



Dear Parents/Carers

Wow we have reached half term already! This last week has been well-being week and staff have been awarding random notes of kindness across the school, this has been a real opportunity for everybody's hard work to be recognised and many students have been handing these out to staff, it has been lovely to see.

Our first half term in our new building has been an exciting one and during the holidays the Wates will be on-site to sort out snagging issues and make sure that everything is finished to the highest standard.

Our Eco Club have been hard at work planting some of the trees that were donated to the school. There are 15 new sapling trees planted opposite the netball courts in the hopes that when they grow along the fence line they will give the school a little more privacy from the pedestrian path. Well done to all involved, plenty more to plant still!

On Wednesday our Year 7 VIP students were treated to a pizza lunch hosted by Mr Coley; they were nominated by tutors as a reward for consistently doing the right thing. Year 9 students had a golden ticket event as they had the highest amount of golden tickets awarded last week out of Years 7 to 11 - well done Year 9. Year 12 and 13 Dance students attended the Chichester University Open Day on Thursday, please see some action photos in the write up further on in the parent news.

Today we have celebrated Valentines Day with our big "My last Rolo" event. Mrs Lewis and Miss Bunkell have worked tirelessly across the week to produce hundreds of heart-packaged Rolos with poems enclosed, lots of staff and students received one across the day and it created a lovely positive atmosphere.

We have also welcomed this week our new onsite trainee therapy dog. Hugo has joined us in the SSC as part of the team supporting our students. Please feel free to say hello to him if you see him walking around the school with our Facilities Manager.

A big congratulations to Miss Robson who received her doctorate this week. 7 years of extremely hard work has really paid off for her. Well done Dr Robson, what an achievement - we are all in absolute awe!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of the school and all the positive feedback we have had about the wonderful new site. Next half-term we will begin our wall display project so watch this space. I wish you all a safe restful and happy week ahead and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.35am.

**Fab:**

- Just to say thank you for helping my son out with his blazer in the school canteen yesterday. Also for going that extra mile to wash it. I would like to thank Mr Hilton too. I am loving the new build - fantastic school.

**Drab:**

- When we do our exams on laptops, we have to use WordPad and it is a pain as it is difficult to use. Please can we use Word or Google Docs in our exams as it is easier to use?

*The examination boards set the method for examinations and we are unable to change this.*

**Staff member of the week:**

Miss Appleton Has been amazing, even though she has been ill.

Miss Young She's a very friendly, funny, cool, teacher.

Miss Gosling She is very helpful.

Mr Kingston He always makes his lessons fun and interesting. Not only that, he is also funny and nice.  
Mrs D Smith For always being friendly, helpful and kind. She makes school a brighter place!

**Quote of the week:**

“Giving opens the way for receiving”

Have a great half term break.

Best wishes

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## What's on next week

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Half Term**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**CCF Camp**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4-8pm**

## Pride of Bracknell Forest

The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, so be sure to mark it in your diary!

If you would like to nominate anyone or promote the nominations page within your local network, please visit the website: <http://prideofbracknell.com/nominate/>

## School Governors

### HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A GOVERNOR OF BRAKENHALE SCHOOL?

Dear Parents

We are seeking a few new governors to join our highly effective governing body. As an academy within the Greenshaw Learning Trust our governing body has less of the administrative type of responsibilities, giving us time to really focus on the education of the students. We have a 'flat structure' to our governing body – this means that we do not have committees that take up huge amounts of time, but six meetings per year each lasting about two hours. Governance of Brakenhale is interesting, rewarding and sometimes even fun! As parents you will be influencing the future of education for your children and others. Please give some serious consideration to joining us. If you have even the vaguest of interest, please e-mail me to find out more.

*Karen Roche, Chair of the Governing body*

[kroche@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:kroche@brakenhale.co.uk)

## Parents' Evenings 2019-20

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4-8pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Year 7 Parents' Evening



Parents Evening System

<https://brakenhaleschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>


## Year 7 Reading Challenge

This first started during Year 6 transition day when all students received a Reading Challenge Card. This meant they could work towards receiving rewards for their reading progress.

After February half term, Year 7 will have one lesson a week in the library and this time will be dedicated to reading. Students will be asked to write the title and author for each book they have read and this will be monitored each lesson by updating a sticker that will look like the one below (these will be stuck on the back of their exercise books). Some of our young people may want to use the half term to get ahead and make use of their free time by reading. So many of you have made a real effort so keep it up!

Mrs Lewis says go for it! Enjoy :)

Year 7 Reading Pursuit	
Bronze	<i>Gothic</i>
	<i>Non-Fiction - Science</i>
	<i>Adventure</i>
	<i>Non - Fiction Diary</i>
	<i>Fantasy</i>
Silver	<i>Horror</i>
	<i>Non - Fiction - History</i>
	<i>Biography Of Your Choice</i>
	<i>Sci-Fi</i>
Gold	<i>Mystery</i>
	<i>Crime</i>
	<i>Non - Fiction - Your Choice</i>
	<i>Romance</i>
	<i>Play Of Your Choice</i>
	<i>Autobiography</i>



There are lots of reasons for kids to enter 500 Words. How about *having your story read live on radio by a SUPERSTAR* celebrity like Julie Walters or Benedict Cumberbatch...to millions of listeners?!

Every single person who enters is in with a chance of winning tickets to the Final, where they'll be *serenaded by Britain's best pop stars*.

Plus this year there is a BRAND NEW Prize for 2020 and it doesn't matter how good your story is... you just need to enter one. One entrant will be selected at random to receive a *fabulous book bundle* and an invite to the final (for entrant plus a parent or guardian). They will also win **500 books for their school** – so the more pupils a school has that has entered the more chances they have of winning a brand new library.

**All stories must be submitted via the online form on our website.**

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Deadline: 27<sup>th</sup> February

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One rule: 500 word limit


Interested..? See Mrs. Lewis or check out the BBC website

# ESTEEM



Esteem is an informal meeting place for anyone interested in promoting mental health in and around school.  
All are welcome! Bring your lunch!

EVERY THURSDAY @ 1.30PM  
IN THE SEN AREA



Mr READ-Linton



## CHILLOUT SESSION

"Creating Opportunity for Youth Development"  
**Youth Club**

Fridays 5.00-6.30pm

Young people aged 12-16 years  
(living with moderate learning difficulties)

Become a 'Chillout' Session Member  
**£1.00 per week! First Session FREE!**







Address: The Wayz Youth Centre, Calfridus Way, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 9ET

Tel No: 01344 483596 / 07928 816186

Email: admin@thewayzyouth.co.uk



## Considerate Parking Reminder

Could we please remind parents to park considerately when dropping their children off at school or collecting them at the end of the day. To maintain the safety of students, staff and visitors on the school site we will be closing the Coningsby gates between 3pm and 3.15pm to avoid unnecessary congestion.

## School Uniform Reminder

Please remember that we no longer have a uniform shop on site.

You can purchase uniform online from The Direct Clothing Company:

<https://www.thedirectclothing.co.uk/school/the-brakenhale-school/>

Telephone: 01344 872299

Email: [brakenhaleuniform@hotmail.com](mailto:brakenhaleuniform@hotmail.com) and [sales@thedirectclothing.co.uk](mailto:sales@thedirectclothing.co.uk)

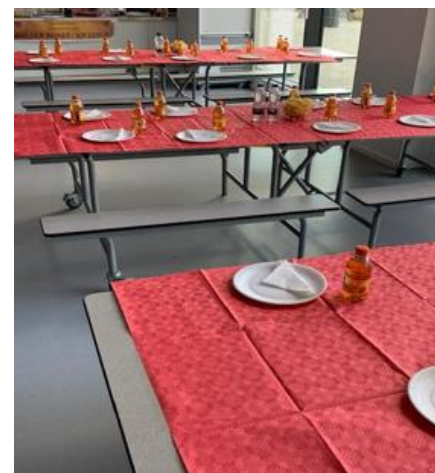
The uniform shop have just received stock of a new item for inclement weather; the backpack cover will help keep school bags dry on the way to and from school, cost from £10.



## Year 7 VIP Lunch

On Wednesday, we congratulated 30 Year 7 students, by laying on a VIP lunch for them all. These students were nominated - which was not an easy thing to do - by their tutor; they were asked to consider who regularly and consistently does the right thing, is polite, helpful and does extra without thinking about it, a great ambassador and a real #teambrokenhale student.

It was an absolute delight to share with each other the excellent attitude and positivity being shown by this group of students - who will be a winner in the next round of Golden Tickets?



7B	7A	7E	7H	7K	7R	7N
Thomas	Daniel	Chloe	Kaylan	Maizy	Keira	Daniel
Sophia	Lexi	Liam	Nadine	Liam	Callum	Libby
Abigail	Marc	Jun	Kelsie	Ellouise	Maya	Paolo
Ethan	Alisha	Padraig	Courtney	Alessandro	Teddy	Ayub

*Mr B Coley, Assistant Headteacher*

## Performing Arts

### Sister Act Reminder

We would like to remind our Sister Act cast of the half term rehearsal on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - 10:00am - 3:00pm. Students will need to report straight to the movement studio on arrival at school.

Spaces open at break and lunch for rehearsals					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Break time</b>	Dance - Movement Studio (all years) Music - M01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13)	Dance - Movement Studio (all years) Music - M01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13)	Music - M01 (all years)
<b>Lunch time</b>	Dance - Movement Studio (all years) Drama - L01 (Sister Act key cast only) Music - M01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13) Drama - L01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (all years) Drama - L01 (Sister Act key cast only) Music - M01 (all years)	Dance - Y7 Boys Dance Movement Studio Drama - L01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13)

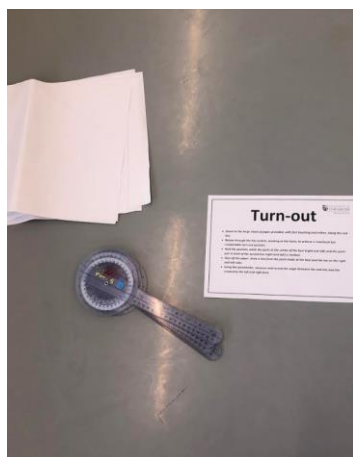
After School Clubs and Rehearsals					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:05 - 4:05	<b>STREET C<sup>o</sup>.</b> (JNS) Tiegan Street Dance Class - open to all year groups	<b>Drama Club</b> (Drama Studio) Miss Lawry Explore and perform Drama - open to Year 7		DANCE CLUB (JNS) Emily Creating a new dance piece - open to Year 7  Drama Revision (L01) Year 11 - Miss Lawry	Dance Revision (MS) Year 11 - Mrs Duffy
3:05 - 4:30	<b>DARK MATTER</b> (MS) Mrs Duffy & Lauren Year 10 Boys Dance Company	Free fall Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 10 & 12 Dance	<b>SISTER ACT</b> (Main Hall) Full Cast Rehearsal	<b>SISTER ACT</b> (Main Hall) Full Cast Rehearsal	

PERFORMING ARTS ENRICHMENT

### Dance Trip

On Thursday our Year 12 and 13 dance students attended the Chichester University Dance and Dance Science open day. Students participated in a contemporary dance workshop and took part in a range of dance science experiments before watching the MA Performance student company 3Fall in their professional show. This show had just returned from a European tour and was about to open that evening to audiences in Chichester. Students really enjoyed the day and were an absolute pleasure as always, they excelled in the classes and in sleeping through the mini bus journey.

*Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts*



## Camera Club Update

A great time was had in Camera Club this week as we played 'guess what it is' with the photographs taken by Amber W in Year 7 and Oliver M in Year 8. We were completely stumped by all 3 images but as soon as we saw the 'After' versions, it was obvious how clever they had been with their photography. We then played a proper game of Guess and it got very competitive - Megan L in Year 13 won, with 2nd place taken by Amber W in Year 7 and 3rd place by Harrison H Year 13.

I was pleased to see Tobylee J in Year 8 return to Camera Club after an absence due to an injury. Tobylee has been out and about with Mr Brader and took this amazing image of a plane flying over the school, so this week's update introduces Tobylee's picture of the week!

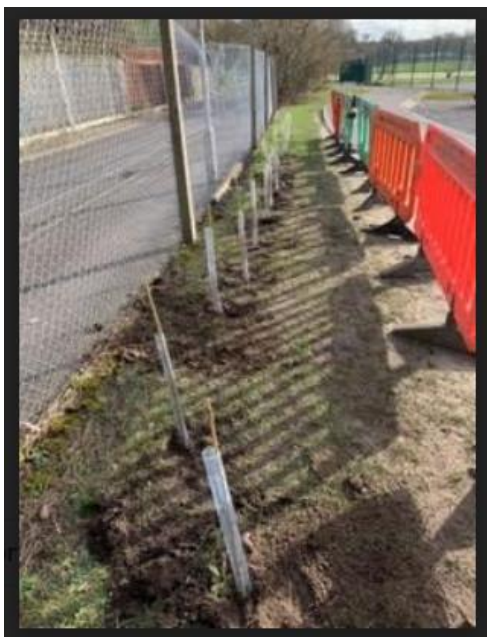
The challenge for the half-term break is to capture a moment in time; a memory or event that you want to remember. I know that I will get to see some beautiful photography with a theme like this. Camera Club is on a Monday in B17 at lunchtime and all years are welcome.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography



## Eco Club

Well done to all the Eco Club involved in the hard work planting the donated trees.



See these faces?  
So many needing a loving home.  
Local children in care;  
Feeling scared, confused and alone.

There's a chance to make a difference.  
We hope you could be the one.  
If you want to change a life,  
A foster carer you should become.

It's a privilege and a challenge.  
And while the process can take a while.  
We promise it's worth it,  
To see one of these faces smile. 😊

### Change Children's Lives

This month Bracknell Forest Council is supporting Fostering February. If you have a spare bedroom at home and time to give, find out more about the rewards of fostering.

Chat to us and a few of our foster carers over coffee:  
Wednesday 26th February 2020 10am - 11.30am  
Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane, Bracknell RG12 7GR

Alternatively, contact Sarah Crawforth (Recruitment Officer):  
Email: [fostering@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)  
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/fostering

## Non-Sporting Extra Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term 2019-20

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	TEACHER IN CHARGE
<b>Monday</b>	1.25 - 2.00	Camera Club	All Years	B17	Miss Wilhelmy
	1.25 - 2.00	BBE (Brakenhale Brains Explore) Club	KS3 (invite only)	F18	Mrs Masson
	1.25 - 2.00	Mock Trial Group	Invite only	S17	Mr Beukes / Miss Cmok
	1.25 - 2.00	Hegarty Maths	All Years	B12	Maths Dept
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Hegarty Maths	All Years	B12	Maths Dept
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:25 - 2:00	Modern Foreign Languages film club	Y7/Y8/Y9	F02	Mrs Hughes
	1.25 – 2.00	Eco Club	All Years	S11	Miss Robson
	1.30 - 2.00	Brakenhale Bugle (Student Newsletter)	All Years	F21	Miss Rendall
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3:05 - 4:05	Drama Club	Y7	L01	Miss Lawry
<b>Wednesday</b>	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Textiles Club [start January]	All Years	G05	Miss Shan
<b>Thursday</b>	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3:05 - 4:30	BTEC Clinic [NEW]	Y10-13	B16	Miss Ioannidis
	3.10 – 4.00	Art Club	All Years	G04	Mr Budden / Mrs Faluyi
<b>Friday</b>	1.25 - 2.00	BBE (Brakenhale Brains Explore) Club	KS3 (invite only)	F18	Mrs Masson
	1.25 - 2.00	Identity Club	All Years	F10	Miss Bunkell / Mrs Lewis
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels

***Students should check with Teacher in Charge to sign up to clubs***

## PE Update

After thinking this was going to be our busiest week of the half term for football fixtures, it hasn't been! We have only had 2 out of the 6 games go ahead due to the storm and other schools not being able to make it.

### Year 11 Football

The first league match in 2020 for the Year 11 Football Team saw them play away to Furze Platt in Maidenhead. The boys played extremely well for a deservedly 2-1 victory. Their maturity and good team spirit is what stood out for us. As a school we are extremely proud of all the boys that played. They represented the school in a superb fashion. Billy Wooden is this season's captain and he led the team from the front. He picked up 2 goals for his efforts. It was difficult to pick a player of the match as there were so many stand out performances. It was a real team effort. Well done to the lads and we look forward to the next fixture.

### Year 9 Football

The Year 9 team entertained the Garth Hill College team in a local derby game in the East Berks League, with the odds stacked against them. Several players again withdrew from the squad, and Garth had two League academy players, which meant they were too strong for us.

The team tried to play the passing game that we at Brakenhale like to play, but unfortunately so did Garth, who were just a bit bigger and physically more developed. Neat one-twos abounded on both sides and chances were created at both ends, however the Garth striker who plays for Swindon was clinical in his finishing, but did love to throw himself to the floor at every small contact that occurred, which did not endear him to the referee. At the end of the day it was the finishing of the Garth team that proved to be the difference, with Brakenhale unable to make the most of the opportunities they created. After one flowing move however Josh B was on the end of a Harry C through ball and side footed it past the hapless Garth Keeper to score the best goal of the game.

Again Will H-J at centre back was at the heart of the Brakenhale rear guard and was a threat moving forward too adopting a type of "libero" role. Jayden C and Harvey W gave our attack width and Nathan S upfront was a constant source of trouble for the Garth defenders. Alex B ran the show in midfield and covered manfully for others when they attacked. Pharrell S, Alfie C, Jamie M and Keyan W in goal continued their good form at the back.

Unfortunately our lads have yet to begin to grow and at present find it difficult to compete physically with others who clearly have had their growth spurt! They need to remember that in years to come they will grow physically and while a good big one will always beat a little one, little ones tend not to be little for long!

The mid season break is upon us now so the boys can rest up get some warm weather training in and come back after half term refreshed and ready for the next round of matches.

Team Manager - Jose Spaulinio

### Fixtures for next week

<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Versus</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Start/Finish</i>	<i>Staff</i>
25/2/20	7	Football	EP	Home	3.15/4.45pm	MPO
26/2/20	10	Football	Furze Platt	Home	3.15/4.45pm	JBO
28/2/20	9	Leaders		Bracknell Leisure Centre	8.45am-4pm	LWI

As we have come to the end of the half term we have a new extra curricular timetable. There has only been a couple of changes - but please make sure you are aware of when the clubs are so that you can come along!





P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
Half Term 4 - 2019-2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>LUNCH</b> (1325-1350)  <b>***Trainers needed to participate***</b>	<b>Table Tennis</b> All Years Sports Hall FGR	<b>Year 9 Football</b> Sports Hall JBR	<b>A LEVEL PE Revision</b> Year 13 S04 MPO  <b>Girls Active Meetings</b> All Years B11 LWI 26th Feb, 11th and 25th March		<b>GCSE PE Revision</b> Year 11 S04 MPO  <b>Year 9 Basketball</b> Sports Hall JSP
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> (1515-1630)  Full kit needed to participate  <b>***4pm finish for Trampolining***</b>	<b>No clubs due to staff meetings</b>	<b>Netball</b> All years Sports hall/courts LWI  <b>Football (Mixed)</b> Years 7 and 8 Astro MPO & CMY  <b>Table Tennis</b> All Years Sports Hall JBO	<b>Badminton (Mixed)</b> All years Sports Hall CPI ***3.30pm start***  <b>Trampolining (Mixed)</b> All years Trampoline Centre JBO & LRU ***4.00pm finish***	<b>Girls Cricket</b> All years Sports hall MPO  <b>Football</b> Years 9 Astro JSP & CMY  <b>Boxing/Fitness (Mixed)</b> All years Gym ABI ***3.30pm start***	<b>P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions</b>  <b>BTEC L2 and L3 catch up</b> Years 10, 12 and 13 B11 CMY/LWI  <b>GCSE Revision</b> Year 10 JBO  <b>A Level PE Revision</b> Year 13 JBO

Sessions may be postponed on a weekly basis due to staff meetings which take place in line with the school calendar – please check school comms and the schools weekly bulletin to confirm on a weekly basis.

All of these sessions are **open**, with all students in the listed year groups welcome to attend.  
See PE staff for more information.

**ME in PE Assessment criteria: Spring Term**

Students will be assessed in the following 2 areas this term:

- Physical ME (assessed every term (1, 2, 3), all throughout out the year)
- Thinking ME (assessed term 2 - January to March)



**'ME in PE'**

	PHYSICAL
1	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in an isolated situation
2	Works in lesson to show effects of short term exercise on the body
3	Takes part in a tactical scenario set up and delivered by the teacher
4	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in an isolated situation
5	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a conditioned situation
6	Works in lesson to show effects of steady state exercise on the body
7	Takes part in a tactical scenario taught by the teacher
8	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a conditioned situation
9	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a fully competitive situation
10	Works in lesson to show the effects of long term exercise on the body
11	Sets up and takes part in a tactical scenario on own
12	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a fully competitive situation

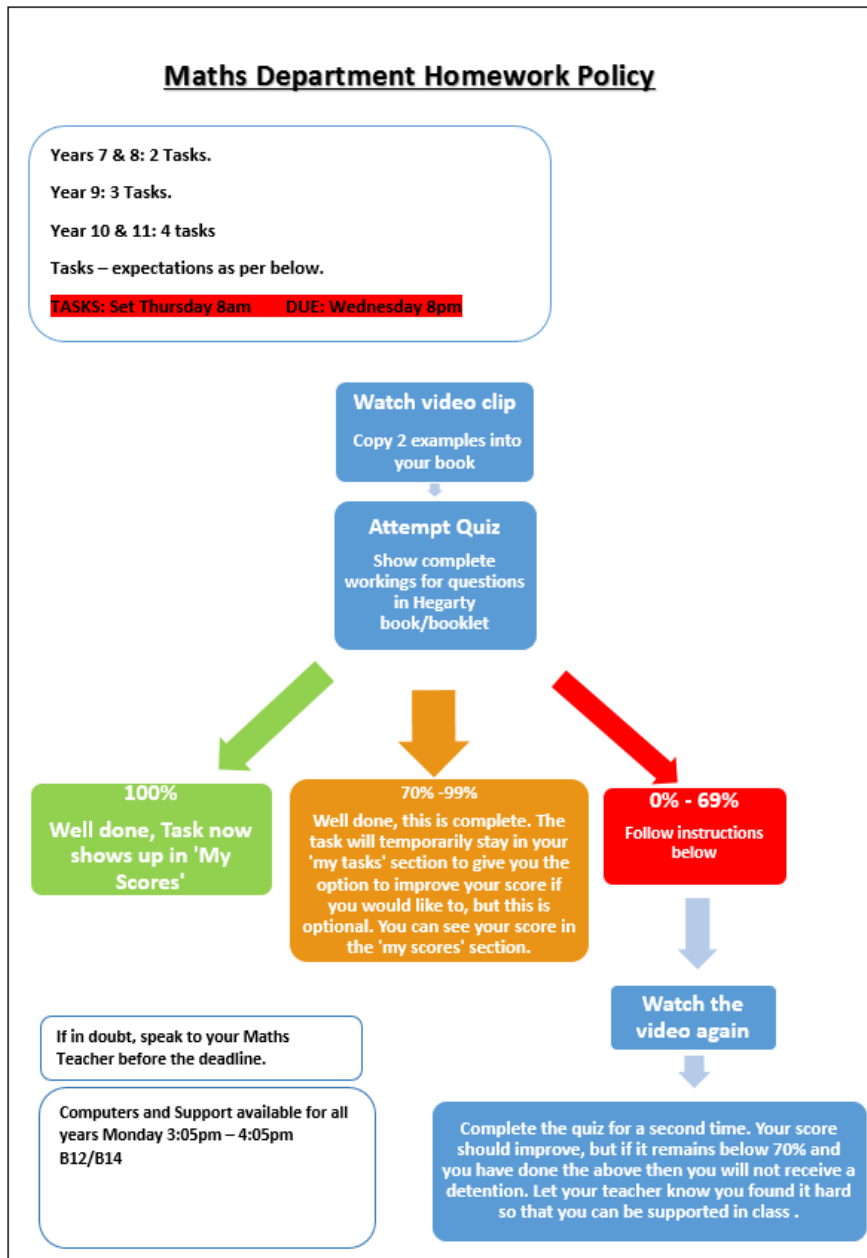
**'ME in PE'**

	THINKING
1	Thinks of basic ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
2	Thinks of basic ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
3	Makes basic comments on own work (positive and constructive)
4	Makes basic comments on other people's work (positive and constructive)
5	Thinks of imaginative ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
6	Thinks of imaginative ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
7	Makes competent comments on own work (positive and constructive)
8	Makes competent comments on other people's work (positive and constructive)
9	Thinks of complex ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
10	Thinks of complex ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
11	Applies ideas/thoughts/comments to own work (positive and constructive)
12	Applies ideas/thoughts/comments to other people's work (positive and constructive)

## Hegarty Maths

After listening to feedback from students and parents/carers, we have deliberated and reviewed our Homework policy. We believe the latest amendment will benefit our students and afford them more time to spend on the questions while showing workings.

After half term, we are introducing booklets which the students will use after they have finished their Hegarty exercise books. These will enable students to lay out their workings and answers, whilst allowing teachers to check and mark work more efficiently. Going forward, we are asking all students to copy 2 examples from the video and any additional notes that they feel will support them with the quiz, then to answer the quiz questions in their books showing workings so that teachers can access and support any misunderstandings when the work is checked. Students need to also mark whether these questions are correct and record their final score.



Once again, your feedback and support is greatly appreciated.

*Mrs L Harbour, Maths Teacher*

## Attendance Update

We believe that high attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members of the school community, involved not only in lessons but also in the extra-curricular activities that are so important to their wellbeing. Students can keep track of their attendance in their planner.

**Attendance Matters...**

Week Ending 7th February 2020

Period 03/02/20 to 07/02/20

Year Group	%
Year 7	96.5 %
Year 8	96.0 %
Year 9	94.6 %
Year 10	92.7 %
Year 11	91.6 %

**Brakenhale's Overall Attendance for Period: 03/02/20 - 07/02/20** 94.4 %

**Brakenhale's Overall Attendance Year to Date 04/09/19 - 07/02/20** 95.0 %

**Attendance Matters...**

Week Ending 7th February 2020

Period 04/09/19 - 07/02/20

Year Group	%
Year 7	96.7 %
Year 8	95.5 %
Year 9	94.8 %
Year 10	94.3 %
Year 11	93.6 %

**Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date** 95.0 %

Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	96.7
Year 8	95.5
Year 9	94.8
Year 10	94.3
Year 11	93.6

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attendance is never easy to push forwards as a school, we often have to have difficult conversations and parents understandably can be defensive. As a parent myself I do know that sometimes children get ill and some absence is inevitable but as a fellow parent can I urge you to do everything you can to ensure your son/daughter gets into school as often as possible. Sometimes that will mean making yourself unpopular with your children, sometimes that will mean asking for help from the school but it is so absolutely worth it. Research confirms a strong link between good attendance and good results and students who are continually around 90% attendance will always struggle to completely understand lessons because they miss one lesson every two weeks. It builds up; 20 days a year, 100 days across 5 years. How can you expect a student to get a great grade when they have been missing so many key lessons? High attendance is also a great habit for life- reliability, positivity and resilience are just the skills that so many employers are looking for. For those students in their examination years please make 2020 a 100% year, because when it is GCSE results day they will be so pleased they did.

As you are aware, part of our commitment to student welfare is to ensure high expectations of attendance including arriving to school on time.

### Punctuality

Punctuality is a vital life skill and as you are aware failure to arrive on time would not be tolerated in the workplace, so we ask that you work with us to help the students improve their punctuality.

With this in mind, we have decided to change our system for late arrivals to school. If a student is late to school without a good reason they will be staying for 30 minutes after school.

A schoolcomms message will be sent notifying you that your child will be staying until 3.35pm on that same day.

Year 11 students will continue to have their detention at lunchtime, as they attend period 6 after school.

**Good attendance means...**

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school!

190 days attendance 100% attendance Best of all success! "Well Done!"	180 days attendance 95% attendance Four out of five success! "I'm worried"	171 days attendance 90% attendance Four out of five success! "I'm worried"	161 days attendance 85% attendance Four out of five success! "I'm seriously concerned"	152 days attendance 80% attendance Four out of five success! "I'm seriously concerned"	143 days attendance 75% attendance Four out of five success! "I'm seriously concerned"
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Can I take this opportunity to remind you of our school attendance procedures. If your child is unable to attend school, you should contact the school before 8.30am on every day that they are absent from school, by submitting an explanation on School Gateway, email to [attendance@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:attendance@brakenhale.co.uk) or call 01344 465050 and leave a message stating the reason for their absence.

If you have any concerns or feel that there is something we need to be aware of, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can look into supporting your child if required.

*Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer*

## Curriculum Support Updates

### Tools for Learning

Student Tools for Learning are now sold by Mrs McCrorie from the new Head of Year office in our new building on the first floor.

Tools for Learning will be available to purchase before school from 8.20am to 8.35am and then during tutor time until 8.55am. They will also be available during break time, 11am to 11.25am. Emergency pencil cases to borrow for the day will also be available from the Head of Year office during morning tutor time.

You will still be able to purchase tools for learning online via parentpay and collect them from main reception.

Students should also remember to bring their PE kit and any other items needed for the day, including timetables.

### Tools for Learning made up pack

Large see-through Pencil Case	£0.80
Three Black or Blue Pens (15p each)	£0.45
HB Pencil	£0.10
Rubber	£0.10
Pencil Sharpener	£0.15
30cm Ruler	£0.15
Protractor	£0.20
Highlighter Pen	£0.15
Colouring Pencils	£0.80
Glue Stick	£0.35
<b>Full pencil case</b>	<b>£3.25</b>
Scientific Calculator	£8.35
KS3 Art Book	£1.00

### Lost Property

Please can we kindly remind all parents and students to name all items, including uniform, PE kits, water bottles, pencil cases, other tools for learning - EVERYTHING.

We have a member of staff dedicated to reuniting lost property with owners and she endeavours to return items daily. However, she is unable to return items to students without a name and items will be disposed of at regular intervals. Email: [lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk)

All items of unnamed lost property will be given to charity at the end of this half term unless they have been collected by the end of next week.

### Black Brakenhale Coats

If you have a child that has outgrown any plain black coats suitable for school, please would you kindly consider donating them to us to put in as spare uniform stock. We would really appreciate any spare coats or other items of uniform so please think of us as your children outgrow their uniform.

### Chewing Gum

We would like to remind you that chewing gum is not permitted on the school site, sanctions will be issued if this is not adhered to.

### Recycling

We are continuing our pen recycling initiative and there is collection point in the Head of Year office. Thank you to all the students that used this collection point last term.

### Stamp Collection

Mrs McCrorie still continues to collect used stamps for guide dogs. If you could kindly save all used stamps we have a box provided in the Head of Year office where students can place them. Many thanks.

### Mobile Phone Policy

Could we please ask parents to remind students that mobile phones must not be used on the school site at all, this goes for before and after the school bell.



Anyone seen using mobile devices contrary to school guidance will be logged.

### School Uniform – Scarves

Following the introduction of Brakenhale scarves in house colours last year, we would like to advise that no other scarves will be permitted in school. School scarves can be purchased online at a cost of £11.00.

### Achievements & House Points

Well done to so many of our students for gaining so many achievements and house points already this year, all important for their house team. These points are recorded and shared daily with all staff and students. Students are all doing amazing and it's great to see such positivity within the friendly house competition system.

### Cycle & Scooter Safety

It is really important that we all stay safe to and from school and would like to remind students that they **MUST** wear a cycle helmet to school. If they are seen without wearing one this does carry a sanction. Student safety is really important to us. Please note that electric scooters are not allowed in school.

Could we also please remind students to only leave their cycles **IN** the main bike shed and not locked up outside. Any cycles found outside the bike shed will have additional locks put on them for safety and the student's right to cycle to school will be in jeopardy.

### Parent Pay

The support team would also appreciate the help of parents to keep their parent pay accounts in credit for the purchase of food from the canteen.

*Mrs McCrorie, Midday Supervisor, Curriculum Support Assistant, Lost Property Link*

## Canteen Menu

The Brakenhale School					
Autumn Term : WEEK COMMENCING : 24 Feb, 16 March					
Week 1	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Winter Vegetarian Lasagne	British Farm Assured Chicken Korma, Mango Chutney	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Homemade Beef Stew	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal (V)	Spinach & Ricotta Cannelloni	Vegetable Korma	Vegetarian Sausage & Mash Potatoes	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake	Margarita Pizza
Carbohydrate	Green Salad Garlic Bread	Pilaf Rice	Roast Potatoes	Herb Diced Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
Pudding	Syrup Sponge & Vanilla Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Apple Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Muffins	Raspberry & Coconut Traybake

We have available every day:

- Salad bar where you build your own salad
- Chef's Soup of the Day with Homemade bread (F)
- Fruit Jellies, Yoghurt Pots and Fruit Salads (F)

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians  
(F) Fresh Produce in our Kitchen

All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in most cases exceed The School Food Standards

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

Please note that the menu may change depending on the ingredients available.

## Coronavirus Update

### Advice to those who have travelled recently

Public Health England has changed the advice for individuals who have travelled recently as follows:

#### *Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province*

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province to the UK in the last 14 days you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.

#### *Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas*

This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas:

#### *Elsewhere in China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau*

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country

### Encouraging good hygiene

As always, if you have symptoms of a cold or flu, then there are measures you can take to stop germs:

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

### Latest information

Updates on Coronavirus: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health England blog: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>


Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

**If you have a cough, or fever, or shortness of breath and have been to any of these places in the last 14 days:**

• China	• Republic of Korea	• Singapore
• Thailand	• Hong Kong	• Malaysia
• Japan	• Taiwan	• Macau

**Stay indoors and call NHS 111**

If you have been to Wuhan, or Hubei Province, China in the last 14 days ...

**Stay indoors and contact NHS 111** even if you do not have symptoms 

Visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for more information

Version 3, Updated 7 Feb 2020

## Student and Parent Support

You can find out more about the **BBC 'Own It' app** on our Student Support Centre page of the website:

<https://brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/student-support-centre/>

There is also a link to the BBC's dedicated area too.

We have also recently added the **Parent Info feed** from the CEOP's website to our Student Support Centre page of the website. This shares valuable information about children and online activity.

<https://brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/student-support-centre/>



Parent Info is a free service that shares articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing on-line. Parent Info is a collaboration between CEOP and Parent Zone.

## Opportunities during Half Term

### Dance Performance and Excellence Education Program

For who: Current Year 11 s

#### Audition Details:

Date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Venue: Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road, RG12 9SE

Time: 10am – 12pm



Football trial for year 11 s and year 10 s  
Trial Day: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Venue: Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Rd, RG12 9SE  
Time: 10am – 12pm

Football Sports and Education programme  
2 year duration with proven pathways in the sports and leisure industry



For more details please see Get Active Academy and Get Active Dance Academy on Facebook or visit their website.

<https://www.getactivesports.com/get-active-academy/dance-academy/>

## Bracknell Bees

We are pleased to announce that we have continued to be partners with the Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey Schools Programme. This programme gives us EXCLUSIVE discounts for parents, children and staff to attend the games and The Club comes into school to talk about sport, fitness and health. The tickets have exclusive offer of free skating and skate hire after the games and are not available to the general public.

The next Bracknell Bees School Zone games are on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 18.15pm.

Please find below the voucher to receive your exclusive school discount and sit in the exclusive Schools Zone and Group Zone.

**Currently all tickets can ONLY be purchased on the night for the School Zone are from the Bees Shop, outside of the Rink.**

All tickets purchased on the night are at the exclusive discounted price of £10 per adult and 2 kids go free, with Doors open at 17.30pm, face off at 18.15pm



**BE PART OF THE ROYALS FAMILY**

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BRACKNELL BEES has teamed up with Reading FC to bring you the magic of football and matchdays with special ticket prices starting from as low as £2 per person. Buy your ticket and enjoy a day at Madejski Stadium.

What's more, by purchasing a ticket through this scheme, your School will receive 25% cashback, and be in with a chance to win:

- 🎁 A player visit for your School
- 🎁 An invitation to an exclusive Meet the Players Evening
- 🎁 Signed merchandise and lots more

**OUR FIXTURES**

<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	Coupon code: BHS-1920-1
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 3pm	Booking deadline: Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 3pm
<b>DERBY COUNTY</b>	Coupon code: BHS-1920-2
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 3pm	Booking deadline: Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 3pm
<b>NOTTINGHAM FOREST</b>	Coupon code: BHS-1920-3
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 3pm	Booking deadline: Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 3pm
<b>BRENTFORD</b>	Coupon code: BHS-1920-4
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 3pm	Booking deadline: Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 3pm
<b>SWANSEA CITY</b>	Coupon code: BHS-1920-5
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 12:30pm	Booking deadline: Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 3pm

**TICKET PRICES** per person

Adults	£15
65 and over	£10
18-24	£8
17 and Under	£5
12 and Under	£2

\*Prices and seats subject to change and availability respectively. T&C apply. Seating available in The Lavender/Dean/entry stand.

**TO BUY**

- 🌐 Visit [ticketing.readingfc.co.uk](http://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk) and enter the coupon code at checkout to redeem the offer and secure your ticket.
- ☎ Contact our Ticket Office on 0118 968 1313

Please ensure you buy before the listed deadline

# Identity

Everyone is welcome 😊

A space to be free and be you.

**What do we do?**

- Discuss recent issues – locally and globally
- Task Master
- Quizzes
- Speed friending
- Film nights

We meet every Friday lunch in F10

If it is wet break, we will meet in SO1 (Miss Bunkell's room)

With Mrs. Lewis and Miss Bunkell

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High Expectations and Challenge



## Operating Theatre Live

### Today's lesson, BRAINS!

The award-winning Operating Theatre Live is bringing its live human interactive dissection show to Brakenhale School.

From been seen on BBC's Dragons' Den in 2018, Operating Theatre Live are conducting the UK's only touring surgical experience offering an academically rigorous educational experience matched to UK exam specifications. During this unique opportunity, your child will be taking on the role of a trauma doctor bringing the systems of the human body alive through dissections. This incredible, immersive operating theatre experience will give your child the opportunity to dissect real specimens led by human anatomist Samuel Piri and his team of clinicians. The events secure and challenge students to explore careers in medicine and healthcare in a mission to raise engagement in STEM subjects and take students on an experience into healthcare and human anatomy like never before.

For those quick enough to grab tickets, students will work systematically through a complete dissection of the human body. Students will be taught a variety of important clinical skills including interpreting X-rays and linking symptoms to clinical diagnosis. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and at the same time handle the anatomical samples and even the chance to undertake some dissection for themselves. With a post-mortem style experience, students will look at disease and pathology, working on real specimens using real surgeons' tools. They will discover the intricate structures and how they function to keep us alive.

"I personally write the academic content and produce all of the activities myself. I and my team guarantee you a breath-taking, unforgettable trip through the human body like never before. Each student will leave stretched and challenged having made measurable progress against the science specification, we've got them all covered. (GCSEs, A Levels, BTECs, Scottish National 5 and Highers)".

Samuel Piri (Anatomist, Teacher and Programme Director)

### Who can attend?

The event delivers in-depth content aimed at those aged 14-19 or on 'Access courses'. For those interested in studying anatomy, medicine or pathology at the undergraduate level, this event is a great experience.

### How do I get a ticket?

Tickets can be purchased online via the Operating Theatre Live website

<https://www.operatingtheatrelive.co.uk>

Future Medic Ticket £70.00 (9.00am – 3.00pm)

Includes scrub hire, stethoscope hire, full PPE and 6 workshops

Future Surgeon £160.00 (9.00am – 6.00pm)

Includes scrub hire, stethoscope hire, full PPE, 7 workshops and hot evening meal

Full details and terms and conditions can be found online.

Please book up as soon as possible as there are a very limited number of tickets for this exclusive event – and it is going to be opened to all schools within a 20 mile radius of the school, so demand will be exceptional.



## Fundraising



Please click here to see our fundraising video on YouTube: [Brakenhale Unlocking Potential Fundraising Video](#)

Please click here to see our BBC News film: [Brakenhale School on BBC News](#)

**New fundraising page:** [Virginmoneygiving](#)

Brakenhale's all-things fundraising/new build webpage: <https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/new-build/>

## Brakenhale School Lottery

### Congratulations to the prize draw winners.

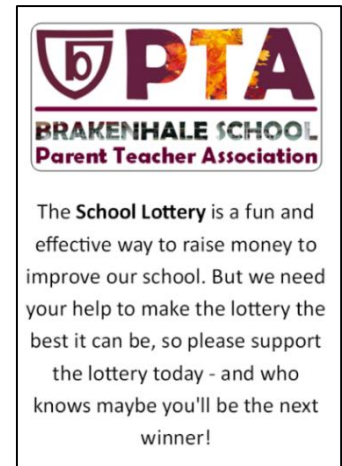
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.

Click on the link today and join up:  
[Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.



## 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 you can not only 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](#).



**Events and Notices**



**Weekend Astro Pitch Deal**



Brakenhale School would like to offer local sports clubs reduced weekend rates on our sand filled astro pitch. We offer Half and Full pitch rentals  
Please Contact:  
[apecock@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:apecock@brakenhale.co.uk)  
to find out more!



**National Online Safety**  
7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?
- Do you have any online friends?
- Do you know where to go for help?
- Do you know what your personal information is?
- Do you know your limits?

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

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In addition, Bracknell Forest Fostering offer up to £425 per week (per child), specialist training and a huge amount of support.

Check if you are eligible to foster on our website:  
[www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/fostering)



If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can

**text YM to 85258**



**YOUNGmINDS Crisis Messenger**

YM aim to connect every texter to a trained volunteer in less than 5 minutes to provide support in a crisis. They will listen to you and help you think through how you're feeling, and will aim to help you take the next steps towards feeling better.


Free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK

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**Future Diary Dates**

\* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 11 Parents' Evening**  
**Year 7 Parents' Evening**  
**Year 11 Prom, Easthampstead Park Conference Centre**



Assistant Headteacher  
 Geography Teacher  
 Maths Teacher  
 Performing Arts Technician  
 Catering Assistant  
 Assistant Chef  
 Head of Year

Please visit our website for more details:  
<https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

## Feedback Initiative

We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at any time, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

## Term Dates

### Term Dates 2019-20

#### SPRING TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Spring Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Last day of Spring Term for students – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Easter Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

(Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April)

#### SUMMER TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

(Bank Holiday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

(Inset Days: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July)

**Term Dates 2020-21****AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Autumn Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

*(Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January Bank Holiday)*

**SPRING TERM 2021**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Spring Half Term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Spring Holiday: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

*(Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April)*

**SUMMER TERM 2021**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Summer Half Term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 **Inset Days**

**Summer Holiday: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**INSET Days** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

*Please check the school website regularly for current information.*

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>



**#challengeforall**

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