



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first parent news of the academic year 2019/20. It has been an absolutely fantastic start with students immediately engaging with the ethos of high expectations across all areas of the school. There is a really positive atmosphere everywhere with staff and students alike genuinely excited to be back or in the case of Year 7s to join us.

I delivered assemblies to all year groups on Wednesday morning, the annual 'assembly marathon' which I thoroughly enjoyed. It was lovely to be able to see all of our students and to deliver to each of them the same message. I talked to them about how lucky they are to be at Brakenhale surrounded by specialist teachers who really care about their achievement and amazing support staff who are constantly focusing on their welfare. The focus of the assembly was on how each student has a significant part to play in #teambrokenhale and how 'kindness', 'positivity' and 'patience' are key to this. I highlighted to them the need to be true to themselves and not to follow others in order to believe that they can fit in to a certain way of behaving. There is no doubt that the importance of positive relationships is clearly linked to high achievement.

During the summer holidays the building work continued at a rapid pace, and is now slightly ahead of schedule. If you have seen the outside, then you will know for yourself how close to completion it really is. I felt quite emotional as I walked around it on Tuesday knowing that our students, in a few school weeks, will have the learning environment that they truly deserve.

I have great pleasure in sharing with you that the school is full across all year groups, although this does mean I have had to say no to some families who would really love a place with us. This year, Year 12 has an additional 40 students compared to last year and I have no doubt that this is due to the truly exceptional results that the Sixth Form continues to achieve.

I know that you will have received a number of communications from us this week. I would appreciate you spending a few moments to read through these as they do contain some important information.

Next week we are looking forward to:

- Clubs and Activities Fayre during morning tutor all week,
- Official photographer for new Year 7s, plus Year 9, 11 and Post 16 students on Thursday,
- Year 11 Information Evening on Thursday.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our 'Fab and Drab' initiative and our Teacher of the week. We set this up last year and it was incredibly successful; we received hundreds of comments from parents and students which enabled us to improve on areas identified as being a little 'drab' and build on those seen as 'fab'. I would encourage everybody to engage in this and give feedback when you can. Every week in parent news, I will publish comments and aim to respond to all those drab areas identified. We have already received our first fab comment of the year which you can see below. The submission forms can be accessed via the links here:

[Fab](#)

[Drab](#)

[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Fab

- I love how the children are able to use their fingerprints to pay for lunch as it's much easier than carrying cash on you!

Student of the week:

Roxie Sherratt in Year 13 - Roxie witnessed a very unpleasant assault on a member of the public on her way home from school this week. She showed great bravery and courage by supporting the victim and was a real example of the caring, compassionate and responsible students that we endeavour to encourage at Brakenhale.



Quote of the week:

I know this is a slightly longer quote than usual, however, at the start of the year I felt that it summed up all that we are aiming to achieve.

If you're thankful, show it.

If you love someone, tell them.

If you're wrong, fess up.

If you're confused, ask questions.

If you learn something, teach others.

If you're stuck, ask for help.

If you made a mistake, apologize.

If you trip, get back up.

If someone needs help, help them.

If you see wrong, take a stance.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Morning Tutor all week	:	Clubs and Activities Fayre
Thursday 12 th September	:	Photographer in for Year 7, Year 9, Year 11 and Sixth Form
	:	Year 11 Information Evening, 6-7pm

GCE and GCSE Results**A-Level and BTEC**

Our A-Level and Level 3 BTEC results have, for the fifth year in a row, shown significant increases in all measures. The school has illustrated exactly why Ofsted graded its Post 16 provision as Outstanding earlier this year.

The A*-B score achieved was 75% a phenomenal score and an increase of 14% on last year including BTEC equivalents. The A*-E pass rate including equivalents is 100% for the fifth year in succession.

I am, as ever, incredibly proud of our students who have achieved a truly amazing set of results for the fifth consecutive year. I continue to be astounded at their capacity year on year to work alongside our talented and dedicated staff to take advice, listen and then work so hard to achieve what they have. These outcomes also demonstrate how the hard work of and support of parents have really paid off. The design of our bespoke curriculum, specifically to match the aspirations and skills of our students is clearly paying dividends. The Sixth Form team and the student body have responded so positively to our very high expectations and these results bear testimony to this. It has also been a year of records being broken by individual students and notably Jordan Penn, the first ever Brakenhale student in memory to gain a place at Oxford University, where he will read Physics.

Deputy Headteacher, Andy Hartley who leads the Post 16 team said, "It was incredibly pleasing to see the increasing number of students secure high grades and in turn secure excellent university places and higher apprenticeships. Brakenhale Sixth Form is a place where young people are given so many opportunities to realise their potential and gain the qualifications they need for their next steps. The huge increase in our A*-B pass rate at A-Level along with our consistently high BTEC performance is the culmination of several years hard work in embedding a culture of hard work and study amongst the student body along with the wonderful work of our Sixth Form teaching and pastoral teams who have inculcated the culture of high expectations across the Sixth Form".

Head of Sixth Form, Jonathan Duffy said, "I am just so proud of our students here at Brakenhale Sixth Form. Not only have the outgoing year 13 performed incredibly well in their exams, but the group of young adults they have matured into is a testament to the hard work of the parents at home, the students themselves, and the Sixth Form teaching staff who work tirelessly to support our students both in and out of the classroom. It is exciting to see what this group of students go on to achieve with their next steps. It has been a huge team effort and I am so grateful to the teaching staff, tutors and parents who have all pulled together, endured the stress and provided the support and encouragement necessary to make these fabulous results a reality."

GCSE

We are absolutely delighted to report our outstanding 2019 GCSE results, the best in the history of Brakenhale School! Improvements have been made this year across ALL performance measures again.

The percentage of students achieving a Grade 4 (equivalent to an old C grade) in English and Maths has increased to 60% and those achieving a Grade 5 in English and Maths has increased by 2%.

In English, 75% of students achieved the Grade 4 and above – 5% higher than last year and in. In addition, following our constant focus on 'High Expectations and Challenge', almost 20% of the year group gained the equivalent of an A/A* in Maths; a phenomenal achievement. In History 22% gained the A/A* equivalency.

Due to the changing nature of qualifications, no school is able to publish an accurate and official progress 8 figure until the Department of Education releases this in December. However, we have seen an improvement in the initial figure that has been calculated on last year's data. This gives us a positive score again showing that students who study at Brakenhale School make more progress than other students do from similar starting points nationally.

These results are a testament of the impact that Brakenhale School has on the outcomes and life chances of its students. There have been some exceptional individual student outcomes and we are absolutely delighted that hard work, dedication and fantastic teaching has enabled our students to achieve the very best grades across the board.

Our GCSE along with our A Level results clearly show the sustained progress that Brakenhale School continues to make. We would like to congratulate all our students on their well-deserved success and thank the teaching staff, the governors and of course the parents, who have guided and supported them. I continue to be incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of such a progressive, positive and successful school.

Ms Coley, Headteacher

Recycling and Environmentalism – The Eco Group

This summer has seen some devastating environmental occurrences: record fires and deforestation in the Amazon, the strongest ever recorded storm in the Bahamas, a very 'poor' outlook for the Great Barrier Reef, July 2019 was the hottest month ever recorded, a heatwave in the Arctic.

At Brakenhale we are trying to do our bit to help.

We are continuing our Meat Free Monday initiative with increased healthy non-meat options in the canteen.

The Eco Group will be planting 50 trees on site which will mature with our transition into the new building and several bedding boxes have been planted up.

Two new recycling stations have been made with separate and clearly indicated collection points for cans, plastic bottles and general rubbish. They have been situated next to the vending machines.

We are continuing our pen recycling initiative and there are collection points in the staffroom and Heads of Year office.

Please discuss environmental issues with your children so that they understand the need to shift our behaviours and encourage them to use these new facilities correctly.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Following on from last year’s successful coffee morning, Ms Douse will be hosting a bake sale for this year’s Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 27th September. We are all aware of the amazing work this charity does and even if we have not been supported by this group, most of us can think of someone who has.



Donations for the cake sale are gratefully received. Cakes will be on sale on the Friday morning from outside the Head of Years’ office so please encourage your children to bring some cash to school to buy our cakes. Ms Douse is looking forward to your support in raising as much as possible for this charity.

Clubs and Societies Fayre

Next week we see our very first Sports and Societies Fayre taking place in morning tutor. One morning each day, a year group will attend the fair in the courtyard outside the Heads of Year office where there will be stalls at which students can sign up to various activities that the school offers. Students will attend tutor time as normal and then be taken down by their tutor. The weekly plan is:

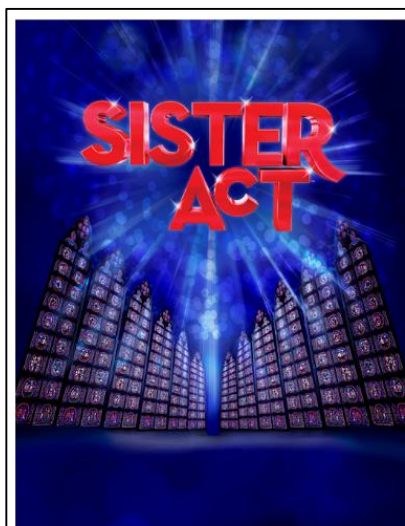
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Year 8	Year 10	Year 9	Year 11

We hope to have lots of names signed up to our clubs at Brakenhale for this coming term.

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

School Musical

The suspense is over and we are proud to announce that our musical next year will be Sister Act!



Sister Act is our 2020 Musical
 The Performing Arts Faculty will be holding auditions next week.
 Sign up sheets with further details and scripts can be collected from the Performing Arts Office and Drama Studio
 Auditions are 3:05 – 4:30pm
 • Tuesday 10th September – Acting (everyone)
 • Wednesday 11th September – Music and Dance (everyone)
 • Thursday 12th September – Call backs

Fundraising for our new building



Dear Parents/Carers

I wish to welcome new families to our fundraising information, and remind parents/carers who have been working with us to raise money for some time of the purpose of our activities. The new building, which is now well on the way to completion, has been funded by the government with a grant of around £20 million. The money can only be used for the building itself and none may be spent on equipment and furniture.

We have to replace the IT equipment as it is not compatible with the new technology that our new school will have. In addition, we are keen to purchase new furniture for our staff and students, rather than transfer the old items from the current classrooms.

We have been working hard to engage parents, with some success but we are still a long way from our original target of £50,000. Please contact me at fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk if you are able to help in any way.

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

We are planning this event that will take place later in the term. 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!

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

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have fundraising ideas or can offer to help with the clothing sale.

With thanks,

Karen Roche, Chair of Governors

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

Be Prepared!

Please remind students to check their Tools for Learning.

If students get into the good habit of putting out their uniform, checking their timetable and packing their bag the night before, this will help them arrive at school with the correct uniform, tools for learning and equipment such as PE kit, Food Technology ingredients, completed homework and other necessary items to make sure they are ready to learn as soon as the school day begins.

Having the right tools makes the work neater and lessons start quicker.



The Brakenhale School
High Expectations and Challenge for All

Tools for Learning

TOOLS and EQUIPMENT for LEARNING

- Filled Pencil Case
- Scientific Calculator
- Brakenhale Art Book for Key Stage 3
- Subject Specific items for Key Stage 4
- Student Planner
- Brakenhale School Bag and Exercise Books

TOOLS FOR LEARNING PENCIL CASE

- Large Transparent Pencil Case
- 30cm Ruler
- 3 Black or Blue Pens
- HB Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Glue Stick
- Highlighter
- Protractor
- Coloured Pencils (or Pens)

Using the Roads Safely

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that as a school, we always want to maintain positive relations with all residents in our local community and would be really grateful if this can be considered when dropping/collecting students from the school. In particular could I ask that driveways and roads are not blocked so that residents can still access their homes and vehicles; please take extra care in and around Coningsby. Please remember that the zigzag lines in Coningsby opposite Rectory Close are there to keep the area clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and children wanting to cross the road. All road users have a responsibility to each other and pedestrians to drive and park with consideration for others. Bracknell Forest have advised us that enforcement action will be taken against illegally parked vehicles outside schools.

Please also ensure that you park and drive courteously around the school site including not obstructing the gateways as this gets particularly busy during school drop off and pick up times.

Wherever possible we would encourage students to walk or cycle to school. We have a safety Cycle Pass scheme, so students require a permit and a helmet if they cycle or scooter to school.

Your support in these matters is much appreciated as always.

Considerate Car Use

The wellbeing of children is of prime concern and your cooperation and consideration when driving will help us create a safe environment around our schools.

Park and Stride

Consider parking further away from the school and walking part of your journey – this dispenses the cars and reduces the number in any one location to a safer level. It is also an opportunity to talk to your child, teach them road safety skills and for them to learn about their surroundings.

Avoid the pavement

Do not drive or park on the pavement – children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be. Blocking the pavement, even if only half-on, makes it difficult for those who do want to walk. Especially for parents walking with buggies.

Junctions

Do not park within 10 metres of a junction in any direction – this allows motorists the safe visibility they need to see approaching traffic; the police have the power to enforce this restriction. You don't want to be involved in an accident, and you don't want to face a fine.

Reversing

Try to avoid reversing manoeuvres near a school. It can be very hard to see small children directly behind you. If you must reverse, please take extra care.

General inconvenience

Please park so that you do not cause inconvenience to anyone else – this includes double parking, blocking residents' driveways, and parking right outside someone's window. None of us would like it if we were prevented from getting out of our driveway.

Parking restrictions

Do not park where you are prevented from doing so by restrictions – single yellow lines with time restrictions, double yellow lines and school keep clear 20-25gs. These restrictions are often deliberately placed to ensure safe crossing of the road. You may be glad of them when crossing to your car.

Dropped kerbs

Dropped kerbs are there to assist people with pushchairs and wheelchairs to cross the road. Although it may be tempting if they provide a convenient space, please don't park so that you block them. You are stopping someone of an accessible place to cross the road.

Verges

Do not park on the verges – the damage caused to these areas is both unsightly and costly to repair. They are usually cleared part of the highway so any parking restrictions apply to the verge side.

Speed

Please drive slowly at school times, children may suddenly step out into the road. Research shows that if you hit a child at 40 mph there's an 80% chance they'll be killed, but if you hit them at 20mph there's an 85% chance they'll survive. At some schools the limit is only 20mph.

Car doors

For safety reasons it is advisable when picking up or dropping off children to park your car such that children can get in or out on the kerb side of the car. In this way they are not getting out straight into traffic. However, please be aware of other pedestrians using the footway before opening your doors, as you may hit or obstruct them.

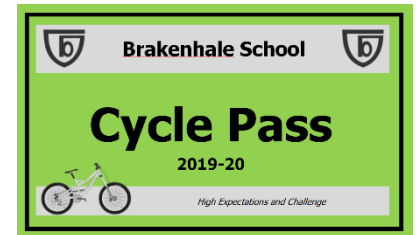
Further information

For details about more sustainable travel to school visit the School Travel Plans page on the Council's web site at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk or contact the Council on 01344 352006. © Design and Print Services 2008

Cycling to School

Can we please remind parents that to cycle or scooter to school students need a permit and compulsory helmet.

Can parents please keep reinforcing the message. Remind students that the helmet must be worn securely and has to be put on before they leave the bike area at the end of the school day.



Cycle safety

Cycling needs to be encouraged – it's green, healthy and fun and it helps children to become independent.

However, in 2014, 85 cyclists aged 8-11 were killed or seriously injured on Britain's roads, so it's vital that 8-11 year olds learn how to stay safe on a bike.

Helping your child stay safe

- Ask your school or Local Authority about cycle training in your area. Your child shouldn't cycle on roads until they have been trained.
- Check your child's bike to see if it's roadworthy: look at brakes, tyres and lights/reflectors (when riding at dusk or at night you must have white front lights and red back lights and reflector)
- Make sure the bike is the right size for your child
- When out driving, teach your child about roundabouts, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings
- Find out where local cycle paths and lanes are
- Make sure your child wears a helmet which fits and is worn correctly, it should not be pushed too far back on the head
- Ensure your child wears some high-visibility clothing when cycling
- When out and about with your child look at cyclists and talk about how easy they are to see

Remember that if you cycle yourself you should set a good example!

The basics of cycling safety

These are all covered in detail in the Tales of the Road booklet which your child should have a copy of.

- Look behind before you turn, overtake or stop
- Use arm signals before you turn right or left
- Obey traffic lights and road signs
- Do not ride on the pavement unless there is a sign saying that you can
- On busy or narrow roads do not cycle next to another person
- When overtaking parked cars, watch out for car doors opening suddenly
- Do not listen to a personal stereo while cycling

These are just some of the rules children who ride on roads should know. Young cyclists need to learn what road signs mean, how to deal with roundabouts and understand when to give way. If you have time, read through the Tales of the Road booklet with your child.

Find out if **cycle training** is available at your child's school – this is the best way to learn the skills and knowledge needed to stay safe on the road. You can learn more about cycle training in your area at www.bikeability.org.uk - [new window](#) or contact your local Road Safety Officer through the Local Authority.

School Reminders

Student Contact Information

Please ensure that you keep the school updated with any changes to your contact details, **especially** email addresses and mobile phone numbers.



We use schoolcomms messages to keep you updated on information regarding your students, if for any reason you are not receiving our messages, please call the school office and we will be happy help.

If we do not hold any email contacts for you this will result in a delay to you receiving messages as paper copies will need to be sent home by post.

School Gateway App

This App provides you with the opportunity to be able to view your child's achievements and check their weekly timetable.



If you have any problems accessing information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Biometric

We use fingerprint scanning at school as a safe a secure way for students to take their books from the library and also to purchase their food from the canteen. If your child has not had their fingerprint taken, they can do this take by going to the Library during break or lunchtimes. The will need to have the attached consent form completed and signed before the fingerprints can be taken.



Please contact the school office for more information.

ParentPay

ParentPay is the easiest way to make payments for your son/daughter's lunch money and any trips your child will be attending. If you do not currently have a login for ParentPay, please contact the school office who will be able issue you with details. If you are experiencing any problems with your account, please contact us.



Please ensure that sufficient money is added to your child's dinner money account to enable them to purchase their food.

Showmyhomework

ShowMyHomework.co.uk is used by teachers to add detail and resources to work set. All students have a log-in to make finding their homework much easier. Once they have logged in for the first time we, as a school, are unable to change or reset their passwords for them, as per GDPR restrictions, so any account holders must use the 'Forgotten Password' button on the log in page to gain access if they forget their password.



Please remember that it is not necessary to log in to see the details of the homework - this can be seen by viewing the Brakenhale Homework Calendar on Show My Homework and filtering by subject, teacher and/or year group.

Key Stage 3 students should expect to receive a minimum of 3 hours of homework per week, which should increase as they move up the years from Year 7 to Year 9. Key Stage 4 should expect to receive a minimum of 5 hours a week.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mobile Phones

Can we please remind you that students must not use a mobile phone or any other mobile device anywhere on the school site or on any off-site school activity with one exception. The one exception is where a teacher tells the students they have permission to use a mobile device in the classroom as part of the planned learning activity in the lesson then mobile devices will be allowed provided the student follows the teacher instructions.

Mobile devices must not be visible at any time and must be switched off (ensuring all alerts and alarms are inactive), out of sight and kept safely in the student's school bag at all times.

School Dining Hall

The School Dining Hall is open daily for all students as follows:

7.45 - 8.30 Breakfast which includes:

Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt bar / Cereals / Bacon or Sausage Rolls / Danish Pastries / Hot Chocolate

11.00 – 11.25 Break-time

1.25 – 2.05 Lunch-time

3.05: Any unsold food may be purchased at half price by cash or account

Our in-house caterers have a fresh approach to food and we have a number of different meal deals and a hot school meal, which includes either a drink or a pudding.

A selection of sandwiches, pizza slices, salad and pasta are also available and we have Meat-Free Mondays.

More information and sample menus are available on www.brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/parent-zone/

Brakenhale School	
CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2019/2020	
	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
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

The Admissions Department of Bracknell Forest Council handles the authorisation and administration of Free School Meals. If you think your son/daughter may qualify, please complete the Bracknell Forest Council application form via the link below.

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-meals/how-do-i-apply-free-school-meals>

It is worthwhile applying for Free School Meals entitlement even if your child does not require a school lunch because your son/daughter may receive financial assistance with other school related expenses.

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

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

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

PE Update

WELCOME BACK TO PE!

PE Kit

The kit which is worn by your son and daughter for PE is important to us as a school but also to the benefit of students in lesson. The school PE kit has been designed and created with students in mind to allow for both comfort and performance when taking part in PE, dance and sport at Brakenhale. Please can you work with us as a school and ensure that your child has packed the correct PE kit on the correct day for their lesson. This may mean that they bring their kit in 3 times per week, so they need to be highly organised. The full PE kit expectations can be found on the website or in the student planner.

PE clubs and activities

We have a wide variety of clubs that are taking place each week, before, during and after school. The timetable changes each half term, so there will be lots to choose and do. Students can take part in clubs with their peers or use it as a chance to make friends, and best of all clubs with PE are FREE! Students just need their PE kit to attend. The timetable is in parents news this week and all clubs start next week - we cannot wait to see students there!!!

Sports Captains

This year sees us introduce sports captains into the school and house system. The Sports Captains will work along side the House Leaders and PE staff to ensure that our sporting competitions run smoothly and that all sports notices are delivered. They will also collate student voice comments from students in the school to feedback on the quality of PE and Sport at Brakenhale. Elections are the week of the 23rd September and all students wishing to stand for their house, in their year group, can collect an application from PE in the week beginning the 16th September, to be submitted by the end of the week.

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Half Term 1 - 2019-2020					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL (07:10 – 08:00) 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 (13:00-13:30 13:15-13:45) 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 (15:05-16:30) 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.

Regular and punctual attendance of students at school is both a legal requirement and crucial to a student's success - there is a clear link between a high rate of attendance and high achievement. I am sure that you are already aware of the 95% attendance target that we are working towards. If students are not in lessons they cannot learn! Every lesson really does count! Statistics show missing 8.5 days or 5% of school in any school year can reduce the success level of a student by 1 GCSE grade.

With this in mind it, I would like to reiterate the expectations that we have with regards to attendance:

- Students are expected to be in school and in registration or assembly at 8:35am.
- Should your child be unwell please call the attendance line on 01344 465050 or email attendance@brakenhale.co.uk to inform us of the illness and the expected date of return.
- Should you need to arrange a medical or dental appointment can I encourage you where possible to arrange these after 1:30pm as this will reduce the disruption to your child's learning (they will only miss one lesson).

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

Feedback Initiative

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

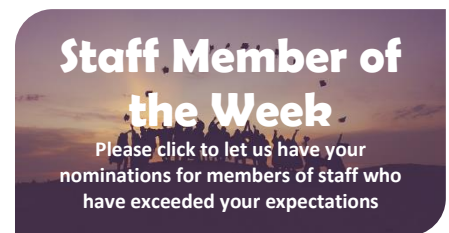
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[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Ms Coley, Headteacher

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 PTA School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners over the summer holiday. Even though we weren't in school, the lottery winners kept winning!

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!

Easy Fundraising

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

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

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

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

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

Don't forget to shop through www.easyfundraising.org.uk to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



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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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