



Dear Parents/Carers

At the start of this week I spent a lot of time on appeals from parents who are so eager to bring their students to our school they have been willing to attend an independent appeals panel held in front of three independently appointed adjudicators! This is testimony to our ever expanding waiting list and our reputation within the community. I would like to thank all of you for your support in working towards making Brakenhale our community's school of choice.

This morning I have been doing tours for the prospective Year 7 students for September 2019! Once again, our tours were full and I have received incredibly positive praise from both the parents and students. I am always immensely proud to show people around our school and as ever the students were a credit to all of us. I look forward to many more tours scheduled for the remainder of this term and into the new school year.

Although, we only have four school weeks remaining until the end of this academic year there is certainly no spare time available! This week saw Year 11 finish their last exams and next week will be their final assembly and prom which many of them are busily preparing for and which staff are very much looking forward to.

Year 12 all visited Royal Holloway University last Friday in order to gain further insight into the huge opportunities that will be very soon available to them all. Our students continue to have incredibly high expectations of themselves and we are determined and committed to supporting them in gaining the very best university and apprenticeship positions and this starts early.

Next week we will be holding the Year 11 transition day and the students will get the opportunity to have a taste of life in Post 16. Our Sixth Form was the highest performing state school 2016-17 and offers fantastic opportunities for successful study.

Mr Hartley has sent out lots of communication about standards week which we have been running since Monday. Hundreds of Golden Tickets have been given out and students have been reminded of the need to uphold the very highest of standards in all areas. We are also focussing hugely on the achievements of our students from across this year as we gather together the nominations for our Celebration of Success event coming up in three weeks' time, so watch this space!

As I am sure many of you will have seen from the weather forecast next week is set to be a scorcher, so please do make sure that your child is bringing in water and where possible in a large bottle. Students will not be required from Monday until the end of term to wear their ties or blazers.

Drab and fab comments this week are:

Fab

- We wanted to write and say thank you to you and all of the teaching staff for the time and effort you have put into helping the year 11s as they went through their exams. You have all gone out of your way to ensure that they have had the support they have needed. From organising the extra lessons to changing the whole school day for them!

Parent Support Group
at Brakenhale

Wednesday 27th June
9.30am to 11am

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

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

Future Meeting Dates for next year:
To be confirmed in September 2018

Brakenhale School
Rectory Lane
Bradwell
Berkshire
RG12 7BA
01344 423041
tgosling@brakenhale.co.uk

High Expectations and Challenge for All

- Well after 5 years my son has now finished his final GCSE, and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you and all of the staff.
I am immensely proud of how he has applied himself over the past two years. I am sure the hard work that he has put in, along with all the support you have given him, will pay dividends on results day.

Drab : No comments were received this week.

Staff member of the week is: **Miss Toofany** - For always keeping us engaged in lessons, never being boring and being an amazing teacher!

Single student of the week goes to: Jake Miles-Topple in Year 8 – Positive behaviour in the community.

The motivational quote for next week: 'Don't talk, just act. Don't say, just show. Don't promise, just prove.'

My best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

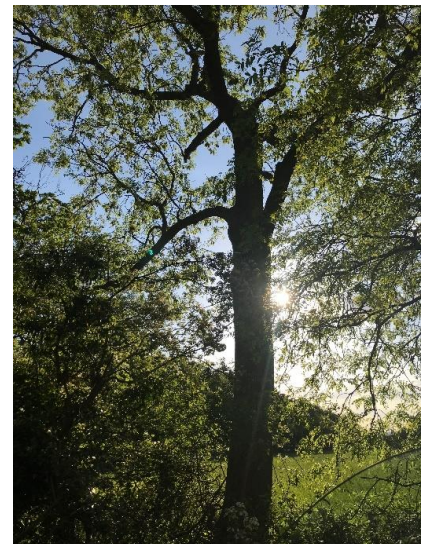
Saturday 23 rd June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessment
Monday 25 th June	Year 10 End of Year Exams
	Year 11 Transition Day 1
Tuesday 26 th June	Year 11 Transition Day 2
	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, 3.30pm
Wednesday 27 th June	Parent Support Group, 9.30am
	Year 10 Mock Interviews
Thursday 28 th June	Year 11 Prom, 7pm

Camera Club

Last week's theme was trees and with the lovely weather we have been getting, there were lots of opportunities for the Camera Club photographers to be out and about. Daisy T (7B) and Jess M (9K) took these beautiful images of trees, which show different aspects but are equally picturesque.

This week sees the members of Camera Club practicing for Sports Day and they have been set the task of 'freezing action' and also to have a go at the photographic technique of 'panning'. As always, we welcome new members, just come along on a Monday lunchtime to the new venue of A01 and join in the chat!

*Miss Wilhelmy,
Teacher in Charge of Art and
Photography*

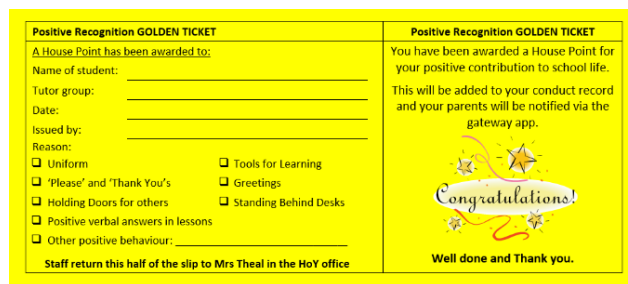


Standards' Week

We held another Standards' Week this week, the aim being to raise the profile of important personal attributes such as punctuality, politeness, participation, appearance and conduct.

The staff had given out almost 1000 golden tickets just in the first three days #teambrokenhale.

Mr Hartley, Deputy Headteacher



Curriculum Support Office

A reminder that the new Brakenhale water bottles are available from main reception, the Head of Year office and the printroom. As with all bottles and other equipment, please remember to name them.

Any un-named lost property is taken to the Head of Year office and can be claimed from there by students. Any uncollected items will be given to various charities at the end of term. Thank you to all those who have named items, all which have been re-united with their students.

Additionally, un-named lost keys have been coming in to the Head of Year office thick and fast. If students have mislaid keys could they please come and check to see if they have been handed in.

A reminder to all about our policy that 'Students must not use a mobile phone or any other mobile device anywhere on the school site'. Could we please remind students that they should not use their mobiles phones until they are off-site, even after the 3.05pm bell.

Finally a very big thank you for your continued support of collecting milk bottle tops ONLY. Money raised goes to Thames Valley Air Ambulance (TVAA) which provides a life-saving emergency medical service to Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Collection points are situated in the staff room, Head of Year office and main reception. The next load ready for TVAA, right, is impressive.

Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support



The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING : 25 JUNE 2018					
Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	Southern Fried Chicken Burger or Beef Burger	Jacket Potatoes Beans, Tuna, Cheese, Sweetcorn or Coleslaw	Caesar Salad Chicken Breast, Bacon, Croutons	Pasta Bar Cheeseburger Sauce or Piri Piri Chicken Sauce	MHC (Marathon Stewardship Council) Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Burger	Margarita Pizza	Feta Cheese Roasted Pepper Frittata	Vegetable Bolognese or Basilico Sauce	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate	Spicy Potato Wedges		Herby Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Baked Chips
Vegetables	Salad	Salad	Sweetcorn	Salad	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Strawberry Ice-Cream	Chocolate Ice-Cream	Summer Fruit Trifle Cream	Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream

We have available every day

- Salad bar where you build your own salad
- Homemade bread

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in most cases exceed The School Food Standards

Next week's menu

Building Update

Work continues:



BRAKENHALE NEW BUILD FUNDRAISING PROJECT

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

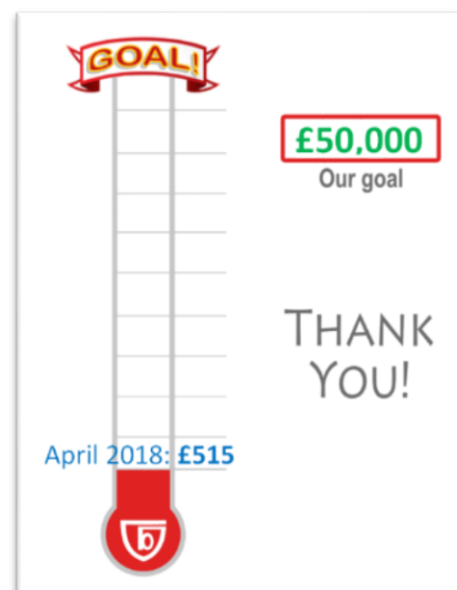
There is lots going on in the background of our fundraising but we are being delayed by the snail's pace at which our BTDonate application is being set up. Coming up though, for you to be aware of and think about supporting in the near future are:

- Celebrity Golf event
- Buy a piece of furniture for the new build
- Sponsored bike ride by one of our governors
- Buy a drill

More about these as soon as in next week's Parent News but please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to know more.

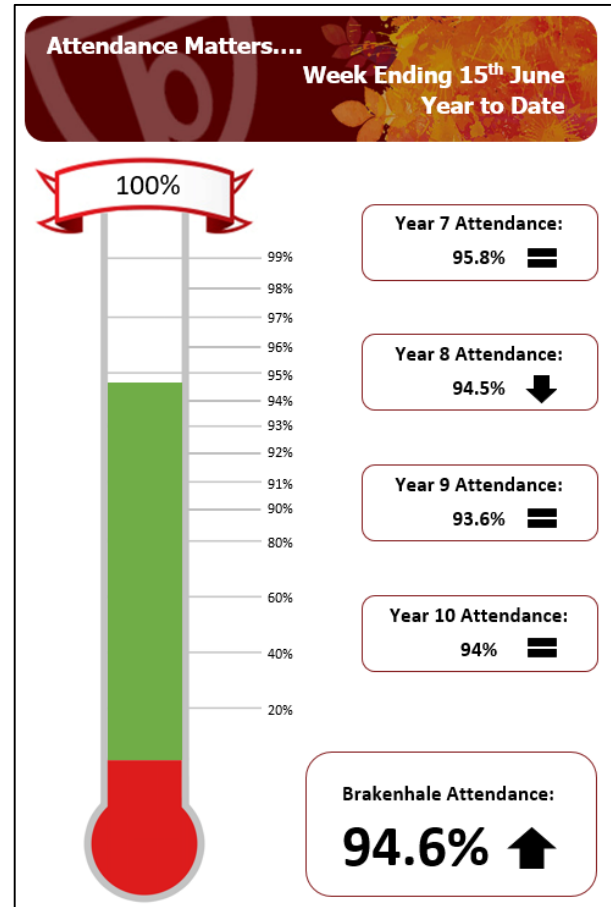
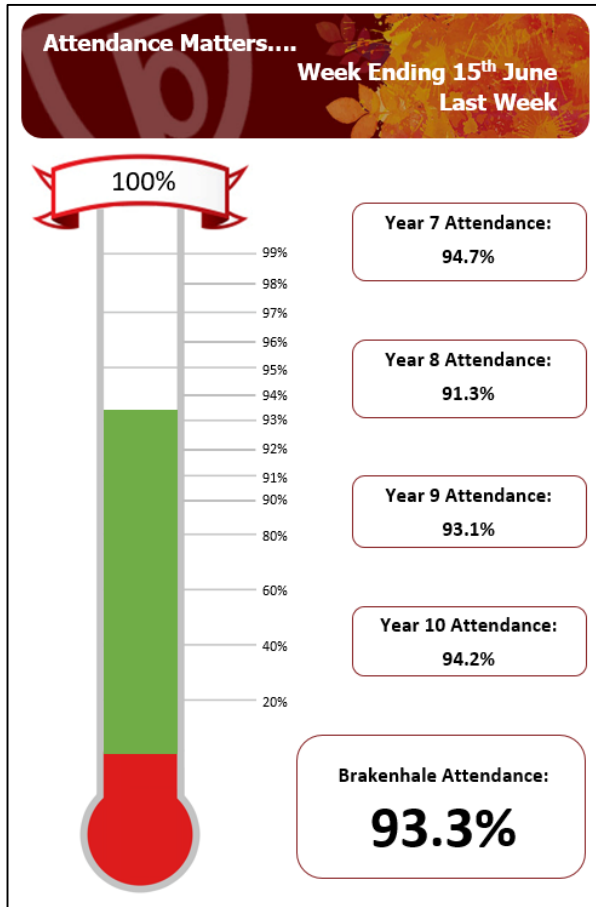
I have been talking to other schools where parents have raised large sums of money. A popular event that seems to have been successful is 'Car Washing'. If one, or some of you are prepared to organise this, the governors will be very happy to support you.

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body
fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk



Attendance

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



As we get down to the final few weeks of the academic year it is important that students stay focused and keep coming into school. There will be our annual 100% prize draw on the final day of term and alongside this, there will be year group prizes for the greatest improvers since January.

As we move towards the holidays, can I remind all parents and carers that term time holidays cannot be authorised whatever the prior attendance rate. Can I also remind you that Bracknell Forest do issue Fixed Penalty Notice fines for unauthorised absences during term time. In the last few weeks we have had a number of parental requests to approve holidays and unfortunately, this is simply not possible in all but the most extenuating of circumstances.

However, these requests are the exception and proof of our progress regarding attendance is on statistics such as 71 students are on 100% for attendance for the whole year compared to 31 at this time in 2017 and Persistent Absence has fallen from 14% to 11%. Thank so much for your parental support on this issue during this year. It has made a big difference to the school and the students.

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

Miss Shill, Attendance Officer

Mr Hartley, Deputy Headteacher

PE News

It has been another busy week for the PE department with a number of rounders, athletics and cricket fixtures.

Year 8 - Edgbarrow Athletics

There were unfortunately a few last minute drop outs from the Year 8 Squad and we took 6 Students to Edgbarrow for an event consisting of 8 events. Ellie and Becky from Year 7 stepped up to support the team and take part and both did a fantastic job, as did the whole team. Out of 5 schools each fielding teams with significantly larger teams than our 6 the 3 boys and 3 girls competed and behaved superbly and represented the school very well. The team was Jay J, Travis T, Joe M, Hristina M, Becky W and Ellie Y. Highlights were Becky winning her 100 heat against older girls and finishing 3 overall on times, and Jay, stepping outside his comfort zone and after taking part in the Shot Put, put himself forward for the 100m sprint and gave it his all! The team earned 38 points all together for the events they took part in which was very good considering other schools had at least 2 students per event picking up more points for competing.

Rounders Fixtures

This week has seen 2 rounders matches for the Year 7 and 8 teams.

On Tuesday we had a combined team against EP. All students that played did really well and worked together as a team. For some of #teambrokenhale this was their first game representing the school. Everyone did a fantastic job and did Brakenhale proud. The team took advantages and scored lots of half rounders. Our fielding was brilliant, as we had some fantastic catches and throwing as well, getting lots of the EP team out. They all worked well together as a team and this paid off as the score was 15 to 5 ½. Player of the match was awarded to Hristina for Fielding and Paige for Batting.

On Wednesday the Year 7 and 8 team headed off to Sandhurst. This time the years played individually. The Year 8 team worked well together and had some great hits, however Sandhurst's team were just too good at stopping us score and the final score was 5 ½ to 8. Player of the match was awarded to Shelby.

The Year 7's game was an exciting game and in the first inning we had managed to achieve 1 ½ rounders to Sandhurst's 3 ½. We then had a good team talk at half time and calmed the nerves of some of the first time players for Brakenhale and at an away match! The Year 7s stuck to their tactics and were brilliant at fielding and Sandhurst only managed to score 3 rounders. It was then our turn to bat and we had some amazing hits from Josh, Gracie and Becky. In the second innings we scored 5 rounders, meaning the result was 6 ½ to 6 ½. It was a very well deserved draw as both teams played brilliantly. Players of the match were awarded to Josh for his batting and Becky for her Fielding.

Well done to everyone involved and I look forward to the next match.

Cricket Fixture

A team of 8 Year 10 boys and Jay J from Year 8 walked over to Bracknell Cricket Club to take on a very strong Ranelagh Boys team. We fielded first and borrowed 2 of their team to help us. The team were well organised by Captain Ollie B with Raj and Jay opening the bowling. It was to be the latter, Jay, who despite being in Year 8 stepped up to not only compete with his Year 10 counterparts but stole the show with 3 wickets (2 clean bowled and 1 Caught) then followed it up batting at number 4 and remaining Not Out. The team consisted of Ollie, Raj, Jay, Ellis, Liam, Luis, Will and Michael and each fielded and bowled well. Ranelagh finished after their 12 overs with 86 for 4 with Olly taking the other wicket. Ollie and Raj then opened the batting in search of the runs needed for victory! Despite a valiant effort we ran out of overs and reached 57 for 6 after our 12 overs. Everyone who took part (some for the first time!) did themselves and the School proud with how they conducted themselves on and off the field and the effort they gave. Man of the match was unanimously decided as Jay.



Athlete of the week - Hannah Salter

Hannah has been awarded athlete of the week for her superb performance in the rounders matches and Girls cricket Tournament last week. She was a vital team member for both teams and showed true sportsmanship. Well Done Hannah.

Fixtures for next week:

- Tuesday 26th June Year 7 Athletics @ Edgbarrow
 Young Ambassadors @ Bisham Abbey
- Wednesday 27th June Young Ambassadors @ Bisham Abbey
 Year 7-10 Frisbee Team @ Berkshire School Games @ Bisham Abbey

Miss L Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE and Teacher in Charge of Health and Social Care

U15 Girls Cricket @ Leighton Park School

The U15 Girls had their first taste of competitive Cricket for the school last week, taking part in the East Berks Cricket Festival at Leighton Park School.

The girls played limited overs matches against Langley Grammar, Waingels, Garth Hill and Leighton Park.

Captain Emily C achieved the top bowling figure on the day with 7 wickets, with Hannah S top scoring with 25 runs. A fantastic day, which gave the girls an appetite to find out where the local Girls Cricket clubs are, so watch this space!



Friday 6th July - Gennery charity football match @Brakenhale Astro - 4pm kick-off

Forget the 2018 Russia World Cup....

On Friday 6th July, Brakenhale will host the second annual Gennery football extravaganza in aid of Thames Hospice. In 2017 the Gennery boys, Ewan and Toby, raised well over £1000 for the charity who looked after their mum, Helen, during her illness.

This year the boys have picked their staff/student XIs and will go to battle again at 4pm on 6th July. Toby XI won last year 5-1 so the Ewan XI are looking for revenge!

Toby XI will showcase the Nike Football kits which their dad, Duncan, helped the school to purchase.

Staff and students can't wait for kick off and are asking spectators to bring spare change to donate to this very worthy cause. Look out for match programmes and team sheets to be released over the coming days.

Mr W Yeates, Head of PE

Calling all sports stars...

Do you participate in a number of fixtures?

If you would like us to tweet about your success and team photos

Then we need your permissions!

Otherwise you cannot be in any photos and we can't celebrate your success!



Are you proud to represent Brakenhale at fixtures?



The people with the red crosses have not given permission, we cannot use this photo now!




Have you given us your permission?

If you are unsure please speak to a member of the PE team or Mrs Best in the school office (email: sbest@brakenhale.co.uk) or resubmit the permissions form

Feedback Initiative

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

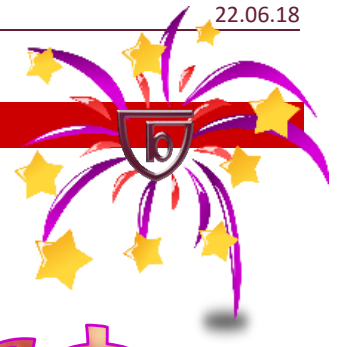
We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at anytime, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

Ms Coley, Headteacher

Round-Up (15th to 21st June)

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

- ✓ I would like to say a huge thank you to the school and in particular the Year 11 teachers who have given up so much of their own time to hold period 6 lessons and holiday revision sessions for students taking their GCSE and BTEC exams this year, it is very much appreciated. I hope you will be rewarded with great results in August 🙌



FAB

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.



your
**school
lottery**

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**DINE OUT IN THE
SUMMER
SUNSHINE**

**A chance to WIN 1 of 5
£50 Restaurant Vouchers**











- Start supporting TODAY for only £1 a week.
- Buy a ticket this term and you could WIN £25,000!
- 40% of ticket sales goes to our school.
- There's a GUARANTEED winner every week.
- Only takes a couple of minutes to buy a ticket.
- You can make a BIG DIFFERENCE to our school!

To start supporting, Visit:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

And Search For:
The Brakenhale School

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before 2nd September 2018
Terms and conditions apply - see website

Activities, Clubs and Information


**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"



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 in **Co6**

Starting 16th April

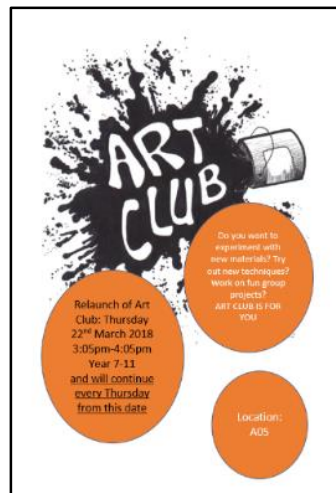


ART CLUB

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: AOS



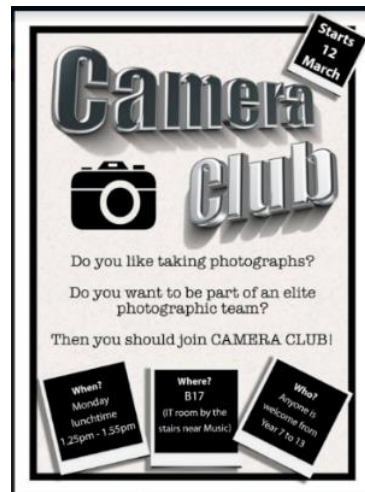
Camera Club Starts 12 March

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)

What? Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 13



Igniting Writing Summer Teen Writing Workshops

Wokingham Library

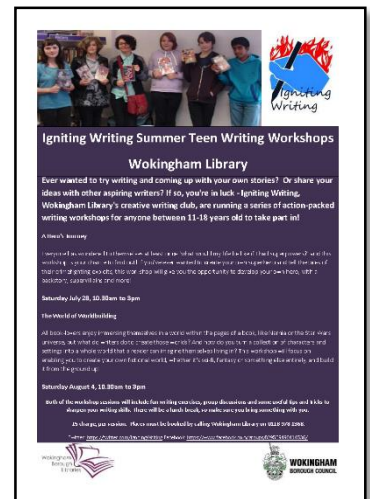
Ever wanted to try writing and coming up with your own stories? Or share your ideas with other aspiring writers? If so, you're in luck - Igniting Writing, Wokingham Library's creative writing club, are running a series of action-packed writing workshops for anyone between 11-18 years old to take part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

Friday July 28, 10.30am to 3pm

Saturday August 4, 10.30am to 3pm

Both of the workshop sessions will include fun writing exercises, group discussions and some sort of fun and skills to develop your writing skills. There will be a book launch, so make sure you bring something with you!

Bookings are essential. Places will be limited to allow us to run the workshops in a safe and fun environment. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



ESTEEM

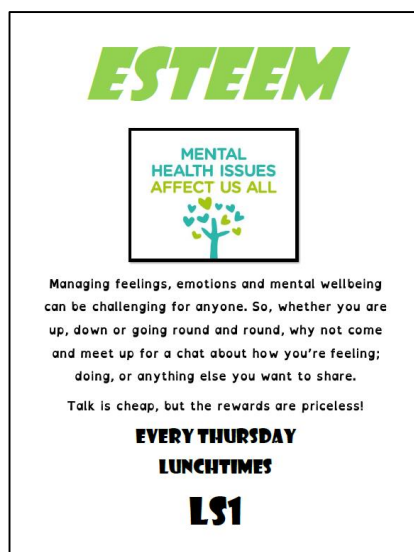
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

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



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
it's our mental health destination



STOP

A SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

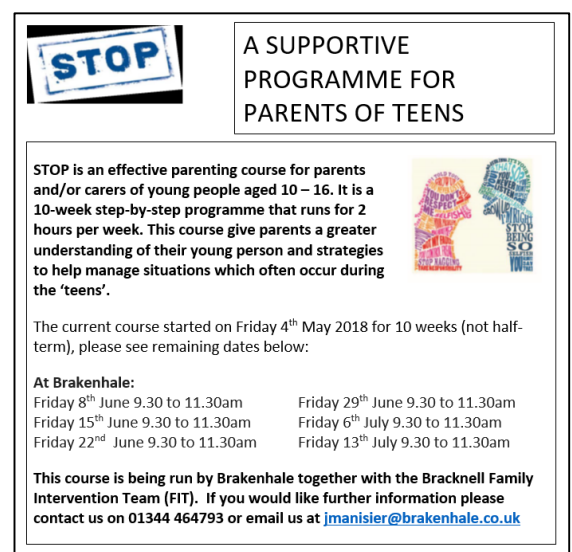
STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 10 – 16. It is a 10-week step-by-step programme that runs for 2 hours per week. This course give parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage situations which often occur during the 'teens'.

The current course started on Friday 4th May 2018 for 10 weeks (not half-term), please see remaining dates below:

At Brakenhale:

Friday 8 th June 9.30 to 11.30am	Friday 29 th June 9.30 to 11.30am
Friday 15 th June 9.30 to 11.30am	Friday 6 th July 9.30 to 11.30am
Friday 22 nd June 9.30 to 11.30am	Friday 13 th July 9.30 to 11.30am

This course is being run by Brakenhale together with the Bracknell Family Intervention Team (FIT). If you would like further information please contact us on 01344 464793 or email us at jmaniser@brakenhale.co.uk



Current Vacancies

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

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

- Design & Technology Technician
- Nurture Group Lead
- English & Maths Graduates
- Part time Art Teacher



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

Saturday 30 th June	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Assessment
Monday 2 nd July	Art & Technology Exhibition Year 8 End of Year Exams start
Wednesday 4 th and Thursday 5 th July	Year 6 Transition Days and Parents' Evenings
Friday 6 th July	Charity Football Match
Monday 9 th July	Big Book Look Wee Year 7 End of Year Exams start End of Year Dance Show
Wednesday 11 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 12 th July	Music Show
Wednesday 18 th July	Summer Awards Evening

Easy Fundraising!

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



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>

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