounders Team

Year 7 Rounders team beat Ranelagh in a very close game, Brakenhale won the first innings and managed to maintain this effort into the second innings, which allowed us to beat them 7 to 6. Elissa F was voted player of the match by the Ranelagh students. The year 7 team was captained by Lidia D, a previous player of the match against Garth Hill.

Year 7 were again victorious against Sandhurst School, beating them 12 1/2 to 10. The team was captained by Melanie C who also received fielder of the match. Lidia D received batter of the match during the game.

Athletics

In a tense 16/16 match at Brakenhale between two fully represented year 7 and 8 groups, year 7 won the toss and elected to field. Year 8 scored a respectable 70/4 from their 16 overs. Raj B second top scorer with 9 and Aaron R taking a hat trick of wickets. In a tense finish, year 7 reached 80/5 with 4 balls to spare to win by 6 wickets.

Michael M second top scoring with 10. Emily C, the only female representative from year 8 took many wickets.

Special mention to Ben C for umpiring and helping out in training and at the match.

Year 9 Rounders Team

Well done to the year 9 rounders team who have played exceptionally well in their games so far against Ranelagh and The Abbey. Amy Chas been voted batter of the game for both matches and Danielle R and Jade D fielders of the game. The team have shown outstanding behaviour and attitude at all games and in training. May their commitment and success continue!!

Cricket

U15 Cricket team played their first game of the season against Garth Hill college. The team was well represented from year 9 and 10, with Tom N captaining the team. The game went down to the last over with Garth winning the game with 2 balls remaining. Player of the match was Ewan G.

PTA

PTA Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 7th June: June PTA meeting
Saturday 25th June: PTA Race Night
Tuesday 5th July: July PTA meeting



Next Event:

Please keep the date for our next exciting event, Race Night, on Saturday 25th June 2016. Tickets are available through the school or the PTA. We look forward to you joining us.

We do hope that you will support the school and come to our next exciting evening.



NEXT EVENT
The Brakenhale School

RACE NIGHT

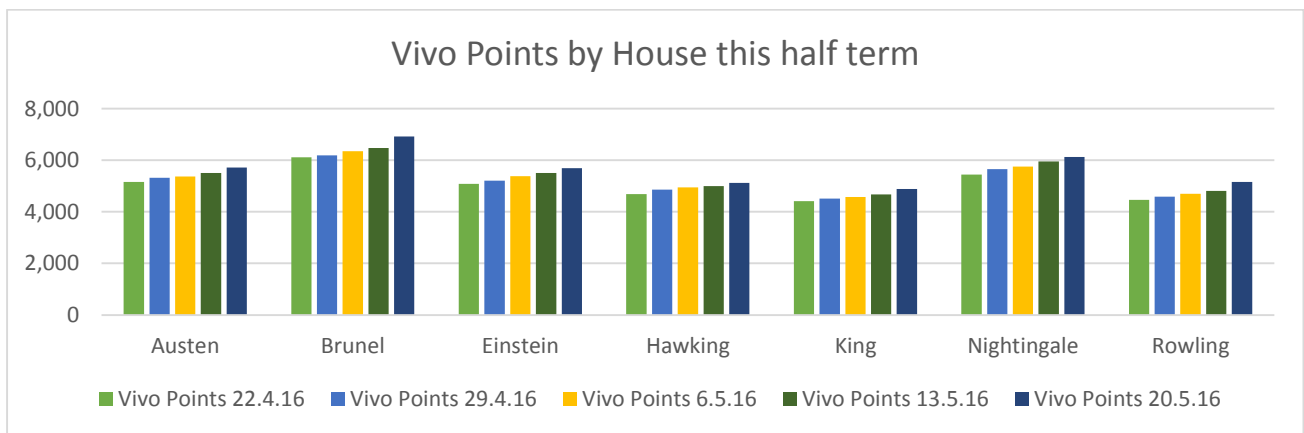
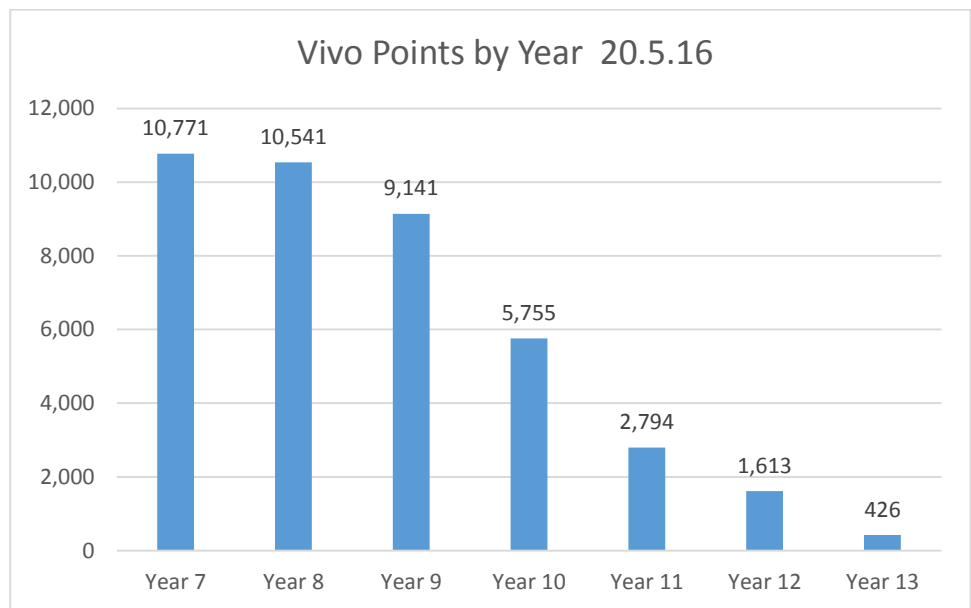
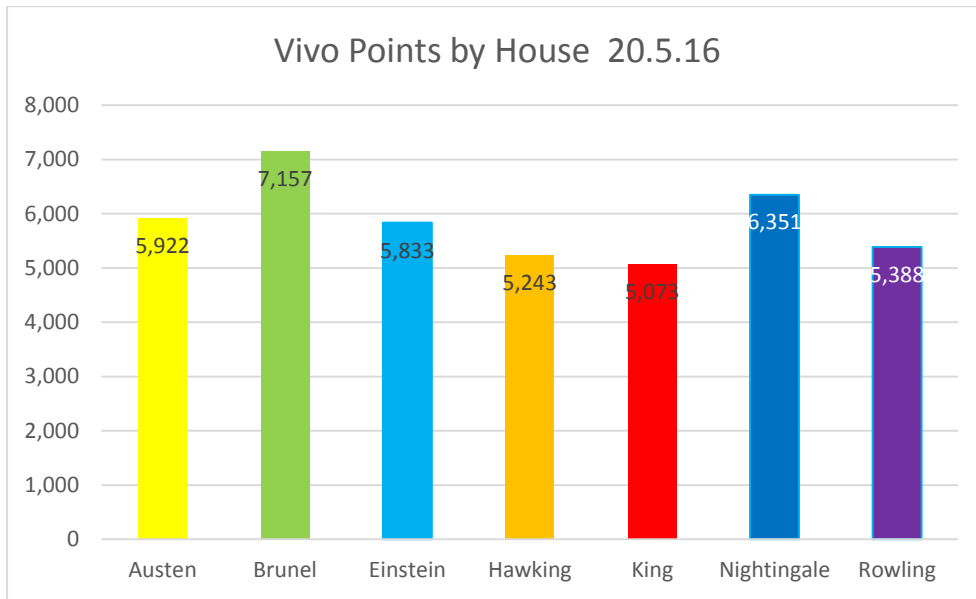
Saturday 25th June 2016
at The Brakenhale School

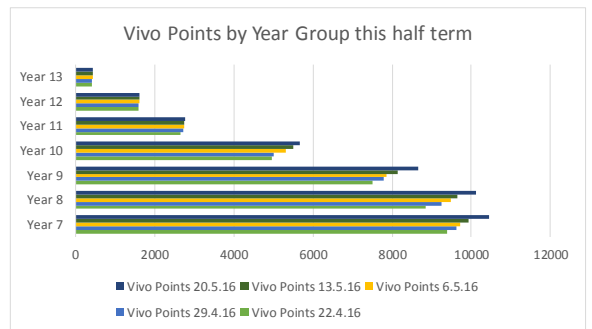
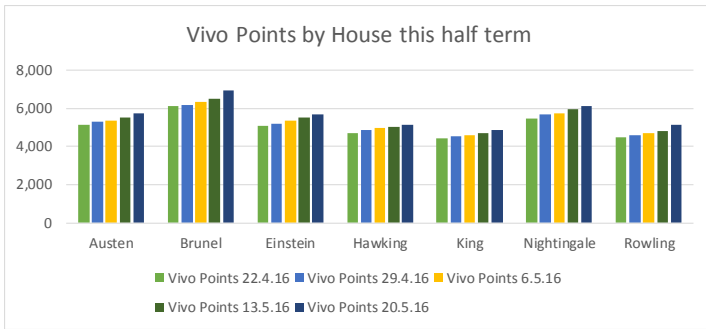
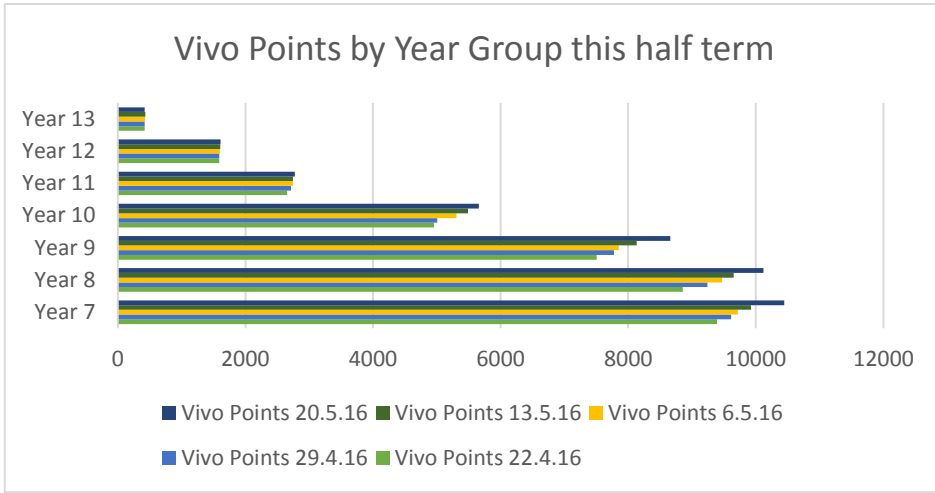
Doors open at 7.00pm,
First race at 7.30pm
Professional Tote, Raffle,
Cash Bar, Dinner (included)
Children welcome, entry by ticket only

Tickets £7.50 Adults (16+)
£5 Children (Under 16)
£22 Family (2 & 2)
available through the school or the PTA

Vivo Rewards

Total points by House and by Year group up to Friday 27th May, together with a comparison for this half term.





Diary Dates

30 th May to 3 rd June	Summer Half Term holiday
15 th to 24 th June	Catering Practical exams
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Race Night, 7pm
Monday 27 th June	Start of Year 10 end of year exams
Monday 27 th & Tuesday 28 th June	Sixth Form Transition days
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 30 th June	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition days
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition Evening
Wednesday 13 th July	Summer Awards Evening
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 Coffee Morning, 9.30am

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/schooltermholidaydates>

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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