



Dear Parents/Carers

This is the first full week back after Christmas and students have settled into the new surroundings very quickly. What has become apparent very quickly is that students are incredibly focused and engaged in their lessons and it is as if they believe that they are truly worth such stunning surroundings and facilities and are therefore able to achieve even greater things. We have had visits from the Trust Education team and Regional Director this week, all of whom have been incredibly impressed at the quality of work that the students are producing and of their excellent attitude around the building.

Whilst we still continue to deal with some minor snags around the building the absolute focus is now on the academic achievement and potential of the students. This week Post 16 students have been completing their PPEs and they have shown real focus in their independent study time in order to work towards these. Last night Year 9 Options evening provided an opportunity for parents to hear an impressive overview of the options process from Mr Corry and to meet key staff responsible for running our Key Stage 4 courses. In addition, some parents were able to join us slightly early in order to have a tour of the building and our Prefects beautifully represented themselves in conducting these.

This weekend Mr Beukes, Mr Briggs and Miss Manning will all be spending their time furthering their first aid qualifications as part of their CCF responsibilities. This is yet another example of how our dedicated staff give up their free time to be able to offer our students more than those anywhere else.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the parent who sent in the comment below, as I have repeatedly stated please contact me directly with any concerns and I will ALWAYS come back to you. It is incredibly unhelpful when parents are posting comments that are often misguided and in some cases totally untrue on social media. Often, the people who are replying to them have nothing to do with the school and all it does is create a further trail of inaccurate and often insensitive commentary.

'My Drab feedback is not aimed at the school, but at unappreciative parents online. We have a nice new school for our children to learn in, and instead of discussing concerns directly with school, they are moaning about it all over Facebook. We want our kids to be mature and sensible on Facebook, but how can we expect them to do so when parents don't? My child came home today telling me all they heard from other kids is about parents moaning on Facebook about the toilets being unisex.'

SLT Assemblies:

Mr Corry delivered an assembly to all Key Stage 3 and 4 this week focusing on new opportunities and taking advantage of everything that you can to improve yourself and achieve the very best that you are capable of. This was a very apt message for students as they embarked on their first full week in their new school.

Student of the week:

Sean Hawkins 8B - For being a fantastic runner and going above and beyond across the whole day.

Fab:

- So pleased about the new school building and how lovely it is. I can clearly see from the photos how hard the staff have worked over the holidays and it's lovely. I think the new mixed communal area in the toilets is a great idea, it takes away uncertainty of choice over which toilet to use for students who may be struggling with their identity. It has been a huge talking point (mainly negative) amongst us parents on social media but I just wanted to highlight the positives. Women have been fighting for equality for a long time, and hopefully this supports the fact that we are all equal. I understand some children get embarrassed, but it's all a part of life and growing up. We should be raising our young people to be positive towards all genders, of all ages. Well done #teambrokenhale for leaping into the 21st century and promoting equal opportunities.

- For yet again being so approachable and listening to the concerns of the Sixth Form and within 24 hours sorting out the teething problems. It's just brilliant that the team at Brakenhale will address problems when raised. The new build is out of this world!
- Congratulations on your beautiful new building! Brakenhale has a lovely atmosphere among the staff and students. I feel quite privileged to visit every week. So glad you now have the building you all deserve.
- Late in posting as this was before Christmas, but I would like to pass on a big thank you from one of my elderly residents at my sheltered housing scheme, to the three young men from Brakenhale School who helped pick her up and stood with her for a while after she fell over. They did tell her their names, but she was very confused. Thank you once again. You have done yourselves and your school proud.
- Amazing medical team who looked after my poorly child. Thank you!
- Congratulations on the new build and for everyone's hard work and commitment in getting it ready on time. I would just like to say a massive thank you to your staff this week. My son has had a tricky holiday which led to him being very anxious on Thursday he had a few issues. When he came home from school on Thursday we spoke about his day like normal and he informed me he struggled with a few things like toilets and corridors. I emailed his tutor Miss Appleton who then forward my email to Jo Manisier who phoned me that afternoon with ways to help him and said Mr Bury would pick him up for a chat Friday and suggested different places he could use the toilet. I had a lovely conversation with Mr Bury Friday after lunch to say they had walked his whole timetable during P1 and have written down the best routes and said if there was anything else or if it does not work he is there to jump in and support where necessary.
- I was really impressed and felt very welcomed by yourself and the reception staff. Your student guides on the tour were fantastic, very informative and really confident so please do pass on this feedback to them, they are an asset to you.
- I just wanted to drop you a quick email to thank you for taking the time to show us around the new building this evening. It was fantastic to see, and I'm so happy that my children have the opportunity to learn in this environment. The school is amazing and has improved immensely since I attended many moons ago. We found the Year 9 options evening really informative, and it's given our daughter food for thought. If I dare say it, she's got a bit of fire in her belly to pull her socks up and get cracking! She's genuinely putting thought into potential career routes, and which options will get her where she wants to be. Thanks again for your relentless hard work - the students are lucky to have you as their headteacher, even though they might not realise it all the time!
- Please pass on to your reception team how impressed I was with them, I work across dozens of schools and companies and their welcome and help really stood out, what great staff you have at Brakenhale.

Drab:

- My daughter and son have found it extremely difficult to be able to eat at lunch and break as it has been very crowded with all of the students and they haven't been able to order any cafeteria food or been able to find a seat as it is very overpopulated. The designated areas for lunch and break in the new build don't seem to be big enough to accommodate all of the students at one time. Previously they were able to eat in the school and on the court, which alleviated some of the overcrowding. I appreciate that there will be teething problems, however break times were an issue in the old building and I hoped it would be less problematic in the new building. To feed nearly 1000 children in 30 minutes is a huge task along with providing availability for all students. Is there a possibility of doing two lunch sittings?

The designated area will easily accommodate all students but there has been some overcrowding this week as Post 16 students have lost some of their social space at lunchtime due to examinations in the Sixth Form area. Children are allowed to eat in the huge courtyard in front of the dining hall which now has dozens and dozens of benches and seating, way in excess of anything we had before. I am more than happy for you to visit the school at lunchtime to see how we are operating.

- There wasn't an inter-house competition last term, can there be one this term?

I will forward this to the Head of PE, Mr Potter.

- Why are PE lessons still compulsory for Year 11 students? Surely this hour would be better spent doing revision, or an extra hour of a lesson with an exam, seeing as they sit their GCSEs so soon?

PE is a statutory lesson and unless there are individual exceptional circumstances, legally students are required to take part. Year 11 students are under immense pressure as they head towards their final examinations and it is extremely important that we look after their physical and mental wellbeing of which sport is a significant positive.

Staff member of the week:

Miss Rendall Never a dull moment in class when Miss Rendall is teaching! Always has a smile on her face no matter what and encourages you to do your very best :) I am so lucky to have Miss Rendall as my teacher.

Mr Cooper Goes above and beyond to prepare our lessons in advance and make sure we have all the resources we need.

Miss Appleton For helping me settle into the new school well.

Quote of the week:

“Sometimes the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess. Just breathe, and have faith that everything will work out for the best.”

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Wednesday 22nd January


Thursday 23rd January

Friday 24th January

Brilliant Club trip to Oxford University

Year 9 X Parents' Evening

Parent Coffee Morning, 10-11.30pm



Rotary YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION

There are **three stages** to the competition:

1. Local heats
Organised by our local Rotary club
2. District finals
Organised by Rotary districts
3. National Final and overall winners


Your first deadline:
Friday 31st January 2020
All entries to Mrs Lewis

The Competition guidelines

To produce a written or typed story in prose entitled **'Connections'**. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme.

How long? An A4 page or up to 500 words.

Age ranges
Intermediate 11 to 13 years old
Senior 14 to 17 years old
Please state at the top of your entry.



Pride of Bracknell Forest

The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards will take place on 29th 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/>

A Passage to Italy – The Brakenhale Ski Trip 2019

On 12th December at 03:45am 38 students, associated parents and 4 staff convened at the school, ready to board the coach for Gatwick to catch an Easy-Jet flight to Verona and a short trip to Passo Tonale in Italy.

The 'Passage to Tonale' was not without incident; the bus company had not updated the timings so they were late, Easy-Jet decided that one passport was a problem, which was overcome using patience and finally there was a suspicious bag left at check-in which necessitated an evacuation of the area we were in, but on the plus side it hastened our journey through passport control and security.

The journey to the hotel passed without any real incident, and we made good time, arriving early enough to undergo the rigours of "Ski Fit" that day, meaning there would not be the rush the following morning. So after a sumptuous meal in the restaurant we turned in for an early night, ready to attack the slopes in the morning.

The first morning dawned and we were a little slow to rise, with many first time skiers finding that walking in ski boots and carrying your skis came as a bit of a shock. Groups were defined and the first session began. Conditions were excellent, it was cold, but not too cold, the snow was firm but not icy and although it was cloudy the visibility was good too.

After a great first day skiing the action continued into the evening as we went 'Tubing'. This involved sliding down a slope in an inner tube from a car tyre. Fun and falls followed as everyone "went for it" and the lasting sound that echoed around the locality was that of laughter!!!!

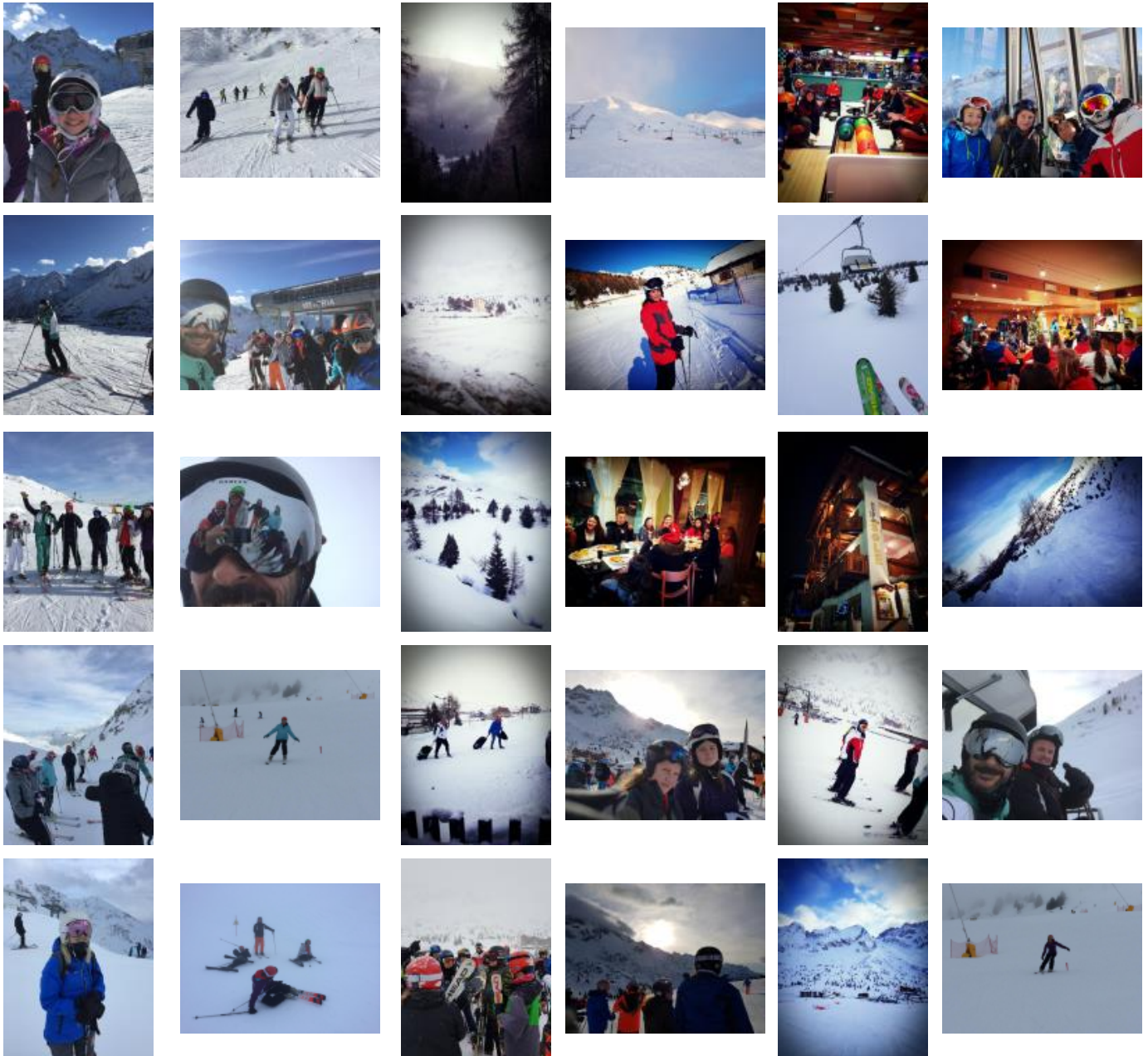
As the days passed, we all progressed from the nursery slopes to green runs then to blue runs and finally to red runs as we skied from one end of the resort to the other. There were some that were injured and a few who were sick, mainly due to the high altitude and viruses already within. The injuries resulted in two journeys to the local hospital, fortunately neither was life threatening. Additionally, sadly, neither resulted in the party leader having to remain in resort for an extra few days while the injured parties recuperated!

Bodies became tired as the week wore on and so evening entertainments became increasingly less physical than that of the first night. A trip to a local bowling alley, a pizza and ice cream evening, karaoke and finally a disco followed and the students threw themselves into the activities with real gusto. There were too many outstanding karaoke experiences to list and it would be unfair to single out any one performer, apart from Mrs Lewis whose voice was like an angel!!!!!!

And so the week came to a close and as we departed in the early hours of Wednesday 18th December. The bags were loaded and we waved goodbye to Tonale and began the journey home. Fortunately the first couple of hours were spent asleep but as we neared Verona the noise levels rose and excitement grew. We reached the airport in good time and our walking wounded were given wheelchairs and the crowns for the King and Queen. The flight home passed uneventfully, but as the plane was largely empty we had lots of space to occupy and spread out.

It all went too well however! Despite the travel times mix up on the outward leg and our insistence that the bus company needed to check with the travel company over the timings, there was no coach to meet us at Gatwick. After a 1 hour delay the coach arrived and we were on our way. 38 students and 4 staff left, 38 students, 4 staff, 4 crutches and a leg brace returned. I would like to thank lots of people; firstly the students for being excellent company and making us laugh all week; secondly the staff without whom.....; thirdly the parents for finding the money then inundating us with gifts - it really is appreciated and was very unexpected and lastly to the school for allowing us to run this - Thank you all!!!!!!

Mr J Spaul, Trip Leader



School Uniform Reminder

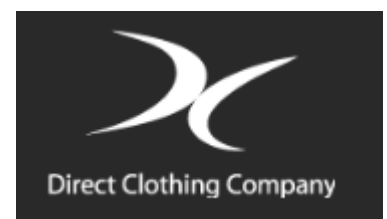
Please remember that we no longer have a uniform shop on site.

You can purchase uniform online from The Direct Clothing Company:

www.thedirectclothing.co.uk

Telephone: 01344 872299

Email: brakenhaleuniform@hotmail.com and sales@thedirectclothing.co.uk



STEM

Please see below an exciting opportunity from the Engineering Development Trust.



Super opportunities for your Son/Daughter considering higher education and/or a career pathway in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) based subject matter

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Engineering Development Trust (EDT) has two programmes of STEM based residential* university taster courses [Inspire and Headstart](#) across the UK this summer 2020.

What are INSPIRE and HEADSTART?

Inspire and Headstart are 3 and 4/5 day courses' (respectively) hands-on series of STEM based activities and lectures for young people aged 15 to 17 (year 11 & 12)** to further their understanding of degree/degree apprenticeship and future career opportunities.

These on-campus university-based experiences are an enabler for like-minded students to engage with lecturers and undergraduates on a challenging course specific agenda whilst practicing their problem determination, analytical, creative and life skills.

Benefits include:

- Practical sessions to reinforce theory-based lectures
- Variety of course offerings and themes to suit all individuals
- Access to university lecturers and undergraduates for advice and guidance on degree/degree apprenticeship and potential career pathways
- Bronze (Inspire) and Silver (Headstart) industry-led accreditation from [Industrial Cadets](#) (Inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales)
- Meet role models
- On-campus halls of residence experience

Course fee, bursaries & other support: The course costs £245 (3 day residential), £150* (3 day non-residential) for Inspire and £399 (4/5 day residential) for Headstart. Limited bursary places are available on BOTH programmes subject to [qualification criteria](#).

For more information/questions contact EDT: headstartteam@etrust.org.uk of 01707-871505

Apply online:

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/inspire-courses>

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart-courses>

*There are 1 or 2 non-residential courses

**Inspire will consider mature/gifted year 10 students who are 15 years old

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

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	TEACHER IN CHARGE
Monday	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
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Tuesday	1:25 - 2:00	Modern Foreign Languages film club	Y7/Y8/Y9	F02	Mrs Hughes
	3.10 – 4.00	Eco Club	All Years	S11	Miss Robson
	3:05 - 4:05	Drama Club	Y7	L01	Miss Lawry
	1.30 - 2.00	Brakenhale Bugle (Student Newsletter)	All Years	F21	Miss Rendall
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Wednesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Textiles Club [start January]	All Years	G05	Miss Shan
Thursday	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
Friday	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

Parents' Evenings 2019-20

Thursday 23 rd January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (X), 4-7pm
Tuesday 28 th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (Y), 4-7pm
Thursday 27 th February	Year 8 Parents' Evening, (tbc)
Thursday 26 th March	Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm



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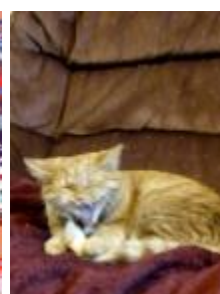
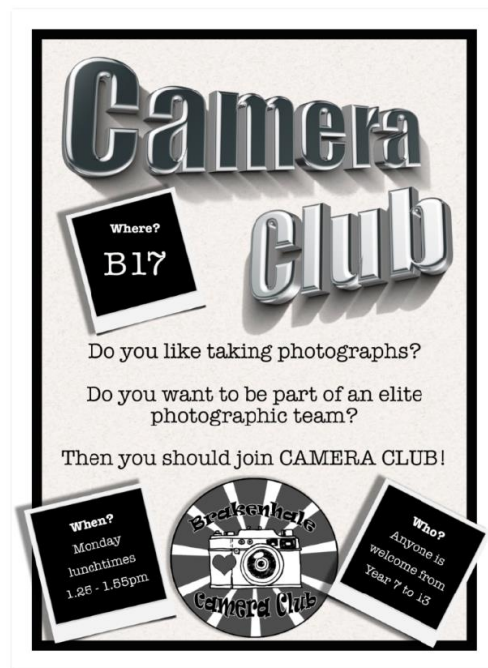
Camera Club Update

Camera Club started back up this week and we all really enjoyed looking at the photographs taken over the extended Christmas break. Caitlin I in Year 7 took lots of photographs of her very cute and fluffy dog, whilst Bethia P in Year 8 had a lovely photograph from her recent visit to Harry Potter World. Amber W in Year 7 clearly got lots of chocolate for Christmas as can be seen in her magical Christmas wonderland image. Oliver M in Year 8 made me laugh a lot with his yawning cat!

As a group we have agreed that we are going to do some more practical activities during our weekly Camera Club meetings, such as using the photography studio or learning Photoshop techniques. Next Monday, everyone has been asked to bring a digital version of their favourite photograph and we are going to learn some editing skills.

Camera Club is on a Monday lunchtime in B17 and all students are welcome.

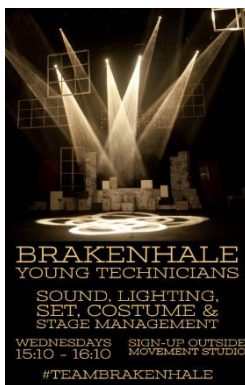
Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography



Performing Arts

Extra Curricular Dance Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Closed
Lunch time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	DARK MATTER
After School 3:05 MS	STREET CO. (MS) Charley, Tiegan, Dani & Macey Open to all years DARK MATTER (JNS) Dance Company & Lauren	DANCE CLUB (MS) Mrs Duffy & Emily Open to Year 7		AURORA Dance Company (JNS) Mrs Duffy & Ellie Open to Year 9 and invite only Year 8	Free fall Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 10 - 13 Dance Starts 29th of November



Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

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
FROM CEOP AND PARENT ZONE

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.

Attendance

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.

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.

Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer

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 on August 22nd when it is GCSE results day they will be so pleased they did.

Hegarty Maths

We start the second term with a huge number of our students engaging with Hegarty maths. As students settle into a routine, we will be able to introduce elements of Hegarty that will support retention and retrieval practices used in class. As ever, we greatly appreciate all the support received from home. It really does make a difference. We will continue to offer support sessions on Mondays after school, and our maths department are happy to help at any time. Well done to the following students who top our tables for learning hours and accuracy.

Top 5% for learning hours

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Paige Auker	Morgan Bidmead	Caitlin Boyer	Shania Ali	Bethany Brazier
Daniel Bayle	Gracy Marinova	Charlie Clements	Kelsey Armstrong	Lidia Dimitrova
Olivia Can	Oliver Marsh	Matthew Courtman	Celestine Asare	Daniel Hamed-Adekale
James Carr	Joshua Mills	Azhmat Giga	Tanvir Chowdhury	Lorna Heron-Buxcey
Amelia Mendoza	Taylor Parsons	Elliot Harvey	Stephanie Dundon	Ifeoluwa Olosunde
Sophie Prosser	Emily Prince	Salina Limbu	Bilal Mahmood	Alex Platon
Brodie Richards	Alfie Riley	Ella McManus	Amber-Rose Newhouse	Jasnav Singh
Isla Riggall	Leland Spohr	Milly Palmer	Christabel Nyame	Anna Vockins-Masague
Julian Romanescu	Rose Trotter	Valeria Romanescu	Alfie Paine	Jack Wright
Stefan Tudor	Sofia Valenzuela Russo	Tori Southall	Keisha Ruff	
Georgia Wilkins	Pheobe Webb	Shanika-Mai Whitaker	Sharif Wahid	

Top 5% for accuracy

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Joseph Cockbill	Oscar Brook	Jack Bacon	Zach Dacosta	Sarah Buabeng
Aidee Cowley	Darcey Falcus	Azhmat Giga	William Daniels	Harley Cockerell
Charlotte Dundon	Sonya Lategan	Clara Hinsch	Lily-Mai Darbyshire	Freddie Hooper
Codie Evans	James Nower	Mikolaj Lichnowski	Lewis Egan	Tia Lane
Talia Higgins	Bethia Prior	Ella Maynard	Sky Lawrence	Rachel Little
Francesco Lanzaolo	Marine Satake	Blake Mercieca	Alice Macdonald	Oliver Marsland
Olivia Mullins	Malachi Smith	Stephan Stacey	Kyle McNeil	Molly Penn
Shreya Rai	Chloe Swindells	Scarlet Worthy	Jack Moore	Gemma Walters
Emma Roake	Henry Turner	Ellie Yeung	Keirskaye Morla	
Adam Trinidad	Basia Willett	Isaac Young	Sharif Wahid	
Amber Westall			Megan Woods	

Mrs L Harbour, Maths Teacher

Maths Department Homework Policy

Years 7 & 8: 2 Tasks.

Year 9: 3 Tasks.

Year 10 & 11: 4 tasks

Tasks – expectations as per below.

TASKS: Set Thursday 8am DUE: Wednesday 8pm

MemRi: Set Monday DUE: Monday 06.30am

Watch video clip

Make notes on at least one example

Attempt Quiz

Show complete workings out for at least 2 questions in Hegarty book

100%

Well done, Task now shows up in 'My Scores'

70% -99%

Well done, this is complete. The task will temporarily stay in your 'my tasks' section to give you the option to improve your score if you would like to, but this is optional. You can see your score in the 'my scores' section.

0% - 69%

Follow instructions below

Watch the video again

If in doubt, speak to your Maths Teacher before the deadline.

Computers and Support available for all years Tues and Thurs 3:05pm – 4:04pm B12/B14

Year 11 – Champions Hour & Working

Complete the quiz for a second time. Your score should improve, but if it remains below 70% and you have done the above then you will not receive a detention. Let your teacher know you found it hard so that you can be supported in class .

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.

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
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*

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.

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

PE Update

Please check out our new extra curricular timetable. The clubs will start on Tuesday 14th January so make sure you turn up to as many as you can.



P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Half Term 3 - 2019-2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH (1315-1345) Trainers needed to participate	Table Tennis All Years Sports Hall FGR	Indoor Cricket All Years Sports Hall MPO	A LEVEL PE Revision Year 13 Room TBC MPO	Basketball All years Sports hall MPO	GCSE PE Revision Year 11 Room TBC MPO
AFTER SCHOOL (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm finish for Trampolining***	No clubs due to staff meetings	Netball All years Sports hall/courts LWI Football (Mixed) Years 7 and 8 Astro MPO & CMY	Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall CPI ***3.30pm start*** Trampolining (Mixed) All years Trampoline Centre JBO & LRU Rugby (GIRLS) All years Astro/grass FMA	Girls Cricket All years Sports hall MPO Football Years 9 and 10 Astro JSP JBO CMY Boxing/Fitness (Boys) All years Gym ABI ***3.30pm start***	P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions BTEC L2 and L3 catch up (Y10-13) GCSE Revision (YR 10) A Level PE Revision (Y13) Your PE teacher/s will confirm these sessions, if they apply to you.

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

All of these sessions are **open**, with all students in the listed year groups welcome.

AM Sessions are only for certain students (KS4&5) and only certain mornings – please draw this to their attention

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)

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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NO SMOKING
ZONE**

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- 🎁 An invitation to an exclusive Meet the Players Evening
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OUR FIXTURES

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

TICKET PRICES per person

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

TO BUY

- 🌐 Visit 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

The Brakenhale School

Autumn Term : WEEK COMMENCING : 20 Jan, 10 Feb

Week 3	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	Vegetable Paella	British Farm Assured Chicken Tikka Masala,	British Farm Assured Roast Garlic & Butter Pork Steak	British Farm Assured Beef Lasagne	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal (V)	Feta Cheese, Pepper & Potato Frittata	Vegetable Curry	Three Bean Casserole & Rice	Tex Mexican Vegetarian Burrito	Roasted Vegetable Pizza
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread Green Salad	Naan Bread Pilaf Rice	Roast Potatoes	Salad Garlic Bread	Chunky Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli and Cauliflower	Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Pudding	Chocolate cake Custard	Carrot cake Custard	Banana Cake & Custard	Marble Cake Custard	Warm Waffles

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

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

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.

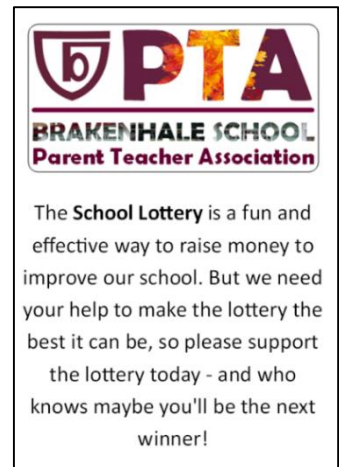
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

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 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!

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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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) 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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) 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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) 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

BRAKENHALE SCHOOL
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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:
apeacock@brakenhale.co.uk
to find out more!

NQS National Online Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WhatUpWednesday

- 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.nationalonsafety.com Twitter: @nationalonsafety Facebook: /nationalonsafety Phone: 0800 348 8081

Put a spring in your step this New Year at Blaze Martial Arts



Free trial lesson: Come down and try it. No obligation. Get a free uniform when you join.

Come along, make friends, learn a new skill and have some fun!

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There are local children in need of loving homes

Did you know you can foster alongside parenting your own children? We'll help you to consider all options, especially around age differences.

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



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

- Tuesday 28th January
- Wednesday 29th January
- Friday 31st January
- Wednesday 5th February
- Thursday 6th February
- Friday 7th February
- Monday 10th February

- Year 9 Parents' Evening (Y side), 4-7pm
- Year 9 RSE (B R A K)
- Year 8 Health Reach in Careers Day
- Year 12 Financial Awareness Workshops
- Year 9 RSE (E N H)
- Intermediate Maths Challenge
- Year 11 PGL Weekend
- Year 9 Immunisations



Deputy Headteacher
Assistant Chef
Maths Teacher
Head of Year
First Aider
Lunchtime Controller

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.

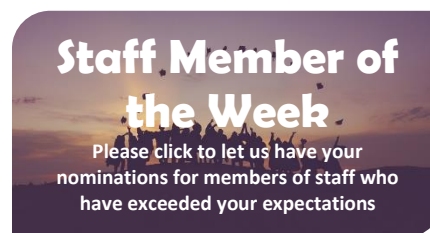
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Term Dates

Term Dates 2019-20

SPRING TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Thursday 9th January to Friday 3rd April

Spring Half Term – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Last day of Spring Term for students – Friday 3rd April

Easter Holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

(Good Friday 10th April, Easter Monday 13th April)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July

Summer Half Term – Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

(Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 17th July

(Inset Days: Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July)

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

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December 2020

Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

(Friday 1st January Bank Holiday)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

Spring Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

(Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July 2021

Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET Days Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st 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>



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