



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy week of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) this week. Year 10 and 11 have been taking examinations in the hall in exam conditions to prepare them for the final exams at the end of Year 11. They have all taken these incredibly seriously and staff and invigilators in particular have been very impressed with the way they have conducted themselves throughout.

The Year 11 students today have had a break from their examinations to experience Sixth Form Taster Day. This has given them the opportunity to experience Post 16 lessons and to see what life is like in our amazing Sixth Form, one of the highest achieving in the country. Last night Year 13 parents had the opportunity to meet staff to discuss students' academic progress - this was a very focussed evening and one which the vast majority of parents were able to attend. Next week is Year 10 Parents Evening and I would encourage all parents to make appointments if you haven't already done so.

On Wednesday we had the County Lines Theatre Performance for our Year 9 students. This was a hard hitting live piece of drama, which aimed to give students a realistic picture of the dangers of drugs and associations with individuals coming into the area. This is another example of our total commitment to look after our students and at every stage give them every opportunity to keep safe.

Today I have been with our Facilities and IT Managers for our now weekly meeting with the Build Project Managers. The final completion stages of the new building are now underway and we are discussing how we move in and what we need to do in the first few days! Although the list is long and there are many things to consider we are incredibly excited about what is to come and the significant difference this will make to our community.

I would also like to congratulate Hope Lane who has once again achieved Gold in her Tae Kwon Do. Well done Hope!!!

#### **Student of the week:**

Kaia Koskela-Reyes in Year 8 - for being so, so polite and exceptionally helpful while being a runner on reception.

#### **Fab Feedback**

- The new school building is going to make Brakenhale better.
- I just wanted to say that I feel Brakenhale has gone above and beyond to accommodate and help my son this school year so far. Today Miss Rushby has returned my calls and met briefly with me when I just turned up. I know that it's not easy to just see a parent when they turn up without appointments (but she made a real exception) so was grateful that she was able to put my mind at ease a bit.
- I just wanted to say thank you to the school as I feel that the school is working hard to support my son.
- Thank you so much for today and giving me this opportunity in your school. I am so excited to be starting with you and your team in January and can't stop smiling!
- Thank you so much for all you do and continue to do for our daughter (Year 11 student).

#### **Drab:**

- What is the policy on drinking during the school day? My son gets behaviour points from selected teachers for drinking during lessons. Surely children should be encouraged to drink throughout the day to stay hydrated.

*Students are allowed to drink water during lessons, I am sorry if this hasn't been the case for your son and I will remind staff that this is in fact allowed. Please contact me directly so I can sort out the behaviour points.*

- I really like the fact that you have parent and student news, however can you please get someone to proofread them? The student news this week has both "their" and "you're" used incorrectly. Hard to tell our kids to shape up when the school can't manage it.

*I absolutely agree with you and am sorry that this has been missed. We will endeavour to ensure that this does not happen again.*

- My son is doing the maths homework to then be told he has a detention for NOT doing it when he has. I'm not understanding why if he has already completed it. He then gets very anxious about going to school.  
*I am sorry to hear this, please contact the Head of Maths directly to discuss cmasson@brakenhale.co.uk*
- Students miss lessons due to PSHE which could be an impact to their learning. PSHE should be a timetabled lesson.  
*We are looking at timetables for next year however, please be aware that if PSHE goes on as a permanent lesson then another subject will lose 1 hour.*
- Mixed view, I think the second hand school uniform clothes sale was a great idea, but with work commitments I for one couldn't attend. As this is the only time you could buy second hand uniform from school I don't see why this isn't available at other times, as uniform is so expensive and on a tight budget, my child has to go cold without items. I know in Primary school we could purchase second hand uniform regularly.  
*This is a very good point and we are now considering how we can regularly sell second hand uniform once we move into the new build.*

#### Staff member of the week:

Ms Shan	She is always so positive and helpful in our textiles lessons, she makes sure that we are always on track, and that we do the best that we can do!
Miss Byers	Miss always gives me a reason to smile even when times are hard, and helps me no matter what. Such an amazing person.
Mr Beukes	He is a helpful member of staff and explains things well. Also congratulations on the CCF and his staff that he has with him, as my son is in the CCF and I have seen a big difference in his attitude and his behaviour, so a big thank you to you all.
Miss Higham	Told me how to cook in food tech and also is a really nice teacher.
Mr Cooper	Great Geography teacher!

#### Quote of the week:

*In a world where you can be anything - be kind!*

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## What's on next week

W/C Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November : **Year 11 PPE Exams continue**  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November : **Year 10 Parents' Evening**

## Advance Notice

School Reception will be closing at 4pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## 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/>

## Brakenhale does Countdown

#teambrokenhale

**Brakenhale does Countdown**

Coming soon....  
 Week commencing  
**11<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Deadline for all entries to be in....  
 Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**#1** *Brakenhale does*

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. <input type="text" value="c u t c a r a e"/>	<input type="text" value="75 4 9 1 2 7"/>
Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? Soaking it all up! <input type="text" value="b r b a g i s o n"/>	<input type="text" value="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.

## 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

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November | Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm      |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm      |
| 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/>



**Events**



**BRAKENHALE**

**Year 10 Food Bank Appeal**

11<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November

Spreading Christmas spirit in the community

**Food Needed**

- Tinned Peas or Carrots
- Tinned Meat Pies (large and small), Steaks, Corned
- Tinned Ham/Cropped Ham and Pork
- Tinned Fruit: Peaches, Pears, Fruit, Salsol
- Tinned Fish: Tuna or Salmon
- Christmas: Biscuits, Mince Pies, Puddings, Chocolates
- Milk, Dates, Chips



**BRAKENHALE**

**CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**

Deadline : 29<sup>th</sup> November

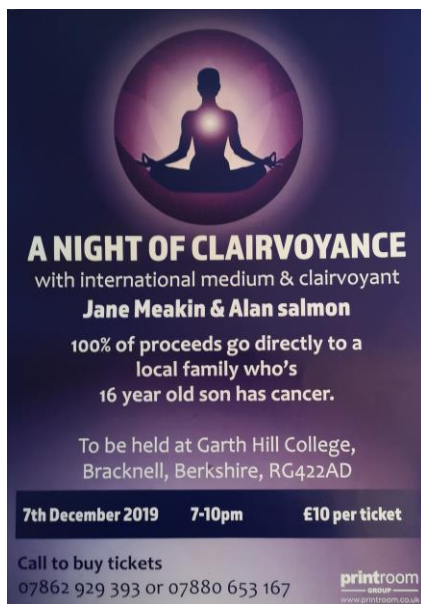
Design this year's Brakenhale Christmas Card



**BRAKENHALE FUNDRAISING**

**Community Christmas Draw 2019**

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  
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printroom group  
www.printroom.co.uk



**BRAKENHALE**

**YEAR 7 DRAMA CLUB**

**TUESDAYS : 3.10-4.05pm**

**L01 (DRAMA STUDIO)**

*High Expectations and Challenge*

**Sexual Health Awareness & Guidance Drop-ins**

Bracknell Forest Youth Service are in school weekly to provide drop-in sessions (no appointment needed) offering confidential help and advice about sexual health.

They are currently held in S02 on Monday lunchtimes.





## 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.

## Safeguarding and the School Site

## #keepingchildrensafe

We would like to remind you that Parents/Carers must only enter the school building via Main Reception which is open from 8am-5pm.

We have had a number of incidences where Parents/Carers have come onto site via the Coningsby gate and walked directly into the school buildings. 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.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

### School Library

The last day for students to borrow a book before we break up for the BIG move will be Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Students wishing to take home holiday reading will be allowed to do so this week and books will need to be returned after the holidays.

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 13<sup>th</sup> December. All students must vacate the premises.





## Senior Maths Challenge

A massive well done to our Sixth Form students who took part in the Senior Maths Challenge!! This is a nationwide competition that focuses on mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve challenging problems. A special shout out to the following students:

- ★ Hannah Franklin - Gold
- ★ Grace Horn - Silver
- ★ Jodie Cracknell - Bronze

*Miss Burrows, Maths Teacher*

## Rotary Club Young Chefs Competition

Our Brakenhale chef, Callum O'Grady, Year 10, did the school proud on Wednesday night at LVS, when he represented Brakenhale at The Young Chefs Competition run by The Rotary Club.

The competition was judged by two professional chefs from a local restaurant in Ascot. Callum's mum and I watched from another room as the chefs battled it out on a big screen. Over a 4 hour period Callum displayed his culinary skills, sweating over a hot stove, to produce two sensational courses. The judges commented on the expertise from the six chefs, the outcomes were outstanding on all accounts and the results were very close.

Callum came away with a chefs skills DVD, apron and cap. The wonderful feedback from the Professionals made us feel incredibly proud of his achievement. A terrific evening, well done, Callum!

*Mrs S Higham, Head of Technology*



The Rotary Young Chef Competition is a well-established and successful competition organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and sponsored by Filippo Berio.

It is a four-stage national competition to support and encourage development of cookery skills.

The Rotary Young Chef competition gives entrants the chance to put their culinary skills to the test and be judged by leading industry professionals.

Entrants plan and cook a three course meal, develop their food presentation skills and gain experience in high pressure situations.

Whether you're keen for a culinary career or just an enthusiastic home cook, this competition is a fantastic opportunity.

## Housekeeping

Could we please remind parents and students that Brakenhale is a no chewing gum site and students will be logged if caught.

Could we also please remind parents and students that we have a strict no mobile phone policy on the school site and this includes Sixth Form students.

Finally now is the chance to stock up on any Tools for Learning ready for the January 2020 start. Tools for Learning are available from the printroom for cash or can be ordered via parent pay and collected from main reception.

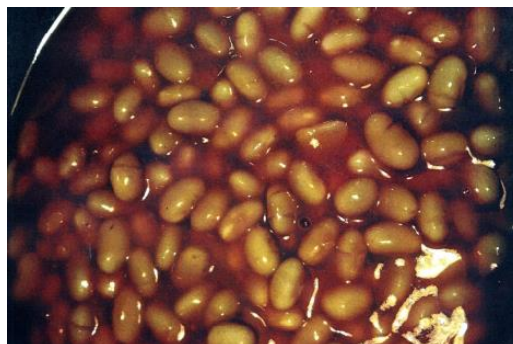
## Camera Club Update

The challenge this week was to photograph food and Camera Club members discovered that this is not as easy as it sounds! Food photography is a definite skill and there are lots of unseen tricks used by photographers to ensure the food looks appetising. This can include using shaving foam instead of cream and nearly always using cold food! However, the submissions from Oliver M (Year 8) and Amber W (Year 7) show an ability to create an interesting image using food as the subject. Amber's smiley face made everyone laugh and was a great interpretation of the brief.

In next week's Camera Club, we are going to have a practical session on photography and depending on the weather, will be either working in the studio or photographing outside. The challenge for this week is to photograph 'something that makes you happy'; for me, that is seeing the images that our young photographers come up with and their enjoyment of my subject.

As always, Camera Club is on a Monday lunchtime in B17 and all years are welcome.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography

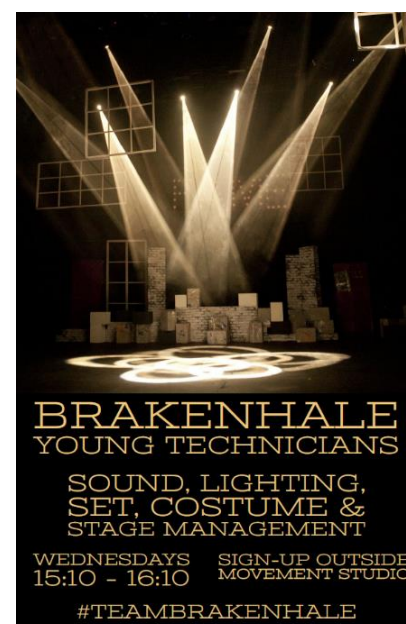


## Performing Arts

### Extra Curricular Dance Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<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 CO.</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>



## PE Update

It has been a quiet week for the PE department with only 1 fixture taking place. Although we do have the write ups from last week.

### Year 8 Football

Amazing evening of hard work with a sprinkling of quality! The boys set about overcoming a useful Maiden Erlegh Team. A nervy start with a fair bit of pressure on us but the boys dug deep to reply to the opposition until a mad 5 minute spell when against the run of play we scored 3 times in 5 mins to knock the wind out of their sails! Ronnie AW picked the pocket of their defender and slotted home for 1-0 then he then doubled the tally with a lovely lob before a minute later Callum C smashing into the top of the net! Shell shocked ME then started again with lots of possession before captain Rylley T snuck in at the far post to tap in a great cross for 4-0 at Half Time.

The second half started with all ME throwing everything at us that Kaylen in goal was equal too. Set piece after set piece they huffed and puffed but could not find away through..... Ronnie AW however tapped a break away goal for 5-0!. A nervy time then was had as ME were awarded a penalty which they converted for 5-1 then very shortly after that a good run from ME No 11 reduced it to 5-2 and the boys looked a bit dead on their feet after such a hard working performance! That said another break away and another goal this time for Harry D for 6-2... NOT THE END as from kick off ME went up the other end for 6-3. Luckily for us excellent Referee Michael Adams (and his assistants Tom Nower, Harry Claburn and Alfie Brigden from our Sixth Form) blew the whistle and sent us into the 4th Round!

### Cross Country

Last Friday the Brakenhale cross country team ventured down to Great Hollands Recreation Ground. They were met with a cold wind and some rain, but never the less, gave it their best Brakenhale efforts. There were 2 official teams, plus a small extra team who managed to squeeze a run in, the boys and girls did really well and ran fantastically.

Special mention must go to Will J (Year 9), Chloe S (Year 8) and Ayokulne O (Year 7) who all ran superbly in their legs. Well done and thank you to all involved and as well to Mrs Swindells who was there and helped support the teams!

Teams as follows:

Year 7 (x5)	Year 8 (x6)	Year 9 (x4)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack J</li> <li>Grace K</li> <li>Ayokulne O</li> <li>Emma R</li> <li>Julian R</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liam M</li> <li>Chloe S</li> <li>Oliver A</li> <li>Lily S</li> <li>Lewis J</li> <li>Stephanie B</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Josh R</li> <li>Rebecca W</li> <li>Will J</li> <li>Gracie M</li> </ul>



### Staff v 6th Form Netball Match



This was the second time the Sixth Formers have played the staff at Netball and it did not disappoint. The Sixth Form team were really prepared and came with a squad while the staff team only had 7 players. Both teams played really well even with the staff being in fancy dress. The students could not get the ball to their shooters due to the strong defence of Mr Maye and Mr Potter. There was some lovely play down the court by Mrs Marshall and Ms Robson and Mrs Lane. Mr Spaul was there for lots shooting action. The final score was 11 - 2.

Congratulations to all the staff and Sixth Formers.

We held this match for Children in Need and we managed to raise around £80. A massive shout out to Asha and Tom for all their hard work in putting the team together and collecting the money.



### Fixtures for next week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
25/11/19	13	Football	Hampton	Away	2.30-6.00pm	MPO
26/11/19	11	Netball	Garth and Sandhurst	Home	3.15-5.00pm	LWI/LRU
26/11/19		Basketball	Sandhurst	Away	3.15-5.00pm	MPO
27/11/19	7 + 8	Netball	Garth	Away	3.15-5.00pm	LWI
28/11/19	KS3	Basketball	Edgbarrow	Away	3.15-5.00pm	MPO

### 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

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



**YOUTH SPORT TRUST**  
**GIRLS ACTIVE**

*We need your help!* *Have your say!*

**Change the opinion of girls and sport!**

**Girls Active is a National programme**

*It aims to get more girls taking part in PE, sport and physical activity in and out of school.*

*As 'Girls Active' leaders, our job is to find out what you want and help to make physical activity better for you.*

**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**

**Hopefulness**

**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**

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

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Please ensure you buy before the listed deadline

\*Picture and dates subject to change and availability respectively. Tickets 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 15th November 2019

Period 04/09/19 - 15/11/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	97.3 %
Year 8	94.9 %
Year 9	94.1 %
Year 10	94.9 %
Year 11	94.4 %

**Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date 95.2 %**

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Week Ending 15th November 2019

Period 04/11/19 to 15/11/19

Year Group	%
Year 7 ★	97.1 %
Year 8	93.8 %
Year 9	93.9 %
Year 10	94.8 %
Year 11	94.3 %

**Brakenhale's Overall Attendance for Period: 11/11/19 -15/11/19 94.8 %**

**Brakenhale's Overall Attendance Year to Date 04/09/19 - 15/11/19 95.2 %**

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

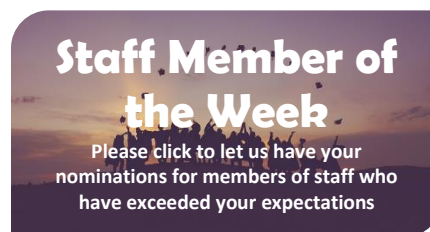
### Electronic submission:



[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](mailto: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.

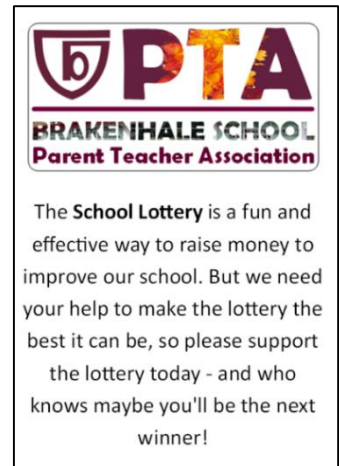
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

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

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

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

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

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).



**Events and Notices**

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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!

**NOS 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?**  
You will want your child to be aware of the types of things they can see and do on their phone, tablet or computer. Ask them to show you their favourite apps and games. You can then talk to them about what they can and can't do on these apps and games. Encourage the use of apps and games that are educational.
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**  
Ask your child to show you their favourite websites. You can then talk to them about what they can and can't do on these websites. Encourage the use of websites that are educational.
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?**  
Ask your child to show you how they play a game or use an app. You can then talk to them about what they can and can't do on these games and apps. Encourage the use of games and apps that are educational.
- Do you have any online friends?**  
Ask your child to show you their online friends. You can then talk to them about what they can and can't do on these friends. Encourage the use of friends that are educational.
- Do you know where to go for help?**  
Ask your child to show you where they go for help. You can then talk to them about what they can and can't do on these places. Encourage the use of places that are educational.
- Do you know what your personal information is?**  
Ask your child to show you their personal information. You can then talk to them about what they can and can't do on this information. Encourage the use of information that is educational.
- Do you know your limits?**  
Ask your child to show you their limits. You can then talk to them about what they can and can't do on these limits. Encourage the use of limits that are educational.

www.nationalonline-safety.com Twitter: @nationalonline-safety Facebook: /nationalonline-safety Phone: 0800 344 8001

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



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## Could you care for another child?

**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](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/fostering)



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

## text YM to 85258



**YOUNGmINDS Crisis Messenger**

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


Free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK

Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus

This service is powered by YM's trusted partner Crisis Text Line

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**Future Diary Dates**

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

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 12 Parents' Evening**  
**House Assemblies**  
**Last day of Autumn Term, students finish at 12:05pm**



Geography Teacher  
 Performing Arts Teacher  
 Maths Teacher  
 Head of Geography  
 Music Teacher  
 Crown Wood: Caretaker

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>



**#challengeforall**

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