

# Brakenhale School

## End of Term Parent News

12<sup>th</sup> December 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

This is a momentous final parent news of the term! It is the last one that I shall write sat in my office in the building that has been the heart of Brakenhale School for over 5 decades. The students have been simply amazing this week as we have had to contend with being surrounded by boxes, leaks and flooding in parts of the school and the continual issues with the lack of heat. I have visited multiple classrooms every day and it has been amazing to see students so focused on their work, and so determined to continue their learning. It may well have been their last week of term but there has definitely been no reduction in their focus. A group of Key Stage 4 and Post 16 students spent Wednesday with an outside theatre group enhancing their understanding of the production 'The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night Time'; thank you to Mrs Raby for organising this.

Our focus on charity has not stopped this week, with our young carers running a bake sale and our Father Christmas photo booth organised by the student council all raising funds for those in need. Tomorrow sees our Christmas jumper day and I would encourage all students taking part to donate their pound on ParentPay.

The Year 9 Outward Bound trip returned on Friday and the students have been avidly sharing their experiences this week. A big thank you to Mr Briggs and to Mr Spaul for giving this group of young people such a great opportunity. This morning, our final trip of the term, the ski trip, departed to Italy, there were some very excited students (so I am told because even I wasn't devoted enough to be here at 4am when they departed!) accompanied by Mr Spaul, Mr Boucher, Miss Lewis and Miss Appleton.

This afternoon over 100 Key Stage 3 students had a film reward afternoon to acknowledge their exceptional hard work across the term. It really is lovely to see so many students always trying as hard as they can and for this to be recognised. Our house assemblies this week have also been an opportunity to praise those who have contributed significantly to the success of their house.

Not only is tomorrow the last day in the old school, it is also the last day for four members of our staff:

**Andy Hartley** leaves us after four and a half years as Deputy Headteacher to take up his post as Headteacher at Chiltern Edge School on the outskirts of Reading. This is a hugely deserved promotion for him and leaves us both thrilled for him but also really sad as he will no longer be at Brakenhale. Andy has been an absolutely integral part of the transformation of Brakenhale School and he has stood by my side since September 2015 and I will in many ways feel lost without him! I know how much he will be missed by the students, many of whom have shown real emotion about him leaving, none more so than the students that he teaches. We wish him all the very best in his role as Headteacher and we know that their gain is our loss.

Mr Mullett leaves us after a decade to start a new adventure at Windsor Boys School. Over the years Mr Mullett has developed some fantastic relationships with students and staff and will be missed.

Mrs Duddy leaves us to start a new adventure at Collingwood College. Mrs Duddy joined us in 2013 as her first UK teaching post. Since then she has developed many skills and qualities supporting the English department in developing literacy levels. In addition, she developed the whole school tutor reading programme which has gone from strength to strength. Mrs Duddy now moves on to pastures new to further her career and we wish her the best of luck.

Mrs Myers leaves us to focus on her family. This is a decision that has been made after much soul searching.

Although it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to colleagues we are also delighted to be welcoming some new staff to Brakenhale and they are as follows:

**Jarlath O'Brien** - will be joining us for two terms as a senior leader to support myself and Mr Corry in the running of the school. He is currently supporting a school in Oxford as their Executive Headteacher and prior to this was the Chief Executive of a Multi Academy Trust in London. He brings with him a wealth of experience and I am very excited about the prospect of working with him. He is utterly committed to Brakenhale having himself come to school here.

**Melissa Oakley** - will be joining us as an experienced teacher of English from a school in London, having previously worked with some of our existing staff.

**Chris Collins** - will be joining us as an experienced teacher of Geography, having worked for the last four years in Australia.

**Kylie White** - will be joining us as an experienced teacher of English and Geography and will start on January 27<sup>th</sup>, having previously worked with some of our existing staff.

**Margarita Santana-Padilla** - Languages assistant.

**Joanna Holder** - will be joining us from Claires Court School, where she has worked as a teacher for 15 years. Joanna will be working across a number of departments as an additional teacher to support students.

**Student of the week:**

Chloe East Year 9 - Chloe has been an amazing help in supporting many staff across the school in getting ready for the move to the new build.

**Fab:**

- Brakenhale Sixth Form for organising a charity Santa's photo. Great fun and a great memento to keep. Well done to Miss Loj and the photographers.
- Lost property emails always answered anytime of day and evening. PE Kit and other items are always found and returned.
- Greenshaw Trust and Jane Coley are always pushing things forward and keeping us well informed.
- Despite staff clearly so very, very busy, they all still managed to carry out charity sales, Christmas Jumper day on the last day term for Daisy's dream, house assemblies, care for our children, teach, return lost items, after school clubs and uphold all school values along with many other things. Well done each and every one of you. Merry Christmas to you all - Year 8 Parents.
- Running a Christmas card competition was a really lovely way for all to get involved. Well done to all who entered, winner and runners up.
- Nice to see so many after school clubs run during the lunches and after school. Would be great to see music, technology and craft clubs in 2020.
- Our children always gets house points for doing extra after school clubs in Photography/Art club. So a real bonus doing what they really enjoy and encourages them to return to build on house points. Thanks.
- For all to be able to have our say on Fab and Drab.
- Our students can get support for anything from any member of staff, they are all fab and have been outstanding this year.
- Year 10s collecting for food bank - great effort all involved and Head of Year 10 for doing, sure it was appreciated by many.
- We would like to say a massive, massive thank you for making two sad and anxious young people so happy and relaxed. They go to school smiling and come out of school smiling and cannot stop singing the praises of your school. It is like having different children in our home. It is the best Christmas present they could have had. Ours will be magical thanks to you.

**Drab:**

- The school gateway system says school is open in the Christmas holidays on the timetable.  
*Thank you for bringing this to my attention, I will amend.*
- Safety of all children when parents drive into school to drop and collect children and cars parked on school paths. Hope this improves in the New Year.  
*I fully agree that all persons driving onto the school site need to pay due care and attention to pedestrians; myself and my senior staff are on the gate every night and we do speak to parents where we feel this is not the case.*

- Your anti-bullying measures are terrible.

*I am very surprised and saddened to hear that anyone would feel this way. Our trained anti bullying ambassadors are available every day to speak to students as are tutors and Heads of Year. Please do contact me directly with any specific concerns.*

- Why is there so much homework set for the Christmas break in Year 8? Would have been a welcome rest and a chance to recharge after such a high workload this term with Hegarty Maths amongst so many other tasks. Surely at this busy festive period setting time consuming homework is not really a great idea or very fair on the child in my opinion.

*I have sent a schoolcomms home to clarify the situation, I hope this answers your query.*

#### **Staff member of the week:**

Miss Appleton	Best tutor I could ever ask for, she makes my day and helps me. Shame she is not my French teacher anymore.
Mrs Lewis	For going the extra mile for my son, who finds secondary school a challenge and for always being kind and approachable.
Mr Hilton	For being such an amazing Head of Year and teacher. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Thank you.
Mrs Duffy	She works really hard to make sure that Year 11 get the best grades possible in Dance.
Mrs Duffy	Kind and helpful in Dance.

#### **Quote of the week:**

*'I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.'*

Students return to school for 8.40am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. They will enter the school through the Coningsby entrance as they currently do now. There will be lots of staff at the gates directing them down a new pathway into the actual school site and we will send specific details about where they are then to gather on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. All students on Thursday morning will have a small additional amount of time with their tutors and an assembly with myself to ensure that they fully understand the layout and systems in the new building. I am holding off sending this out until I have the keys for the new building to make sure that what I think will work actually does! Please remember that there will be no phone system or networked access from 12.15pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is because the contractors have an incredibly limited time to shut down the old building and transfer the services to the new.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued amazing support for myself and this school and to wish you all a very happy, restful and healthy holiday.

My very best wishes,

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## **What's on next term**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**First day of Spring Term for students, 8.30am start**

## Student Council

Last week Student Council hosted their first ever Photos with Santa Event. The event was a great success! Two large bags of canned goods were collected, and a total of £36.50 was raised for charity.

Thank you to the following people:

- Sixth Form photographers Kayla Lewis, Paige Ewins-Smith, and Zoe Jackson who took photos throughout lunchtime
- Toby Gennery (head boy), Asha Munissi, and Danielle Rabulan (head girls) who coordinated and set up before the event.
- Declan Gosney for being a wonderful Father Christmas!

We look forward to continuing this event on a yearly basis.



Happy Holidays!

*Miss Loj, Student Council*

## Pride of Bracknell

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/>

## 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)

## New Building and Move Update

Please read these important notices and information about changes to services during the relocation to our new building. We apologise for any inconvenience these may cause.

### Last Day of Term

School will be closing at 12.05pm promptly on the last day of term, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. All students and staff must vacate the premises promptly.

### Communications during the Holiday

During our move to the new building all our systems will be taken down for relocation. We will therefore be unavailable for all communications (telephone and emails, both incoming and outgoing) from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12.15pm until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.

### Uniform Shop

Our new building does not currently have provision for a Uniform Shop, therefore from January 2020 we will be trialling online uniform purchases only. You will have the option to collect deliveries from school and more information on this will follow in the New Year.

### Lockers

New lockers in the will be allocated during the first few weeks of the Spring Term.

### Lost Property

All items of unnamed lost property will be given to charity or disposed of at the end of term.

### School Library

If students have any of our library books at home, they should have now been returned to the library. If, during a great Winter clear out, you find any old library books, please return these the first week back after the Christmas holiday.



## Tools for Learning

From January we are going to be selling our student tools for learning from Mrs McCrorie in the new Heads of Year office in our new building. You will still be able to purchase tools for learning online via parentpay and collect them from main reception.

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, 11 to 11.25am, but not at lunch time or after school.

Emergency pencil cases to borrow for the day will also be available from the Heads of Year office during morning tutor time.

## Curriculum Support Updates

### Safeguarding and the School Site

We would like to remind you that Parents/Carers must only enter the school building via Main Reception which is open from 8am-5pm. This is a safeguarding issue and in order to protect our staff and students we would respectfully ask that you only use the main entrance.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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, and is applicable to Sixth Form students too.

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 every student for gaining so many achievement and house points this term. These achievements are outstanding and have been celebrated in house assemblies this week. Well done.

### Cycle & Scooter Safety

It is really important that we all stay safe to and from school and would like to remind students that you **MUST** wear a cycle helmet to school. If you are seen without wearing one this does carry a sanction. Your safety is really important to us.

### 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.

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



## Hegarty Maths

This week's top students for accuracy:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Alexandra Brambley	Baileigh Woodcock	Jack Bacon	Alex Thorburn	Davina Baker
Tess Davis	Oscar Brook	Julia Sobieralska	Millie Southall	Leanne Palmer
Callum Holdstock	Raul Dan	Ewan Coyle	Megan Woods	Sarah Buabeng
Ayub Mirza	Kayla Elliott	William McArthur-Martley	Rishyal Bhatti	Oliver Long
Liberty Moreton	Darcey Falcus	Grace Galea	Lily-Mai Darbyshire	Gracie Lovell
Shreya Rai	Malachi Smith	Azhmat Giga	Alex Thorburn	Alicia Moore
Arthur Saldaev-Shukla	Aidan Osbaldstone	Keira Lyons	Megan Woods	Travis Power
Olivia Spoiala	Marine Satake	Scarlet Worthy	Julia Haigh	Katherine Diprose
Scarlett Taylor	Charlotte Newell	Mikolaj Lichnowski	Kyle McNeil	Kayleigh Duffy
Victoria Taylor		Keira Lyons	Amy Nightingale	
Adam Trinidad			Madison Osborn	
			Vivien Pavel	
			Jamie Prior	
			Grace Rogers	
			Lucy Smith	
			Millie Southall	

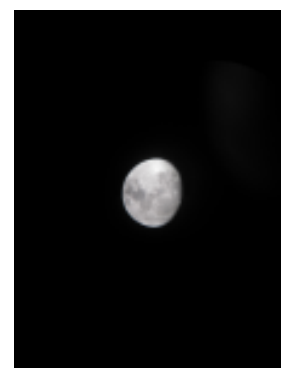
Mrs L Harbour, Maths Teacher

## Camera Club Update

This week's theme for Camera Club was Winter and the CC members did not fail me with their creativity and skill! Rachel S in Year 11 used her telescope to capture these superb images of the moon, whilst Oliver M in Year 8 and Caitlin I in Year 7 photographed their lovely Christmas trees; Caitlin also photographed some winter frost on leaves. Amber W in Year 7 continues with her creative approach and created this lovely winter wonderland for her photograph.

It will come as no surprise that the theme for the break is Christmas or for those that don't celebrate, something that sums up how you spent the Christmad holidays. Camera Club will start up in the New Year in its usual location of B17 at lunchtime and everyone is welcome. Have a lovely Christmas and take lots of photographs!

*Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography*



## 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.

## Parents' Evenings 2019-20

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (X), 4-7pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (Y), 4-7pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 3-7pm (tbc)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

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



Parents Evening System

## Bracknell Bees

As we hit the festive period break and you all take a well earned break, Bracknell Bees have three Schools Programme games for staff and parents to enjoy. Please see below details of exclusive discounts and activities.

**Schools Programme as part of The Bracknell Bees Community Programme.**

We are pleased to announce that we have continued to be partners with the Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey team and members of their schools outreach programme. This programme gives us unique offers and discounts for parents and children to attend the game.



There is a Christmas Bracknell Bees School Zone game Special on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 17.30 with a visit from SANTA, Buzz and Meet The Players in the Bees Knees Bar after the game to start your Christmas celebrations.

Please call 01344 789000 and quote 'Schools Zone'. All you then need to do is take a copy of the voucher with you on the night or on your mobile device.

**All tickets purchased on the night, pre-purchased and complimentary for the School Zone are from the Bees Shop, outside of the Rink.**

All tickets bought in advance or purchased on the night are at the exclusive discounted price of £10 per adult and 2 kids go free!!

Doors open 45 minutes before face off and don't forget they have their own entrance next to the shop.

The following Bracknell Bees School Zone game is on Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> then on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> they start Superhero month, so you can wear your favourite Superhero costume with pride.

Please find below the voucher to receive your exclusive school discount.

Please call 01344 789000 and quote 'Schools Zone'. All you then need to do is take a copy of the voucher with you on the night or on your mobile device.

All pre purchased tickets will be available from the Rink Reception and all Complimentary Tickets will be available from the Rink Reception.

**All tickets purchased on the night for the School Zone are from the Bees Shop, outside of the Rink.**

All tickets bought in advance or purchased on the night are at the exclusive discounted price of £10 per adult and 2 kids go free, with Doors open at 4.45pm with face offs at 5.30pm.

Keep up to date with everything Bracknell Bees by Bees TV on YouTube or Bees Radio Network Podcasts.



**SCHOOL ZONE**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION  
VISIT FROM SANTA

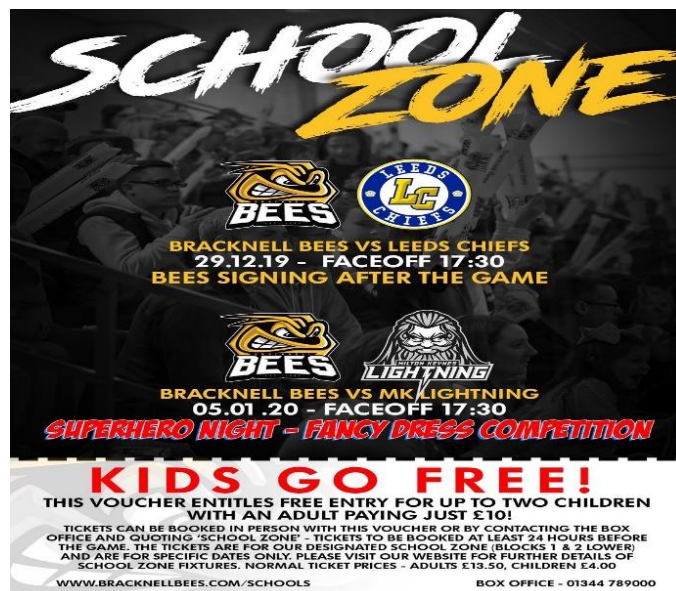
**BEES** **WILDCATS**

**BRACKNELL BEES VS SWINDON WILDCATS**  
22.12.19 - FACEOFF 17:30  
JOHN NIKE LEISURESPORT COMPLEX

**KIDS GO FREE!**  
THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES FREE ENTRY FOR UP TO TWO CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT PAYING JUST £10!

TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED IN PERSON WITH THIS VOUCHER OR BY CONTACTING THE BOX OFFICE AND QUOTING 'SCHOOL ZONE'. TICKETS TO BE BOOKED AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE GAME. THE TICKETS ARE FOR OUR DESIGNATED SCHOOL ZONE (BLOCKS 1 & 2 LOWER) AND ARE FOR SPECIFIC DATES ONLY. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF SCHOOL ZONE FIXTURES. NORMAL TICKET PRICES - ADULTS £13.50, CHILDREN £4.00

WWW.BRACKNELLBEES.COM/SCHOOLS BOX OFFICE - 01344 789000



**SCHOOL ZONE**

**BEES** **LEEDS CHIEFS**

**BRACKNELL BEES VS LEEDS CHIEFS**  
29.12.19 - FACEOFF 17:30  
BEES SIGNING AFTER THE GAME

**BEES** **LIGHTNING**

**BRACKNELL BEES VS MK LIGHTNING**  
05.01.20 - FACEOFF 17:30  
**SUPERHERO NIGHT - FANCY DRESS COMPETITION**

**KIDS GO FREE!**  
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## New Literacy Achievement Points

Isn't it about time students were rewarded for learning new words and improving their spelling? Isn't it about time students were rewarded for their speaking and listening and efforts with improving their work? We welcome the new literacy achievement point. In lessons, students can now be rewarded for their literacy efforts and successes. Here are some ways students can receive them:

- Correct spelling of a keyword
- Correct use of a keyword in their writing
- Correct use of a keyword in verbal communication
- Accurate use of punctuation and capital letters

As this is brand-new, we are starting to trial it so this list may grow and change over time. Don't worry - We will keep you up-to-date along the way. Any feedback, please do let us know.

Mrs D Lewis, Literacy

## 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/>



Thank you to everyone who supported the Rotary Christmas draw by purchasing raffle tickets over £800 was raised and will be put to good use in our new building – the draw is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm and winners will be advised accordingly – good luck!

## Events & Opportunities

**Rotary YOUNG WRITER**

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

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

1. Local heats
2. District finals
3. National Final and overall winners

Organised by our local Rotary club  
Organised by Rotary districts

Your first deadline:  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Feedback Initiative

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

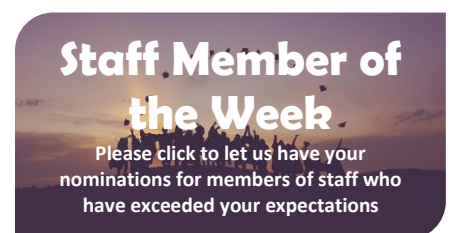
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[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)

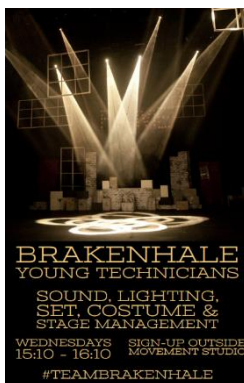


[Staff Member of the Week](#)

## Performing Arts

**Extra Curricular Dance Timetable**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Break time</b>	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Closed
<b>Lunch time</b>	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	<b>DARK MATTER</b>
<b>After School 3:05 MS</b>	<b>STREET C<sup>o</sup>.</b> (MS) Charley, Tiegan, Dani & Macey Open to all years <b>DARK MATTER</b> (JNS) Dance Company & Lauren	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> (MS) Mrs Duffy & Emily Open to Year 7		<b>AURORA</b> 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 <i>Starts 29th of November</i>



Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

## PE Update

Well what a term it has been, there have been a number of fixtures and a range of extra-curricular clubs happening over the term. We have also seen a lot of you participating in at least 1 club a week which is amazing. We hope this continues into the new year.

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
<b>LUNCH</b> (1315-1345)  Trainers needed to participate	<b>Table Tennis</b> All Years Sports Hall FGR	<b>Indoor Cricket</b> All Years Sports Hall MPO	<b>A LEVEL PE Revision</b> Year 13 Room TBC MPO	<b>Basketball</b> All years Sports hall MPO	<b>GCSE PE Revision</b> Year 11 Room TBC MPO
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> (1505-1630)  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>Badminton (Mixed)</b> All years Sports Hall CPI ***3.30pm start***  <b>Trampolining (Mixed)</b> All years Trampoline Centre JBO & LRU  <b>Rugby (GIRLS)</b> All years Astro/grass FMA	<b>Girls Cricket</b> All years Sports hall MPO  <b>Football</b> Years 9 and 10 Astro JSP JBO CMY  <b>Boxing/Fitness (Boys)</b> All years Gym ABI ***3.30pm start***	<b>P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions</b>  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

The PE department hope you have a Happy Christmas and stay active and safe during the holidays.

See you in 2020.

PE Department

Miss L Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE



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

'ME in PE'		'ME in PE'	
PHYSICAL		SOCIAL	
1	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in an isolated situation	1	Independently gets changed in the changing rooms and takes care of personal belongings
2	Works in lesson to show effects of short term exercise on the body	2	Communicates effectively with class teacher
3	Takes part in a tactical scenario set up and delivered by the teacher	3	Communicates effectively with a single peer (verbally)
4	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in an isolated situation	4	Communicates effectively with a small group of peers (verbally)
5	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a conditioned situation	5	Works well on a 1-2-1 basis with others
6	Works in lesson to show effects of steady state exercise on the body	6	Works well in a small group
7	Takes part in a tactical scenario taught by the teacher	7	Works well as part of the whole PE group
8	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a conditioned situation	8	Communicates effectively with the whole class (verbally)
9	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a fully competitive situation	9	Engages and participates in situations with familiar peers
10	Works in lesson to show the effects of long term exercise on the body	10	Deals with and manages situations with familiar peers
11	Sets up and takes part in a tactical scenario on own	11	Engages and participates in situations with non-familiar peers
12	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a fully competitive situation	12	Can deal with and manage situations with non-familiar peers



Mr M Potter, Head of PE

**ESTEEM**

Managing feelings, emotions and mental wellbeing can be challenging for anyone. So, whether you are up, down or going round and round, why not come and meet up for a chat about how you're feeling, doing, or anything else you want to share.

Talk is cheap, but the rewards are priceless!

**EVERY THURSDAY @ 1.30PM**

**£F14**

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**Identity**

Everyone is welcome ☺

Come and talk, ask questions, listen and join in!

**We meet every Friday in CR3**

With Mrs. Lewis and Miss Bunkell

## 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.

**Attendance Matters...**

Week Ending 6th December 2019

Period 02/12/19 to 06/12/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	95.2 %
Year 8	93.3 %
Year 9	93.9 %
Year 10	93.0 %
Year 11	93.3 %

**Brakenhale's Overall Attendance for Period: 02/12/19 -06/12/19** 93.7 %

**Brakenhale's Overall Attendance Year to Date 04/09/19 - 06/12/19** 95.1 %

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Year 11	94.3 %

**Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date** 95.1 %

Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date

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Year 11	94.3

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.

*Mr Hartley, Deputy Headteacher*

**Good attendance means...**

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

9 days absence

190 school days in each year

100% Attendance

Best Chances of success. **"Well Done!"**

10 days absence

180 days of education

95% Attendance

19 days absence

171 days of education

90% Attendance

Poor attendance - less chance of success. **"I'm worried"**

20 days absence

161 days of education

85% Attendance

20 days absence

152 days of education

80% Attendance

Very poor attendance - serious impact on education and reduces life chances. **"I'm seriously concerned"**

47 days absence

143 days of education

75% Attendance

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## Brakenhale School Lottery

### Congratulations to the prize draw winners.

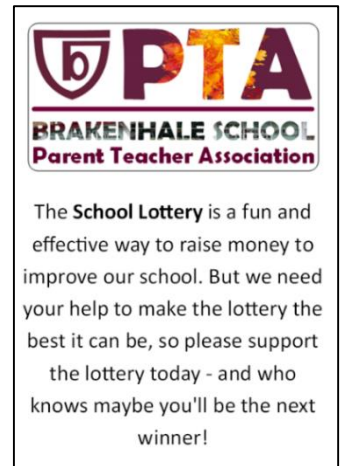
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

You have to be in it to win it.



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**Events and Notices**

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## Weekend Astro Pitch Deal



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Please Contact:  
[apecock@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:apecock@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?

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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



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**Future Diary Dates**

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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

**Year 12 & 13 PPE Exam Week**  
**Year 9 Injections**  
**Options Evening**  
**Year 9 X Parents' Evening**



Deputy Headteacher  
Assistant Chef  
Maths Teacher  
Geography Teacher  
Head of Geography

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

## Term Dates

### Term Dates 2019-20

#### AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Last day of Autumn Term for students – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

*(Inset Day: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December)*

Christmas Holiday: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 \*

*\*Extra school closure days in December and January for the transition into the new building*

#### 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)*

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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