



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an incredibly packed half term and the students are definitely ready for a well-earned rest; although those students taking examinations will be in school across the half term attending revision sessions which our fantastic staff are coming in to run.

The building work continues to progress well and Year 9 are now in the middle of creating art work for the hoardings at the Coningsby entrance, which we will also be entering into a national competition. So watch out for this going up towards the end of the first week back.

We have also been busy in the last few weeks recruiting staff for September and I am pleased to say that we have continued to attract incredibly high calibre candidates to join us. I am very excited about the recent appointments we have made and feel sure that they will have a significant amount to offer #teambrokenhale! They are all incredibly committed to our vision of 'High Expectations and Challenge'.

We do however say goodbye to Mr Jones today as he heads back to Australia after nearly 2 years with us but sadly his visa is now at an end. I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to him for all his work in the Mathematics department and as a tutor. He will be sorely missed.

On Tuesday I spent some time with the Chief Executive of the Youth Sports Trust, Alison Oliver. She shared a great quote with me which will be our quote of the week when we return;

'I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.' – Mother Teresa.

This really resonated with me and I hope it does with you too.

I would this week like to add in an additional quote for the half term holiday and it is one that recognises the incredible amounts that you do as parents/carers at home;

"A child educated only at school is an uneducated child".

A big thank you from me for all the continual support that you offer myself and the staff at Brakenhale in educating your children and all that you do at home, it is very much appreciated.

The feedback still continues to come in and I always reflect and review on it so this week's comments are as below;

- 'It should be a behavioural rule that if one or a few people are messing about in the classroom the sanctions should affect them; it is not fair for the whole class to get affected.'

I completely agree and would ask that this is reported directly to me. Staff are informed that this is not an acceptable way forward with any class.

- 'I know policies in Brakenhale such as the 'Uniform policy' are very effective, but don't you think it's too specific to say for instance 'gold' or 'silver' small earring studs, how about small earring studs but of any colour.'

I will be reviewing jewellery restrictions before September and I will of course take this into account.

Staff member of the week goes to Miss Ball our outstanding SENCO. Not only has she passed her nationally recognised SENCO qualification this week, she has also received some lovely parental feedback including; "She is one in a million and a fantastic asset to the school. She has been supportive beyond belief where our daughter is concerned. Miss Ball is a breath of fresh air."

Our students of the week are:

Emily in Year 10, and Lauren in Year 10 and Alice in Year 8, who took part in a curtain raiser for Chrysalis Dance Company at South Hill Park. This is amazing and we are extremely proud of you! Ms Haley has added;

“Alice is the youngest student to gain a place in BCDY and last night she not only held her own against older dancers but outshone them in my opinion with the closing solo. Lauren performed after a really stressful day, she is brilliant in ALL her subjects and her attendance at school is so impressive. Emily is also brilliant in ALL her subjects and involved in everything; she is so resilient and driven. All three represent the school in such a positive way.”

Finally please can I ask you to repeat the reminder to your children to stay away from the site during half term unless they are coming in for revision sessions. If they are attending revision sessions, they must stay outside of all building fences that have been erected for the safety of the staff and students.

Hope you all enjoy the half term and have an opportunity to recharge the batteries before returning to school.

My best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

Year 11 Half Term Revision Sessions

The following sessions will be running over half term. The exams will be in full swing and these booster sessions will really help students prepare for the examinations after half term.

Date	Time	Subject	Room
Tuesday 29 th May	All Day	Geography with Mr Mullett, Mr Cooper and Miss Byers	G01/G02/G03
Wednesday 30 th May	10am – 1pm	English with Miss Cresswell for those aiming for grades 7/8/9	C14
	10am – 1pm	Maths with Mr Dean for those aiming at grades 4-5	SF14
	1.30pm – 4pm	Maths with Mr Dean for those aiming at grades 7/8/9	SF14
Thursday 31 st May	10am – 1pm	English with Mr Anderson targeting grades 4/5/6	C23
	All Day	Music with Mr Duffy	C01
Friday 1 st June	9am – 12pm	GCSE Business with Miss Morgan and Mr Bell	B15/B16
	1pm – 4pm	GCSE Economics with Miss Morgan	B15
	1pm – 4pm	BTEC Business with Mr Bell	B16
	10am – 2pm	Maths with Mr Hicks	SF11
Saturday 2 nd June	9am – 12pm	History with Mr Hartley and Mr Benson (open to all students)	G01/CR3

Coming to a desk near you soon...

As previously communicated, students need to have a named, re-usable water bottle to keep hydrated whilst at school.

After half term we will start selling Brakenhale branded water bottles.

These clear bottles will be 500ml and will cost £2.

School Office



Dance

Dance Success

On Wednesday evening Berkshire County Dance Company Youth (BCDCY) performed a curtain raiser for Chrysalis Dance Company at South Hill Park. Students Emily, Lauren and Alice performed as part of this. All three students have completed this academic year in the company and as part of this have performed a variety of works and trained with different companies and choreographers. It was fantastic to see how much they have achieved and grown over the year and I was incredibly impressed with their performances which were mature, controlled and highly effective. All three students have worked incredibly hard each weekend and on late evenings showing a real drive and passion for dance.

BCDCY Auditions

Berkshire County Dance Company Youth (BCDCY), the Resident Youth Dance Company of South Hill Park, are looking for new dancers! You can watch their company trailer on [youtube](#).

The company are looking for enthusiastic young dancers who are seeking opportunities to learn from and perform alongside professional dance companies. The company work predominantly in Contemporary dance but learn other styles as appropriate to their performances. The group will meet on Saturdays between 10am and 12 during term time and during half terms for residencies with professional choreographers and dance artists. The company will also get to perform curtain raisers to many dance companies performing at South Hill Park, as well as several performances during the Lift Off Dance Festival in the Spring.

Details for the auditions are: Sunday 24th June, 1-3pm, South Hill Park (by application in advance only), Cost: £10, Age: 12-21, Experience: Some Contemporary, solid foundation in one other dance style

Please contact: lena.dee@southhillpark.org.uk for an application form and more information.

More information about the company can be found at www.bcdcy.org.uk and on Facebook/BCDCY.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Haley. Students who wish to apply and want support with their application can also speak with Miss Haley.

Miss Haley, Head of Dance and Drama



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	AUECDA 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

Camera Club News

Camera Club Photograph of the Week

Squirrel mania continues in Camera Club this week with Charlotte H's (Year 12) beautiful photograph!

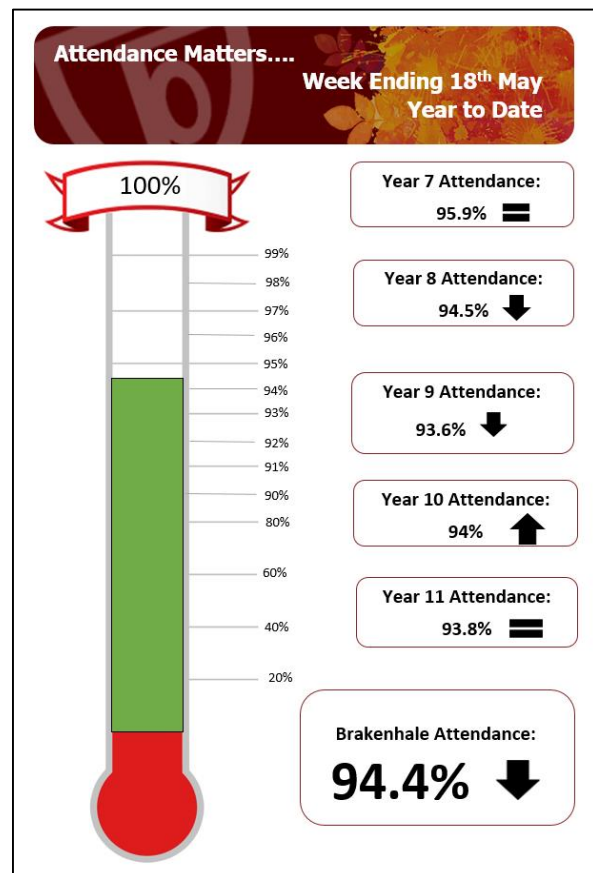
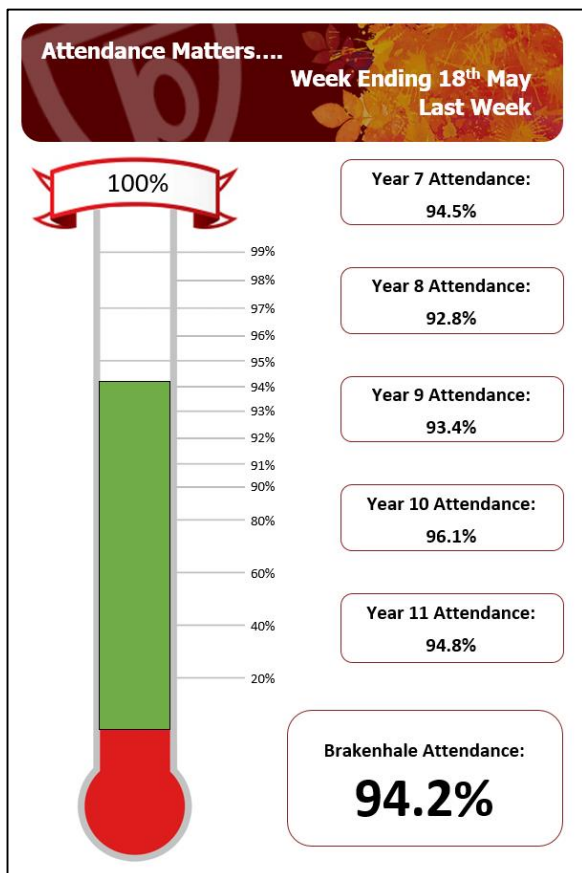
After half-term, Camera Club will start 'focussing' its efforts on preparing for Sports Day and also how the group can contribute to the development of the school newspaper. All students are welcome to attend - please come to B17 on Monday lunchtimes.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Photography Teacher



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 despite the weather changing once the athletic season started!

Rounders

Last week we kicked off the Rounders seasons with a Year 9 and 10 match against Edgbarrow, we had some great team work and encouragement from both teams. There were some outstanding fielding and batting performances; it was a shame the score line did not reflect this. The Year 10 score was 7 ½ - 12 ½ and Year 9 7-15.

Players of the match were Victoria M and Tegan R. Well done girls and good luck for your next match on the 6th June.

On Tuesday, we had a Year 7 and 8 Rounders game against Edgbarrow, we sadly didn't have enough students to compete as two different teams so we had a mixed team! They worked extremely well together and showed great dedication to teamwork. For some of the students, this was their first game of Rounders and for others it was their first time representing Brakenhale.

The score was 6-15 to Edgbarrow. Players of the match were Becky W for her batting and Ellie Y for her fielding.

Well done girls and good luck in your next match on the 19th June.

Athletics

On Wednesday we saw the start of the athletic season, with our Year 8-10 District Sports. We took an impressive 36 students to compete in a range of events; details of the results will be posted after half term.

Remember if you finished within the top 2 in the final you are invited to represent Bracknell in the regional competition on the 9th June at Palmer Park.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please can you make sure you encourage your child/children to come to extra-curricular clubs as we have a number of rounders and athletic fixtures coming up, a 'Road to Wimbledon' tournament, a reward trip plus sports day!

Fixtures for the first week back after half term

- Tuesday 5th June: Year 9 Leaders @ Bracknell Leisure Centre, 1-4pm, invite only
- Wednesday 6th June: Year 9 and 10 Rounders v EP @ EP
- Thursday 7th June: District Athletics - Year 7, 1-6pm
Year 9 and 10 Rounders v Sandhurst @ Sandhurst

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



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"



The Brakenhale School

WEEK COMMENCING : 16 APR, 07 MAY, 04 JUNE, 25 JUNE, 16 JULY

Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Beef Chilli Con Carne	British Farm Assured Chicken Jalfrezi Curry	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Beef Lasagne	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Stroganoff	Cauliflower Cheese	Feta Cheese Roasted Pepper Frittata	Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate	Rice	Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Garlic Bread Greek salad	Baked Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Apple Sponge served with Custard	Belgium Waffles served with chocolate custard	Summer Fruit Trifle Cream	Chocolate Tart served with fresh cream	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

Mondays All Years

TEXTILES STUDIO

3.10 to 4pm in **C06**

Starting 16th April

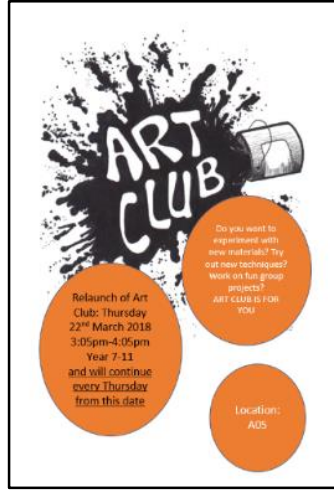


ART CLUB

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

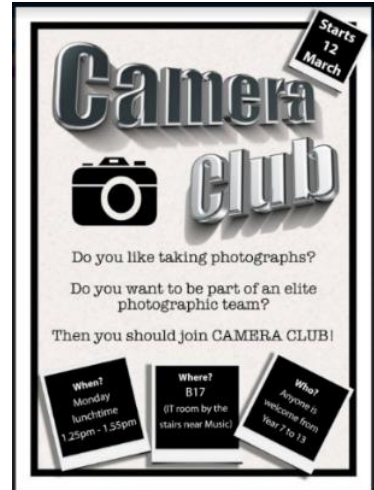
Starts 12 March

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

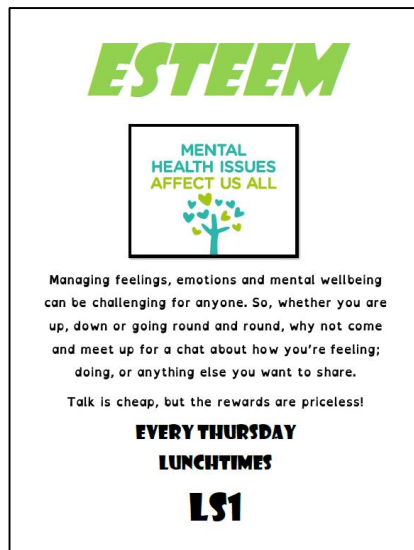
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

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



STOP

A SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

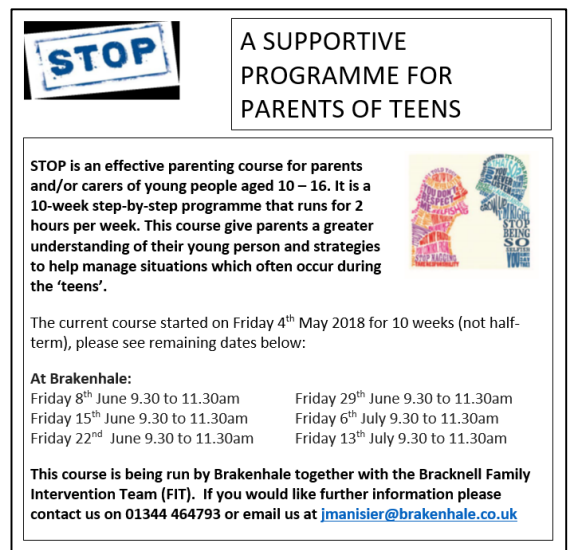
STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 10 – 16. It is a 10-week step-by-step programme that runs for 2 hours per week. This course give parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage situations which often occur during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

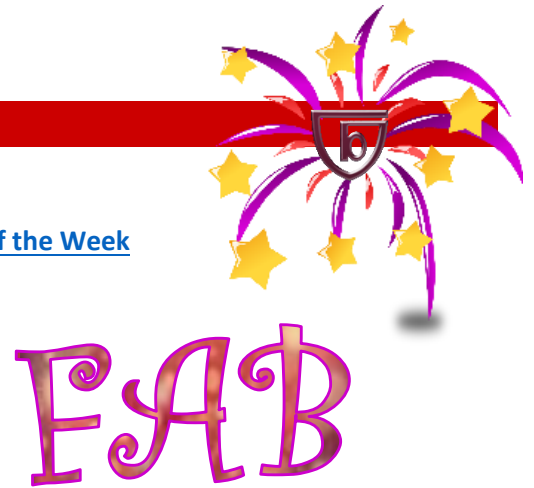


Feedback Initiative

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

Tuesday 12th June

PTA Meeting, 7pm

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:

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



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