



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy week at Brakenhale.

We have seen the final tours happening and once again they have been over-subscribed. We have been very proud to show them our students behaving in an exemplary fashion. Well done to all the staff and students on making these tours a success.

On Wednesday we held an information evening for Year 11 students and parents. We had an impressive turn out and I would like to thank all the parents for supporting this. A number of parents remained behind after the presentation to speak with our members of staff who are doing a fantastic job at ensuring our Year 11s are prepared for this most important of years.

Also on Wednesday we had the local primary schools' netball competition. Competitors from different schools attended our site and some of our students helped to organise and umpire the games for the younger students. We had some great feedback from the organisers and I would like to congratulate all of our students on how well they conducted themselves and supported the Year 5 students.

Thursday evening saw another excellent evening in which parents were invited to meet the Year 7 tutors. Once again we had a great turn out. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff and student helpers on both of our parent information evenings as without them it would not be possible for us to hold these events.

Next Wednesday evening will be our Year 10 information evening and we invite all Year 10 parents and students to come along and find out how you can support your studies over the next year. This is the beginning of a very important two years and we encourage all to attend.

On Tuesday of next week, between 3.30 and 7pm, we have our public information evening at which we will be sharing the plans for our future build. We hope that you will join us and ask any questions that you may have about this hugely exciting project.

Finally can I please remind parents and carers that we are very happy to meet to discuss individual concerns but as I'm sure you can understand appointments do need to be made in advance in order to meet with staff.

Best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Tuesday 17 th October	Public Information Evening for Future Build
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 10 Information Evening, 6-7pm

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
- Science Teacher & Second in Science
- Design Technology Teacher
- Nurture Group Lead
- Cleaning & Maintenance Assistant
- Cover Supervisor

PTA AGM



Next month, on Tuesday 7th 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 Support

Many thanks to the PTA who have very kindly donated some funds towards the PE Department's purchase of some electrical equipment for their changing rooms. Very soon both sets of changing rooms will have access to TV screens which will enable students and staff to analyse performances in lessons during changing times. The screens will also be used to ensure students are sticking to strict visual changing time limits to make sure lesson time is optimized. Photos of the equipment in action to follow...

Mr W Yeates, Head of PE

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the Brakenhale School Local Governing Body.

If you are eligible and wish to stand for election as a parent governor you should complete an application form; a letter, information and form have been sent home via schoolcomms or can be found on the school website [here](#). The closing date for applications is 10am on Friday 20th October 2017.

If more applications are received than there are vacancies, a ballot will be held in which all parents and carers may vote. If a ballot is held the applicant's personal statement will be made available to all parents/carers.

Should you require further information, please contact the Clerk, Mrs Deykin, on clerk@greenshaw.co.uk.

Mrs Roche, Chair of Governors

School House News

News from our School Heads of House:

- Farley: Mr Bell
- Jennetts: Mr Duffy
- Swinley: Mr Jackson-Sankey
- Temple: Miss Haley



Farley

The leader board for the Farley this week is close!
 The top 5 actually have first, second, and joint third place!

Adam M 7R	28
Hristina M 8A	27
Liberty G 7N	25
Molly P 9N	25
Tegan R 10R	25



Really great work, Farley! Keep it up!
Mr Bell, Head of House

Jennetts

Well, what a start.
 From our first house assembly to today, lots has been happening with the new house system, and certainly in Jennetts house!
 It has been a brilliant start to the term, and I have really enjoyed the community spirit amongst Team Jennetts - I am really looking forward to seeing what is in store in the weeks and months to come!
Mr Duffy, Head of House

We have had lots of fantastic applications for our **House Captain** and **Vice House Captain** positions for each house, and there is still time to apply as applications will be accepted until Monday, before the interviews take place throughout next week. If you want to make a difference and get involved in the House system changes, this is a brilliant opportunity. See your **Head of House** ASAP!

Swinley

5 weeks in and the House System has really taken off. It fills me with a great deal of pride to see so many students sporting their badges around school and taking pride in being a part of House Swinley.
 Special mention must go to Travis T and Elliot H who are currently in the top 10 for achievement points in the entire school! Long may the positivity continue!
Mr Jackson-Sankey, Head of House

Temple

Temple Warriors! Well done for a fantastic start to the year, it has been wonderful to see the house points rolling in since our first assembly, you have been working really hard.
 Keep up the hard work House Temple!
Miss Haley, Head of House

Vivos

Now the school has moved from last year's 'Vivo' points to recognize achievement to the House point system in operation this year, students are encouraged to 'cash in' existing points from last year. If students have Vivo points which haven't been exchanged for an item from last year they need to see Mrs Daniels in the LRC.

Year 11 Half Term Study Programme

Monday 23 rd October	All day - Business with Ms Morgan in B16 (All Business groups) PE with Mr Boucher in B13 – morning only.
Tuesday 24 th October	English essay writing session with Mrs Cresswell, Head of English. Open to all students and will be in the main hall starting at 9am for the morning only.

Mr Gibson, Deputy Headteacher

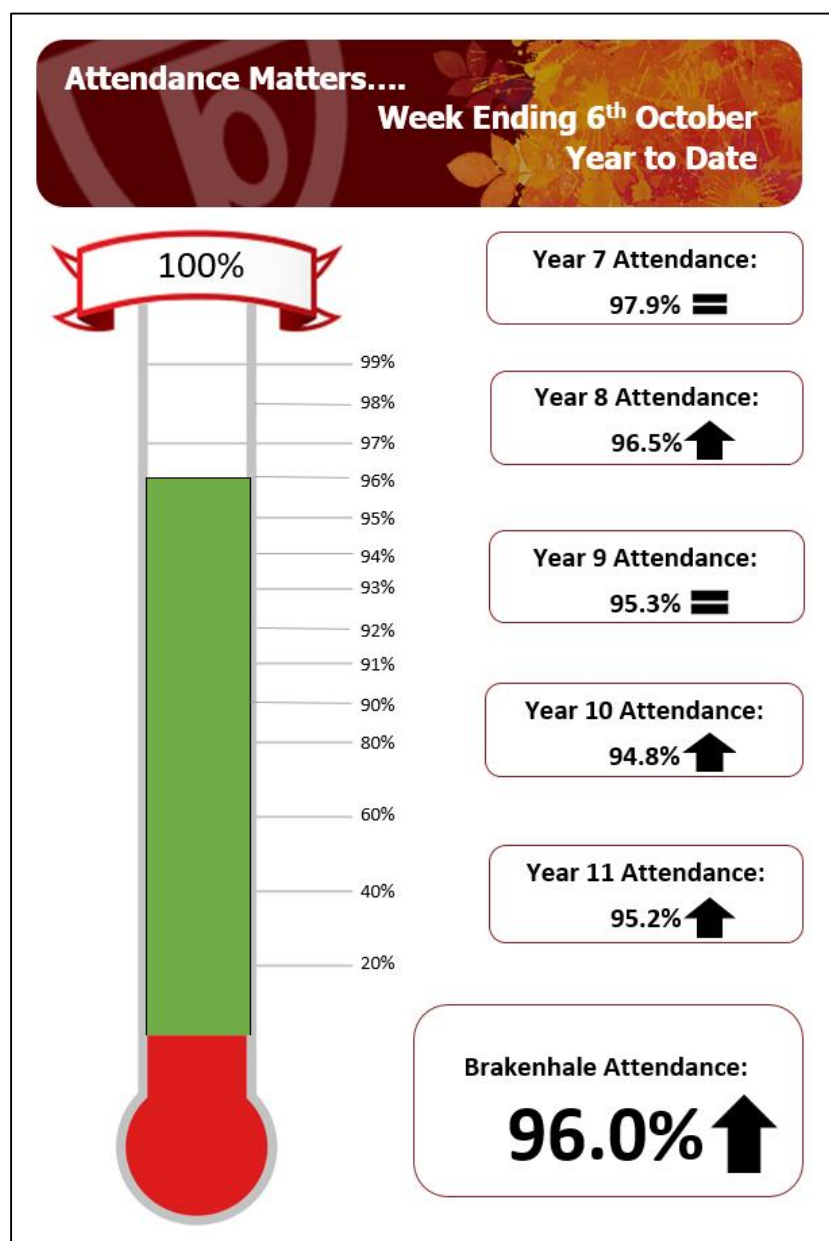
Attendance

A fantastic week for attendance! We achieved 96% last week which also made our year-to-date result move back up to 96% too.

I received a message from Mrs Roche, our Chair of Governors, this week to say what a great result so far. Our result is what it is because we are **all**, students, parents, carers and staff, working towards encouraging students to be in school as much as they can, so well done and thank you!

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

Mrs Evans, Attendance Office



School Production



School of Rock rehearsals have started. The cast have made a fantastic start and are impressing the staff with their effort and talent!

Reminder that rehearsals are Wednesday and Thursday after school, until 4:30.

Mrs Alison Raby, Teacher of Drama and Dance

Brakenhale Canteen

Please see below our menu for next week.

The Brakenhale School

WEEK COMMENCING : 16 OCT

Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot main meal option	British Farm Assured Lasagne	British Farm Assured Chicken Balti	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Beef burger in a Bun	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish
Hot vegetarian meal option	Roast Tomato Frittata	Vegetable Balti	Vegetable Chilli Beans	Veggie Burger	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate option	New Potatoes	Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes Rice	Baked Potatoes Wedges	Baked Chips
Vegetables options	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans
Hot Pudding	Sticky Toffee Apple Sponge served with custard	Belgium Waffles served with chocolate custard	Mixed Fruit Crumble served with custard	Chocolate Tart served with fresh cream	Drop Pancakes served with maple syrup

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

PE News

This week has been another busy week for the PE department. It feels like we are getting closer to winter with the nights rolling in. Last week we had 121 students at extra-curricular clubs and fixtures.

Just a reminder to start/continue coming to clubs as we have rewards for the students who attend regularly. Make sure you are one of these students.

A reward trip is already booked in... watch this space for more details.

Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10s put on a great display of skill, communication, team work and athleticism on the 11th October when they took on Sandhurst, Ranelagh and Garth schools in a rugby tournament, coming out with 2 wins and 1 draw. Multiple tries for Ellis H and Ruben B showed their experience, with other key performances coming from Ethan B for his leadership, Abubakari S for his huge tackles and congratulation to Michael G for scoring his first ever try in the sport. Standout performer goes to Casey W for putting himself in new positions and showing great skill and determination throughout the tournament. Jack C also scored a try as well. Well done boys and good luck in the next match.

Girls Cross Country

This week saw the final cross country run and the girls were fantastic. Nearly all the girls achieved a PB (Personal Best) which is amazing and all that we could ask for. Well done girls.

Boys Cross Country

Sorry we had to cancel this at such short notice, this was due to staff absences.

Netball Umpires and Leaders

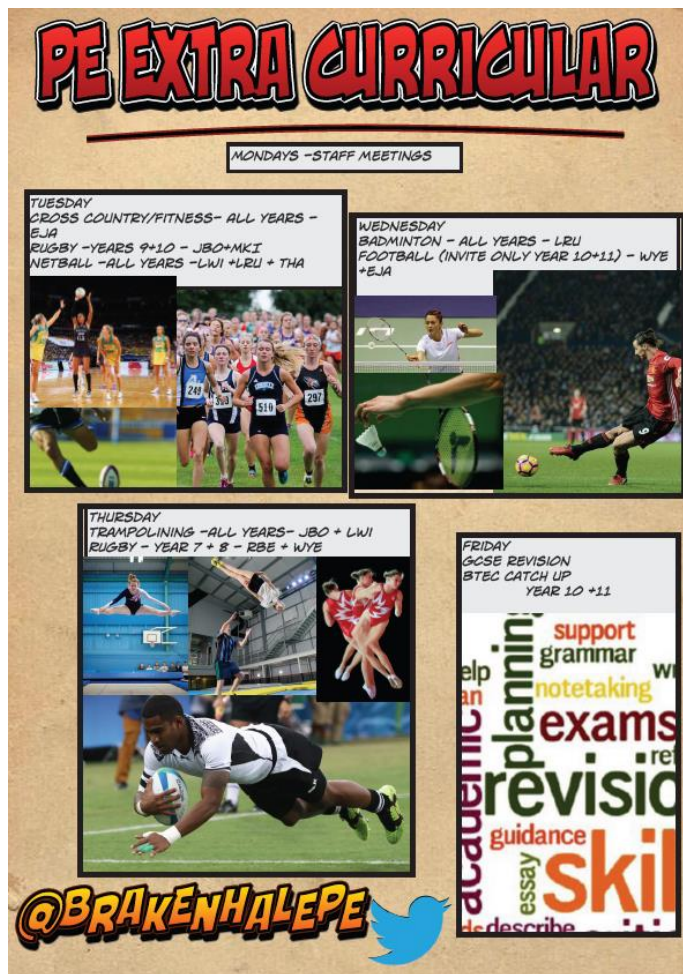
On Wednesday we held the primary school high 5 netball tournament. We had 17 primary schools here competing to be the winner. The girls who umpired did a fantastic job, as it takes courage to umpire a game of netball when you have other teachers and parents around you the whole time. Well done to the following girls; but a special mention need to go to Laura H, Asha M and Grace P as they umpired and scored the finals brilliantly.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tai C Taylor R Laura H Asha M Grace P Amy C Claudia P Jordan R 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace H Jade D Amy D Ella H-B Miriam A-P Olivia C Amy P Ellie C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah F Emily C Ellie S Sarah A Marta C Maizie F Emily G Kelly G 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tegan R Tiegan W Amber R Lily K Zoe J Alex E Emily W
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Fixtures for next week:

Monday 16th October	Tuesday 17th October	Wednesday 18th October
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Rugby Tournament @ Edgbarrow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Mock Practical Moderation @ Edgbarrow (Year 11's only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 and 9 Netball v Garth @ Home U16 Football v Charters @ Home

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



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 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 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 - 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 to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



Future Diary Dates

23 rd to 27 th October	Half Term
Thursday 2 nd November	Year 13 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Tuesday 7 th November	PTA AGM, 7pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Week beginning 20 th November	Year 9 exams

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Inset Days: Friday 1st and Monday 4th September
Inset Days: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December

Term dates for students:

Tuesday 5th September – Friday 15th December 2017

Autumn Half Term – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

Christmas Holiday for students – Monday 18th December to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

SPRING TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

Wednesday 3rd January – Thursday 29th March

Spring Half Term – Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

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

SUMMER TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

Monday 16th April – 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 (date to be confirmed)

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

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

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