



Dear Parents/Carers

Wow what a week! We finally got the really good news that we are able to keep our beloved History teacher Ms Loj. This has come after much campaigning and just goes to show that one woman with an amazing #teamBrakenhale can move mountains! We are very happy with the decision and look forward to the process becoming easier for all really good overseas teachers. Thank you to everyone who supported us, it was amazing! We have had some lovely parent feedback about the outcome of our campaign:

"This is fantastic news and I would like to personally thank you for all the efforts you went to in order to highlight this to the press and the passion and commitment you have demonstrated to your staff and students. You have clearly shown us all what a great leader you are and how lucky Brakenhale school is to have you.

Miss Loj does a fantastic job with all the students she teaches. She is a great asset to the school and it is fantastic to hear that her journey can continue."

"This is wonderful news!!! I'm so pleased for Miss Loj, the school and the students. Well done Mrs Coley! 😊"

"I would just like to express how happy my daughter is that Miss Loj is able to stay. I am not on Facebook but heard the news through a friend. She was over the moon at the news and her excitement was huge!!!"

Well done Mrs Coley and other staff members for making this a huge success. Thank you for helping to keep a very popular, kind hearted and dedicated teacher in the school my daughter enjoys so much. Yaaaaaaaay"

We have also had Channel Four joining us today to make a documentary about the effects of the world wide web on influencing the decisions of our children. They have spent all day here with selected students filming a lesson and conducting interviews. Over the summer they will be talking to the students' parents and the documentary will be aired later in the year. We feel hugely privileged that we were chosen as a school (the only school!) for the documentary. The film makers were so impressed with the ethos, vision and community focus of the school and for that reason we were chosen.

More success this week for our staff and students came at the STEM event at Bracknell and Wokingham College facilitated by University Medical students. Six students attended from Brakenhale School with Mrs Lowe, Head of Product Design and STEM. Two students: Paige P and Bethany B were part of the Diagnostics winning team. Cllr Sandra Ingham attended the event and was very impressed with our students.



On Monday night Ms Haley and Mrs Raby hosted another very successful Dance Show. A number of our students were involved and performed beautifully as always. In fact one parent said it was much better than performances recently seen at South Hill Park! Well done to all the children who took part and of course to our fantastic staff!

We have had a busy week with the whole school book look week, in which all students have been taking their books home for their parents to view. Please feedback to us on how you feel this is working.

Wednesday saw us have our best ever annual Sports day. All the students were involved, if not with an activity, they were supporting us whole heartedly, and staff and students had a really great day. Our new house system has thrived this year and seeing the students sat in their house colour areas being so positively competitive was brilliant. The opening ceremony with all teams walking around the track and the amazing dance show was better than the Olympics! Some of the staff in the relay excelled, others less so – it was a joy to be the last one across the line myself!! The winning team were Temple and we held house assemblies in the afternoon to hand out trophies.

Congratulations to Lauren Williams, Logan Knapp, Ariana Koskela-Reyes and Emma Warner who have been selected to star in Dick Whittington at South Hill Park. You all worked really hard to be chosen from a great number of budding actors and actresses. The rehearsals will be hard work but I am sure that the performances will be great. Watch this space for further updates at Christmas time.

Our Student of the week is Thor Davis who has produced some amazing art work in time for his GCSE exam, contributed positively to the Channel 4 documentary and continues to be an incredibly positive advocate of #teambrokenhale.

Drab and fab comments this week are:

Fab:

- I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff involved with the KS3 trip over the weekend. I think all the children had a fantastic time. I would like to say that it's appreciated that so many of you gave up your weekends to accompany them.
- Thank you to all the staff who went on the PGL trip to the Isle of Wight this weekend. My son had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed himself. As parents (and one of us a teacher) we know how hard you all work each week so to take on the extra commitment of a weekend away, is very much appreciated. Thank You!

Drab:

We are really pleased to say that we have had no drab feedback this week!

Staff member of the week is:

Mrs Gibbons: "Our class is so pleased that she is back after having her baby. She is always positive with us and teaches great lessons and we know she's been covering other lessons too."

The motivational quote for next week:

'Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going.' Sam Levenson

My best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 16th July

Variety Show

Wednesday 18th July

Summer Awards Evening

Friday 20th July

Last day of summer term for students, 12.05pm finish

End of Year Events

Drama Sharing: Variety Show

Monday 16th July

Please join us for an informal sharing of student work from our extracurricular Drama clubs. The evening will include a range of different scenes and songs from musicals and plays, all selected and created by students from Years 7 to 12. As part of the evening the Year 7 Drama club will present their exploration of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Expect lots of variety and fun performances.



Science Experiments

A big thank you to the building team from myself and the Year 12 Applied Science class for providing us with the dirt we needed to complete our last practical of the academic year! The photos show us examining clarity of water and the effect of clarity on light intensity. Everyone in the class managed to complete the work successfully.

Miss L Turner, Science Teacher

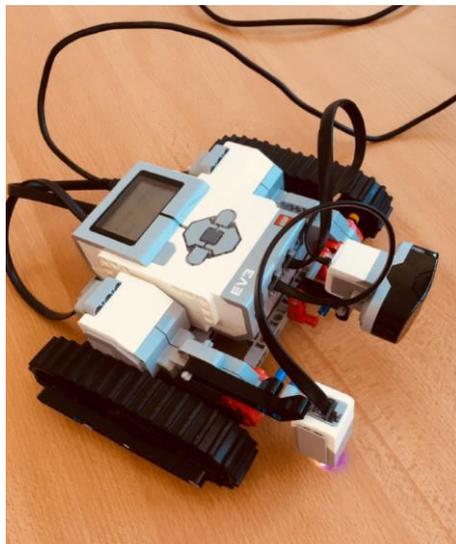


Berkshire Science & Technology Day

On Tuesday a group of Year 8 and 9 students were given the opportunity to take part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Challenge day at Bracknell & Wokingham College. A lovely and inspiring day was had by all and our students took part in Robotics, E-Fit and Medical Diagnostics Challenges run by University Students.

Paige Palmer and Bethany Brazier took the award for the Diagnostic Medical Challenge and students were presented the awards by the Mayor of Bracknell Town.

Ms Lowe, Technology Teacher



Dance News

Dance Show

Miss Haley would like to congratulate all the students involved in the dance show on Monday evening, they did a fantastic job of representing the school and dance department. The standard of work performed was particularly high and very impressive. All their hard work in preparing and performing in the show is appreciated as always and I look forward to working with them again next year. A special mention goes to Ethan Nunn, Year 9, for his amazing work on lighting and setting up the hall. If you attended the show and have any feedback please feel free to email Miss Haley directly.



Choreography Workshops

This week our Year 12 Dance students Jessica Payne, Jade Ackuaku and Kiera Hopkins worked with past student Freya Harris in a range of choreography workshops. Freya, who is currently training at Laban and runs her own dance company Empty Vessels, explored improvisation and choreography with the students over four hours. The students worked hard and challenged themselves creating movement material for a dance work they will perform next academic year.



Ms Haley, Head of Performing Arts chaley@brakenhale.co.uk

PSHE Performance

Peer Productions, based at South Hill Park, performed to the Year 9s on Thursday morning. It was an incredibly entertaining and thought provoking story that explored teenage relationships and how to recognise what is healthy and what is not. The play deftly covered how we can make assumptions based on people's past experiences and about the choices we all have in how we treat people - from exclusion and cyber bullying, to emotional and physical abuse. The students watched intently over the 90 minutes and then discussed what they had seen in their tutor groups after the performance. Peer Productions were so professional and the songs and acting were first class; the students spoke very highly of the whole experience afterwards.

Mrs Powell, Assistant Headteacher



Brakenhale Student Newspaper

A huge well done to Monica for writing the first article of the Brakenhale Bugle - Watch this space for more news of the student newspaper starting from September:

Brakenhale Bugle - the voice of the students

Mrs T Cresswell, Director of English



Brakenhale Sports Day : By Monica Fowles 7K, Brakenhale Bugle reporter

Brakenhale Sports day consists of four teams: Temple (green); Jennetts (yellow); Swinley (red) and Farley (blue). Starting the event all students, teams and teachers walked around the track, parading their colours followed by some amazing dancers with superb routines choreographed by Ms Haley. An amazing round of applause greeted their efforts and the brilliant job they had done.

After the openings, the races started to begin with a lot of cheering from the students and much running around of the mascots. Although Temple were in the lead to start, they were being closely chased by Swinley, Farley and Jennetts who were not going to let that happen.

Many records were beaten today: Billy Wooden beat the 400m record; Grace Wilson, the 200m and Amy Johnstone, the 100m – these are just a few of the amazing outcomes.

During the races there were stands of refreshments set up in each House area along with water and a huge bucket of sun cream, for everyone to use.

In conclusion, this really was an astonishing day with Temple securing an overall win – Sports Day certainly came home today at Brakenhale – let's hope the football does!

Well met fellow adventurers still trapped in this mortal realm of study, homework and Love Island ... It is with fear and sorrow that I announce that our planned gathering at the Shady Dragon Inn is to be postponed now until September. Darkness once again sweeps across the land in an attempt to threaten all we hold dear and we must now prepare against the potential threat of the lowland tribes of Garthstead and Ranelhurst who look to destroy all we hold dear. All adventurers of sufficient courage, who normally abide in the Fantarsi Realm must today assemble your strongest, fastest and fearless warriors and work with them to compete in the Braken Vale tournament. Go far and go wide to present those we know are worthy. Go to the furthest point of the Far Lee. Go to the highest peak of Jennetts. Do not rest until you have searched every seam of the State of Swinley and every tip of Temple. Go gather, return and compete side by side so we can acknowledge those who maybe worthy to fight with us in the future and remind the four corners of Braken Vale that whilst we may compete against each other today, it is so we learn the value of a TEAM and work together tomorrow to defeat the darkness. Please note swords/ scimitars/ spells/ potions of speed/ cloaks of invisibility and all other weapons or magic are not permitted in this tournament and absolutely no dragons. Until the fates draw us together again: strength and honour.

DM—Queen of dragons; Breaker of Chains; Protector of the Forbidden Realms; Warden of the North..

Sports Day 2018

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week the PE Department held this year's Sports Day. Both days were fantastic with a great turnout of students for all events and many school records broken.

It was the first time the school competed in the NEW House system and both students and staff really got into the spirit of the occasion with banners, flags and mascots all dressed up ready for the event of the year!



Special mention to our Heads of Houses and House Captains who played a massive part in supporting and motivating their respective houses.

Staff were in agreement that this year's Sports Day was the best yet for the school, it's just a shame England didn't round off a perfect day!

Well done to all competitors and a special mention to our record breakers below:

Year 7

- 800m Girls Madison R 2.58 SWINLEY
- 800m Isaac Y 2.31 JENNETTS & 400m Boys Isaac Y 1.01 JENNETTS
- Long Jump Girls Joanne C 3.90 SWINLEY
- Long Jump Boys Riley M 4.37 FARLEY
- Shot Put Girls Rebecca W 5.37 TEMPLE
- High Jump Boys Pharrel S 1.15 FARLEY
- 100m Girls Amy J 13.95 FARLEY

Year 8

- Long Jump Boys Jamie P 5.38 TEMPLE
- High Jump Boys Marko L TEMPLE and Josh B 1.40 JENNETTS
- 400m Boys Archie J 56.02 SWINLEY
- 200m Girls Grace W 29.55 TEMPLE

Year 9

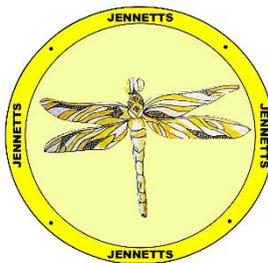
- 800m Girls Elisa F 2.57 SWINLEY & 300m Girls Elisa F 47.40 SWINLEY
- Javelin Girls Lydia D 16.68 FARLEY
- Javelin Boys Travis T SWINLEY 29.00
- 400m Boys Billy W 59.59 TEMPLE
- 100m Girls Sarah B 14.56 SWINLEY

Year 10

- 800m Boys Lester D 2.15 SWINLEY
- Long Jump Boys Ellis H 5.41 SWINLEY & High Jump Boys Ellis H 1.50 SWINLEY
- Shot Put Boys Clancy O 9.14 SWINLEY
- Shot Put Girls Maizie FB 7.27 TEMPLE
- 300m Girls Danielle B 48.03 SWINLEY
- 400m Boys Reece P 55.75 SWINLEY
- 100m Girls Macey T 14.78 TEMPLE

RELAYS

- Year 10 Boys SWINLEY 48.72
- Year 10 Girls TEMPLE 59.65
- Year 9 Boys SWINLEY 54.03
- Year 9 Girls SWINLEY 59.88
- Year 8 Boys SWINLEY 53.73
- Year 8 Girls FARLEY 1.01
- Year 7 Boys FARLEY 59.56
- STAFF TEMPLE 46.30

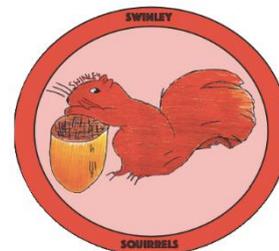
**OVERALL WINNERS THIS YEAR WERE:**

TEMPLE 661

SWINLEY 631

JENNETTS 629

FARLEY 601



Overall House winners from whole school year to be announced next Friday!

Mr W Yeates, Head of PE and Team

New Build Fundraising Project

We need your help to raise a further £49,485 - needed by September 2019!!!!

Drill Auction

We were generously donated eight brand new '18V FATMAX BRUSHLESS COMBI DRILLS (2.0AH BATTERIES, FAST CHARGER BATTERY LIFE INDICATOR, CARRYING CASE) by Stanley' by a company through one of our parents.

For details about the drills please click on the link: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/>

You will see that the usual retail price of each drill is between approximately £130 to £150.

We are prepared to give them to the eight highest bidders over £100 by Friday 20th July. Please e-mail your bids to me at fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

Your money will go directly towards buying equipment, furniture and fittings for the new building and the eight buyers will be invited to a fundraisers' reception before the building is officially opened.

Thank you, in advance for your support.

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk



Feedback Initiative

Electronic submission: [Fab](#) [Drab](#) [Staff Member of the Week](#)

We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at anytime, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

Ms Coley, Headteacher

Round-Up (6th July to 12th July)

You think we are doing great at the following things at Brakenhale:

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End of Year Housekeeping

Lost Property

Could we please do final shout out for students to have a look in the Head of Year office for ANY un-named lost property they might be missing (including drink bottles). Items should be claimed and collected before the end of term as during the holidays it will be either thrown away or donated to various charity shops. Thank you.

Dining hall

As you know next week will be our final week of the term and so we will be running a different menu each day as we make the best use of the ingredients available.

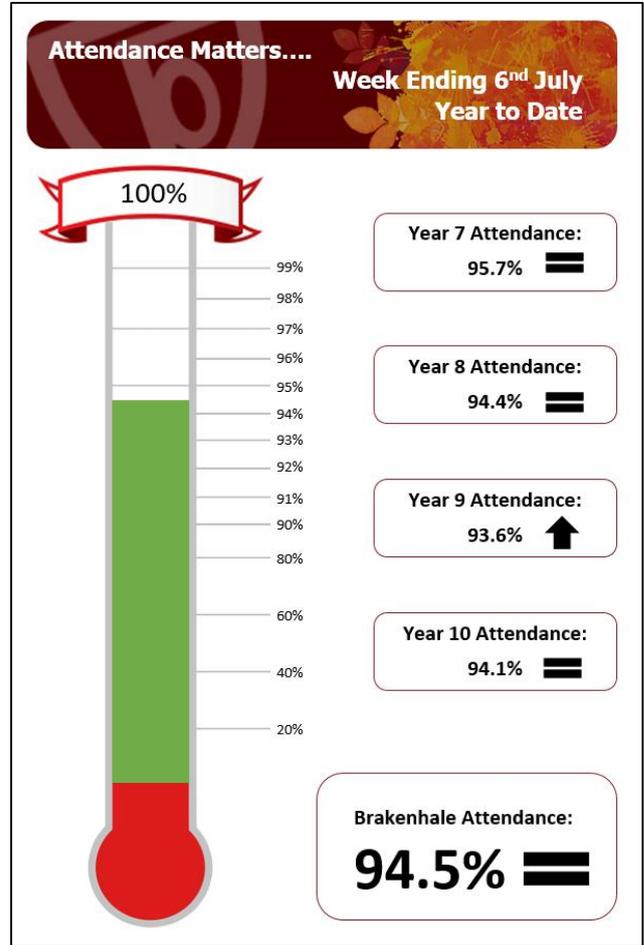
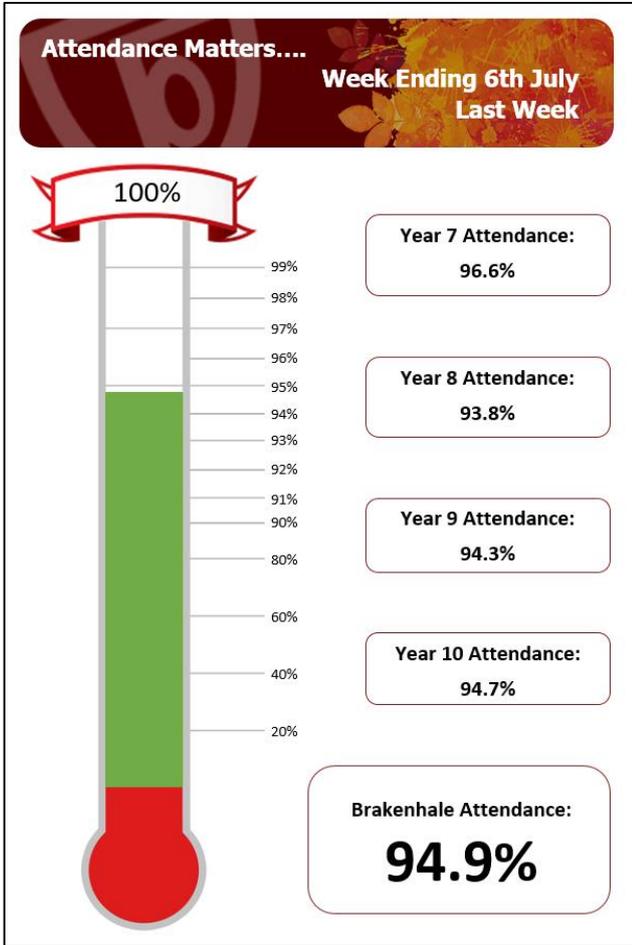
Medication in School

If your son/daughter has any medication in school please ask them to collect this from the Medical room at the end of the school day before Friday 20th July.

After this date ALL medication will be disposed of at the local pharmacy.

Attendance

Please find below our attendance figures for last week and the Year to date.



Should you need any support or help with attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Shill, Attendance Officer

Brakenhale PTA School Lottery

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.

Click on the link today and join up: [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.



Activities, Clubs and Information

BE IN YOUR MATE'S CORNER

1 in 10 young people will experience a mental health problem this year. If your mate's acting differently, step in.

- 1 Text, call, reach out
- 2 Listen, don't judge
- 3 Do something together

time-to-change.org.uk
#inyourcorner

time to change
let's end mental health discrimination

Extra Curricular Dance Timetable Starting from Monday 4th June

End of Year Dance Show on Monday 9th July

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break time	Open for rehearsals	Year 10 - 13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals	Open for rehearsals	Year 10 - 13 rehearsals
Lunch time	Open for rehearsals	Year 10 - 13 rehearsals	DARK MATTER	Open for rehearsals	Year 10 - 13 rehearsals
After School 3:05 onwards	AURORA Dance Company (JNS) Kiera H Open to Year 8	DARK MATTER Dance Company (MS) Miss Raby Year 8 Boys Year 7 Boys Group (JNS) Miss Haley Open to Year 7 Boys	FREE FALL Dance Company (MS) Miss Haley Year 9-13 Girls group Contemporary piece	FREE FALL Dance Company (MS) Miss Haley Year 9-13 Girls group Jazz piece	The Mini's (MS) Jess P & Miss Haley Open to Year 7

Mondays All Years

TEXTILES STUDIO

3.10 to 4pm Starting 16th April

in C06

ART CLUB

Do you want to experiment with new materials? Try out new techniques? Work on fun group projects? **ART CLUB IS FOR YOU!**

Relaunch of Art Club: Thursday 22nd March 2018 3.05pm-4.05pm Year 7-11 and will continue every Thursday from this date

Location: A05

Camera club Starts 12 March

Do you like taking photographs?
Do you want to be part of an elite photographic team?
Then you should join CAMERA CLUB!

When? Monday lunchtime 1.25pm - 1.55pm
Where? B17 (IT room by the stairs near Music)
Who? Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 13

Igniting Writing Summer Teen Writing Workshops

Wokingham Library

Ever wanted to try writing and coming up with your own stories? Or share your ideas with other aspiring writers? If so, you're in luck - Igniting Writing, Wokingham Library's creative writing club, are running a series of action-packed writing workshops for anyone between 11-18 years old to take part in!

Afternoon session
1.25pm - 3.00pm
Saturday July 28, 10.00am to 3pm

Afternoon session
1.25pm - 3.00pm
Saturday August 4, 10.00am to 3pm

Wokingham Library
Wokingham Borough Council

ESTEEM

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

Managing feelings, emotions and mental wellbeing can be challenging for anyone. So, whether you are up, down or going round and round, why not come and meet up for a chat about how you're feeling; doing, or anything else you want to share.

Talk is cheap, but the rewards are priceless!

EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES

LS1

CALLING ALL YEAR 7S: SHAKESPEARE IN ACTION

- Check out my plays
- look at the trends I set in language
- Be part of a Shakespearean performance

Drama studio

- Wednesdays 3:15-4:15
- With Mrs Lewis
- Sign up on Wednesday 11th April

"We know what we are, but not what we may be"

Current Vacancies

We have the following exciting opportunities at Brakenhale. Please see the website for more details.

<http://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

- Nurture Group Lead
- History Teacher
- Graduates: History Business & IT



We are currently seeking to recruit a number of Cleaning Operative to be based at our contracts in schools and local government buildings in Bracknell, Berkshire. The successful Cleaning Operatives will be required to work with other team members to ensure our clients premises are cleaned to the highest standard.

There are a variety of cleaning shifts available – from 6am – 8am and between 3.30pm – 8.00pm

The key responsibilities for the Cleaning Operative will include:

- Ensure that our clients premises are cleaned to a high standard.
- Vacuuming, dusting and mopping
- Emptying bins and removing litter
- Any other reasonable task requested by a member of the supervisory/management team

The successful applicant will have:

- Previous experience in a customer facing cleaning role
- Awareness of health and safety issues
- Ability to work unsupervised

A DBS certificate is required for this position. Hourly Rate - £8.00 per hour.

This represents a great opportunity to join a fast-growing business and develop your experience further. So, if you would like to join our rapidly expanding team and be part of their future success then apply today.

For further information and an early interview - Please contact Jackie on 07562 989015.

Future Diary Dates

Thursday 16th August

GCE Results Day: Year 13 at 9am, Year 12 at 11am (Sixth Form)

Thursday 23rd August

GCSE Results Day: Year 11 at 9am, Year 10 at 10am (Main Hall)

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September

Inset Days 1 and 2

Wednesday 5th September

Back to school for students

Easy Fundraising!

Don't forget to shop through www.easyfundraising.org.uk to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



Term Dates

Term Dates 2017-18

SUMMER TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July

Inset Day: Monday 23rd July

Summer Half Term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Summer Holiday for students – Monday 23rd July to Tuesday 4th September

(Inset Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September)

Term Dates 2018-19

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

(Inset Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September)

Wednesday 5th September to Thursday 20th December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October)

(Inset Day: Friday 21st December)

Christmas Holiday for students – Friday 21st December to Friday 4th January 2019

SPRING TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Monday 7th January to Friday 5th April

Spring Half Term – Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February)

Spring Holiday for students – Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April

(Good Friday 19th April, Easter Monday 22nd April)

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July

(Inset Days: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July)

Summer Half Term – Monday 27th to Friday 31st May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 19th July

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>

Advance Notice

Term Dates – 2019/2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019 **Inset Days**

Wednesday 4th September – Thursday 19th December 2019

Autumn Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

Christmas Holiday: Friday 20th December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January – Friday 3rd April 2020

Spring Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020

Spring Holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020

(Good Friday 10th April, Easter Monday 13th April)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April – Friday 17th July 2020

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2020 **Inset Days**

Summer Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020

Summer Holiday: starts on Friday 17th July 2020

INSET Days

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2020

1 Inset Day to be confirmed



#challengeforall

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