



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely half term, although it feels like a distant memory after a week back at school! That, however, is a positive as we have been so busy time has just flown by. There have been a number of notable and successful events this week.

Monday morning was the first full building/planning meeting since our information drop-in evening for the community to view the new school plans. This event has had the highest turn out of any project that Wates the developer has held in a school. The feedback was 100% positive and it was fantastic to see such engagement from stake holders. The meeting on Monday was an exciting one where we began to discuss the make-up of classrooms, IT systems and an exciting new engineering and product design classroom suite. I will update you as we progress with the final arrangements before the builders arrive on site. On Wednesday a group of our Year 10 sports leaders supported the primary school Tag rugby festival and the feedback we received from the local community was simply outstanding. Thank you to the many parents who forwarded me the post from 'We Love Bracknell', it is always lovely to read positive messages about our young people. Within school the students have also been showing how resourceful and caring they are with Year 8 raising over £115 yesterday lunchtime for the shoe box appeal by selling their hot chocolate creations. Well done Year 8!

This week I have delivered assemblies to all year groups focussing on the old adage 'Never judge a book by its cover'. Students have listened very intently and contributed many ideas about why we do not always take the time to understand others and their situations before we make decisions about them. I have challenged them all to ignore negative comments that others make and to get to know people themselves and make their own decisions. I am sure you would agree this is an important lifelong lesson.

Rehearsals are continuing at a pace for our whole school Music, Dance and Drama extravaganza 'School of Rock' led by Mrs Raby. Over 100 students are actively involved in the production, a really exciting step forward for the school.

Next Wednesday is our Sixth Form information evening, which is always a really interesting event - we hope that parents of students in Key Stage 4 are able to attend. The evening starts at 6.30pm with a talk from Mr Hartley, Mr Dale and myself and there is then an opportunity to speak to all Post 16 subject leaders, students and ask questions about the courses on offer whilst viewing lots of resources.

Also next week is our PTA AGM and Year 7 information evening on Tuesday, then the Year 8 disco and Ski trip meeting on Thursday.

Best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

## What's on next week

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Sixth Form Safe Drive Stay Alive</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Key Stage 4 Book Look Week</b>
	<b>PTA AGM, 7pm</b>
	<b>Year 7 Information Evening, 6.30-7.15pm</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.30-8pm</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Ski Trip Meeting, 6-7pm</b>
	<b>Year 8 Disco, 7-9pm</b>

High Expectations and Challenge for All



**Brakenhale School**  
**Sixth Form**  
Information Evening for Courses 2018-20

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**6.30pm to 8pm**

You are warmly invited to our Sixth Form Information Evening between 6.30pm and 8pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The evening will commence with a talk from senior staff and you will then have the opportunity to look round our Sixth Form Centre, discover our wide range of courses and speak to teachers and current students.

The continued resurgence of Brakenhale Sixth Form has been confirmed by the most recent A-Level and BTEC results. In every single measure there has been an increase in attainment and progress.

**2017: 59% A\* to B (including equivalents)**



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## 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 & Second in Science

## EAL (English as an Additional Language)

The EAL department is looking for a Romanian speaking volunteer to support students within the department. Please contact Miss Cmok at the school if you are able to help or would like more information.



*Miss I Cmok, EAL Coordinator*

## Book Look Weeks 17-18

During Book Look weeks, exercise books/folders will be sent home with students for parents to see their son/daughter's work and how they are progressing in their subjects.

Could we please ask that parents and students ensure that they bring their books back to into school after taking them home.

Book Look Weeks for each year group will be as follows:

- **Year 11:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November
- **Year 10:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November
- **Year 9:** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- **Year 8:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January
- **Year 7:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

There will also be two Big Book Look weeks in which all work of all years will be sent home. These will be:

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

After each Book Look week we would like to take your feedback about the work that students are being set and the feedback they are receiving via a short questionnaire. We thank you in advance for completing this after each relevant week.

*Mrs G Powell, Assistant Headteacher*



The cast continue to impress staff with their effort and talent!

Rehearsals for our whole school Music, Dance and Drama extravaganza 'School of Rock' are on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school, from 3.05pm to 4.30pm.

*Mrs Raby, Teacher of Dance and Drama*

## PTA AGM



### PTA AGM

Next week, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM), where last year's committee is dissolved and we elect new members for the coming year.

If this is something you would be interested in, please see our PTA page on the [website for more information](#). Alternatively, you can contact the school.

## PTA Clothes Recycling Initiative

### 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.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

 A colorful flyer for the Brakenhale School 'Bag 2 School' clothes recycling initiative. At the top, it says 'Bag 2 School' next to a blue recycling symbol and a row of various clothing items. The school name 'Brakenhale School' and its crest are also present. The main heading is 'RECYCLE!' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...' and 'The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.' There are two yellow boxes with lists of accepted and non-accepted items. At the bottom, it states 'Bags are also available from main reception, or put your items in a black bin bag.' and 'Thank you for supporting the school!'
 

**RECYCLE!**

**Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...**

**The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.**

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

- ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Hats and Bags
- ✓ Scarves and ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie and Socks
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen
- ✓ Curtains
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

**Please note that the following are not accepted:**

- ✓ Duvelts and Blankets
- ✓ Pillows and cushions
- ✓ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- ✓ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- ✓ School uniforms with and without logo
- ✓ Corporate clothing and workwear
- ✓ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

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

**Thank you for supporting the school!**

## PTA Year 8 Disco

### Year 8 Disco – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

The Brakenhale School Parent Teacher Association and Year 8 Team are hosting a Year 8 Disco next week on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm until 9pm for Year 8 students only.

The disco will be held in the Main Hall and will be supervised by teachers. Admission to the disco costs £3.00, payable in advance.

Refreshments will be on sale during the disco and money raised is going towards PTA projects for the school.

We hope that Year 8 students will be able to attend what will be a thoroughly enjoyable Year 8 evening. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Year 8 Team.



## PTA Christmas Market



### Christmas Market – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

We will once again be holding our annual Christmas Market on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm to 9pm.

This is a wonderfully festive occasion and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

There is space still left if any parents/family or friends of parents/colleagues etc. with craft or gift businesses or services are interested in taking a table at our school Christmas Market.

Last year's event was a huge success with stallholders making excellent profits and raising their profiles within the local community.

Tables (provided by the school) cost £10 for 1, £20 for 2 and £25 for 3.

You can download a stall booking form from our website [here](#). Alternatively please contact Sarah Hartley at the school, or email [shartley@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:shartley@brakenhale.co.uk).

## School Christmas Card competition

We are delighted to once again be running our Christmas card competition for students.

Students who wish to take part should design a corporate Christmas card and Ms Coley will judge the competition and the winning entry will be sent out as the Brakenhale Christmas card this year.

If students are interested in submitting an entry, they will need to draw their design on an A4/A5 blank piece of paper and put in an envelope with their name and class which can be handed in to Main Reception. The design will be scanned in so needs to be a flat image otherwise we will be unable to use it.

The deadline for entries will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November in order for us to select and print the designs.



*Last Year's Winning Entry*

## Year 9 Shoe Box Appeal

Year 9 are taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal project this year. We will be asking Year 9s to bring in items that can be put into shoe boxes that will be sent as presents to children in other parts of the world. If you wish to donate items then please look at the guidance on the website link below and send any items in with your children to Miss O'Brien.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Miss O'Brien and her tutor group 9R held a hot chocolate sale on Thursday lunchtime, selling hot chocolate with marshmallows and biscuits. All the money raised will be going towards this project, and thanks to everyone who helped and participated they raised a fantastic total of £115.25 for the Shoe Box Appeal!

Many thanks for your support for this worthwhile cause.

*The Year 9 Team*



## Parental Guidance Workshop at the Kerith Centre

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PARENTAL GUIDANCE  
workshop

**A WORKSHOP OFFERING PARENTAL GUIDANCE ON XXX CONTENT**

THINGS HAVE CHANGED, IT ISN'T EASY PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

SOME QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK US:  
AT WHAT AGE SHOULD I TALK TO MY CHILD ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ADULT WEBSITES?  
HOW CAN I PROTECT THEIR INNOCENCE AND PREPARE THEM WELL?  
DO INTERNET FILTERS WORK WHEN MY TEEN USES HIS PHONE AWAY FROM THE HOUSE?  
HOW BIG A PROBLEM IS SNAPCHAT OR THESE OTHER APPS I READ ABOUT?

**THE WORKSHOP PROVIDES:**  
**A RELAXED & HONEST PRESENTATION OF LATEST INFORMATION**  
**PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR YOUNGER & OLDER KIDS**  
**FREE RESOURCES**  
**Q&A SESSION**

DATE: TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2017 | 7.30 - 9.30pm  
VENUE: THE KERITH CENTRE | CHURCH RD, BRACKNELL, RG12 1EH  
FREE ENTRY | FIND OUT MORE & BOOK: THEPGWORKSHOP.COM

**A WORKSHOP THAT GIVES PARENTAL GUIDANCE ON XXX CONTENT**

**PG**  
workshop

**PARENTAL GUIDANCE ON PHONES, FILTERS & DIGITAL DANGERS**

"PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 8-18"  
"TALK DOWN TO EARTH AND VERY INFORMATIVE"  
"VERY GOOD INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC AND WOULD HELP ALL PARENTS A\*\*\*\*"

DATE: TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2017 | 7.30 - 9.30pm  
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## Exams Update

### Year 9 Pre Public Exams

Please find attached the timetable for the Year 9 Pre Public Exams (PPEs) that they will be sitting in November.

Hard copies have been given out to students.

Brakenhale School Year 9 Pre Public Exams (PPEs) – November 2017					
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Period 1 & 2	English 1 Hour 45 min	Maths 1 Hour Geography 1 Hour	French 1 Hour 15 min Spanish 1 Hour 15 min Religious Studies 30 min	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	
Period 3 & 4	Maths 1 Hour Science 1 Hour	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	History 1 Hour		
Period 5	<b>Normal Lessons</b>		<b>Normal Lessons</b>		

### Year 10 Pre Public Religious Studies Exam – Change of Date

Please note that we have changed the date of the Religious Studies Exam for Year 10. This will now be taking place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 11.25am in the Main Hall. The Exam will be one hour long and will be taken under exam conditions.

This exam is in preparation for their GCSE Religious Studies Exam that they will be completing in May 2018.

The exam will be on Islam and revision material for this can be found on Show my Homework.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Exam Team if you have any further questions.

### Year 11 Pre Public Exams

Please find attached the timetable for the Year 11 Pre Public Exams (PPEs) that they will be sitting in November and December.

Brakenhale School Year 11 Pre Public Exams (PPEs) – November/December 2017					
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Period 1 & 2	Maths Non Calculator 1 Hour 30	English 1 Hour 45	Maths Calculator 1 Hour 30	English 1 Hour 45	Sixth Form Taster Day
Period 3 & 4	P3 Business BTEC 1 Hour All other students normal lessons P3 and P4	<b>Normal Lessons</b>		Maths Calculator 1 Hour 30	
Period 5	Science Biology 1 Hour	Science Chemistry 1 Hour	Science Physics 1 Hour	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	

Brakenhale School Year 11 Pre Public Exams (PPEs) – November/December 2017					
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Period 1 & 2	<b>Normal Lessons</b>				Art all day Exam in A02 Photography all day Exam in B17  <b>All other students in normal lessons</b>
Period 3 & 4	<b>OPTION A</b> Art - All day Friday A02 Bus Studies 2 x 1 Hour Economics 2 x 1 Hour Geography 2 x 1 Hour History 1 Hour 15 plus 45 min Spanish 1 Hour 30 HSC Resit students 1 Hour Photography - All day Friday B17	<b>OPTION B</b> Bus Studies 2 x 1 Hour Engineering TBC French 1 Hour 30 Geography 2 x 1 Hour Graphics 2 Hours History 1 Hour 15 plus 45 min HSC Resit students 1 Hour BTEC Drama 2 Hour practical exam in L01	<b>OPTION C</b> BTEC Bus Studies 1 Hour Com Science 1 Hour Engineering TBC Food Nutrition 1 Hour 45 French 1 Hour 30 Geography 2 x 1 Hour History 1 Hour 15 plus 45 min Media No Exam Spanish 1 Hour 30 OCR National 1 Hour	<b>OPTION D</b> BTEC Sport 1 Hour Bus Studies 2 x 1 Hour BM 2 Hours Dance GCSE 2 hour practical exam in MS with ARA Geography 2 x 1 Hour ICT 1 Hour Music GCSE 1 Hour LS1 GCSE PE 1 Hour Spanish 1 Hour 30 BTEC Dance 2 hour practical exam in JNS with CHL Music BTEC TBC	
Period 5	<b>Normal Lessons</b>				

Mrs Seymour, Exams Officer

## News from our School Houses

A reminder that House badges should be worn with pride by the students on their blazers. We have noticed a drop off of students wearing them around school since Half Term. This may be down to parents removing them whilst the blazers have been washed and not re-pinning afterwards.

We have found the badges an excellent way to create the community spirit we are aiming for with our re-branded House system.

It is very difficult for teachers to award points to the correct house without the badges on display, it is also a great way for the students to recognise who is in their House team from different year groups.

Also, a reminder that contributions towards the cost of the badges are welcomed via ParentPay, currently we are in negative equity on the badges and any help towards the cost would be greatly appreciated!

*Mr Yeates, Head of PE, School Houses Coordinator*



<b>Farley</b>	
<p><b>FARLEY:</b></p> <p>A great week, Farley. Welcome back after the half term, and I'm sure you're all ready to get stuck in and be the best student you can.</p> <p>Remember, if you haven't signed up for an extracurricular group then please do so – try new things, make new friends and gain house points at the same time!</p> <p>We're back from half term and moving towards Christmas! Let's get into the festive mood early and be on Santa's nice list by being super amazing and trying our best! The Christmas card competition is still open for those who wish to enter. It's a great chance to try something new.</p> <p>Again, the leader board is very close! And again, the first person in Farley to achieve 50 house points will receive a prize! So keep on collecting them!</p> <p>Keep it up!</p> <p><i>Mr Bell, Head of House</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p><u>Top 5 (amazing) Farley members!</u></p> <p>Liberty G (7N) Has moved up 3 spaces, to take the lead!</p> <p>Adam M (7R)</p> <p>Tegan R (10R)</p> <p>Hristina M (8A) is now back on the leader board! Well done!</p> <p>Sandia L (7B) has moved to the leader board – amazing!</p>

<b>Jennetts</b>	
<p>It's been a great start back to the half term - well done.</p> <p>We are now in a position where every single student in team Jennetts has at least one house point, which means that every student has contributed to the house in one way or another. We are though, as I'm sure you have noticed, not in first place. The gap has closed, but we need more!! There will be house competitions coming your way this half term, so keep an eye out for those and make sure you enter when the opportunity arises.</p> <p>Well done on a fabulous first week back, I hope you have a lovely weekend and a great second week back!</p> <p><i>Mr Duffy, Head of House</i></p>	<p><u>Top students in each Year:</u></p> <p>Year 7 - Harvey W</p> <p>Year 8 - Jay J</p> <p>Year 9 - Leanne P</p> <p>Year 10 - Emily C</p> <p>Year 11 - Claudia P</p> <p>Sixth Form - Carys H</p>

## Swinley

Hello Swinley! First I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for there not being any news to go home at the end of half term, unfortunately I was unwell so was not in school to put together our article. But, what a half term it was! As we broke for half term, our house was sat pretty at the top of the house points leader board after an exceptional effort from everyone in this first part of the year! It makes me incredibly proud to have seen us start so well and the target now must be to stay top and for even more students in Swinley to be recognised for their excellence!

In other news, over the last couple of weeks at school we have been conducting interviews for our House Captain and Vice Captain positions across our year groups. There were some outstanding applications and I think the future looks very bright for our house with the leaders we will have in place. Keep a close eye on the Swinley news next week as we will be revealing our House Captains then...

*Mr Jackson-Sankey, Head of House*

### Top 3 students:

Travis T (Year 8)  
Lester D (Year 10)  
Taqiah C (Year 8)

## Temple

I hope you had a fantastic half term Temple Warriors and have come back ready to continue earning those house points!

Keep up the hard work in lessons and attendance at after school events, it is so important. The leader board is so close and we are almost there.

House Captain information will be coming soon, along with competitions you can get involved in.

Congratulations to our top earners, we salute you.

*Miss Haley, Head of House*

### Top students in each Year:

Year 7 - Rebecca W  
Year 8 - Tayla S  
Year 9 - Victoria M  
Year 10 - Alexandra E  
Year 11 - Jeffrey B  
Sixth Form – Kieran W

## PE News

Could parents please ensure that their child's PE kit is clearly marked with their name and tutor group. This is really important in order for us to ensure that any lost items are re-united with their owners! Currently we are experiencing a lot of items going missing from PE bags and unless they are clearly labelled it is very difficult to make sure they are returned to the correct student.

### **Fixtures for next week**

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Year 10 and 11 Netball v Edgbarrow @ Home
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Yea 11 National Cup v John Hampton @ Home
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Year 9 and 10 Netball v Sandhurst @ Sandhurst

*Mr Yeates, Head of PE*

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



## Attendance

Our year to date figure is still looking really healthy at 95.7% which is now 1.2% ahead of the figure at this time last year which is brilliant, thank you for your continued support!

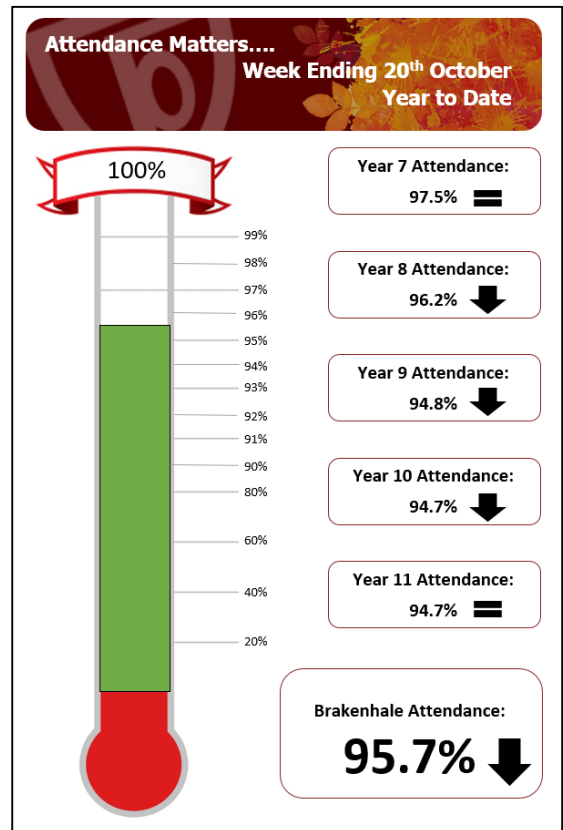
On a less positive note we have had a few instances of holiday disguised as illness. Although I understand why parents may think this is a way around the fixed penalty notice I cannot stress how awful this can be for the students when it comes to light.

Often tutors overhear conversations from friends and pass this information on to me and alongside this when I call home to enquire about the illness I hear an international dialling tone, I have to investigate this further.

However this could put your child a very uncomfortable position if they are asked to explain their absence.

As always please get in touch if there is anything that we can do to support you by telephone on 01344 465050 or by email on [schoolattendance@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:schoolattendance@brakenhale.co.uk)

Mrs Evans, Attendance Office



## Brakenhale Canteen

Please see below our new menu for after half term.

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING :- 6 NOV, 27 NOV, 1 DEC, 22 DEC					
Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Beef Chilli Con Carne	British Farm Assured Chicken Korma	British Farm Assured Roast Chicken Breast	British Farm Assured Beef Stew	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Curry	Mexican Veggie Burrito	Mushroom Risotto	Cheese Omelette
Carbohydrate	Rice Garlic Bread	Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Creamy Mashed Potatoes	Baked chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Apple Crumble served with custard	Chocolate and Banana Sponge	Raspberry and Coconut Crumble	Carrot Cake and Custard	Baked Mixed Fruit Pie served with fresh cream

We have available every day

- Yogurt bar for breakfast
- 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

A 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

## School Lottery

Don't forget to join up and purchase your tickets to start helping our school. If you haven't signed up now would be the time. This is an easy way to help us to make money for the school and be in with a chance for winning. Thank you to all who have bought tickets and who continue to support the school.



Why not join today and not only will you be in with a chance of winning in the weekly prize draws but you will be helping to raise money for the school at the same time.

Click here to [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

This term School Lottery are offering the chance to win an Amazon Echo Dot. You can find full details on their website.

Our School Lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to help improve our school but we need your help to make it the best it can be.

Why not join now!

## Easy Fundraising

With [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny!

When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now not only can you shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).

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



## Future Diary Dates

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 10 Parents' Evening</b>
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 9 PPE exams</b>
Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 11 PPE exams</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 10 Religious Studies exam</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>PTA Christmas Market</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Sixth Form Taster Day for Year 11</b>
	<b>Parent Support Group Coffee</b>

## Term Dates

### AUTUMN TERM 2017

*Inset Days: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September*  
*Inset Days: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December*

Term dates for students:  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Autumn Half Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Holiday for students – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

### SPRING TERM 2018

Term dates for students:  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
 Spring Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
 Easter Holiday – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM 2018

Term dates for students:  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – 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 (date to be confirmed)

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:  
<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooltermandholidaydates>

**#challengeforall**

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