



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final parent news of this half term. It may well have been the longest half term of the academic year but it has certainly been an incredibly productive one which I hope has been reflected with all the weekly updates through parent news and schoolcomms.

So this final week has seen a further push on support strategies for our Year 11 students and yesterday we welcomed Joe Ambrose from the Greenshaw Trust Central Team to the school. Joe ran a 1 hour revision techniques session focussing on the effective use of revision cards and the 'Cornell' strategy. Students left the session saying that it was the best hour that they had ever had on revision guidance and in the next lesson they were already putting into practice some of what they had learned. Year 11 parents will receive a copy of the presentation and resources and I would encourage you to look through these and discuss them with your child. Whatever year group your child is in you have my word that we will never stand still in the pursuit of raising achievement and we will grasp new ideas and innovation with both hands.

A group of Year 9 students this week have been to Belgium to take part in a team building trip organised by the army. I have been receiving regular updates on their adventure and it is clear that they are learning valuable lessons about World War 1 and the devastating effects of war. We are so lucky to be forging so many links with so many outside agencies and companies who are offering our students such fantastic opportunities. I am looking forward to the photographs and feedback on their return.

This week has also seen further activity in finalising the plans for our move over into the new building. The final furniture order has gone in and I have been busily choosing colours for every single item in the building including the hand dryers!!! Please help us with our final fundraising event of the year, our clothes sale extravaganza on Thursday 14th November, 4pm-8pm. We have donations piling up but we are always grateful for more and any help that can be given on the day to set the event up prior to the start or during the selling hours themselves would be gratefully received.

After half term we have our Year 7 students attending Oakwood for their opportunity to take part in some team building activities. Some of our students will be taking exams after the half term so it is a good opportunity to get some last minute revision done! Our Year 12 students will be attending Safe Drive Stay Alive on the Monday we return. We also have our senior maths challenge on Thursday 7th November. Thursday also sees our Sixth Form Open Evening take place at 6.30pm in the main hall. It is always an exciting evening to see our Year 11 students looking towards their futures, studying new subjects and thinking of life beyond Brakenhale at university or in employment. Our Sixth Form has witnessed so many successes in the last few years and I can't wait to see how things progress even further over the next few years.

Student of the week:

Tegan Roberts in Year 12 who will be performing at the Theatre Royal Windsor during half term. She is taking part in all 7 shows! Good Luck Tegan!

Freya Garland, Kyle Field-Williams, Bryan Rai and Taylor Head in Year 8, for being simply amazing in helping us to relocate our Head of Years office. They were our student runners for the day and definitely made a difference to the team. Thanks!

High Expectations and Challenge
Brakenhale
6th FORM
WHERE FUTURES ARE MADE

Information Evening for Courses 2020-22

Thursday 7th November
6.30pm to 8pm

The continued resurgence of Brakenhale Sixth Form has been confirmed by the most recent A-Level and BTEC results. In every single measure there has been an increase in attainment and progress.

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE Healthy Schools GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

Fab

- A man working in a local coffee shop told me how strong a Headteacher we had when he realised where I worked. He said everybody at the school should be so proud of their success.
- I just wanted to say that we have been so impressed with the efforts teachers have made to share positive feedback. It's so lovely that they have taken the time to do this and means a lot. We think it is great that the school has taken time to acknowledge positives in this way.

Drab

My son had isolation for the first time this week and was put into a classroom and asked to copy text from a book which had no relevance to the classes he was missing. I understand the need to put children in isolation but surely this time should be put to good use and spent helping their education as it's during class time. They should surely be allowed to continue with class work or work on assignments they're currently doing (my son is in Year 10) which is more productive than having them sit and write lines.

- *Students in isolation, particularly those in KS4 are of course allowed to continue with relevant study. It is not always possible to immediately provide work from lessons that they are missing, however, the room itself contains numerous past examination questions and core textbooks which significantly aid their learning.*

I dearly hope that the rumours about Brakenhale school coats are not true - it's horrible enough they have to wear black jackets. I don't want to buy an extra coat for the weekend. A lot of us are on a tight budget.

- *I have no idea what these rumours are but I have no plans to change the rules over coats.*

I am finding my son only ever has a wrap for lunch as he says you cannot get a meal with £2.10 and he's still hungry, is there some sort of app we can keep track of what they are eating each day?

- *ParentPay has a facility which allows you to see what has been purchased e.g. panini, meal deal etc.*

Some teachers never reply to emails sent by either students or parents.

- *I am sorry to hear this, please do contact me directly with details.*

I am a little concerned regarding the volume of homework being set for my child in Year 8 this week particularly.

- *I am sorry to hear this I will ask Mr Hilton the Head of Year 8 to look into the picture as a whole.*

Staff member of the week

Mr Dean For his continued support in maths and making the lessons very enjoyable.

Mrs Hughes Lovely teacher, always so kind and helps us with lessons.

Ms Lane For just being a great form tutor and really making a difference to 9N and for your kindness and helpfulness.

Miss Byers Miss Byers is a brilliant teacher and always polite, helpful and makes time for me. Thank you!

Quote of the week:

'The key to success is to focus on goals not obstacles.'

Thank you for your continued support of the school and I wish you all a very happy half term.

Best wishes.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Thursday 7th November

Half Term

Sixth Form Open Evening

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/>

Trip to Mini Factory

Year 13 Business students had the fantastic opportunity of attending a guided tour of the Mini factory in Oxford this week. The students visited the production plant to see the 1000 robots in action, building the shell of the iconic car.

This links to the production section of their A Level specification, looking at factors influencing production, production methods including just-in-time and the minimal human resource interaction in this part of the plant. The group then visited the assembly plant to see the cars being turned from a shell to the final models.



We went on the second day that the new electric Mini had been produced at the factory, capable of producing 1000 cars per day. The students saw each element of the assembly process discussed productivity levels, stock control and efficiency methods. The tour lasted around two hours and was exceptional, well worth a public visit.

Mr R Corry, Deputy Headteacher

Languages

Year 10 and 11 French and Spanish Students...

LEAGUE OF CHAMPIONS 2019

We have entered the Vocab Express World Competition...

You must get AS MANY POINTS AS POSSIBLE

between **Wednesday 9th October** (starting at 9:00am)

and **Wednesday 15th October** (closing at 15:00pm)

Brakenhale needs you!

Prizes:

- Provided by Vocab Express at the end of the competition.
- 10 bonus Points for the top 3 in each year group.
- The person who gains the most points from Year 10 and Year 11 will win a prize in the form of sweets / chocolate from Mrs Hughes as well as 10 House Points.

Contact Mrs Hughes for more details...

Brakenhale entered the Vocab Express World Competition (French) and we were delighted to be placed 8th in the world!

Well done to all the Key Stage 4 students who took part!

Special congratulations to Hristina M who came in first place, obtaining 9360 points over the course of the week and congratulations to Jackson M who came in second place obtaining 7260 points.

Mrs Hughes, Head of Languages

Curriculum Support Reminders

Lost Property and Uniform

We would like to remind you that we have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property. They are situated in Head of Year office and we have set up an email address - lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk - for all queries. It is very important that **all items of school uniform are CLEARLY named**. Please check names regularly as ink can often become faded or washed off. Thank you to those parents who are helping us in this way, as when named items are lost they can instantly be returned to our students.

Students who are missing items should visit lost property regularly to check. Any unclaimed items will be going into the charity bin over half term or to the clothes sale in November where there will be second hand uniform available to purchase.

As it's getting colder students need to be wearing a plain black coat as per our school uniform policy. Please also remember that after half term only Brakenhale uniform scarves will be permitted on the school site.

Hair bands or slides should only be in plain black or dark brown, as per uniform guidelines in the student planner.

Mobile phones

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.

No Chewing Gum

Reminder of our 'no chewing gum' rule, in preparation for a gum free new build!

School Meals

Please remember that school meals cannot be paid for with cash in school, please ensure that ParentPay school meal payment accounts are topped up with sufficient funds.

House Points

Well done to all the students who have received house and community points this term, this is an amazing achievement. For every student who contributes to our house points system this is a great achievement for them and it also contributes to the house teams. It has been lovely to see in the past couple of weeks everyone going that extra mile to try and get another house point for their house team in a friendly team spirit. Points can be gained in many ways, here are just a few ways you are able to contribute:

- Extra-curricular club after school
- Extreme kindness/generosity
- Outstanding classwork
- Outstanding homework
- Student helpers
- Courtesy/respect for another that goes above and beyond
- Positive break/lunch time
- Sports and other activities

Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support

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COUNTDOWN

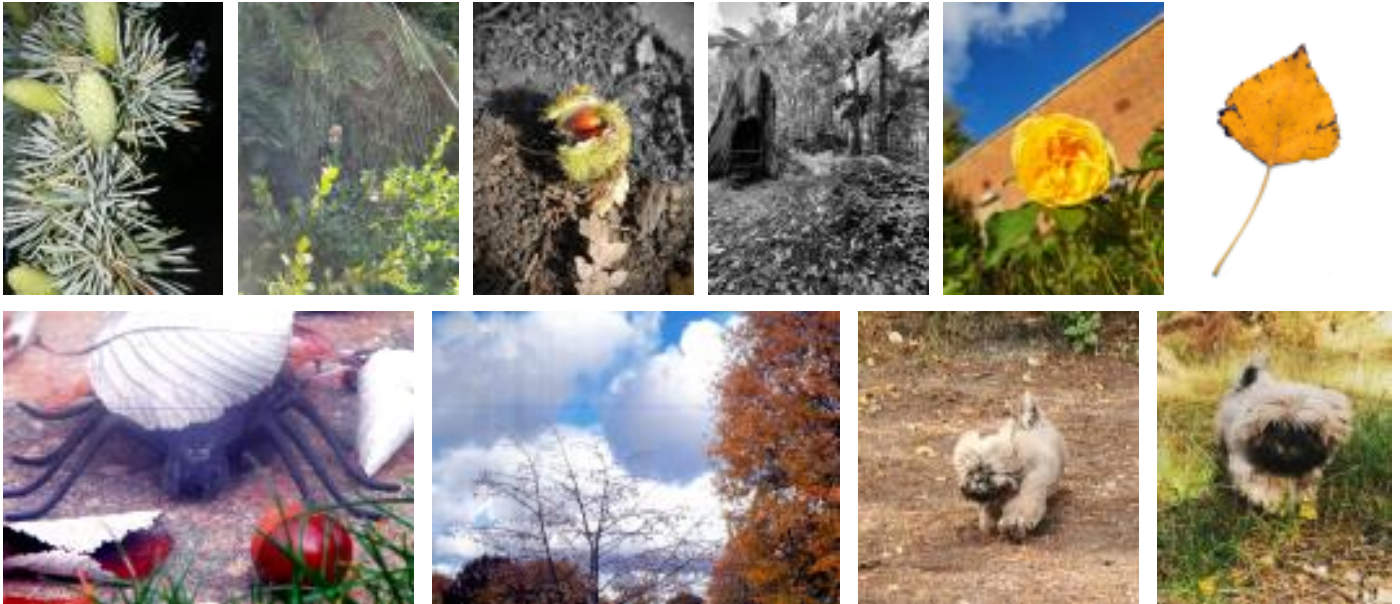
**Brakenhale does
Countdown**

*Coming soon...
Week commencing
11th November*

*Deadline for all entries to be in...
Week commencing 2nd December*

Camera Club Update

Autumn has definitely arrived and the members of Camera Club have captured the season in all of its glory! There were lots of photographs of autumnal trees, gold and red leaves, toadstools and mushrooms and one especially 'make you jump' image of a spider! This week's contributions are from Amber W, Francesco L, Jorja H and Eva H, with a special 'cameraless' image of a leaf from Riley B, created by using a scanner.



The half-term break means that Camera Club members have lots of opportunities to get photographing so next week's challenge is Halloween or to capture what you did over the week. Many of our members are planning on taking younger siblings 'trick or treat'ing so I look forward to seeing some great fancy dress photographs.

Camera Club will return after the break on Monday lunchtime in B17 and everyone is welcome.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography

English

Through these eyes



Challenge: Write a poem from someone or something's perspective


- It can be based on truth or imagination
- Who or what perspective will you write from?
- What or who inspires you?

Deadline:
8th November

Entries to be sent via e-mail to Mrs. Lewis or handed to your English teacher. Please include your name and tutor.
dlewis@brakenhale.co.uk

How are you getting on with the reading challenge Year 7s?

You can update your tutor, English teacher and Mrs Lewis ☺



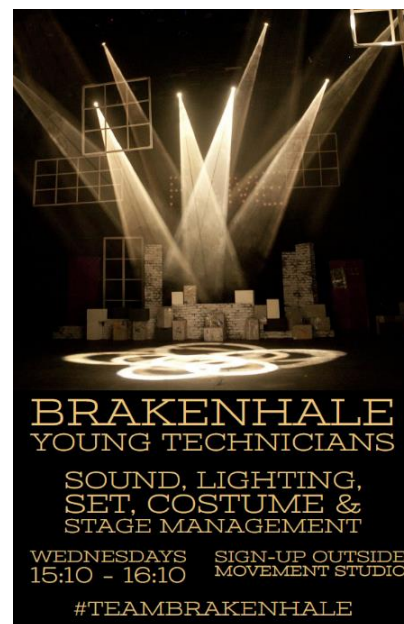
Year	Deadline	What to read...
Year 6	Complete over Summer	gothic
		non-fiction - science
		adventure
		non-fiction diary
Year 7	By the end of Year 7	fantasy
		horror
		non-fiction - history
		biography of your choice
Year 7	By the end of Year 7	Sci-Fi
		mystery
		crime
		non-fiction - your choice
Year 7	By the end of Year 7	romance
		play of your choice
		autobiography

Performing Arts

Extra Curricular Dance Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 - 13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 - 13 rehearsals	Closed
Lunch time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 - 13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 - 13 rehearsals	DARK MATTER
After School 3:05 MS	STREET C^o. (MS) Charley, Tiegan, Dani & Macey Open to all years DARK MATTER (JNS) Dance Company & Lauren		EVOLUTION Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy, Jack, Zac, Ethan & Teddy Year 7 Boys <i>Starts 27th of November</i>	AURORA Dance Company (JNS) Mrs Duffy & Ellie Open to Year 9 and invite only Year 8 DANCE CLUB (JNS) Emily Open to Year 7	Free fall Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 10 - 13 Dance <i>Starts 15th of November</i>



PE Update

This week has been another busy week for the PE department, as we have had a number of fixtures of this week as well as inter-house competitions.

Match reports from this week:

Netball v Sandhurst

Tuesday saw the first time 4 teams played netball against the same school. Year 7s and 8s were away at Sandhurst and Years 9 and 10 were at home to Sandhurst. It was nice to see so many girls playing netball, and all looking extremely smart in the new kit, provided by the PTA.

All of the girls showed great teamwork and encouragement to each other throughout all of the matches. They worked hard and communicated well as a team despite coming up against a drilled Sandhurst team. A massive congratulations goes to the following students as they were nominated player of the match for their respective games. Year 7 - Jaida R, Year 8 - Morgan B, Year 9 - Lydia G, Year 10 - Hristina M.

Year 9 Rugby

With the sun shining, lots of support from fellow Year 9 students and Bracknell Rugby Club officials in attendance, the boys started in confident mood, however they were brought down to earth in their first game vs Sandhurst who ran out convincing winners. Then following an excellent pep talk from Mr Boucher the boys rallied to then take on Ranelagh and with a very early try and a very late try with some really physical competition in between, they ran out winners setting up a local derby with Garth in their next game. With Garth down on players we gave 2 players to them to help make the game more competitive. An early handling error let Garth in to score, but after that the boys battled hard to get them back on level terms and finished the game with a draw. Next up was the toughest game vs Edgbarrow who from the start attacked well but were greeted with a Black & Maroon wall that they got close to getting past but not quite, meaning a hard fought draw to end the game.

All in all a fantastic end to the Tri Series against the local schools, the boys have improved each tournament and a great showcase for Brakenhale PE, with togetherness and energy to support School Rugby in the local area.

Year 8 and 9 Netball v Edgbarrow

On Wednesday, Year 8 and 9 were off to Edgbarrow this time. The girls played very well throughout the 4 quarters of the match with Lydia G and Ruby R being crowned players of the match at the end by Edgbarrow. The match was a great display of the #teambrokenhale mentality as the girls from both year groups supported each other. The girls showed great sportsmanship, skill and confidence throughout the game and we thank them for representing Brakenhale. The final score for the Year 8s was 8-5 to us.

Year 9 and 11 Netball v Ranelagh and Year 10 - ESFA Cup v Rodborough - Cancelled due to rain

Debut for Berkshire Football Team

Well done to Ricky O who made his debut for Berkshire away against Oxfordshire. The game ended 2-2 but what a debut it was for Ricky who scored one and then assisted with Berkshire's other goal! Well done Ricky and we wish you good luck in your next fixture after half term, away to Kent.

Inter-House Competitions

This week has seen the first inter-house competition of the year and what a good start it has been. In Year 7 and 8 everyone was participating either playing or helping by umpiring, which is brilliant and what we want to see from the inter-house competitions.

These competitions bring a sense of house spirit and you could see this throughout every year group, as they all wanted their house to do well.

There was some lovely play from both the boys and girls and it highlighted what they had been learning in lessons.

The results:

Year	Girls: Winners	Boys: Winners
Year 7	Temple	Swinley
Year 8	Swinley	Farley
Year 9	Swinley	Swinley
Year 10	Swinley	Swinley

So this term's overall winners are: **Swinley!**

2nd place went to Temple and joint 3rd were Farley and Jennetts.

New Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see below for the new 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.

Well done everyone who has taken part this half term.

Fixtures for next week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
9	8	Rugby	Tournament	Brakenhale	3.15-6.00	MPO
6/11/19	7	Rugby	Tournament	Brakenhale	3.15-6.00	JBO

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

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Mr M Potter, Head of 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 Trampoline***	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 Trampoline (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

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

SF14

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

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

Pictures and Seat subject to change and availability respectively. Ticket supply. Seating available in the Emerson-Town Family Stand.

BRAKENHALE SITE IS A NO SMOKING ZONE

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

Partnership with Bracknell Bees

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 games are Half Term Specials.

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 (hard copy or on your mobile device).

All pre purchased tickets and all Complimentary Tickets will be available from The Bees Shop.

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!!

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

SCHOOL ZONE

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

BEES **TIGERS**
BRACKNELL BEES VS TELFORD TIGERS
 26.10.19 - FACEOFF 18:15
SKATE WITH THE BEES AFTER THE GAME

BEES **R**
BRACKNELL BEES VS RAIDERS
 27.10.19 - FACEOFF 17:30
HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

BEES **PETERBOROUGH PHANTOMS**
BRACKNELL BEES VS PETERBOROUGH PHANTOMS
 02.11.19 - FACEOFF 18:15
BEES SIGNING AFTER THE GAME

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

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.

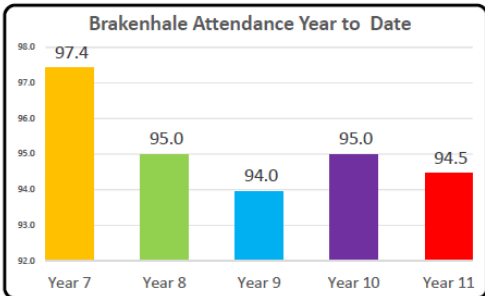
Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 18 October 2019

Period 04/09/19 - 18/10/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	97.4 %
Year 8	95.0 %
Year 9	94.0 %
Year 10	95.0 %
Year 11	94.5 %

Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date 95.2 %



Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 18th October 2019

Period 14/10/19 to 18/10/19

Year Group	%
Year 7 ★	96.0 %
Year 8	95.2 %
Year 9	92.5 %
Year 10	94.0 %
Year 11	91.1 %

Brakenhale's Overall Attendance for Period: 14/10/19 - 18/10/19 93.9 %

Brakenhale's Overall Attendance Year to Date 04/09/19 - 18/10/19 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

Local Library Literacy

Local Bracknell Libraries

Please see the following information about the local libraries' upcoming Literary Festival over half term.

Bracknell Forest is always keen to encourage the use of their Libraries and services to the next generation! (This includes I.T facilities, books for projects, and volunteering opportunities including Duke of Edinburgh).

Lisa Brown, Area Supervisor Central

Customer Experience, Service Delivery, Bracknell Forest Council

Bracknell Forest's First Literary Festival 2019

26th October - 2nd November

Authors • Talks • Workshops
bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries

Book via the library

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/literaryfestival | Bracknell Library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
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Bracknell Forest Council

November

Author	Title of Event	Library/Venue	Time	Suitable for
Friday 1st November				
HighStrange Heritage	Art Workshop - Flammarion	Bracknell Library	11am-12pm	Adults
S.M. Porter	Author Talk - Archaeological Adventures	Birch Hill Library	6-7pm	Adults
Tessa Harris	Author Talk - The Woman who Gave Birth to Rabbits	Sandhurst Library	2-3pm	Adults
Alan Gallop	Author Talk - Heathrow Airport Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow	Binfield Library	3:30-4:30pm	Adults
Saturday 2nd November				
Susan Purcell	Workshop - The A to Z of the English Dictionary	Bracknell Library	11am-12pm	Adults
SP K-Mushambi	Children's Author Interactive Event - The Mysterious Melody	Sandhurst Library	11am -12pm	Children 4+
Susan Purcell	Workshop - Unravel the Language of Cryptic Crosswords	Bracknell Library	1:30-3:30pm	Adults
Katharine Johnson	Author talk - The Suspects	Crowthorne Library	11am-12pm	Adults
The Noir Collective	Workshop - The Noir Collective - Why bad choices make great stories	Crowthorne Library	2-3pm	Adults

Bracknell Forest's First Literary Festival 2019



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October

Author	Title of Event	Library/Venue	Time	Suitable for
Saturday 26th October 2019				
Joseph Coelho	Joseph's Library Joining Marathon Tour and a Year of Nature Poems	South Hill Park	12:30-1pm, 1:30-2pm and 2:30-3pm	Children 6+
Robert Woods	Author Talk - An Open Book	Great Hollands Library	11am-12pm	Adults
Igniting Writing	Workshop - Bildungsroman - Coming of age writing for teens	Binfield Library	2-3pm	11-18 year olds
Anjana Chowdhury	Author Talk - The Changing Role of Women in India through Literature and Society	Harmans Water Library	11am-12pm	Adults
Monday 28th October				
Hawk Dance Theatre	Dance Library Tour - Getting From A to B	Bracknell Library Crowthorne Library	11:30am-12pm 3-3:30pm	Children 4+
Isabel Rogers	Author Talk - Life, Death and Cellos	Ascot Heath Library	5:30-6:30pm	Adults
SP K-Mushambi	Children's Author Interactive Event - The Mysterious Melody	Harmans Water Library	2:30-3:30pm	Children 4+
Tuesday 29th October				
Sandra Danby	Workshop - Busting Writers' Block	Sandhurst Library	2-3pm	Adults
Clare Bevan and Gaynor Clarke	Children's Poetry Workshop - Magic and Mystery	Bracknell Library	5-5:45pm	Children 8+
Clare Bevan and Gaynor Clarke	Poetry Workshop - Tales by Torchlight	Bracknell Library	6-6:45pm	Adults
Judith Makianikhondo Nyirenda	Children's Author Interactive Event - Happy Birthday Vana!	Ascot Heath Library	4-5pm	Children 4+

Author	Title of Event	Library/Venue	Time	Suitable for
Wednesday 30th October				
Harry Dunn	Author Talk - Cooking to Killing, Life after the BBC	Great Hollands Library	6-7pm	Adults
Judit Catan	Children's Author Interactive Event - Visit Rachel's World	Whitegrove Library	2-3pm	Children 8+
Marion Dante	Author Talk - Dropping the Habit	Crowthorne Library	2-3pm	Adults
Rachel Jane	Children's Author Interactive Event - Lil Cupcake	Crowthorne Library	11am-12pm	Children 4+
Thursday 31st October				
Eloise de Sousa	Children's Author Interactive Event - Eloise's Book Corner	Ascot Heath Library	10:30-11:30am	Children 4+
David Barker	Author Talk - Cii-Fi and the World War for Water	Sandhurst Library	2-3pm	Adults
Fiona Barker and Eloise de Sousa plus other guest authors	Workshop - Writing for Children - I could do that!	Birch Hill Library	2:30-4pm	Adults
Anjana Chowdhury	Author Talk - A Taste of India	Whitegrove Library	5-6pm	Adults
Fiona Barker	Children's Author Interactive Event - Danny and The Dream Dog	Birch Hill Library	10-10:45am	Children 4+



Fundraising for our new building

THANK YOU!!!

Since I posted that we had opened our new fundraising page (<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/BrakenhaleSchool>), several of you have very kindly donated the sum of £278.00. Please keep your donations coming when you can. They are very much appreciated.

Thank you also to those of you who have donated clothes and/or offered to help at the sale on 14th November. It has been great to communicate with those of you who have e-mailed me (at fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk) and, this morning, to meet a parent when I picked up clothes that she donated. I have been overwhelmed by your generosity. This leads me on to talk about the sale itself

CLOTHING SALE – Thursday 14th November 4pm – 8pm

Reminder – we are collecting clothes, shoes (women's, men's and children's), or home textiles (curtains, bedlinen, cushions, etc) that you no longer wear or use. The items should be wearable, without holes or broken fastenings – the type that you would donate to a charity shop. You can bring sacks of clothing in to the school reception from Monday 11th November. If you have items that you are willing to donate, but are unable to store until then, please e-mail me and I will arrange to collect and store elsewhere.

We still need people to help at the event, even if you can come for just half an hour (e-mail me to offer your help at fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk) and, please tell your friends and family to donate and/or come along to buy.

We have many designer pieces that will be on sale, including by Ted Baker, Kenneth Cole, Reiss, Abercrombie & Fitch, Hugo Boss, Yves St Laurent, Guess, Coast, etc. Some items are brand new and/or have never been worn. There will also be 'jumble' items and school uniform from 50p. On that note

HAVE YOUR KIDS HAD A GROWTH SPURT RECENTLY?????

If so, you may have bought new uniform items for them. What have you done with their uniform that no longer fits them? Please don't throw it away but give it to us to re-sell. You can help other parents who are finding it difficult to afford new uniform and the money we raise will be used to equip the new building.

ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW

We are going to take part in the draw again this year, after being so successful last year. The prizes have increased in value to

1st Prize £500 2nd Prize £250 10 prizes of £100 5 prizes of £50

We will send one book (5 tickets) home with each student in Years 7, 8 and 9 and hope that you will support us by selling to friends and family. If you do not want your child to be issued with the books, please let me know by e-mailing fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk, naming your child and tutor group. If you are a parent of a student in the older year groups and are willing to help, please e-mail me with your child's name and tutor group and the number of books that you think you could sell.

Let's make this run up to the move to the new building very successful with our fundraising!!!

With thanks,

Karen Roche, Chair of Governors

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk



BRAKENHALE

CLOTHING SALE
Thursday 14th November
4pm to 8pm

Raising funds for IT
equipment and furniture for
the new school building

Please put aside any clothes, shoes or home textiles that you no longer wear or use
Please bring into school reception from Monday 11th November
fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

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.

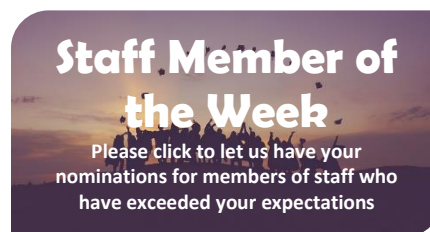
Electronic submission:



[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](#)

You have to be in it to win it.



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

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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

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

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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

w/c 4th November

Monday 4th November

Thursday 7th November

Year 11 Options Week

Year 7 Oakwood Trips

Sixth Form Safe Drive Stay Alive Trip

Sixth Form Open Evening

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:

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



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