



Dear Parents/Carers

We are rapidly getting closer to half term and the days remaining continue to be as busy as ever.

This has been the final week of our school tours where we have shown around over 500 people. It has been lovely to have some amazing feedback including: 'Please thank the Headteacher and Deputy Head for taking the time to show us around. We came on the open day and were very impressed and the visit today cemented this impression. My son is very keen on Brakenhale, but sadly we are just outside of catchment, we will be putting this down and crossing our fingers.'

We have introduced our slogan 'disruption free classrooms' this week and the effect has been very positive. Although our behaviour policy has not changed, instead of being assigned to senior members of staff we have introduced a workroom. Students who fail to follow our high expectations of learning behaviour in the classroom will now be expected to complete 5 hours of study in silence in the workroom. They will be expected to complete three sides of a worksheet for each period they are in the room. The main aim of this is to ensure that the majority of students who wish to work hard in their classes are able to do this without distraction. This has been working really well and even students who have been in the room have clearly told me that they do not wish to return!

This week our Sixth Form Geography students visited Sandbanks as part of their curriculum studies and on Tuesday we also had a visit from Microsoft for the Year 13 students to do some Mock Interviews. Our students looked incredibly smart and presented themselves really well. Finally, on Friday our Year 12 students visited Olympia for a careers fair. They were able to meet companies from a variety of backgrounds and talk about potential careers on offer. Thank you to the staff who accompanied them.

Thursday was World Mental Health day and staff were encouraged to wear yellow to show their support and staff and students baked and supplied cakes for our cake sale. Thank you to everyone for all your support, we raised almost £200! We also held our Meet the Tutor evening for our Year 7 students. The evening was a great success with an estimated 86% of parents attending appointments.

On Sunday there is a very special showing of a film that has been made by one of our students, Victoria Mitchell in Year 11. She and her team have made a film about problems in teenagers' lives. This is being shown at the Lexicon. Please try and get to see it.

A special thanks to Mr Helyer who kindly donated all of the paint for our darkroom and even came into the school to help finish the painting. Thank you!

Next week there is no slowing down! On Tuesday we will be having the dress rehearsal for Shakespeare in Schools Festival followed by the performance in the evening at South Hill Park. On Wednesday our Year 13 students will be visiting the Mini Factory to gain an understanding of business throughout the process. Finally on Friday some of our Year 11 students will be attending a PGL trip designed around studying mixed with leisure activities to help support them in their upcoming exams.

Student of the week:

Jamie Monksfield in Year 7 - Jamie was very helpful during Meet the Tutor Evening and assisted a visitor in finding their way to the main hall.

Alex Elsey in Year 12 - For designing an amazing poster to support our upcoming Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Daisy's Dream.

Charlie Schillaci in Year 10 - For helping with the mental health cake sale.

Well done!

Fab

- Sam Best is an absolutely fab staff member. With every contact with her I am made to feel important and special. She's patient, helpful and always knows how to solve problems.

- My boys are thriving at Brakenhale. I'm so very pleased they are there.
- With my son starting Year 7 with no primary school friends I knew it would not be an easy transition, but the response by Miss Bunkell and Miss Turner this week to concerns I have raised leaves me with no doubt that my son is in the best place he could be. Huge thanks to you both for making my son feel welcome and a mum feel reassured.
- People are getting around school really well and Year 7 is settling in nicely.
- PE, Dance and Drama are FAB.
- A great Art studio.
- All staff are welcoming.
- I am so grateful I have chosen a school that really cares for my daughter's welfare and education. I just wanted to start by saying a huge thank you and all of the communication doors have been wonderful during this overwhelming time for my daughter and I.

Drab

We have received a few emails this week about the 'school scarves' initiative. I would like to clarify the rationale and position surrounding this:



- 1) The vast majority of students who wear scarves to school wear large blanket style scarves. These are often draped all around them in place of a coat, very rarely does a student have both. They are also used to hide the use of mobile phones.
 - 2) The school scarves were not intended to be a punitive measure but to smarten up the uniform and we did seek the views of a number of students.
 - 3) The school scarf is not mandatory.
 - 4) If a student wishes to wear a non-school scarf to and from school this is absolutely fine but we would ask them to put it in their bag at the school gate and not to wear it on site.
 - 5) Plain black slim style scarves are acceptable as an alternative to that sold in the school shop.
- Could you explain please how you only class being ill if a student vomits?! This is ludicrous, there are plenty of illnesses and other issues that do not require you to vomit!
Illness takes many forms and we assess each child on a case by case basis. If you have a particular concern please contact me directly in order for me to investigate this.
 - As per a previous comment on the stairwell monitoring....this has now happened to my child! They have told me several times that the stairs are not monitored! Please make this so, and please speak to your teachers regarding lateness due to improper behaviour on the stairs, as it's not our children's fault if they are highly congested with no supervision.
Our new building has wider corridors and stairwells which will enable this issue to be greatly reduced. I will remind our staff to monitor the stairs during change over.
 - Since the start of the new year the parking outside the school is crazy. In the mornings certain parents sit in their cars on the yellow lines for 10 minutes blocking the road which causes chaos. If the yellow line was used as a drop and go in the morning and afternoon it would be so much easier and safer for the children who are crossing the road. In the afternoons parents are parking on the yellow lines and on the bend which is dangerous as the cars are then coming head on towards each other and again while children are crossing the roads. It is not safe.
Unfortunately, parking is currently problematic. I will continue to remind parents that they should not be waiting on the yellow lines.
 - Autistic students are not recognised enough and are struggling in class because of it.
I am very sorry to hear that anyone would feel this way. We have great success in working with students diagnosed with autism so please contact me directly with your concerns.
 - Why aren't Year 11 doing a full day of their options this year, but are expected to stay after school. Wouldn't it make more sense to do a full day of options?

We have consulted with staff in the options subjects and we believe this new approach will be more beneficial to learning.

- HegartyMaths Home Learning Programme. A few weeks in and our child is finding this difficult and upsetting.

I am sorry to hear this I have asked the Maths department to look into this.

Staff member of the week

- Mrs Clark Being one of her students in 8R, it has shown me that Mrs Clark is one of the most amazing tutors. She has been the most supportive, uplifting person, never negative through the day but always looked positive in our eyes. As a person in her tutor group since Year 7, I never ever wanted a different tutor other than Mrs Clark. Her presence makes people feel good about themselves, even through hard times. In Year 7, being in her tutor was the most luckiest thing that happened to me, if it wasn't for her I wouldn't be standing as a Year 8 that has passed Year 7 successfully. Mrs Clark as an individual is such an inspirational character, after seeing her, I want to be the best I can be and try my very hardest! Which is what overall Brakenhale wants students to achieve. Congratulations with your baby! We will incredibly miss you!
- Mrs Clark For being a great Tutor and being there for us.
- Miss Burrows For being the kindest tutor ever so funny and so sweet.
- Mrs. Raby She has welcomed us into Brakenhale amazingly.
- Mrs Perryman Just an absolute legend! Sixth Form would be lost without her!!! Such a kind-hearted lady, she always puts others first.
- Mrs Bunkell She is really nice and all her lessons are amazing.
- Mr Boucher For being a great Assistant Head of Year 8.
- Mr Boucher Amazing Teacher at Maths and PE and makes everything fun.
- Mr Boucher Great PE teacher and Assistant Head of Year.
- Mr Boucher He is the best teacher ever.
- Mr Hilton For always helping and being supportive and being a great Head of Year.

Quote of the week:

"If you have the chance to make people happy, just do it. Sometimes people are struggling silently. Maybe, your act of kindness can make their day."

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

- Tuesday 15th October : **Shakespeare in Schools dress rehearsal and evening performance**
- Wednesday 16th October : **Year 13 Mini Factory Trip**
Year 10 Tag Rugby Festival
- Friday 18th October : **Year 11 Revision Weekend**
Staff Football match

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.



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/>

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.

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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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Rotary Club Young Chef Competition

On Thursday evening the Technology department held the heat to find out who will represent Brakenhale at the Rotary Young Chef Competition at LVS in Ascot. Each participating student produced a 2 course balanced meal (to include a main course and a dessert), to a budget of £15, in an hour and a half.

Our Year 10 chefs were Calum O'Grady, Thomas Minihane and Issy Hogan, three experienced chefs. They selected their own dishes to meet the specification.

The students were judged on their preparation, cooking skills and final presentation.

Oh my goodness what a tough decision Miss Douse and myself had at the end of the cooking and after a thorough tasting of all the dishes.

These are the dishes we tasted:

Chef Thomas created Pork Medallions with Scallion mash accompanied by asparagus and broccoli, with a dessert of lemon cheesecake.

Katsu curry and a dessert of compost pears with cream and nuts was made by Chef Izzy.

Chef Minihane presented us with chicken fried in butter and thyme with pea purée, asparagus and duchess potatoes, followed by a dessert of apple and caramel pie.

The competition was very close..... but after much deliberation Chef Calum O'Grady was announced the winner of the Brakenhale Young Chef competition and will go forward to the District round at LVS in November.

I would like to say well done to all three chefs, they really did themselves proud!

Mrs Higham, Head of Technology



World Mental Health Awareness Day Cake Sale

Mr Read-Linton organised a cake sale on Thursday to help raise awareness for Mental Health and to raise money for the charity Young Minds. The Technology department kindly donated their Friday break-time cakes to the cause and the support was overwhelming, raising £171 in total. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.

Mr Read-Linton runs the Esteem club in school which is an informal group promoting ideas around mental health where students can meet in a safe, calm space.



The Great Brakenhale Bake Off supporting Macmillan Cancer Support

Grand Finale

Well done to the finalists: Mr George, Ms Lawes and Mrs McCrorie. What a splendid baking feast they put on for us, and some very clever visual displays.



Mr George presented a layered tier of very moist flavoursome cakes. Each cake had different flavours and the lovely presentation including the Macmillan green was excellent.

Mrs McCrorie brought us some delightfully crumbly cookies with a lovely texture and well presented.

Ms Lawes' unique design, using fondant icing to present a model of our own Ms Coley was an excellent presentation and an all-round lovely cake.

After some tough deliberation the judges announced Ms Lawes as the winner and she was presented with her bejewelled wooden spoon at staff briefing on Friday. Well done, a very deserved win.



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- 🎁 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
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12 and Under	£2

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☎ Contact our Ticket Office on 0118 968 1313

Please ensure you buy before the listed deadline

Pictures and Seats subject to change and availability respectively. Tickets apply. Seating available in the Eastroom/Dolan Family stand.

Camera Club Update

We had some highly creative responses to the theme of Reflections this week, with students taking time to plan and set up their images to get the best outcome they could. One of the skills with photography is to come up with creative and original ideas and then know how to plan and execute this vision. As you can see from the photographs, Amber W (Year 7), Eva H and Oliver M (Year 8) and Rachel S (Year 11) have got this skill sorted!

Camera Club badges were issued this week: 3 weeks regular attendance means you are eligible for a badge so 11 badges were handed out to those students that have joined Camera Club this year. All students also get a house point every week for attending.



Next week's theme is 'something weird I found on my way home from school'! This is to get students looking for interesting objects and subjects for their photographs - observational skills are essential for a good photographer. Camera Club runs on a Monday lunchtime in B17 and all years are welcome.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography

Through these eyes



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

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

MFL Film Club for KS3

FILM CLUB

Next film coming soon...



Every Tuesday Lunchtime
In CO5
Bring your lunch / popcorn
Any questions see Mrs Hughes

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.
- 5 House 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.



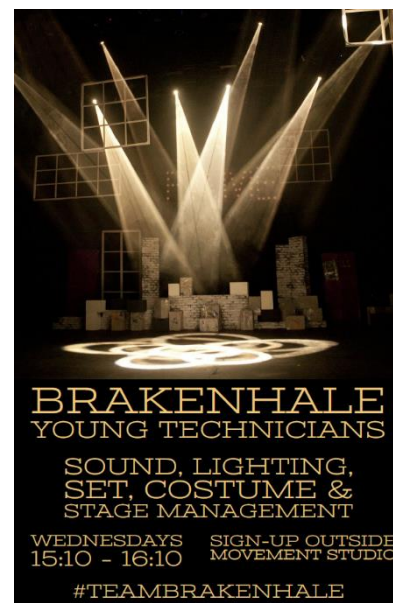
Contact Mrs Hughes for more details..

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	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



Music Rooms

Last week we received feedback about music rooms and extra-curricular. We would like to confirm that our music rooms are open at break and lunch times as much as possible, last week at least one Music area (M01 or LS1) was open for students every day with Mr Wyles, our technician, helping to support this when Miss Hope or Mr Duffy could not. Currently, after school our music teachers are working on the musical 'Sister Act' or with our Year 10 and 11 students on exam work. We would love to have more students attend vocal group on Thursdays after school with Miss Hope - everyone is welcome!

Tech Club

We are very excited to introduce our new Performing Arts Tech Club. Students can sign up for this outside the movement studio. The club will focus on learning and exploring skills linked to production arts - we are looking for budding lighting designers, sound designers and stage managers, or anyone who has an interest in Performing Arts but perhaps doesn't want to be in the spotlight. For more information students can speak to or email Mr Wyles.

Shakespeare School Festival (SSF)

This year Brakenhale School is competing in the Shakespeare School Festival, bringing our version of A Midsummer Night's Dream to The South Hill Park Arts Centre on October 15th 2019.

For the last 4 weeks a group of 35 students have been rehearsing one of Shakespeare's most complicated plays. They will be competing with three other local schools who are also performing their version of a Shakespeare play.

The competition has been running for the last 18 years and since then more than 250,000 young people have taken part in the Festival. Our Brakenhale Cast and Crew were able to attend an SSF workshop on Tuesday at The South Hill Park Arts Centre, where they learnt new techniques and were able to share performances with another school.

Tickets for the show can be bought either online at <https://www.southhillpark.org.uk/events/shakespeare-schools-festival-2/> or by phone on 01344 484 123

Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

PE Update

Over the last couple of weeks, the PE department has been very busy. We have had lots of fixtures booked in, however the weather has not helped us and several of the fixtures had to be rearranged.

Year 8 ESFA Cup Game

The team left early from school to take the longer than normal trip away to Guildford to play in the English Schools' FA Cup. The boys arrived and quickly set about warming up whilst the pitch was being marked out! The game started cagey - both teams feeling each other out with a lot of fast paced and miss placed passes from both teams until our boys got the ball down and began to play some clever combinations in wide areas. One such attack resulted in Ronnie scoring from inside the box for 1-0 soon after another swift move down the right resulted in Harry D tucking the ball neatly away. With increased possession we won a corner to which Reilly T turned the ball home for 3-0! Then a lack of concentration resulted in a break away goal to end the half: 3-1.

In the second half we started strong and again in wide areas a cross from the left and James N scored at the far post! Another cross from the left resulted in a great volley past the keeper, all be it from his own defender, for 5-1! Then it was the Ronnie show with some neat touches and 2 further well taken goals for 7-1, but finally a long ball caught us out to reduce the score to 7-2 in the end. Overall we deserved the win and the boys did Brakenhale proud in their effort, commitment and the way they conducted themselves in being good winners and good sportsmen. Man of the Match was Raul.



Year 9 Rugby Tournament at Sandhurst

13 committed Year 9s, including some first time rugby match players, braved the rain and headed over to Sandhurst for 4 tough games... 1st up was Sandhurst and we were 2 tries down before we started to compete then a superb try saving tackle left Harry C a face injury which forced him out. The boys rallied and gave 100% but lost 3-0. Next up was Edgbarrow and much the same; lots of effort but a few missed tackles and we lost 2-0. Next up Garth! And after the frustration of 2 quick tries the boys channelled this in an awesome way with some big hits from everyone and the last 5 minutes we hit Garth with everything! A further try for Garth as our boys ran out of steam, but they were all really pleased with the progress and effort from everyone. Final game was Ranelagh and again everyone committed but battered, bruised, bloodied 3 late tries of fresh legs won the game. Great commitment and certainly represented with pride putting body on the line for Team Brakenhale and to sum up a quote from our newbie to Rugby, Owen "My foot hurts, my leg hurts, I'm tired but I Loved that!!!!" Players voted Man of the Tournament to Jay T.

Year 10 BTEC Sport Training for Tag Rugby Event

All the Year 10 BTEC students took part in some training to get them ready to deliver a Rugby Festival to local primary schools. All of them took part and fully engaged in the experience with them receiving lots of praise of how well they behaved and engaged with the sessions from the external instructors.

British Championship for Tumbling

A couple of weekends ago, Scarlet in Year 9 came second in the British Tumbling Championships in the 13/14 age group. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement. Her next steps are to go to the World Championships in Tokyo in December. Scarlet we wish all you the best for Tokyo and again a massive congratulations on your 2nd place.



Fixtures for next week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
15/10/19	8	Rugby	Tournament	Sandhurst	3.05/6.00	MPO
15/10/19	7 and 8	Netball	Ranelagh	Ranelagh	3.05/5.00	LWI/LRU
16/10/19	10	Tag Rugby Leaders		Great Holland Rec	All Day	CMY
16/10/19	7	Rugby	Tournament	Sandhurst	3.05/6.00	JBO

Year 9 - 11 Boys Rugby Coaching Programme

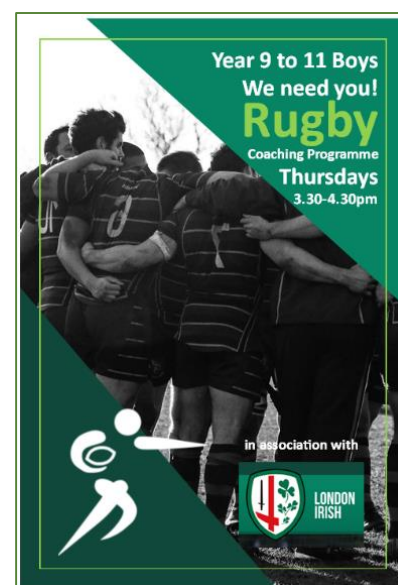
We have a strong link with London Irish Rugby Club and as part of a programme of developing sport at Brakenhale, we have a professional rugby coaching programme that we would like to offer to our boys in Years 9-11.

Sessions take place from 3.30pm - 4.30pm on a Thursday after school and start next week, 26th September 2019.

The sessions are based on developing the core skills of rugby and at the same time allowing our young rugby players to nurture and develop their own game with professional coaches. All coaches are fully qualified, DBS checked and first aid trained. Boys need their full Brakenhale PE kit (Brakenhale Rugby shirts), studded boots, gumshield and a water bottle. A light sports jacket or a Brakenhale training top would be ideal as the weather starts to turn. Brakenhale PE staff will also be on hand to assist with the session.

[If your son would like to take part, can you please confirm by clicking here.](#)

Many thanks and I look forward to seeing the boys on the field.



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



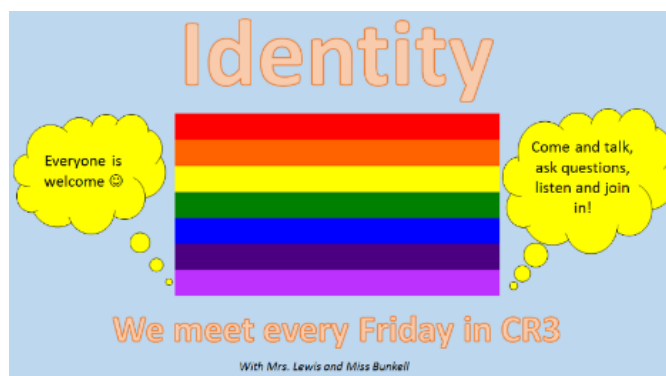
P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Half Term 1 - 2019-2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL (0710 – 0800) Full kit needed to participate	Fitness Staff only Gym	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 only Gym	Fitness Staff only Gym	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 Only Gym	Fitness Staff only Gym
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	Rugby (Boys) All years Field JBO MPO CMY Netball (Girls) All years Sports hall/courts LWI/LRU	Rugby (Girls) All years Field FMA Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall CPI 3.30pm start Rugby Fixtures MPO/JBO	Handball (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



Mobile devices

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.



Lost Property

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 named**. Thank you to those parents who are helping us in this way, as if named items are lost they can instantly be returned to our students.

Lost property currently have a **large amount of un-named and un-claimed** items (clothes, uniform, cycle helmets, water bottles and jewellery) which will need to be collected by the end of this half term. Any unclaimed items will be going into the charity bin after half term.

Students who are missing items should visit lost property regularly to check.

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.

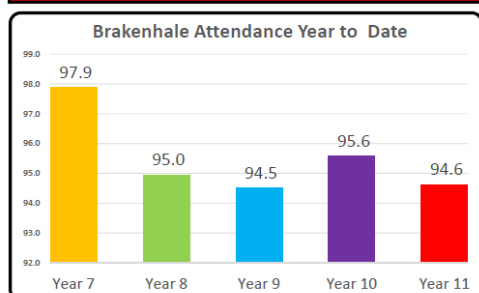
Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 04 October 2019

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

Year Group	%
Year 7	97.9 %
Year 8	95.0 %
Year 9	94.5 %
Year 10	95.6 %
Year 11	94.6 %

**Brakenhale Attendance
Year to Date 95.6 %**



Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 4th October 2019

Period 30/09/19 - 04/10/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	96.0 %
Year 8	94.2 %
Year 9	93.1 %
Year 10	95.2 %
Year 11	95.2 %

**Brakenhale's Overall
Attendance for Period:
30/09/19 - 04/10/19 94.7 %**

**Brakenhale's Overall
Attendance Year to Date
04/09/19 - 04/10/19 95.6 %**

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

Fundraising for our new building

Why are we raising money for our new building?

I know that many of you saw the article on the BBC News but if not, you can watch it by clicking on the link:

[BBC News Video](#)

We have a new fundraising page where you can donate money and/or create a fundraising activity. You can find it by clicking on the following link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/BrakenhaleSchool>

This replaces any of the fundraising pages that we have used previously (eg MyDonate, Just Giving, etc). On the page, you can click on the furniture pictures to donate, or donate any amount by clicking on the 'donors' tab.

Please contact me if you are willing to organise an event or take part in one that is organised by a local/national group (eg sponsored bike ride, running race, car wash, etc). I can help you set up the page, publicise your event, etc. The contact e-mail address has not changed and remains as

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

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

We need people to donate clothes and help at the event!!!

Please e-mail me at the fundraising address above if you can help on 14th November (setting up in the afternoon or selling during the sale).

Tell your friends and family to donate and/or come along

We are going to hold a second hand clothes sale, selling several categories of clothing, including:

- Jumble
- School uniform
- Designer items
- Shoes, and
- Home textiles

In order to support us, please could you put aside any clothes, shoes (women's, men's and children's), or home textiles (curtains, bed-linen, 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 store elsewhere. Similarly, if you have items to donate but cannot bring them in, please e-mail me as we may be able to arrange collection.

I have already been given some evening wear that you will want for Christmas parties.

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



School Dining Hall



The Brakenhale School

Autumn Term : WEEK COMMENCING : 4, 23 Sept, 14 Oct

Week 1	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Vegetarian Chinese Stir Fry, Spring Roll	British Farm Assured Chicken Korma, Mango Chutney	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal (V)	Butternut Squash Tagine	Vegetable Korma	Vegetarian Frittata	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	Margarita Pizza
Carbohydrate	Chilli Cous Cous	Pilaf Rice	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
Pudding	Syrup Sponge and Vanilla Custard	Cold Gateaux of the day	Apple Crumble and Custard	Chocolate Muffins	Selection of Cold Desserts

We have available every day:

- Salad bar where you build your own salad
- Chef's Soup of the Day with Homemade bread (F)
- Fruit Jellies, Yoghurt Pots and Fruit Salads (F)

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians
(F) Fresh Produce in our Kitchen

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in most cases exceed The School Food Standards

		Price	
		Regular	Large
MEALS			
Main Meal		£2.10	
Meal Deal (main meal + drink or pudding)		£2.50	
Soup of the Day		£1.05	
Soup with Bread Roll		£1.25	
Jacket Potato + 1 Filling		£1.25	
Jacket Potato + 2 Fillings		£1.60	
Salad Pot		£1.25	£2.00
Pasta King		£1.30	£2.00
Yoghurt Bar		£1.25	£2.00
Fruit Salad / Cold Dessert / Jelly Pot		£1.00	
Hot Pudding		£0.75	
SNACKS			
Pizza		£1.20	
Paninis		£1.80	
Beef / Chicken / Veggie Burger		£1.55	
Hot Wraps		£1.55	
Chicken Nuggets / Popcorn		£1.55	
Hot Dogs		£1.55	
Lamb Kebab		£1.55	
Bagels		£1.55	
Chicken Wings Pot		£1.55	
Potato Wedges		£0.80	
Waffles		£0.60	
Cookies		£0.50	
DRINKS			
Cold Drinks Range	From	£0.50	to £0.80
Hot Drinks		£1.00	
Frutina		£0.80	£1.00
Ice Cream / Lollies		£0.50	

Taz Asran, Chef Manager - kitchen@brakenhale.co.uk

Feedback Initiative

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

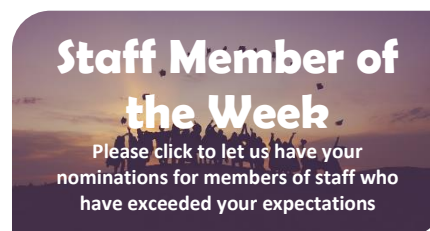
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Lost Property

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



Email : lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

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

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.

Brakenhale School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners.

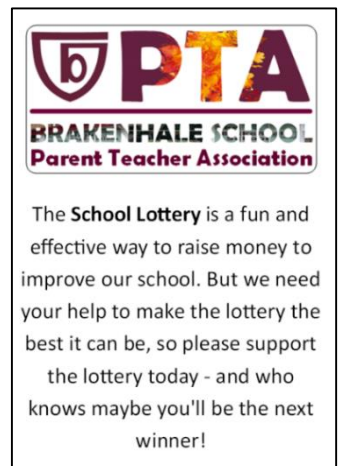
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

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.



The **School Lottery** is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows maybe you'll be the next winner!

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Events and Notices

BRAKENHALE SCHOOL
High Expectations and Challenge



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:
apecock@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

#WhatsUpWednesday

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**
You will know how much importance of the topic of online safety for your child. It's important to have a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety.
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**
It's important to have a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety.
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?**
It's important to have a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety.
- Do you have any online friends?**
It's important to have a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety.
- Do you know where to go for help?**
It's important to have a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety.
- Do you know what your personal information is?**
It's important to have a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety.
- Do you know your limits?**
It's important to have a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety. You can use this as a starting point for a conversation with your child about online safety.

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text YM to 85258

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Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

w/c Monday 21 st October	:	House Assemblies
Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	:	Half Term

Term Dates

Term Dates 2019-20

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

(Inset Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September)

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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