



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a great start to the new half term. Whilst the GCSE and A Level examinations continue, the rest of the school has settled back in very quickly.

The building works are progressing well. The old music block has been demolished which has allowed a really early insight into how the new site will develop. I have been given my own steel toe capped boots, hard hat and jacket so that I am able to walk around the building site!!

This week I have given assemblies across the school, with the theme being 'kindness'. As Mr Cooper told Year 7 this morning, this is the number one trait that businesses are looking for when they recruit. It is so important that students value each other and continue to maintain high expectations within positive relationships and work together as #teamBrakenhale. I have also shared with students our new plastic water bottle initiative, which you will have received a school communication about. We use far too many disposable plastic water bottles every day and I would encourage all students to be bringing in a reusable water bottle, either of their own choosing or buying one of ours. Furthermore, that if they forget to do this that they dispose of plastic bottles in our new blue bins.



Miss Wilhelmy, Miss Hemmings and the Year 9 Art students have been very busy all week, finalising our entry for the 'Considerate Constructors Hoarding Competition.' This will be unveiled at 1pm on Monday, I have seen some of the work in progress and it is extremely impressive.

On Monday, we have two new members of staff joining #teamBrakenhale; Miss Manning will be returning to us as a qualified Science teacher on a permanent contract after successfully completing her training year which began with us. We will also be welcoming Mrs Clark to the English department. We are very lucky to have her join us, she is a highly experienced member of the profession and is currently Deputy Headteacher at St Joseph's school in Slough.

Drab and fab comments this week are:

**Fab:** I would like to say how fantastically the school, and staff, are supporting Year 11 through the exam period.

**Drab:** There doesn't appear to be any incentive for the students to surpass Gold Award on Achievement Points. Those who have achieved a Gold Award before the end of the year should have something else to shoot for.

This is something that we are now looking at. We are considering introducing a platinum award for students who have gone above and beyond the Gold, more details to follow.

Staff member of the week goes to:

**Mr Kingston:** for reasons such as: 'being a really supportive teacher who has listened to me when I have needed help'.

Our students of the week are:

**Emily Rice-Stringer**, Year 8, who managed to successfully get through to the Crufts competition with her dog!

**Freddie Ellis**, Year 8, who performed outstandingly this week as a student runner, he was polite, courteous and hardworking as well as being very helpful.

The motivational quote for next week is 'Proceed as if success is inevitable'.

Finally I sent a schoolcomms message at the start of the week about encouraging positive behaviour in the community. Mr Gibson, Mr Hartley and myself have been out after school this week visiting the local community, observing student behaviour and meeting residents. If you would like us to visit your street please do let us know.

My best wishes

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## What's on next week

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**PTA Meeting, 7pm**

## Dance

Sixth Form Dance students have had the pleasure of working with our past student Tyler Jones in a two day intensive for their BTEC Dance course. Tyler is currently studying Dance at Chichester University and wanted to create a dance piece with the dancers that explored themselves and included improvisation techniques.

The work was performed for a small Year 8 audience and received a range of positive feedback.

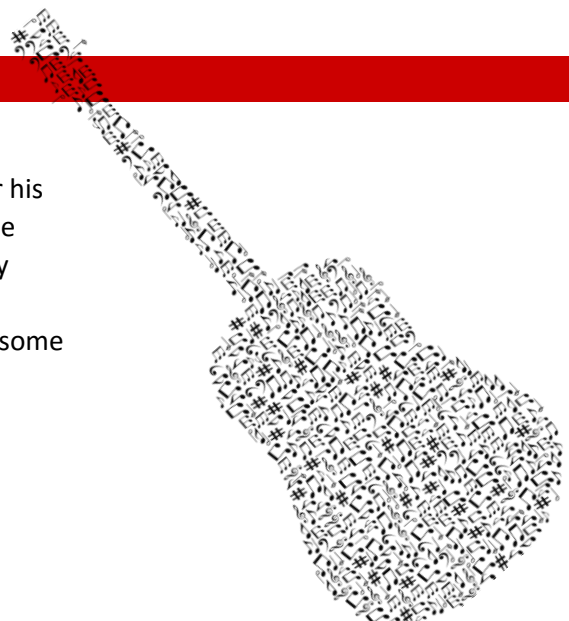
*Miss Haley, Head of Dance and Drama*



## Music

Mr Duffy would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Freedman for his donation of two acoustic guitars and an electric guitar amp to the Brakenhale School's Music department. The students are already getting plenty of use out of the equipment, and it will make a significant difference to some of our students as they now have some good guitars to play. Thank you!

*Mr Duffy, Head of Music*



**Building Update**



## Parent Support Group

at Brakenhale

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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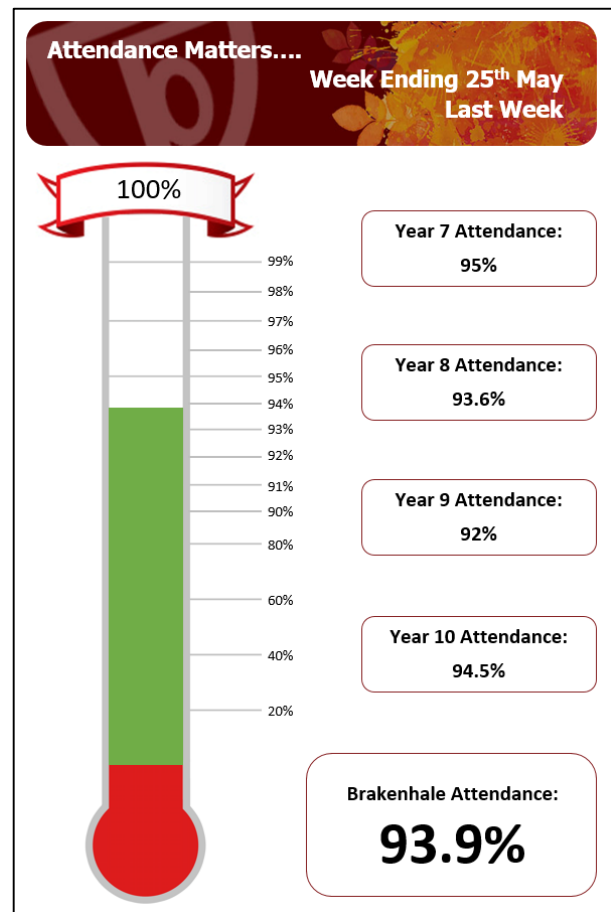
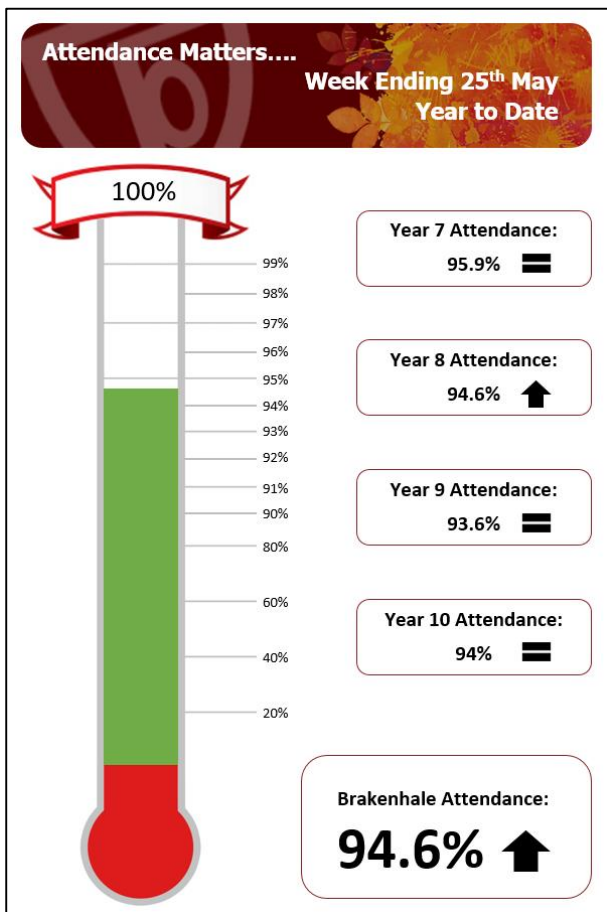
High Expectations and Challenge for All

Over half term the site saw some significant demolition with the music block, link bridges and tennis courts all going.



## 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 first week back has been a busy week for the PE department with Rounders' matches, Year 9 leaders helping at the Primary School Athletics competition and district sports for the finalists and Year 7.

### District Sports

In the last week of last half term, we had district sports for Years 8 to 11 and there were some outstanding performances. In total we took 48 students to the competition and they all did Brakenhale proud. Some of our students were selected to represent Bracknell in the district finals on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Well done to the following students for being selected;

- Mark R for the 200m. He ran a time of 22.9 seconds and came 1<sup>st</sup> out of all the schools.
- Archie J for the 300m. He ran a time of 43.21 seconds and came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of all the schools.
- Conor T for the javelin. He threw 25.32m and came 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- Tom N for javelin as he threw 36.9m and came 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Micheal G for long jump as he jumped an impressive 5.49m and came 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Joe M for javelin as he threw a very impressive 26.38m and came 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Ellis H for the 200m as he ran 25.21 and came 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Reece P for the 400m as he ran 59.40 and came 4<sup>th</sup>.

The PE department wishes you all the best for Saturday.

Other results of students who came in the top 6 positions.

- M. Reyes: 100m - 11.8 seconds - 2<sup>nd</sup>
- R. Osei: 100m - 11.83 seconds - 2<sup>nd</sup>
- R. Osei: 200m - 25.70 seconds - 1<sup>st</sup>
- E. Hopkins: 400m - 59.12 seconds - 3<sup>rd</sup>
- E. Hopkins: Shot - 8.56m - 6<sup>th</sup>
- R. Powney: 200m - 26.32 seconds - 6<sup>th</sup>
- R. Powney: High Jump - 1.40m - 6<sup>th</sup>
- A. Penikaite: 100m Hurdles - 18.39 seconds - 6<sup>th</sup>
- J. Prior: 100m - 13.46 seconds - 6<sup>th</sup>
- M. Harvey: Shot - 7.69m - 6<sup>th</sup>
- J. Wright: Discus - 16.28 - 5<sup>th</sup>
- M. Lasic: Long Jump - 4.21m - 6<sup>th</sup>

Again a massive congratulations for everyone who took part.

### Year 9 Leaders

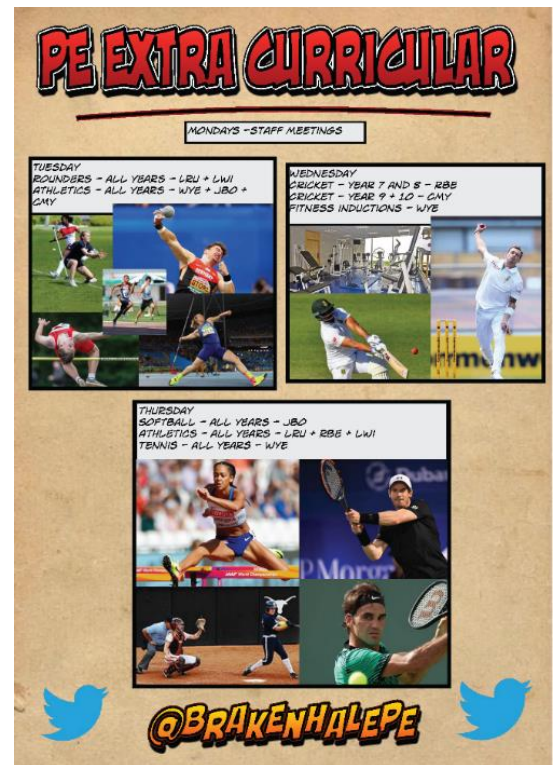
On Tuesday, 16 Year 9 leaders helped out at the Primary School Athletics competition at Bracknell leisure centre. The students were brilliant and were a real credit to the school. They had a range of jobs over the afternoon from positioning, timing, measuring, recording the score and collecting the rounders/cricket ball and the favourite job of ringing the bell once the 600m runners had 1 lap left.

The students were all brilliant and I look forward to working again with them very soon. Well done to Bethany B, Jake B, Elissa F, Kayliegh L, Micheal M, Victoria M, Maddie N, Alex P, Ricky O, Suzi R, Conor T, Jordan T, Emma W, Billy W, Jack W and Maisie S.

### Fixtures for next week

- Tuesday 12th June: Year 9 and 10 Rounders @ Garth
- Thursday 14th June: Year 8 Athletics @ Edgbarrow  
U15 Girls Cricket Festival @ Leighton Park School (11am-5pm)

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



## 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 a family annual membership with the National Trust or English Heritage this month.

Click on the link today and join up: [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk)

You have to be in it to win it.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> April

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



**Extra Curricular Dance Timetable** Starting from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

End of Year Dance Show on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>DARK MATTER</b>	Open for rehearsals	Year 10 - 13 rehearsals
After School 3:05 onwards	<b>AURORA</b> Dance Company (JNS) Kiera H Open to Year 8	<b>DARK MATTER</b> Dance Company (MS) Miss Raby Year 8 Boys  Year 7 Boys Group (JNS) Miss Haley Open to Year 7 Boys	<b>FREE FALL</b> Dance Company (MS) Miss Haley Year 9 -13 Girls group Contemporary piece	<b>FREE FALL</b> Dance Company (MS) Miss Haley Year 9 -13 Girls group Jazz piece	<b>The Mini's</b> (MS) Jess P & Miss Haley Open to Year 7

**Mondays All Years**

**TEXTILES STUDIO**

**3.10 to 4pm** **in C06**

Starting 16th April

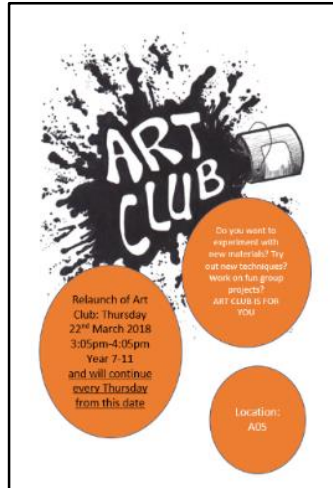


**ART CLUB**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 3:05pm-4:05pm Year 7-11 and will continue every Thursday from this date

Location: ADS



**Camera Club**

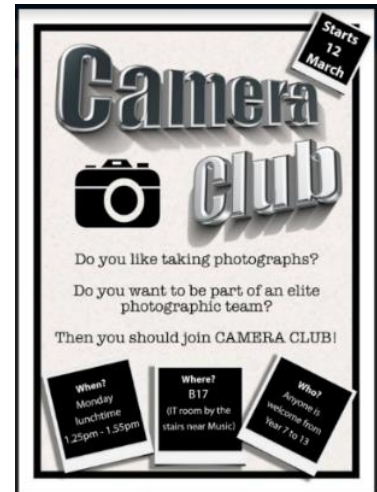
Starts 12 March

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 (IT room by the stairs near Music)

**Who?** Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 11



**ESTEEM**

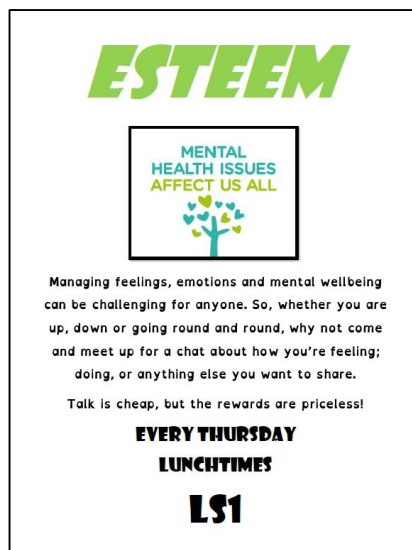
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

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  
it's our mental health



**STOP**

A SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

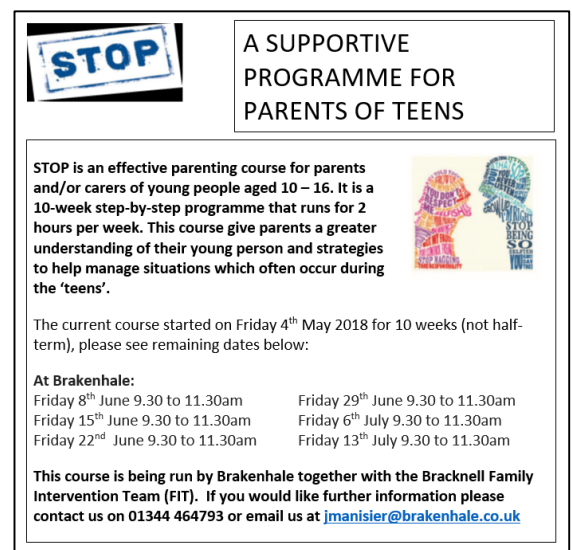
STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 10 – 16. It is a 10-week step-by-step programme that runs for 2 hours per week. This course gives parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage situations which often occur during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

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

**At Brakenhale:**

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30 to 11.30am	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30 to 11.30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30 to 11.30am	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30 to 11.30am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 9.30 to 11.30am	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jmanisier@brakenhale.co.uk)

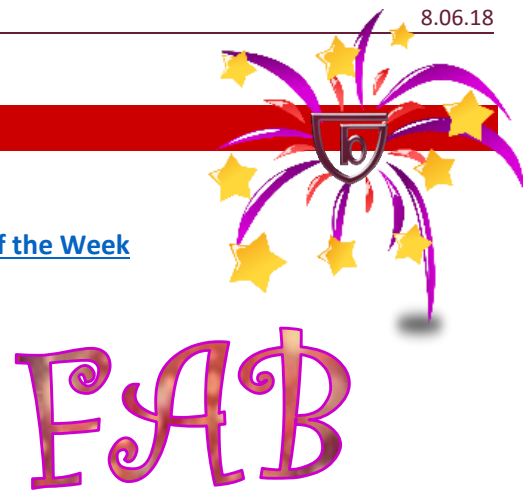


## Feedback Initiative

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*



## Current Vacancies

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

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

- English Teacher
- Safeguarding Administrator
- Criminology, Law & Psychology Teacher
- 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 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessment</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 10 End of Year Exams</b>
	<b>Year 11 Transition Day 1</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 11 Transition Day 2</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Parent Support Group, 9.30am</b>

## Easy Fundraising!

Don't forget to shop through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



### Term Dates 2017-18

#### SUMMER TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

*Inset Day: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*

Summer Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Summer Holiday for students – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

*(Inset Days: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September)*

### Term Dates 2018-19

#### AUTUMN TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

*(Inset Days: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September)*

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October)

*(Inset Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December)*

Christmas Holiday for students – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

#### SPRING TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Spring Half Term – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February)

Spring Holiday for students – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

(Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April)

#### SUMMER TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

*(Inset Days: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July)*

Summer Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

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



#challengeforall

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