



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has seen more examples of the 'limitless potential' (a very apt description of our staff and students from Miss Haley) of #teamBrakenhale. On Monday we welcomed the Mayor of Bracknell Town to unveil our amazing Year 9 art work on the hoardings at the Coningsby entrance. This work has been submitted as part of the Considerate Constructors competition, which is a national event. The students worked incredibly hard along with their inspirational teacher Miss Wilhelmy to design and make the entry, please see pictures below. The Mayor was incredibly impressed, not only with the work itself, but also with the engagement and attitude of the students, all of whom this week are students of the week.

We have also recognised this week the potential in our own staff and have been delighted to make some internal promotions. With the movement across to SENCO for the next academic year by Ms Baveystock, we had a vacancy for a one year Assistant Headteacher. We also recognised with the increased involvement in the ongoing building project and the increase in student numbers that it would be advantageous to recruit an additional Assistant Headteacher to a one year post. We are delighted that Mr Beukes and Mr Coley will be joining the Senior Leadership Team from September. In addition, Miss Haley has today been appointed to the post of Head of Performing Arts and will now oversee Dance, Drama and Music, another excellent appointment. Last but not least, Ms Loj has been successful in her application to the post of Assistant Head of Year.

Christian Burgess, Director of Guildhall Music and Drama, joined us on Tuesday to speak to a select group of students who are studying the performing arts. He spoke to them about the importance of this area for their future careers and thoroughly inspired them with his story. We are so lucky to be attracting speakers of this standard to come and talk to our students.

Next Saturday 23rd June, our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students are going away for the weekend for their assessment. Good luck to all of them as I know they have been working hard towards this.

Drab and fab comments this week are:

Fab:

I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Coley and her team for listening to our concerns regarding students on the way home and the need for positive relationships. It was so pleasing to see her along with her Deputy Headteachers walking around the community and talking to neighbours along with the students.

Drab:

- My children love singing and they never get to do it anymore because of the one focus of playing instruments in music at Brakenhale. At least can there be an extra-curricular club on singing?

In Miss Haley's interview today for her new post (see above) she made clear her intention to set up a choir from September. Watch this space!

- The school said teachers are no longer giving out class detentions, but they are giving out extra homework as punishment to a whole class because of a few kids in that class.

This is certainly not a school policy and neither is it one that I support, I will be speaking to all staff to reiterate that this must not happen.

- Travel time

We have consulted many stakeholders over this and from September we will be removing travel time and reinstating longer lunch and break times.

Staff member of the week is:

Miss Gooding - 'Lovely person in general and great to talk to about any worries etc.'

Single student of the week goes to:

Ella Baveystock - for being the afternoon winner of the Women's West England Amateur Scratch Competition at Bath Golf Club, with a gross score of -4 under par. Well done Ella this is an amazing achievement!

Group students of the week:

The Year 9 hoarding competition artists:

Teegan Kirkland, Anthony Olatunji, Hollie Pearce, Hannah Salter, Harriotte Dumbarton, Bella Hooper, Szymon Kaminski, Charlie Martin, Alicia Moore, Katherine Diprose, Kayleigh Duffy, Callum Harding, Sarah Buabeng, Kyle Englefield, Romy Millward, Ethan Nunn, Ronald Tandoh, Joshua Moser, Ivo Atanasov, Suzi Reeve, Maisie Sweeney and Maddison Nazer.

The motivational quote for next week, taking on board the World Cup theme, is 'Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do'. - Pele

My best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

Performing Speaker for Schools

On Tuesday we were very lucky to receive a visit from Christian Burgess, a speaker from 'Speakers for schools'.

This charity is the UK's committed network of leading figures who want to give back to young people in state schools. Founded by journalist Robert Peston, the free school talks help share unique insights, spark inspiration and create exciting conversations for students with big questions for individuals who have come to be a leader in their field or industry.

Christian Burgess trained as an actor at the Guildhall School and he has extensive professional acting experience in theatre, television and film. He was appointed Head of Acting at the Guildhall in 2004, then Director of Drama in September 2010. He has a strong interest in collaboration across the disciplines and is a regular director at Prima del Teatro in Tuscany, and is a member of the board of École des Écoles (a network of theatre schools from across Europe dedicated to sharing philosophy and practical expertise

This is what some of our students said:

- *Josh M: "it was really interesting"*
- *Kiera H: "He inspired me to look forward to the future"*
- *Keir B: "A very informative and relaxed talk"*

Mrs Powell, Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Raby, Drama Teacher



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
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Bracknell
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High Expectations and Challenge for All

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!

A Hero's Journey

Everyone has wondered to themselves at least once "what would my life be like if I had superpowers?" and this workshop is your chance to find out! If you've ever wanted to create your own superhero and tell the tales of their crimefighting exploits, this workshop will give you the opportunity to develop your own hero, with a backstory, supervillains and more!

Saturday July 28, 10.30am to 3pm

The World of Worldbuilding

All book-lovers enjoy immersing themselves in a world within the pages of a book, like Narnia or the Star Wars universe, but what do writers do to create those worlds? And how do you turn a collection of characters and settings into a whole world that a reader can imagine themselves living in? This workshop will focus on enabling you to create your own fictional world, whether it's sci-fi, fantasy or something else entirely, and build it from the ground up!

Saturday August 4, 10.30am to 3pm

Both of the workshop sessions will include fun writing exercises, group discussions and some useful tips and tricks to sharpen your writing skills. There will be a lunch break, so make sure you bring something with you.

£5 charge, per session. Places must be booked by calling Wokingham Library on 0118 978 1368.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ignitingwriting> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6395949044536/>

Wokingham Borough Libraries

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Art Hoarding Considerate Construction Scheme Competition

On Monday we were joined by the Mayor for the unveiling of Brakenhale and our contractors Wates' entry for this competition, created by Year 9 students.

The Bracknell Town Council facebook page posted:

Bracknell Town Mayor Cllr Sandra Ingham attended Brakenhale School today to view the art work carried out by Year 9 students under the supervision of art teacher Miss Wilhelmy.

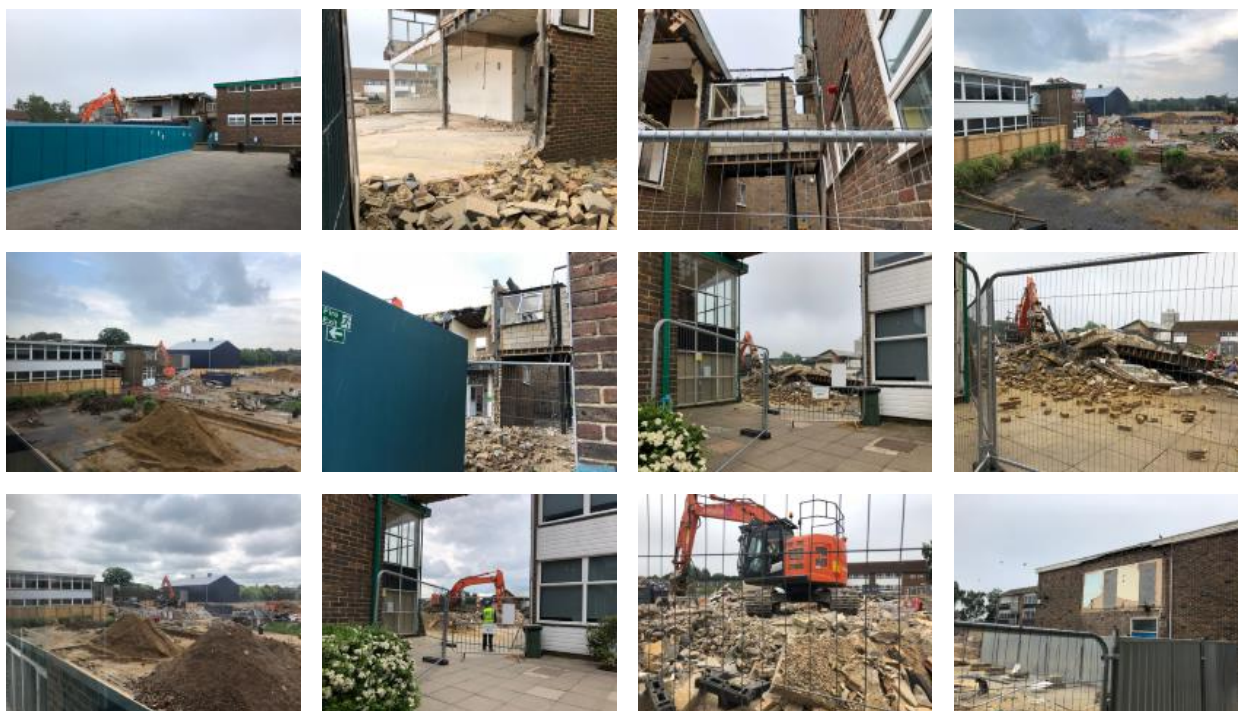
Brakenhale School is currently in the process of a rebuild and took this opportunity to enter the Annual Hoarding Art Competition run by the Considerate Constructors Scheme: <https://www.ccscheme.org.uk>.



Cllr Sandra Ingham said, "I visited Brakenhale School as a guest of Headteacher Mrs Jane Coley. I attended the unveiling of the school's entry into the Annual Hoarding. 120 Brakenhale pupils created the artwork going the extra mile giving up their lunchtimes and staying after school to ensure the mural was ready in time. Good luck Brakenhale and very well done!"

Building Update

Work continues:



PTA Raffle

Thank you to all those of you who entered the PTA raffle, the winners were:

1. Large spring cleaning hamper – Miss Beesley
2. Foot Massager – Miss Prout
3. Magner's golf pack - Mrs Best
4. £20 garden voucher - Ms Lawes
5. Box of chocolates - Miss Carey

10H will get a prize for selling the most raffle tickets and £94.40 was raised in total, so well done and thank you.

Miss J Manisier, Student Support

Next week's menu:

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING :- 30 APR, 21 MAY, 18 JUNE, 09 JULY					
Week 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Southern Fried Chicken Burger	British Farm Assured Chicken Madras Curry	British Farm Assured Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Pork Meat Balls	Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Burger	Chick Pea and Lentil Curry	Vegetarian Risotto	Vegetarian Moussaka	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate	Baked Spicy Wedges	Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta Garlic Bread	Baked chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Strawberry Ice Cream	Apple and Cinnamon Slice	Strawberry Jam Sponge	Double Chocolate Muffin

We have available every day

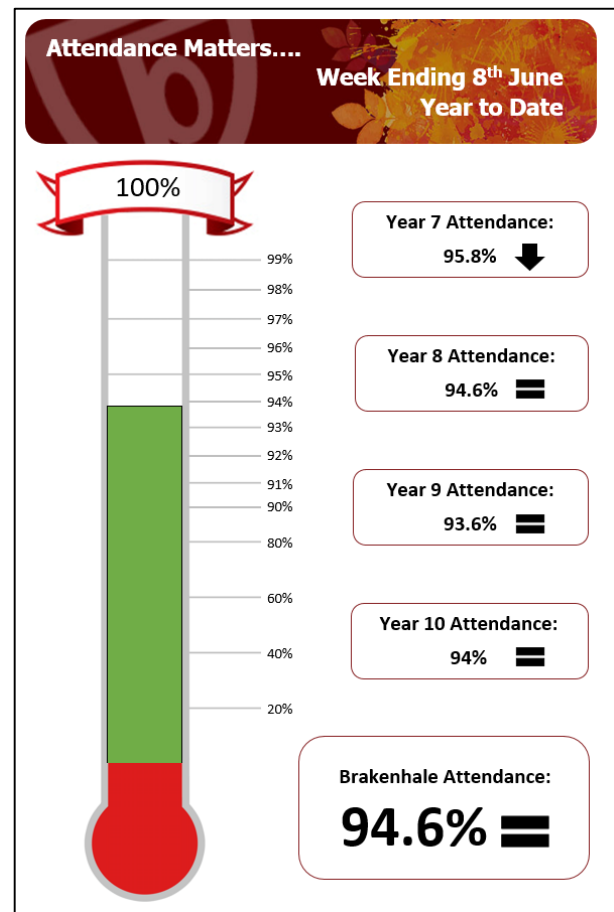
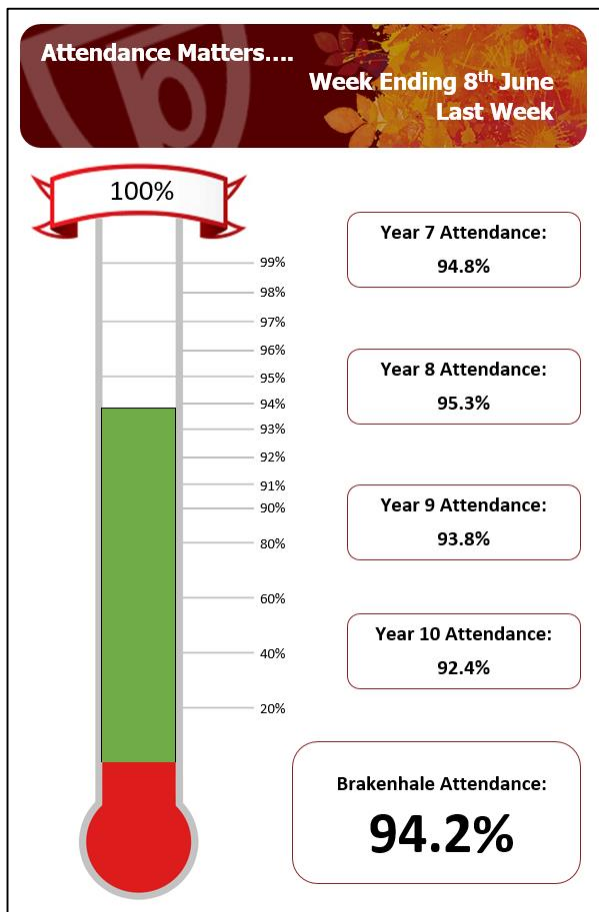
- Salad bar where you build your own salad
- Homemade bread

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

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

PE News

This week has been another busy week for the PE department with a rounders match, an all day cricket tournament plus all of the extra-curricular clubs.

Athletics

On Saturday we saw 5 students representing Bracknell in the English School District Athletics. A massive congratulations to all who attended. We had some brilliant scores and they participants should all be proud of themselves.

- Mark R came 5th in his heat of the 100m with a time of 12.4 seconds.
- Archie J came in 5th in his heat of the 300m with a time of 42.4 seconds; he was running against Year 9s so did very well.
- Micheal G came 8th overall in the long jump with a jump of 5.38m.
- Joe M came 7th in the javelin overall; he was also competing against students who were in Year 9.
- Conor T came 8th overall in the Javelin.

Last Thursday we had the Year 7 District Sports leading to the English Schools District Finals on Thursday 5th July. There were some stand-out performances from the students and a massive congratulations to everyone who took part. The following students have been chosen to represent Bracknell in the Finals:

- N. Spoilao for coming 1st in the Javelin with a throw of 21.63m.
- A. Bourne for coming 1st in the Long Jump with 4.07m.
- A. Munissi for coming 2nd in Shot with a distance of 6.75m
- S. Hutton for coming 2nd in the 150m in a time of 21.75 seconds.

Good luck to the four of you on Thursday 5th July at Palmer Park.

We had some other amazing results, well done to everyone who took part:

- A. Bourne came 4th in Javelin with 19.58m.
- S. Hutton came 3rd in the 75m in a time of 10.87 and 5th in the 600m with a time of 2 minutes 00.46 seconds
- R. Warner came 4th in the 70m Hurdles in 14.14 seconds
- A. Johnstone came 6th in the 75m with a time of 11.81 seconds and 6th in the 150m with a time of 23.01 seconds.

Rounders

Last week, the rounders season kicked off properly with Year 9 and 10 having back to back matches against EP and Sandhurst.

The Year 9s had a fantastic match against EP and worked really well as a team. I could not fault their hitting and fielding skills. They got EP out twice before the timed innings were up. They had put everything they had learnt into practice and it paid off as they won 23-4. Player of the match was awarded to Hannah for her excellent batting skills - she scored a rounder for every hit she took!

The Year 10s saw a tight game, with both fielders and batters doing well. There were a couple of silly mistakes with fielding which let EP get a couple of half rounders which we would not get back. The team played well and worked together as a team, however EP had taken advantage of the misfield and they won 13 ½ to 8 ½. Player of the match was awarded to Amy for communication and leadership of the team and most importantly her fielding skills.

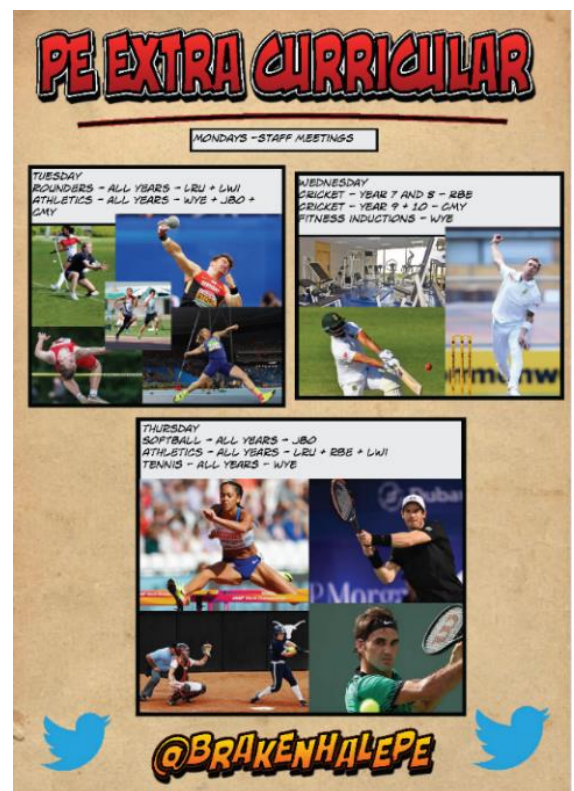
The Year 9 game against Sandhurst had a very exciting second innings, with Brakenhale hitting every ball and lots of brilliant fielding. In the first innings, there were some silly mistakes which Sandhurst took advantage of by scoring lots of half rounders. Our batters also made some silly mistakes with their running and we were left with 2 batters in. The second innings was much better and the Year 9s played together as a team, their batting improved and so did their fielding. The final score was 12 to 14 ½, Brakenhale just ran out of time in that second innings to take the lead. Player of the match was awarded to Victoria for her batting skills and Elissa for her fielding skills.

The Year 10 game was an exciting one with lots of good play from both teams. The Year 10s worked well together and did some lovely fielding, they could just not get the ball away from the Sandhurst fielders. The score was 7 - 12. Player of the Match was awarded to Miriam.

Well done to everyone who played. Good luck in your next matches.

On Tuesday our Year 9 and 10 teams headed off to Garth to play their 4th fixture.

The Year 9 team played really well and their fielding was amazing. In the first innings they got Garth out before the time



had finished. Garth were also quite good at fielding and we were unable to score many rounders. They had an amazing back stop to first which saw Garth get a number of us out. Unfortunately Garth managed to get us out both times before the time had finished. The final score was 5 ½ to 10 ½. Well done girls and good luck for your last match. Player of the Match goes to Emma for her amazing fielding.

The Year 10 team had a very good start in their first innings, and stopped the Garth team from scoring many rounders and we took advantage of a couple of misfields from Garth. Miriam had some amazing hits which saw her score a rounder from and Tegan had some really good catches. In the second innings the game was a lot closer and Garth took advantage of the misfields we did. They were putting pressure on the fielders and it paid off, our second innings we started to make a couple of mistakes but managed to get back on track. The final score was 11 to 9 ½. A massive well done to the Year 10s for their first win of the season.

Players of the match are awarded to Miriam for her batting and to Tegan for her fielding. Well done girls and I look forward to our last match on the 3rd July.

Athlete of the week

This week the male athlete of the week is awarded to Joe Morton for his amazing performance at the District Finals on Saturday, he did brilliantly and not only this, he was throwing against an older year group.

This week the female athlete of the week is awarded to Scarlett Hutton for her amazing performance at the District Sports as she made the final for 3 events and has now been selected to represent Bracknell in the District Finals.

Fixtures for Next Week:

- Tuesday 19th June: Year 7 and 8 Rounders v EP @ Brakenhale
- Wednesday 20th June: Year 9/10 Cricket v Ranelagh @ Bracknell Cricket Club
Year 7 and 8 Rounders v Sandhurst @ Sandhurst
- Thursday 21st June: Year 9 Athletics @ Edgbarrow

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

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!



Dear Parents/Carers
All of our GCSE and A level exams have now started to arrive. The students have been working extremely hard to reach this point and we wish them all the very best in the weeks ahead. Staff have been running after school revision and weekend sessions to support students. Next week the Maths department are holding revision classes until 7.30pm for any last minute support that is needed. The Year 10s, Year 9s and water have been arriving by the bus load to make sure that students have water enough to get them through the examination period. Our events specialist has been on hand this week running more sessions for students who need extra help in developing calming strategies. It really is a pleasure to have...





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 (7th to 14th June)

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

- ✓ The commitment from staff who came in over half term to help Year 11 is truly commendable. Extremely helpful for the students.
- ✓ As great as our school is, I like the fact the members of staff make sure the students' good behaviour is maintained inside and outside of school (not only for the sake of having a good reputation) but for also having a good community. A recent example, is the fact that the school has opened up an encouragement for students to bring their own reusable bottles to school and leads them to believe how much of an effect it contributes to the wider community.



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.



supporting





**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 C06**

Starting 16th April

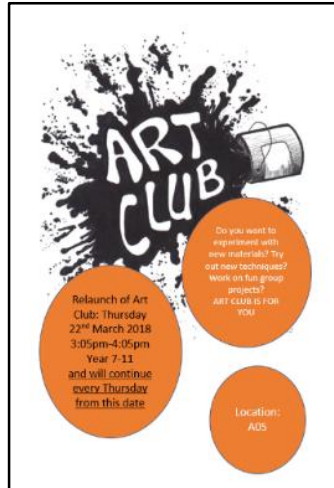


ART CLUB

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: ADS



Camera Club

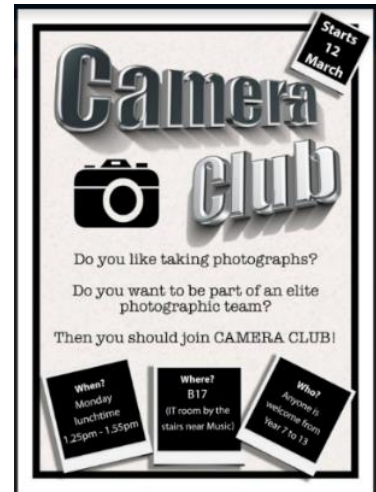
Starts 12 March

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 - 1.35pm

Where? B17 (If room by the stairs near Music)

Who? Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 11



ESTEEM

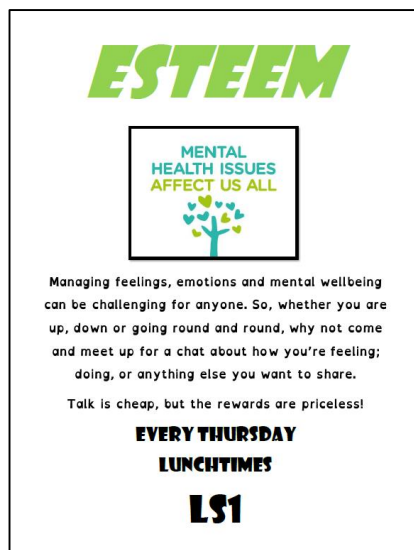
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

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
Mental health charity



STOP

A SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

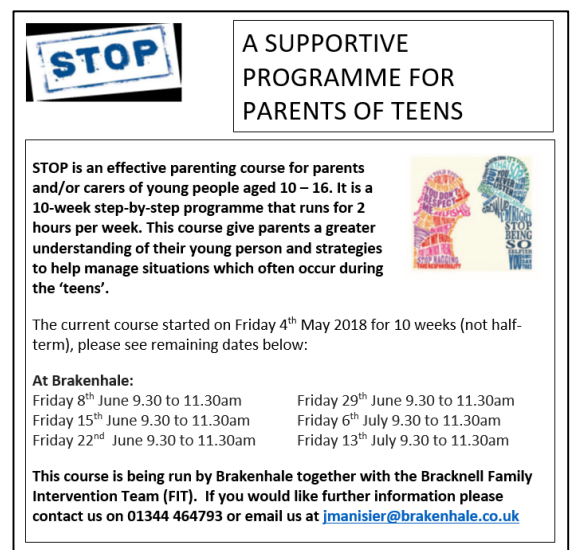
STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 10 – 16. It is a 10-week step-by-step programme that runs for 2 hours per week. This course gives parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage situations which often occur during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



Current Vacancies

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

- Nurture Group Lead
- English & Maths Graduate
- Part time Art Teacher

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



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 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
Saturday 30 th June	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Assessment

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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High Expectations and Challenge for All