



Dear Parents/Carers

Before I go into a review of the week, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who have contacted me directly today with messages of support for myself personally, the staff and the school as a whole. It is hugely appreciated and means an enormous amount to me. It has genuinely been heart-warming to know that so many of you trust us and appreciate all that we are trying to do for the young people at Brakenhale.

As the term gets closer to completion, the work rate of all staff and students does the opposite as it increases! Everybody is busily preparing for the move to the new build but at the same time, there is an intense focus on learning and staff are putting together plans for examination groups for over the extended break. Our Year 10 parents evening was held last night and the level of conversation surrounding student progress was impressive. The relationship between parents and school is always strengthened by this.

Our pastoral work goes from strength to strength and yesterday 10 of our student ambassadors, accompanied by Mrs Palmer, attended an anti-bullying training session in Hillingdon. In order for students to make real progress they have to feel confident in themselves and we are fully committed to supporting our young people in this area.

This week is Thanksgiving in America and Mr Hartley has been conducting assemblies to all students about the concept of giving. This has been taken by Year 10 students fully on board as they have been collecting as significant amount of food for the Kerith Church Food Bank. Ms Douse and some students will be delivering this on Monday. If you have any items at home that you are able to donate, they would be hugely appreciated.

Next week continues at a pace and we have a number of activities to look forward to including:

A Year 9 trip to Lake District, a Year 8 cup football match and Year 12 parents' evening.

Fab Feedback

- I don't have Mr Murrays email but would really like him to know how extremely grateful we all are to him for resolving a situation I had with my daughter's coursework being lost and retrieving it. We really can't believe he found it and just want him to know we are beyond grateful for his dedication and commitment to finding this.
- Hegarty Maths has improved my Year 9 daughter's confidence in Maths no end. Her most recent test score was three times better than before she started Hegarty.

Drab:

Year 9 only have 1 hour of PE a week.

➤ *From September 2020 this will increase to 2 a week.*

Hegarty maths book has never been marked or even glanced at so far this year?

Can I ask what the point of setting maths homework a week prior if the students are going to get a lecture from the teacher on the second day because it isn't complete yet?! This is not acceptable! If they do not hand it in then by all means reprimand, but not when they still have 5 days left to complete!

➤ *I have passed these comments on to the Head of Maths, please feel free to contact us directly about this.*

Staff member of the week:

Mrs Shan For always being a nice and helpful person

Mr Duffy For making Sixth Form taster day enjoyable!

Miss Ioannidis She is the best Health and Social teacher. I'm doing so well in her class and it's so much fun!

Mr Mullett Always notices when something is wrong with a student in class and deals with it in a calm and helpful manner.

Miss Rendall She puts up with a lot of annoyances in class but she deals with them promptly and makes the boring parts of lesson fun!

Mrs Harbour Mrs Harbour has helped my daughter with her maths and she has improved a lot ever since then.

Quote of the week:

This has been recommended from a student this week.

'If you had £10,990 and someone took £10 of it, would you throw the rest away....? So if someone ruined 10 minutes of your day would you throw the whole day away?'

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Thursday 5th December : **Year 12 Parents' Evening**

Advance Notice

School Reception will be closing at 4pm on Friday 6th December.

Pride of Bracknell

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/>

New Building and Move Update**Lockers**

Could we please ask parents and students to ensure that all school lockers are completely emptied of all personal belongings by **Tuesday 10th December 2019**. New lockers in the new building will be allocated during the first few weeks of the Spring Term. Any items left in lockers after the 10th December will be disposed of.

**Lost Property**

All items of unnamed lost property will be given to charity or disposed of at the end of term unless collected by **Thursday 12th December**.

School Library

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

Last Day of Term

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



BBC 'Own It' App



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"The digital world is a fantastic place for people to learn and share, but we know many young people struggle to find a healthy online balance, especially when they get their first phones," said Alice Webb, director of BBC Children's, in a statement.

A new app has just been launched last week by the BBC called 'Own It'. It is a free app which has been designed to support youngsters with using their first smartphone and would be useful for Key Stage 3 students in particular. You may have heard the adverts for it on the BBC.

It is an app and interactive keyboard which alerts the teenager if they have written something that could be interpreted as offensive by someone else and asking them if they really want to send this message.

The app that the BBC has created is a "wellbeing" smartphone app called Own It aimed at children.

It monitors how young people interact with friends and family online and through messaging apps and uses AI to evaluate a child's mood, so it can offer advice or encourage them to talk to trusted adults.

The app is designed to offer help and support, especially if children are about to share sensitive data or send an upsetting message.

BBC's Ms Webb said the app would act as a "helping hand" to guide children into developing good habits when using their first phone and avoid some of the potential pitfalls of digital life.

The app is built around a special software keyboard that pops up when kids type messages and monitors the tone of the words being typed and language used.

The Own It app also has its own content that aims to help children manage the amount of time they spend looking at their screen and passes on other advice about responsible online interaction.

The BBC said the app would also regularly encourage children to talk to parents and guardians about good and bad online experiences and their phone use.

Parents should note that the BBC have said that the app has no reporting system that parents can consult to oversee phone use.

To find out more about the app you can go to the BBC's website here:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app>

You can also find the BBC 'Own It' parent step by step guide on our website here: [Own It Parent Guide](#)

Partners include the Mental Health Foundation, the Anti-Bullying Alliance, the NSPCC, the Diana Award and Childnet.

Miss J Manisier, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Brakenhale does Countdown

#teambrokenhale

Brakenhale does Countdown

Coming soon....
 Week commencing
11th November
 Deadline for all entries to be in....
 Week commencing 2nd December

Brakenhale does

#1 Each week, a new puzzle for literacy and numeracy will come out. Mrs Lewis and Mrs Harbour have teamed up to bring you...Countdown!

Students who get the right answers to us, will be rewarded with achievement points and we will keep a special log to see, over time, who our Brakenhale geniuses are ☺
 Please put answers in the box on reception.
 Deadline is every Wednesday.

Literacy	Numeracy
Make the longest word from the anagram below. c u t c a r a e	75 4 9 1 2 7
Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? Soaking it all up! b r b a g i s o n	305

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 have to be disposed of at the end of term as we will not have the capacity to take them over to the new building when we move.

Email: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

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/>

Parents' Evenings 2019-20


Thursday 5 th December	Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
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, 3-7pm (tbc)
Thursday 26 th March	Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

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




Parents Evening System

Events & Opportunities



Rotary YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION

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
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.




WE ARE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW. ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE GIVEN BACK TO US FOR OUR NEW BUILDING.



A NIGHT OF CLAIRVOYANCE


with international medium & clairvoyant
Jane Meakin & Alan salmon

100% of proceeds go directly to a local family who's 16 year old son has cancer.

To be held at Garth Hill College, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG422AD

7th December 2019
7-10pm
£10 per ticket

Call to buy tickets
07862 929 393 or 07880 653 167





BRAKENHALE

YEAR 7
DRAMA CLUB

TUESDAYS : 3.10-4.05pm

L01 (DRAMA STUDIO)

High Expectations and Challenge

Raising money for charity



Photos
With
Santa

WHEN: Friday December 6th 2019
WHERE: Main Hall
COST: Donations in the form of loose change and/or canned goods.



Student Council will be hosting a Photo with Santa event. There will be a photo booth in the main hall where students will have the opportunity to take a festive picture. These photos will then be shared with students digitally. Grab your lunch, grab your friends, and come get in the Christmas spirit.

Students are asked to bring donations of canned goods and/or change. All proceeds will be donated to charity.

Ice Hockey

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.

The next Bracknell Bees School Zone game is on Saturday Dec 7th and includes Exclusive Skating after the game and skate hire.

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 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 own entrance next to the shop. Keep up to date with everything Bracknell Bees by Bees TV on YouTube or Bees Radio Network Podcasts.

FREE ICE SKATING & SKATE HIRE AFTER THE GAME WITH YOUR SCHOOL ZONE WRISTBAND!

SKATE WITH THE BEES AFTER THE GAME

**BRACKNELL BEES VS RAIDERS
07.12.19 - FACEOFF 18:15
JOHN NIKE LEISURESPOET 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

Camera Club Update

This week's challenge was to photograph something that makes you happy; Amber W in Y7 photographed this amazing dragon ornament and Oliver M in Y8 photographed a lion interacting with his sister. Oliver very cleverly blanked out the faces of the observers in the background, ensuring that Camera Club continues to meet GDPR regulations!



My lovely Post 16 students (Jade D, Harrison H and Megan L) worked with the Camera Club members in the photography studio this week, showing them how to photograph fruit and vegetables. Everyone had a brilliant time and as you can see, produced some great photographs. This is definitely something we will be doing again in Camera Club.

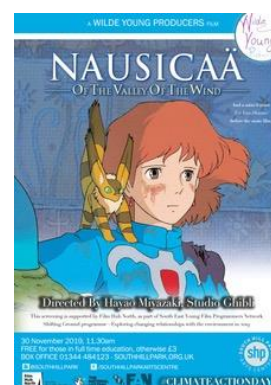
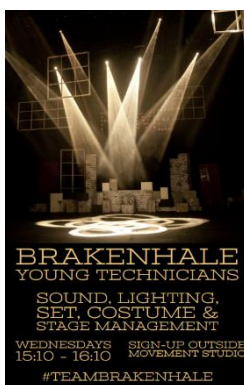
Next week's challenge has used Black Friday as inspiration. The brief is to either photograph something to do with the actual Black Friday sales or to photograph something black - my own black cat may be featuring in Parent News next week! Camera Club is on a Monday in B17 and all years are welcome.

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 HS	STREET C. (MS) Charley, Tegan, 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



South Hill Park

There is an exciting opportunity taking place this Saturday at South Hill Park Arts Centre.

They run a course called the Wilde Young Producers, who are putting on a screening of an anime film called Nausicaa of The Valley of The Wind. This film is suitable for all secondary school students.

This film is part of Climate Action Day and is being supported by Film Hub North. The aim of the screening is to encourage young people to engage with cultural cinema and to discuss climate change and the changing world around them.

This screening is FREE and happening this Saturday, 30th November.

Fran Hems, Learning and Participation Coordinator, South Hill Park Arts Centre

PE Update

This week has been another busy week for the PE department, it has also been a very wet week with a netball game being cancelled.

Netball

On Wednesday the Year 7 and 8s played their last netball match of the season. The game was against Garth. Both teams played really well and have shown massive improvement over the season. However we were not a match for the Garth attack, they had very good shooters and although our defence did a brilliant job we could not keep them from scoring a goal. The Year 8s had some lovely play from Lauren A in defence and she was bringing the ball nicely in to attack. The Year 7s had some lovely attacking play from Olivia S, who always seemed to be in a space.

Unfortunately both teams lost. The player of the match for Year 8 was awarded to Maddie J-M for her attacking skills and goals. The player of the match for Year 7 was Maizie C for her defence.

Well done to both teams.

Training will still continue as well as friendly games. So hopefully next season we are even better.

Brakenhale basketballers step onto the court for the very first time...

This past week has seen Brakenhale students step onto the basketball court for the very first time. With a series of games versus Sanhurst and Edgbarrow this week, and Garth next week (Tuesday 3rd December), the students have been able to put their skills and techniques to the test, on the court, versus other school students from the local area.

Our Year 7 and Year 9/10 teams were both victorious on Tuesday against Sandhurst and played some excellent basketball, showing tenacity and hard work on the court. The Sandhurst coach, who also coaches locally was very impressed with the skill, attitude and effort shown by our students.

On Thursday versus Edgbarrow the Year 7s came 1st and 4th and the Year 9/10 team finished joint 2nd and 3rd, again showing excellent development even from the games since Tuesday.

All players who have played this week have committed their time to school training, as well as some playing outside of school for local clubs. This has been excellent to see and offers our young people yet more opportunities of playing sport and being active at Brakenhale.

We go again next week, on Tuesday, away to Garth and the students are very much looking forward to it.

Well done to these students this week:

Year 7s: Nathan M, Alfie C, James C, Aidee C, Valeria P, Ishe M, Alfie Dane

Year 9/10s: Farai M, Lashon R, Dominic F, Daniel P, Codey F, Jake C, Josh B, Cobey N, Thomas BH, Jack L.

Fixtures for next week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
2/12/19	8	Football	Hampton	Hampton	1.30-5.30pm	CMY
3/12/19		Basketball	Garth	Away	3.15-5.30pm	MPO
4/12/19	U18	Football	JMA	Home	2.00-5.00pm	CMY

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see below the extra-curricular timetable for half term 2. Please make sure students look at what we have to offer. All they need to do is just turn up after school and get changed. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible.

Miss L Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE



P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Half Term 2 - 2019-2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH (1300-1330 1315-1345) Trainers only needed to participate	Table Tennis All Years Sports Hall FGR			Indoor Cricket All Years Sports Hall MPO	GCSE PE Revision Year 11 C21 MPO
AFTER SCHOOL (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm for Trampolining***	No clubs due to staff meetings	Handball (Mixed) All years Sports hall JBO Netball (Girls) All years Sports hall/courts LWI/LRU Year 7 Football (Mixed) Astro MPO	Rugby (Girls) All years Field FMA Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall CPI 3.30pm start Trampolining (Mixed) All years Trampoline Centre JBO/CMY	Basketball (Mixed) All years Sports hall MPO Football (Yr 8 and 10 INVITE ONLY) 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

Girls Active

Next Thursday [the 5th December] **GIRLS ACTIVE** will be holding an aerobics session in the John Nike studio at lunchtime 1:30-1:45. This is a fun and exciting new event that we would love for you to take part in. You do not need to bring in your P.E kit, you will just take off your shoes and blazer or if you have P.E period 4 you are welcome to stay in your kit.



WHY SHOULD YOU COME? This is a new event that the girls active team will be running. It is an amazing opportunity to try something new and feel the physical benefits.

WRITTEN BY : Chloe 7E, Maizy 7k, Alisha 7A- THE GIRLS ACTIVE TEAM

When: Thursday 5th December
Where: John Nike studio
Why: Come along and have fun!
Time: 1.30-1.45pm

You do not need to worry about changing,
just take your shoes and blazer off!

Written by Hannah and Charlotte!
Girls Active

ME in PE Assessment criteria: Autumn Term

'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'

	SOCIAL
1	Independently gets changed in the changing rooms and takes care of personal belongings
2	Communicates effectively with class teacher
3	Communicates effectively with a single peer (verbally)
4	Communicates effectively with a small group of peers (verbally)
5	Works well on a 1-2-1 basis with others
6	Works well in a small group
7	Works well as part of the whole PE group
8	Communicates effectively with the whole class (verbally)
9	Engages and participates in situations with familiar peers
10	Deals with and manages situations with familiar peers
11	Engages and participates in situations with non-familiar peers
12	Can deal with and manage situations with non-familiar peers

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

ESTEEM

Mental Health

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

SF14

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

BE PART OF THE ROYALS FAMILY

SCHOOLS & GRASSROOTS TICKETING SCHEME

BRACKENHOLE FOOTBALL CLUB EST. 1871

BRACKENHALE

BRACKENHALE 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

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

*Picture and Scheme subject to change and availability respectively. Y&C apply. Seating available in the Emson-Dolan Family stand.



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 22nd November 2019

Period 04/11/19 to 22/11/19

Year Group	%
Year 7 ★	97.1 %
Year 8	93.8 %
Year 9	94.3 %
Year 10	95.2 %
Year 11	95.7 %
Brakenhale's Overall Attendance for Period: 18/11/19 - 22/11/19	95.2 %
Brakenhale's Overall Attendance Year to Date 04/09/19 - 22/11/19	95.3 %

Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 22nd November 2019

Period 04/09/19 - 22/11/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	97.3 %
Year 8	94.9 %
Year 9	94.5 %
Year 10	94.9 %
Year 11	94.5 %
Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date	95.3 %

Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	97.3
Year 8	94.9
Year 9	94.5
Year 10	94.9
Year 11	94.5

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

Christmas Jumper Day for Charity

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term Friday 13th December. The charity we are raising money for is Daisy's Dream.

Students will be able to take part for a £1 donation but larger donations are always welcome.

Many thanks to Alex Elsey in Year 12 for designing our poster.

Thanks for your support.



Feedback Initiative

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

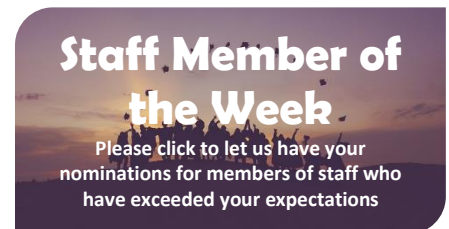
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Lost Property

Have you lost something? Don't forget...



Email :

Email us on the address below and we will endeavour to locate the item and return it to you as soon as possible. We have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property and she will do her best to help.

lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

Please make sure your items are named so that we can return them promptly.

Brakenhale School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners.

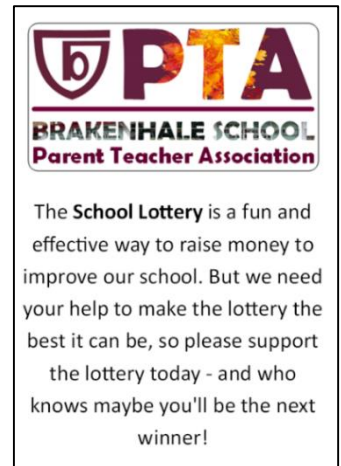
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

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.



Easy Fundraising

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

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

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

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

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now 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:
apeacock@brakenhale.co.uk
to find out more!



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

- 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?
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Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change
w/c Monday 9th December
Friday 13th December

House Assemblies
Last day of Autumn Term, students finish at 12:05pm



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Term Dates

Term Dates 2019-20

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Wednesday 4th September to Friday 13th December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Last day of Autumn Term for students – Friday 13th December

(Inset Day: Monday 16th December)

Christmas Holiday: Tuesday 17th December to Wednesday 8th 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 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)

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

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