



Dear Parents/Carers

It may have been a four day week but we have definitely fitted in an extra day's work somewhere so it has been incredibly busy.

Starting with last weekend, our World Challenge students were taken by Miss Willimott and Mr Kingston to East Sussex as part of their preparation for their expedition to Croatia. They returned tired but enthusiastic and looking forward the next episode of their course.

Year 11 completed their GCSE Music performances on Wednesday and Thursday and they also received their PPE results yesterday. This was a significant event for the Year 11s as this is the last time they will receive mock results as their next results day will be the real thing in August. Many of them realised that hard work really does pay off as they received very impressive results. A number of staff will be coming in over the Easter holiday to run further sessions for Year 11. We are so lucky to have a body of staff who willingly give up their free time to support the achievements of our students.

Year 7 had a very successful disco run by the PTA last night and all had a great time. Thank you to all the staff who helped to support this, more evidence of the willingness of staff to offer extra-curricular activities to our students.

Ms Ball delivered a CPR awareness training session to some of our Year 9 students today. She was very impressed with how well they all performed and they should all be receiving a certificate in due course. The Year 12 students were accompanied by Mr Dale to Epsom Racecourse for the Oxford and Cambridge University fair, this reflects our philosophy of High Expectations and Challenge for all.

On Saturday 31st March our Ski trip leaves. I hope all the students have a fantastic time and we look forward to seeing the pictures when they return.

There were not many drab comments this week but those that we have actioned include: "I think they should improve the lunch queues.£ We have spent this week reviewing how the new lunch time arrangements are going and as a result we are employing an additional staff member straight after Easter to work on the tills in order to get the students through the queue much more quickly.

Our staff member of the week this week is too difficult to call as two members of staff received so many nominations, so the winners are: Miss Haley and Ms Douse, some comments that they have received are as follows:

- 'She always helps us.'
- 'Awesome house captain of Temple.'
- 'For always making sure every student fully understands with kindness. Helps everyone all the time.'
- 'Gave some people a period 6 maths to help us and when we finished, she rewarded us for all our hard work and I think that she should be rewarded too.'

Our student of the week this week is Danielle Rabulan in Year 11: Danielle epitomises all that a Brakenhale student should be. She has thrown herself into her examination preparation, is always on hand to help lower school students and always goes out of her way to be helpful.

The motivational saying for week commencing 16th April comes from one of our Year 7 students, Nicola White, 'Knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference' – Claire Fagin.

We have 2 staff leavers this term:

Mr Lockyer, Assistant Chef, who has been with us for five years and is now looking to change his career – we wish him all the best.

Miss Leary, English Teacher, who has helped us this term to cover a short term absence and is now moving on to London to be closer to her family.

Wishing you all a very restful and happy Easter.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

Brakenhale Rebuild - update

The build work continues, at the front of the school:



Whilst at the back the diggers have been busy:



Brakenhale New Build Project - Fundraising

We need your help to raise £50,000 - needed by September 2019!!!!



£50k

£10



Please note that there are just a few days left to show your support for our fundraising at Waitrose.

Parents, I hope that over the Easter holidays you find the time to talk to at least one other person about raising money for your school.

Have a lovely break. With thanks

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

Student Council Election Results

On Tuesday 27th March the Student Council elections took place.

Two students from each year were elected to represent their year group on the Student Council, who will meet to discuss school related issues once every half term.

Congratulations to the following who were successfully elected:

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>
Daniel Kennedy Jakub Giszczak	Ethan Vine Stephanie Dundon	Ethan Nunn Leanne Palmer	Dragos Popa Elicia Darby

A massive congratulations to you all! Your first council meeting will be held shortly after Easter.

Mrs C Masson, Student Voice Coordinator

Camera Club

Camera Club is now in its third week and has met with huge enthusiasm from a number of students from Year 7 up to Year 12. They have all been set a number of photographic challenges, including trying out techniques such as Forced Perspective and the Headless Horseman - google them to make you smile! Over Easter, the students have been tasked with summing up what Easter means to them in a photograph - I am expecting a lot of pictures of chocolate.

Each week, I would like to choose a photograph that I think showcases the talent and creativity of my photographers and this week's image was taken by Sandia L (Year 7) and is a fantastic example of what happens when you take a photograph from an unusual viewpoint.

Miss Wilhelmy, Photography Teacher



Student Newspaper

After Easter the English department will be preparing for the launch of a brand new monthly student newspaper. We will be looking for members of the student community to be heavily involved in its making. Students do not have to be amazing at English; it may be that they are passionate about another subject, sport or extra-curricular activity. Potential roles include Key Stage 3 and 4 reporters, specific subject enthusiasts, editors (Year 10), photographers and various other roles to be confirmed.

A competition will be put into place after the Easter holidays and students will compete to create an inventive, original name for the newspaper, along with a show-stopping logo. Winners will be awarded house points, as will students who get involved in our paper.

This will not replace the current Parent News. It will be completely for the students and created by the students.

More information will be presented to students in year group assemblies after Easter.

Miss Dawson, English Teacher and Mrs Cresswell, Head of English



Dance

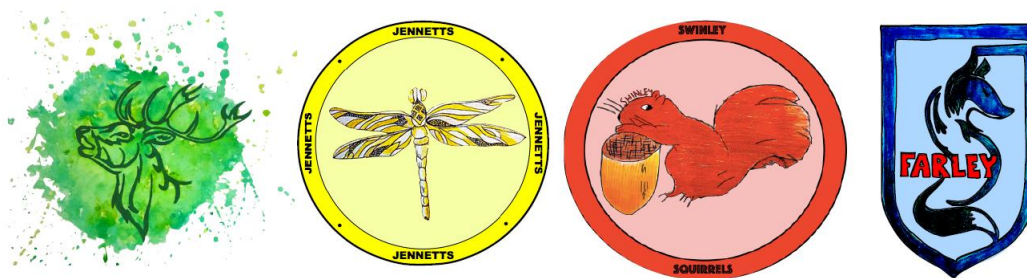
Our Year 12 and 13 Dance students started working with professional company Tavaziva on their curtain raiser this week. They participated in an intensive day workshop learning material from their professional dance work.

The company were impressed with the capabilities of the group and their commitment throughout the day. Artistic director Bawren Tavaziva commented "they are amazing, so clean" - in reference to their ability to pick up the movement material (not how well washed they are)! Students have another intensive day with the company before they perform as part of Izindava at South Hill Park on Monday 30th April. Tickets are available via the South Hill Park website.

Miss Haley, Head of Dance and Drama



House Song Writing Competition



Brakenhale's first house music competition is a song writing competition! We've heard some excellent songs already over the years at Brakenhale, and now is the chance for students to enter them into a competition.

There are some rules and requirements though, and the song needs to meet the following criteria:

1. It needs to be at least one minute long.
2. There needs to be at least one instrument part, and lyrics to go with the song. Students can enter as a pair/team if they would like!
3. There will be different winners for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and Post 16.
4. The lyrics should be based around one of the following themes:
 - Hope
 - Expectation
 - Motivation
 - Change
 - Community/Team
 - Happiness
 - Life
 - Your House (Jennetts/Temple/Farley/Swinley)
5. The song will be performed live to the Heads of House and Mrs Hope in May 2018 - the day is still to be confirmed.
6. The songs will be marked on performance, quality, and creativity.
7. The winners will be awarded House Points for each entry per house, and then 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place in each year group, and also an overall for each house.
8. The winning songs for each house will have the opportunity to record their songs properly and put them onto a CD!

Mr Duffy, Head of Music

Easter Revision Sessions for Year 11

Date	Study Session	Time	Room
Tuesday 3rd April	Mrs Powell - Science Set 1	12.30 - 3.30	S11
	Mr Thomas - ICT	9 - 4	CR3
Friday 6th April	Mrs Hope - Music	9 - 4	LS1
	Mr Benson / Mr Hartley - History	9 - 12	G01
Monday 9th April	Mrs Higham - Graphics	9 - 4	T03/T05
Tuesday 10 th April	Mr Dean - Grade 4/5 Crossover (Sets 3,4 & 5)	10 - 1	M14
	Mr Dean/Mrs Whybra - Grade 6+ (Sets 1, 2 & 3)	1 - 4	M14/M15
Tuesday 10 th April	Mrs Cresswell - English Literature focus to grades 7/8/9	10 - 1	C15
Thursday 12th April	Miss Morgan - Business GCSE Biz am	9 - 12	T04
	Miss Morgan - BTEC Biz pm	1 - 4	T04
Friday 13th April	Miss Morgan - GCSE Eco am	9 - 12	T04
	Miss Morgan - BTEC Biz pm	1 - 4	T04
	Mrs Peralta-Escibano - Spanish	9 - 4	C03

World Challenge

Last weekend, 7 Challengers, Mr Kingston and myself went to Ashdown Forest for the World Challenge training expedition. On our arrival we met our very nice expedition leader, Izzy who will be travelling with us to Croatia in the summer.

The purpose of the weekend was to work together as a team and learn new skills which would be helpful for our Croatia trip. The aim was for the challengers to take full control of the trip, which even included asking Mr Kingston and myself to do things!

The first challenge was to set up a tent! Once the tent was set up we went off on a walk and the challengers had to navigate their way to certain points! Put it this way: we saw a lot more of the forest than we thought we were going to see!

Once back at camp, it was time to cook dinner and take on the steep learning curve of cooking on a Trangia. [The original Trangia compact nesting pan and stove system has been a favourite for generations of adventurers as a way of providing a convenient and efficient cooking method for multiple users.]

While the team were cooking, a challenger took full use of asking Mr Kingston and myself to do things; we were tasked with collecting seats (logs/stone) so everyone could have somewhere to sit at dinner. One student managed to burn the spaghetti even though he claimed to be amazing at cooking pasta! After a little while (realising how slow the Trangia were for cooking) they then had to wash up. We had a team de-brief and then headed for bed.

After a cold night and very little sleep, it was time to make pancakes for breakfast. We quickly worked out that pancakes are not ideal to cook on a Trangia. It ended up like a ball of uncooked dough! We then headed out for our second walk and looked at different emergency scenarios. The students had to work together to help me in a situation where I had hurt my ankle and my knee. I was very impressed and if I had actually hurt myself I would feel in safe hands.



Overall the weekend was a good experience but very tiring. I can safely say that I am looking forward to Croatia where we will be sea kayaking, white water rafting and trekking in the mountains.

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

Brakenhale Canteen

Please see below for our menus for next term.

A normal meal deal costs £2.30, which includes a main meal and pudding. If students prefer just to have the main meal, this costs £1.90.

Mrs Silvey, Catering & Enrichment Manager

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 Chili Con Carne	British Farm Assured Chicken Jalfrezi Curry	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Beef Lasagne	British Farm Assured 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	Roast Potatoes	Garlic Bread	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

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING - 23 APR, 14 MAY, 11 JUNE, 02 JULY					
Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Pork Sausage Ring	British Farm Assured Butter Chicken Curry	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Beef Bolognese	British Farm Assured Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Macaroni Cheese	Chilli Beans Vegetable Biryani	Chilli Beans Casserole	Mexican Veggie Burrito	Cheese Omelette
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread	Creamy Mash'd Potatoes	Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Chocolate & Banana Cake	Orange Cake	Drop Pancakes served with Maple Syrup	Carrot Cake and Custard	Fruit jolly

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 Lamb Burger	British Farm Assured Chicken Madras Curry	British Farm Assured Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Pork Meat Balls	British Farm Assured Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Burger	Check Pea and Lentil Curry	Vegetarian Risotto	Vegetarian Moussaka	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate	Baked Spicy Wedges	Rice	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	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

PE News

The PE department are looking forward to the sunnier weather after half term and with this comes a new extra curricular timetable. We have a new range of clubs starting, so please come along to as many as possible!

Not only this but our reward trip for the spring term will be happening on Thursday 26th April and we will be heading off to Wokingham to Play a round of Foot Golf. More details will follow to the students next who have shown excellent commitment to the PE department.

Remember if you would like to be involved within the reward trips, make sure you turn up to a number of after school club clubs. In the summer term we will have a number of rounders, cricket, tennis and athletic fixtures. So make sure you are involved and are a part of #teambrokenhale.

Sport relief

On Friday, 11 staff members took on a student team for rounders in order to raise money for sport relief. It was a really exciting game and there were some brilliant displays of fielding and batting. The staff team decided to dress up for the occasion and I think we looked the part.

A big thank you to everyone involved and who donated money.

Year 8 Inter House Competition

On Wednesday we held the year 8 inter-house competition and it was amazing! We had 7 students out of the whole year group who did not take part and the Year 8s were very competitive which was amazing. It was really nice to see everyone getting behind their house. A massive congratulations to all the Year 8s.

The results of the football competition are as follows: 1st Temple, 2nd Swinley, 3rd Jennetts, 4th Farley

The results of the Bench ball competition are as follows: 1st Temple, 2nd Farley, 3rd Jenetts, 4th Swinley

Well done to Temple for winning both competitions.

This means that the overall winner is **Temple** for all the PE inter house competitions this term. Jennetts came 2nd, Farley 3rd and Swinley 4th. It was very close between second and third positions but well done to everyone who took part. Let's look forward to the next one.

Athlete of the Week

Athlete of the week this week is awarded to Reece Probert, Year 10 and Becky Warner, Year 7.

Becky was chosen for her amazing attitude and commitment in the football game against St. Crispins. Becky never gave up and she was always where the ball was. She did some fantastic tackles and held her own against the Year 8 team. She was selected as player of the match by the St Crispins team.

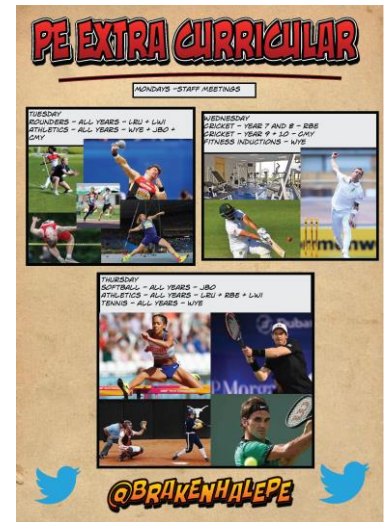
Reece was nominated for his commitment to football, and brilliant motivation and leadership skills. He has shown this throughout the season and has gone from strength to strength. He has led by example over the last couple of games and driven his team forward, when they have been losing.

Well done Becky and Reece, keep the hard work going.

Year 7 Football v LVS

Round 4 of the Year 7 Football competition saw the boys from Brakenhale take on our privately educated counterparts LVS. Our boys started nervously against a physically more imposing team. However, it wasn't long before their technical ability outclassed their opponents. They started playing their free flowing style of football they have become so accustomed to playing. The momentum shifted and it never changed hands until the final whistle. Brakenhale finished off the pool stages of the league 9-1 victors. We now await to find out who we will play in the Berkshire league semi-finals. Goal scorers on the day were Harry C 1, Josh B, Nathan S 3, Pharrell S 1, Alex B 2, Vincent N 1. Vincent also picked up the man of the match award for his solid performance and week-on-week improvements. *Mr R Beukes, U12 Manager*

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



Feedback Initiative

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

We would like this to be an ongoing initiative and would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at anytime, we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

Ms Coley, Headteacher



Round-Up (23rd March to 28th March)

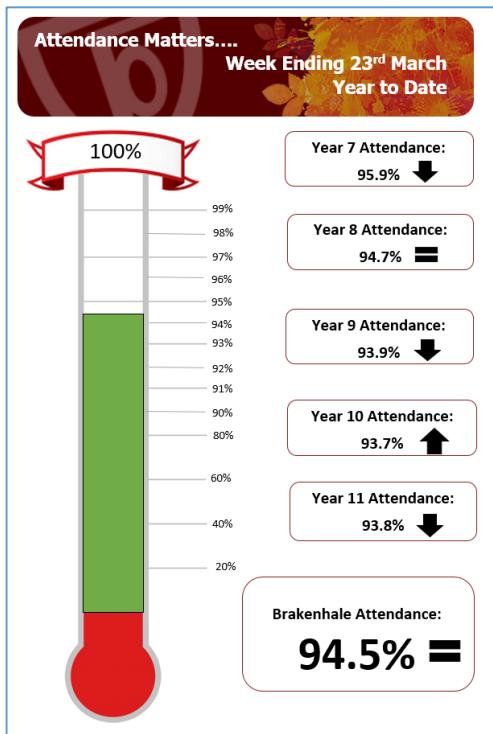
You think we are doing great at the following things at Brakenhale:

- ✓ Great school uniform, love how all girls have the same length skirt unlike other schools and the same bags.
- ✓ How teacher's make sure they repeat everything nice and clearly before you do the task.
- ✓ I wanted to submit a 'fab' for my 2 lovely boys (a real asset to Brakenhale!) The boys, in Year 8, have just completed their 3rd year at the Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford. They go every Saturday morning to play guitar and drums. They work really hard and they never shout about their achievements. At the age of 12, they are really accomplished players and playing in front of a packed studio for their end of term concert just doesn't faze them. I am very proud of them.

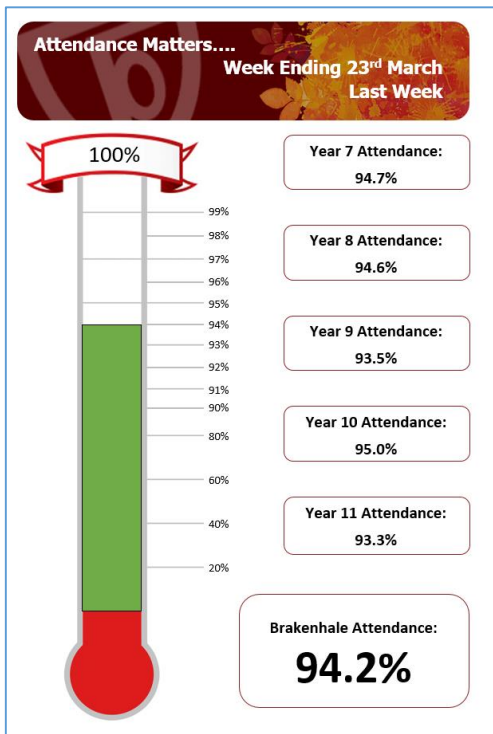
Attendance

Lateness to school in the morning continues to be an issue. Although there are changes around the school due to the building work, we all have to make changes to accommodate how they affect us on a daily basis. The vital life skill of punctuality is one which some students need more support to embed but this will only help them later in life. With this in mind we would just like to remind you that any student who is late to school in the morning and without a substantiated justification from home will be subject to a same day detention during lunchtime.

This Year so far



Last Week



Students are due to be on school site by 8.30am and in tutor rooms or assemblies at 8.40am.

As always please don't hesitate to get in touch on 01344 465050 or email me at schoolattendance@brakenhale.co.uk

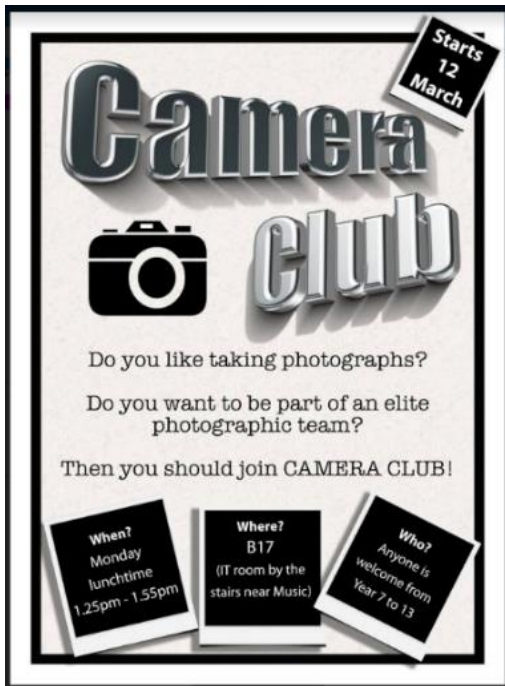
Mrs Evans, Attendance Office

Current Vacancies

We have the following exciting opportunities at Brakenhale. Please see the website for more details.
<http://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

- Science Teacher
- Psychology Teacher
- Art Teacher
- Maths Teacher
- English Teacher
- Head of Year
- Attendance Officer

Activities



Starts 12 March

Camera club

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

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

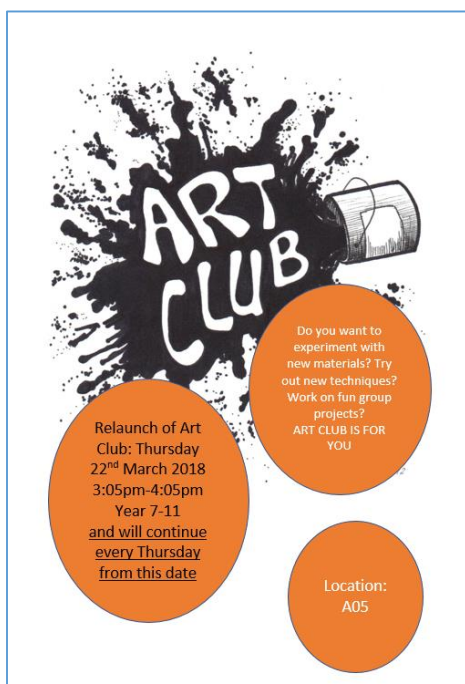


Mondays All Years

TEXTILES STUDIO

3.10 to 4pm
 Starting 16th April

in C06

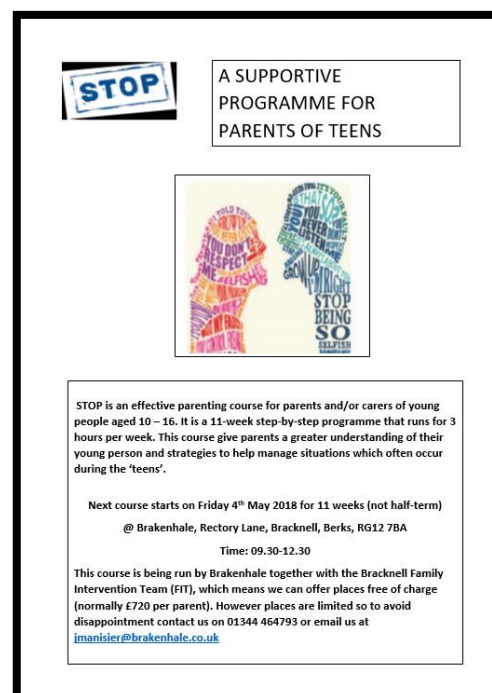


ART CLUB

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

Relaunch of Art Club: Thursday 22nd March 2018 3:05pm-4:05pm Year 7-11 and will continue every Thursday from this date

Location: A05



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 11-week step-by-step programme that runs for 3 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'.

Next course starts on Friday 4th May 2018 for 11 weeks (not half-term)
 @ Brakenhale, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 7BA
 Time: 09.30-12.30

This course is being run by Brakenhale together with the Bracknell Family Intervention Team (FIT), which means we can offer places free of charge (normally £720 per parent). However places are limited so to avoid disappointment contact us on 01344 464793 or email us at imanisier@brakenhale.co.uk

Clothes Recycling

Brakenhale School

RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES, SHOES AND ACCESSORIES.

We are again collecting old clothes, shoes and accessories to help raise money for the school via the PTA.

Please start collecting your unwanted items ready to bring in to school by Thursday 3rd May.

We will be giving out bags to students and they are also available from main reception, or you can put your items in a black bin bag.

Please contact Sarah Hartley at the school if you have any questions.
shartley@brakenhale.co.uk

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THE BRAKENHALE TRUST
HELPING THE SCHOOL THRIVE

Thank you for supporting the school!

Brakenhale School, Rectory Lane, Bracknell

Brakenhale School

RECYCLE!

Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...
The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.

Visit www.bag2school.com for more information.

The following 'good quality' items are accepted for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (soled together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats and Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Leggins and Socks
- Belt
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Caravans
- Towels
- Building (but shoes, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Please note that the following are not accepted:

- Diapers and Blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath mat cover and toilet mats)
- Sold, paired, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Items off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Bags are available from main reception, or put your items in a black bin bag.

Thank you for supporting the school!

Clothes Recycling Initiative

We are once again collecting your unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and other household items for recycling. Please see our flyer for more details of items that are collected or visit <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

This time the collection will be a **House Competition!** When you bring your bags to main reception you will be asked to add your student's name (and tutor and house if you know them) to a list with the number of bags you have brought. The more bags the more house points! So get spring cleaning and send us all your unwanted clothing items.

We will be offering bags to students to take home, or you can put your items in an ordinary bin liner or other plastic bag.

Please bring all bags to main reception. We will be collecting until Thursday 3rd May.

Brakenhale PTA School Lottery

Thank you to everyone who has signed up, so far we currently have 44 signed up members. The amazing news is that since this has started in March 2017 it has raised almost £1000.

We are looking to increase new members each month. 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 currently £20 (this increases with the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

Click on the link today and join up: Support the Brakenhale Lottery

You have to be in it to win it.

your school lottery

supporting **BRAKENHALE**
High Expectations & Challenge for All

JOIN TODAY & YOU COULD WIN A FITBIT!

New Year, New Resolution – Buy a lottery ticket to support our School!

- Join our weekly, online lottery and you could Win a Fitbit this term!
- Our school receives 40% of all ticket sales!
- A GUARANTEED cash prize to one of our supporters every week!
- Tickets cost £1 per week!
- Help us raise valuable money to enhance our school this year.

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

Search for:
Brakenhale

Supporter must be 16 years of age or older
*Invoiced continues until 31/03/2018

Easy Fundraising!

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



Future Diary Dates

Friday 30 th March to Friday 13 th April	Easter Holiday
Saturday 31 st March	Ski Trip
Monday 16 th April	First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 17 th April	Year 8 Girls injections
Monday 23 rd April	Big Book Look Week
Tuesday 24 th April	PTA Meeting, 7pm

Term Dates 2017-18

SPRING TERM 2018

Easter Holiday – Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April

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

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

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

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