



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has seen our school tours start in earnest with over 150 people shown round already. Every single tour has been an absolute delight to take round as we have seen so many amazing students and staff across all classes, displaying the true traits of #teambrokenhale. As ever Mr Hartley, Mr Corry and I could not be prouder to be leading these tours.

Opportunities for student leadership have been on offer this week. The Sports Captain elections have been taking place and announcements will be made shortly as to who the successful candidates are. A number of our students also showed what great ambassadors they are by organising and running stalls to sell cakes in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. Staff at the school led by Mrs Elsey, Miss Douse and Mrs Cresswell held their own cake sale as well as the weekly bake off competition and donations have been flooding in.

Students also have had the opportunity to lead their own film productions when a group were taken by Miss O'Brien to London yesterday to visit the Sky Academy Studios and created their own videos. Special thanks to Yousif Qaisar who played the murderer in his group's presentation, the murderer being me!!! On Tuesday our Shakespeare in Schools Festival took place and students in Year 7 to 9, accompanied by Mrs Raby visited South Hill Park to take part in this.

Thursday was our European Day of Languages and a variety of languages were promoted across the school during the day - thanks to Mrs Hughes for organising this. Also on Thursday, Mr Corry held the Year 10 Information Evening and it was standing room only. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their children and to all the staff for giving up their spare time.

Next week our Year 11 students will be on a Geography field trip to Barton on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday our Year 7 students will be having a disco so if you haven't already purchased your tickets please do so.

Please can I ask parents to remind their children that chewing gum is not acceptable in school. We have now put posters around the school building to try to reduce the amount of chewing gum being found.

Student of the week:

Thomas Minihane for his very impressive contribution to the open evening making sausage rolls from scratch in the afternoon, to ensure they were fresh, for the enterprise group and cooking in the catering class.

Kudzai Chivandire for the highest number of positive feedback comments on open evening.

Fab

- My wife and I walked around your school last night with our daughter for the open evening. I just wanted to say a big thank you and well done. Not only were the school classrooms impressive, but all the teachers and students we spoke to were so helpful, happy and enthusiastic. It is the only school my daughter wants to go to. Well done for putting on an excellent display of your school, the students and staff are a credit to the school.
- The school has been so welcoming and my son has settled in so well already!
- The staff are very kind and great on Reception!
- I think it is such a fantastic opportunity for the Year 9s to be able to visit the Sky Academy studios, and have an opportunity to make their own movie trailers!! My daughter is so excited as it links in with her future career interests.
- Clubs fair for all years - it is a great opportunity for students to integrate.

Drab

- The quality of the school bags are awful. My son's first backpack lasted 3 years before showing any wear and tear or leaks. His new one, only used since September, has already developed holes and has no waterproofing at all.

I am aware that some parents have had a problem with a school bag. Please contact me directly if you believe that you have a new bag that is faulty. As published in parent news two weeks ago, we have now ordered a superior bag which will be on sale any day now for a slightly higher price. Hopefully, this will give parents an option as to which one to go for. We have also asked for the company to provide us with waterproof covers which we anticipate arriving in the next two weeks.

- Can the stairs in school be monitored between classes? My daughter was late to several classes due to silly students blocking or pushing on the stairs! They were then told off as their teachers didn't allow them to explain.

The stairways are monitored and I am aware that there is a lot of congestion. We have implemented new one way systems to try and alleviate some of this, however, as the school has grown by an additional 100 students this academic year we are very cramped in the current building. Clearly, blocking and pushing is unacceptable and if you can provide me with further details about which stairway it was I can add increased monitoring. I will also remind staff that if students are late because of this, they should not be told off.

- Available PCs for students to use are apparently incredibly slow. Our child says that it takes the whole of break time just to login. So using school computers to do homework is not an option.
The PCs are slow, however, they are all being upgraded and new ones purchased when we move into the new block. The network in the new block is configured differently, so we need to wait to install any new equipment until we move in. There are computers available in the IT block which are much quicker and students are welcome to use those if they ask Mr George, Head of IT.

- The classrooms are too hot and stuffy and for the past few days my son has come home with his shirt soaked with sweat and a bad headache. Is there anyway the windows can be opened or the classrooms can be made cooler please.

I am aware that some classrooms are warm due to windows having to be blocked up because of Health & Safety regulations due to their proximity to the new building work. We have provided fans in these rooms but unfortunately, there is very little else that we can do. Obviously this is a short term problem as in 10 school weeks we move into the new build and of course temperatures are set to fall very soon.

- There needs to be more clearer explanations when giving behaviour points as half the time teachers are not giving reason why or just stating Defiant behaviour even if it something like forgetting PE kit.
We have added additional explanations to SIMs but I will remind staff to use these.

Staff member of the week

Mr Cooper	Taking the time to call me and tell me how happy he is with my daughter. If this is the 'Brakenhale way', then I believe we've definitely done the right thing. Very well done.
Mrs Seymour	Really lovely and had a nice chat when I was upset. Made me feel better and was comforting.
Mrs Duffy	Making the year 7s feel so welcome and settled and for awarding keyrings to students for achievements.
Miss Rendall	Really engaging and encouraging literacy lessons and noticing when students are not feeling quite themselves.
Miss Appleton	She is an amazing tutor, kind and always helps me through tough situations. I know I wouldn't be the same without her.
Miss Appleton	I chose Miss Appleton because she is an amazing tutor, kind, caring and funny. Without her I know I wouldn't be where I am now. I never would say this to her but thanks for all you have done Miss.
Miss Appleton	For being a fabulous tutor, always being there for our son and great communication with him and us.
Miss Gosling	For being so helpful and supportive with my son.
Mr Spaul	For supporting and helping me with my son.

Mr Bury	Lovely person!! Always up for a chat or a game of Uno even when he knows he will probably lose ;)
Mr George	He is one of the nicest teachers I know and out of all my teachers he is my favourite!
Mr George	Really pleased my daughter has Mr George as a tutor. He has gone above and beyond to answer a question I raised. He took time out to call me and explain all the information he had found out.
Miss Byers	Very friendly and happy, easy to talk to. My fave.
Miss Byers	Always very helpful and easy to speak to, genuinely kind and a really good teacher.
Mr Vega	My son doesn't have the easiest name to pronounce and Mr Vega pronounced it perfectly - he has instantly become my sons favourite teacher ever! Thank you Mr Vega.
Mr Duffy	For taking the time out in the summer holidays to meet with myself and my son to go through options of staying on at Sixth form after we found out that his college course was cancelled two weeks before he was due to start.
Mr Potter	For organizing the extra curriculum event fair each morning and successfully getting over 90% of students to sign up to a club. He is always ready for the day with a smile and puts constant effort into everything he does for the students.
Miss O'Brien	She has a way of teaching where you learn so much without even realising it, she makes learning fun for everyone. You can see the passion she has for her subject.
Mr Maye	Being a helpful and nice teacher.
Mr Maye	Always ready to help me and a great tutor.
Miss Wilhelmy	For being continuously supportive in all areas and being an all around fantastic teacher who makes me feel passionate about her subject.
Miss O'Brien	Hi Miss, we loved the trip yesterday and we want to say 'THANK YOU', please can we go again as it was so much fun'. (A note left on Miss O'Brien's table).
Quote of the week:	
'You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.' <i>Jane Goodall</i>	
Have a great weekend.	
Best wishes.	
<i>Jane Coley, Headteacher</i>	

What's on next week

Monday 30 th September	:	Year 11 Geography field trip
Tuesday 1 st October	:	Year 12/13 Geography field trip
Wednesday 2 nd October	:	Year 7 Disco, 6-7.30pm

Fundraising – BBC Radio Berkshire and BBC News

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/>

Open Evening – Thursday 19th September

As reported in last week's parent news, Open Evening was a great success. Each department put on a comprehensive display of what their subject involves and prospective parents were pleased to have the opportunity to discover the school at their own pace.



Raising Money for The Little Princess Trust

One of our amazing trainee teachers, Miss Bromley, is currently fundraising for The Little Princess Trust, a charity which provides real hair wigs for children that have undergone cancer treatment.

They are an amazing charity and this weekend she'll be cutting her hair (for the second time!) and donating it to the charity. Alongside this they also ask to fundraise for the cost of the wig which is on average £350.

She has set up a just giving page on the link below and if you're able to contribute in any way at all that would be amazing.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amybromley98>

Mrs E Clark, English Teacher



Tutor Reading Programme

We are delighted to say that the Tutor Reading Programme is, once again, in full swing at Brakenhale! Years 8 to 10 have been getting to grips with a new selection of texts, characters, and settings, while Year 7 have been introduced to the programme by their tutors and will begin reading next week.

The reading programme is an integral part of Brakenhale, giving students the opportunity to read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts from differing cultures, as well as a calm and peaceful start to the day! Reading is proven to be one of the most significant factors in educational success; research has also shown that there is a difference in reading performance, equivalent to just over a year's schooling, between young people who never read for enjoyment and those who read for up to 30 minutes per day! This is why the programme is so important to us at Brakenhale: to give all our young people the opportunity for success. Our job is never done though, and so, we would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging students to engage fully with tutor reading and to do some more independent reading at home.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to Mr George and 9A and Mrs Harbour with 9R who welcomed us into their tutor room to see the programme in action - have a look at the pictures below!



Identity Club

Identity is a club for any student who may want to explore, question or discuss their identity.

We used to meet on a Tuesday but this year we will be meeting on a Friday lunchtime in CR3.

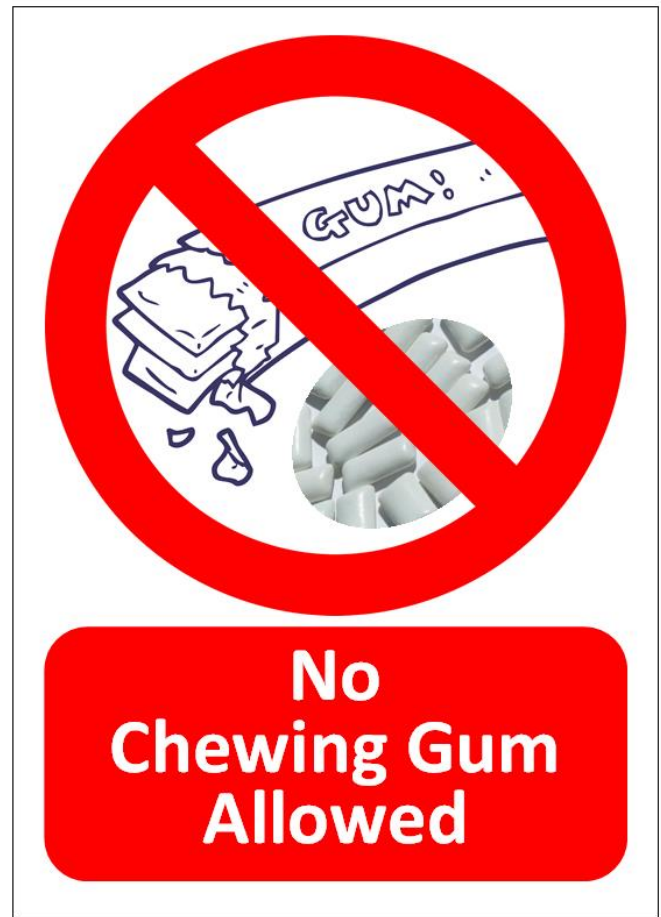
We have a range of ages who attend and see this as a safe space. We hold a membership with Stonewall this year. I want to use this to really develop what we already offer for our students.

Mrs D Lewis





Year 7 Disco tickets now available via Parent Pay




We would like to remind you that chewing gum is not permitted on the school site, sanctions will be issued if this is not adhered to.

Performing Arts

Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts, Mrs Raby, Second in Performing Arts

Extra Curricular Dance Timetable 2019

Starting from Monday 16th September



	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	DANCE CLUB (JNS) Emily Open to Year 7	EVOLUTION Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy, Jack, Zac, Ethan & Teddy Year 7 Boys	AURORA Dance Company (JNS) Mrs Duffy & Ellie Open to Year 8	Free fall Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 10 - 13 Dance

The Great Brakenhale Bake Off supporting Macmillan Cancer Support

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

This week: Pastries

Mrs Forde, Mrs Lawes, Mr Budden and Mrs Daniels put on their aprons and produced some exceptional pastries, so much so that the judges, Mrs Higham and Miss O'Brien, had real trouble picking a winner out of the entries. This is what they noted:

Cornish and Fruit Pasties: great pastry design, little cards to show the contents, well presented with lettering (spelling MACMILLAN and BRAKENHALE), mix of savoury and sweet.

Sausage plait: well seasoned, light pastry, Brakenhale logo, garnish of vine tomatoes enhanced the colour.

Choux Bun Profiteroles: displayed on two levels, light and fluffy pastry, presented with melted chocolate and loved the gold spray for decorative purchases.

Large choux buns: excellent presentation, lovely light milk chocolate ganache, light and fluffy, filled with cream.

After much deliberation and a request that all be named winners, Mrs Lawes' pasties were declared the winning dish.

Next week – Danish!

Mrs Cresswell, Director of English



Camera Club Update

Camera Club Returns!

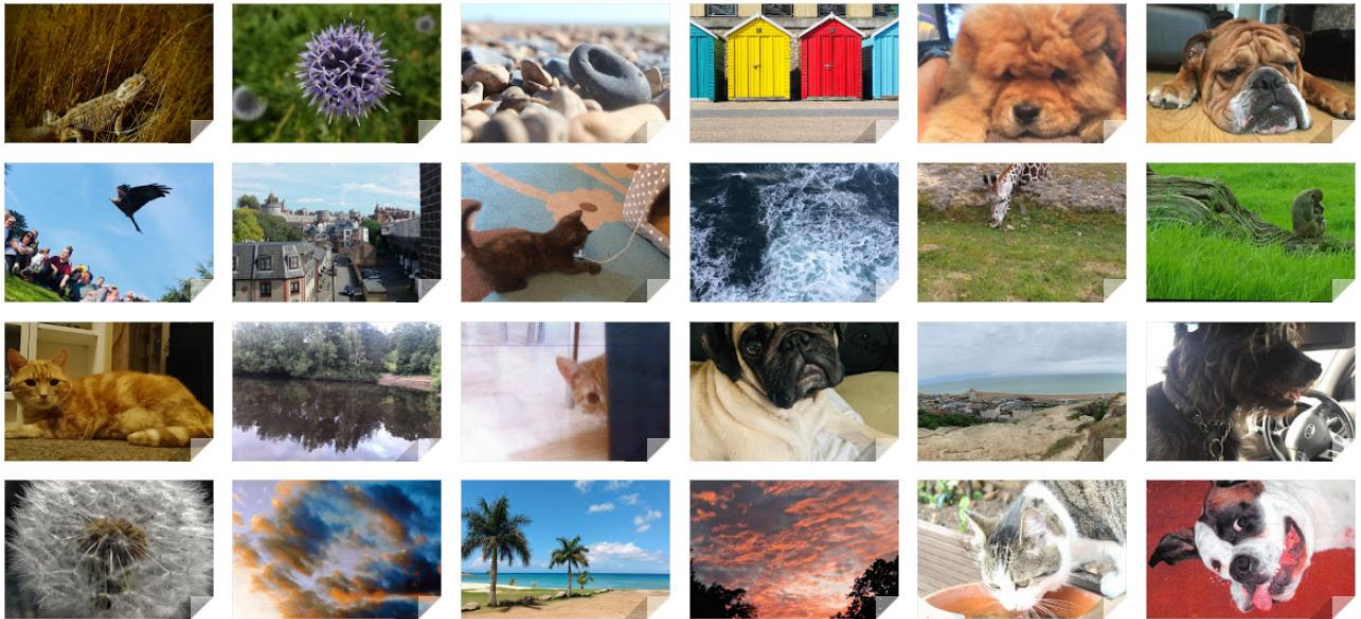
Camera Club started back up last week and with the biggest turnout of numbers we have yet seen! It is absolutely brilliant to see so many new faces and not just from Year 7 - and all so enthusiastic about taking photographs. The theme for the summer holidays was linked to summer so we had some beautiful images of sunshine and beaches, which instantly whisked us all to our 'happy places'!

The theme for our first week back was pets/animals/wildlife and again, we had some great photographs submitted. Animals make the best subjects at times (when they do what you want) and we had some very amusing submissions. This week's theme by popular choice is sunsets (or sunrises if anyone gets up that early!) so get your cameras or phones capturing the sun going down.

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

Submissions for the last 2 weeks are from: Y7: Jorja H, Scarlet W, Tess D; Y8: Alanah G, Bethia P, Dan F, Eva H, Hope G, Izzie C, Kudzai C, Oliver M, Tobylee J; Y9: Owen G; Y11: Amy H

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography



PE Update

Wow what a busy week for the PE department, it is the first week of fixtures of the year and our extra-curricular clubs are in full swing.

Netball

On Wednesday, we had our first netball game of the season and we looked the part with thanks to the PTA for giving us money to buy new, matching girls' extra-curricular kit.

We had Edgbarrow come to Brakenhale to play the Year 10 and 11s and we had a record number of Year 10s playing in the match which was brilliant! The girls were ready and waiting; we had a good warm up and went through some tactics. Edgbarrow turned up and they had a strong team, we battled hard and had some inspiring movement down the court. However, we just could not stop Edgbarrow from scoring. Unfortunately both teams lost. A massive shout out needs to go to Hristina and Annie as they helped in the Year 11 match and to Brooke and Freya as they showed some amazing movement down the court.

Player of the match was awarded to Melissa in Year 11 and to Agnescca in Year 10.

On Thursday Year 7 and 8 had their first match against Kings. We had three teams playing, one Year 7 team, one Year 8 team and a mixed 7 and 8 team. Everyone looked smart in their kit and they were proud to wear the Brakenhale shirts. There was a lot of excitement from the Year 7s as it was their first match for Brakenhale. There were some lovely plays by both Year 7 and 8s.

The results were:

Year 8 - Brakenhale 10 - Kings 6

Year 7 - Brakenhale 5 - Kings 15

Mixed - Brakenhale 27 - 8

Player of the matches were: Alisha, Morgan and Maddie. Well done girls and I look forward to the next matches. A massive thanks again for the PTA for the Girls Kit.

Rugby

This week, we were meant to go to Sandhurst for a Year 9 tournament however there was an issue with the minibus so we could not get there. The boys showed great commitment and dedication as they all stayed for training even though it was raining extremely hard.

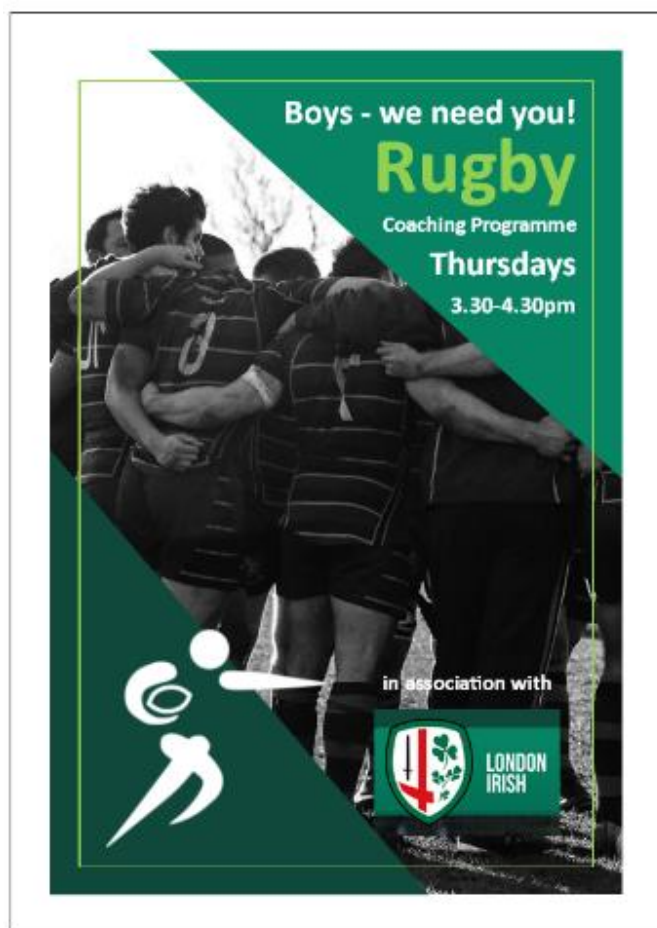
A massive shout out needs to go to the Year 9 Rugby Team for their commitment.

Fixtures for Next Week

Next week we see the first English School Cup Game for the Year 8 Football team.

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
1/10/19	8	Rugby	Edgabarrow	Away	3.15/5.45	MPO
2/10/19	7	Rugby	Egdbarrow	Away	3.15/5.45	JBO
2/10/19	8	Football	Christ's College	Away	2.15/4.45	CMY
3/10/19	9 and 11	Netball	EP	Home	3.15/4.45	LWI/LRU

Make sure you are all still attending extra-curricular clubs as the reward trip will be announced soon and we have lots of fixtures coming up!



Year 9 - 11 Boys Rugby Coaching Programme – BOYS ONLY

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

Your son/daughter will be assessed in 4 major areas, 2 per term, each known as a 'ME in PE'. These are:

- Physical ME (assessed every term (1, 2, 3), all throughout out the year)
- Social ME (assessed term 1 - September to December)
- Thinking ME (assessed term 2 - January to March)
- Leading ME (assessed term 3 - April to July)

ME in PE Assessment criteria

‘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

Miss Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls 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 Trampoline***	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

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 20th September 2019

Period 04/09/19 - 20/09/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	98.8 %
Year 8	95.5 %
Year 9	95.5 %
Year 10	96.1 %
Year 11	94.5 %

Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date 96.2 %

Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date

Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 20th September 2019

Period 16/09/19 - 20/09/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	98.3 %
Year 8	94.6 %
Year 9	95.1 %
Year 10	94.4 %
Year 11	93.1 %

Brakenhale's Overall Attendance for Period: 16/09/19 - 20/09/19 95.2 %

Brakenhale's Overall Attendance YTD 04/09/19 - 20/09/19 96.2 %

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

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BRAKENHALE has teamed up with Reading FC to bring you the magic of football and matchdays with special ticket prices starting from as low as £2 per person. Buy your ticket and enjoy a day at Madejski Stadium.

What's more, by purchasing a ticket through this scheme, your School will receive 25% cashback, and be in with a chance to win.

- 👤 A player visit for your School
- 👤 An invitation to an exclusive Meet the Players Evening
- 👤 Signed merchandise and lots more

OUR FIXTURES

LUTON TOWN
Sat 9th Nov, 3pm
Booking deadline: Thu 7th Nov, 3pm
Coupon code: BHS-1920-1

DERBY COUNTY
Sat 21st Dec, 3pm
Booking deadline: Thu 19th Dec, 3pm
Coupon code: BHS-1920-2

NOTTINGHAM FOREST
Sat 11th Jan, 3pm
Booking deadline: Thu 8th Jan, 3pm
Coupon code: BHS-1920-3

BRENTFORD
Sat 21st Mar, 3pm
Booking deadline: Thu 19th Mar, 3pm
Coupon code: BHS-1920-4

SWANSEA CITY
Sat 2nd May, 12-30pm
Booking deadline: Thu 30th 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

Prices and tickets subject to change and availability respectively. Ticket only, seating available in the Lamont-Dolan Family Stand.

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

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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.

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Check if you are eligible to foster on our website:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/fostering

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 last week 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 : 9, 30 Sept, 21 Oct

Week 2	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	Macaroni Cheese	British Farm Assured Beef Madras Curry	British Farm Assured Roast Herb Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	British Farm Assured Beef Chilli Con Carne	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal (V)	Mushroom Risotto	Vegetable Biryani	Veggie Wrap	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cheese and Tomato Omelette
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread	Coriander and Lemon Rice	Roast Potatoes	Pilaf Rice	Chips
Vegetables	Mixed Salad Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli and Cauliflower	Roasted Root Vegetables	Peas or Mixed Salad	Baked Beans or Peas
Pudding	Waffles and Toffee Sauce	Vanilla Cheese Cake	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Cookies	Selection of ice cream tubs

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

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

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

Brakenhale School		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 Filling		£1.60	
Salad Pot		£1.25	£2.00
Pasta King		£1.30	£2.00
Yogurt 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

Apologies –we had some issues with our electronic forms last week. If you made any nominations or observations we would be most grateful if you could send them again. Many thanks

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

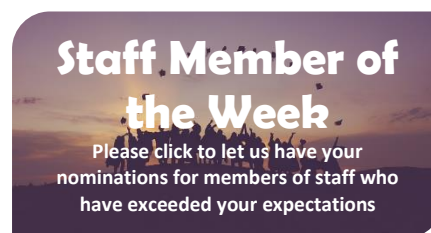
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Lost Property

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



Email 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.

Email : 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.



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

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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:
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

#WainUpWednesday

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**
You will now have a conversation at the end of having 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?**
You will now have a conversation at the end of having 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?**
You will now have a conversation at the end of having 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?**
You will now have a conversation at the end of having 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?**
You will now have a conversation at the end of having 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?**
You will now have a conversation at the end of having 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?**
You will now have a conversation at the end of having 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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Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Thursday 10 th October	:	World Mental Health Day
	:	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

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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