



Parent News: Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

On Sunday, we welcomed back students who had spent the weekend at PGL down in Weymouth. They had a fantastic time and as predicted arrived back with much dirty washing for you as parents/carers! However, what this did show was the vast range of activities they got involved in and the fact that they were not afraid to give it their all. Again, I would like to say a huge thank you to those staff who accompanied them and this weekend another group of staff and students will be taking away the CCF cadets for the weekend. I do hope the sun makes an appearance for them.

This week Mr Potter and Miss Lister have been gearing up for RAG week, many students have brought the special wrist bands and are busily signing up to all the activities. This is a fantastic new addition to the calendar and we hope to be able to award lots of house points and make lots of money for charity.

Mr Potter has also been busy organising Sports Day and I know many students are signing up to support the activities in their houses. We are keeping an eye on the weather forecast and would appreciate all parents/carers doing a sun-dance for us next Wednesday morning.

Yesterday, we hosted 4 senior colleagues from local schools, to come and observe the excellent strategies and structures we have in place to support students both in their learning and character education here at Brakenhale. They all went away incredibly impressed with #teambrokenhale and looking to implement many of our ideas.

Student of the week:

Thomas Farr in Year 8 - For being incredibly brave during an incident at school.

Fab:

- ★ Parent news is always packed with relevant information and reminders which I certainly need. This is great to see what all staff and students have been doing each week and makes us feel part of our children's journey at Brakenhale.
- ★ Pleased to hear table tennis is available at lunchtimes so children have something to do.
- ★ I have read you will be improving Sixth form dress code and not before time. Would be nice if made to wear school uniform like Ranelagh sixth form, seeing as they are part of the same school with year 7-11 so same dress code.
- ★ BRAKENHALE RAG WEEK 2021: Raising And Giving, donating it to chosen charities. Wonderful thing to all be doing and getting involved in.
- ★ Pleased sports day will be going ahead this year and it is great you still have houses within Brakenhale to work together, in teams as well as a whole community. Good luck Jennetts and to all the students, staff and teams.
- ★ Awesome that the school provides a stationery shop in the LRC. One less thing for us parents to think about and gives our daughter a bit of responsibility. All stocked up for September, thank you for wonderful service.
- ★ Teachers and all staff doing amazing things through a pandemic.
- ★ My husband and I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support and understanding with our children. You always go above and beyond for the children at Brakenhale.

Drab:

- A lot more of the skirts are worn short.
Students who are rolling their skirts are given an immediate detention when seen, and those who have very short skirts are given spare ones to borrow. Many girls have grown significantly across lockdown and I am aware that there are a few skirts which are now just above the knee. Parents have been made aware that longer skirts will be required from September.

- Not had a Character challenge or fun Friday recently. This was enjoyable because everyone could get involved together and get awarded house points.
Mr Potter and Miss Lister have been planning hard for RAG week, next week, and there are lots of opportunities to gain house points and contribute to charity in this new initiative.
- New sixth form dress code starting September, it takes away sixth formers freedom and many families can't financially support this.
Miss Whitaker will be sending a response out to concerns regarding the new Sixth Form dress code.

Staff member of the week:

Mrs McCrorie Mrs McCrorie is amazing. If our son loses any item of school uniform, she always manages to track it down. Always cheerful and so helpful. Thank you.

Mrs Boulter Mrs Boulter has ignited such fascination and interest in Science in our son (Year 7). He absolutely loves his Science lessons and I am amazed at the information he is retaining from his lessons, and we get to hear all about it over dinner!

Mrs Turner and Mrs Fotheringham Our son's maths teachers are amazing. It has been fantastic to see how he has progressed this year and how much confidence he now has with his maths now. Thank you.

Miss Thomas Amazing teacher, so down to earth and knows her stuff.

Quote of the week:

'When life gives you mountains, put on your boots and start hiking.'

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Next Week : B

All Week	Raising and Giving (RAG) Week
Tuesday 6 th July	CCF, 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 7 th July	Sports Day

Covid Testing

Please continue with twice weekly Covid Testing and submit results via [Test Register](#). If students or staff need additional tests they should collect them from the Medical room.

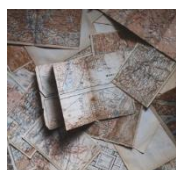


Traffic Delays Expected



Please be aware that residents have been informed of road works starting on the Bracknell Sports Centre main roundabout on Monday 5th July for 14 weeks. This is already busy in the mornings so parents/carers may want to be aware to expect long delays or take an alternative route.

Spare Maps and Atlases for Art



Don't forget to bring in any spare maps or atlases that you no longer have use for.

Art are creating a new art project for September and would welcome a large supply of maps for students to get creative with. Please do send in any maps for Mrs Faluyi in A02 or via Reception. Thanks so much.

Mrs Faluyi, Art Teacher

Outgrown / Unwanted Uniform and PE Kit; Tie Donations

If you have any outgrown or no-longer-needed school uniform (including Blazers) or PE kits, please would you kindly consider donating them to the school to use as spare uniform stock. We would also really appreciate any **tie** donations and plain black coats. Items can be handed in to Mrs McCrorie in the book room at the back of the LRC on the first floor or via Main Reception. Thank you.



Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support

Sixth Form Dress Code

From September the Sixth Form dress code is changing, and students will be required to adopt a 'dress for a professional setting' focus. This is not a suit and tie, or a uniform, and is not the same as the smart staff dress code.

The aim here is to reflect 'how we look is how we feel'; dressing well makes you feel confident and puts you in the right frame of mind to do your very best.

This will aid us all to attend school with the mindset of working, as your attire contributes to your work ethic. If everybody is dressed smartly, then it reminds you that you are part of a team, that you are attending Brakenhale Sixth Form with a specific purpose which is to get the best grades possible for you, and we are all united in that common goal. As you are united in wanting to do the best for yourself, collaborating in what you are wearing makes sense too. In addition, we are gearing you up for the world of work, and this dress code is required in many professional working environments. Certainly, it is required for an interview when you should be showing your very best side, so why not show your best side every day.

Miss Whitaker, Deputy Headteacher

Standards Week

This week was another of our 'Standards Week', focusing on important attributes such as punctuality, politeness, being a ready participant in lessons, appearance and conduct.

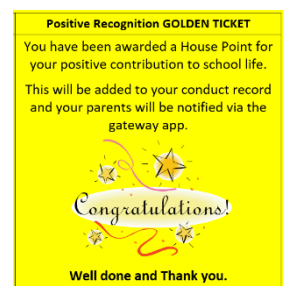
We focused on the positives and wanted to give our students praise for the amazing job they are doing so far this year. Students were able to receive a Gold Ticket for anything from perfect uniform to greeting a teacher in the corridor to helping a fellow student in need.

All staff members were able to issue Gold Tickets alongside the usual Achievement Points and students were encouraged to receive as many as possible. For each Gold Ticket they have been awarded a House Point. Our students are fantastic and we want to ensure that they receive credit where credit is due.

It's been an incredible Golden Ticket standards week, the positives have been clear and the house points have been flying in. As we go to press, this week we have awarded over 1300 Golden Tickets.

Don't forget you can view all your child's achievement points via the school gateway.

Mrs Theal, Curriculum Support Manager and Ms Whitaker, Deputy Headteacher



PGL Trip

After a year's break, Brakenhale descended upon a sunny Osmington Bay for PGL 2021!

The students who missed out last year had a great opportunity to relive and make new PGL memories. Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 spent 3 days taking part in a range of amazing activities from the infamous giant swing to abseiling, sensory trail, raft building at Weymouth Olympic water sports Centre and rifle shooting.

All students had a fantastic time with their year group friends, taking part in the activities as well as the legendary man hunt challenge on Saturday night. Lots of fears were overcome on activities such as the giant swing, zip line and abseiling - a massive well done to you if you pushed yourself outside of your comfort zone to do these. Laughter was had on the sensory trail and raft building (even if the water was freezing!!) as well as the beach walk on Friday evening!

A massive thank you to the staff members who organised and supported the weekend allowing it to go ahead. Without their commitment to the weekend Brakenhale students would have missed out on this opportunity. Words cannot describe the appreciation for the following staff who gave up their weekend away from family to do this:

Mrs Theal,
Mr Beukes,
Miss Appleton,
Mr Hilton

Mr Bissitt,
Miss Butler,
Miss Manning,
Miss Rushby

Mr Lloyd-Ahmed,
Mr Collins,
Miss Haywood
Mrs Boulter

Thank you to the Year 8, 9 and 10 students who went on the trip, we hope you all had as much fun and created lasting memories as much as we all did!!!



Miss L Rushby, KS4 Raising Standards Coordinator

Brakenhale RAG Week 2021 – 5th to 9th July

Brakenhale's first ever RAG week will be taking place next week.

RAG stands for Raising And Giving and will be one week where we put on events and collect donations, raising money for charity before and after school that everyone can get involved in. We will be selling wristbands for £2 for the week to permit entry into events, these will be sold via parentpay and in school and all the money raised will go to charity: Mind, a mental health charity, and Scotty's Little Soldiers for children who have lost their parents in the Armed Forces. The wristbands will give you free entry to activities and events, otherwise each event will cost 50p.


Preparation has been going on behind the scenes for the week and the planning committee, along with Mr Potter and Mrs Lister, are doing a great job! So come on Brakenhale, ask your parents to buy your wrist bands (£2 on parent pay) and we will come to tutor to give them out. The band gets students into all the events, so get one bought, get involved and know we will all be doing a great job helping to raise money for 2 great charity causes! There will be lots going on within the week, so if students fancy getting involved or helping out then see Mr Potter or Mrs Lister and let us know! We are looking for bakers... so if you are a budding Mary Berry then please ask Mrs Lister for Greggs-style bags to wrap your goodies up hygienically at home before you bring them in to sell for charity - the cake sales are Monday 5th (Farley vs Jennetts) and Thursday 8th (Swinley vs Temple) and we would welcome all donations!

The timetable is below, so have a look, and get £2 ready to buy the wristband! Wristbands can also be bought for cash, students should please see the tutor reps and RAG committee for more info! **The countdown is nearly over...** for the first ever Brakenhale RAG Week... woohoo!

Remember to send your child in with 50p pieces if they might wish to buy cakes, Sports Day sweets, or join in activities such as splat the teacher.


Mr Potter, Head of PE and Mrs Lister, SLT

	Break (two sessions)	Lunch (two sessions)	After school
Monday 5th July	Farley vs Jennetts cake sale - in the quad!	Penalty shoot out - MUGA or Sports hall!	NOTHING HERE SORRY - STAFF HAVE MEETINGS!
Tuesday 6th July	Art Attack Competition in the ART ROOMS	Badminton smashathon - Sports hall	Stand up comedy and Open mic night 315-430pm - main hall
Wednesday 7th July	Sports Day!!!!!!! Selling sweets for charities		
Thursday 8th July	Temple vs Swinley cake sale - in the quad	Staff V students table tennis games - various locations	Staff vs students Rounders matches - 315-430pm - on the field
Friday 9th July	Staff V students table tennis games - various locations	Splat the teacher - on the quad or courts!	Clear away and final count!




**5 - 9
July
2021**


50p per event, or
1 free go with a
RAG band!
RAG bands = £2
for the week!



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SCOTTY'S LITTLE SOLDIERS



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High Expectations and Challenge for All

RAG WEEK VIDEO - <https://youtu.be/XySkp2Fdlq>

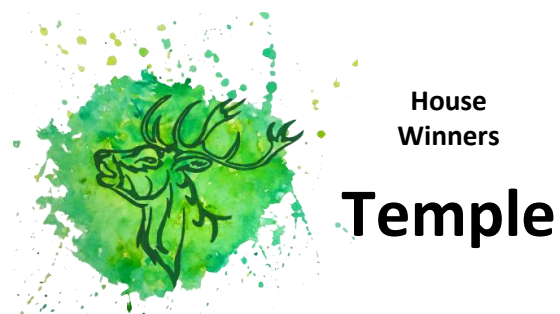
House Points this Week

We continue to recognise the hard work that our students are doing through our House System by issuing House Points. It has been amazing to see so many of our students rewarded with many achievement points this week across the departments.

Keep up the Hard work! Congratulations to everyone who has gained house points this week:

Achievement Points This Week						
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12	Total
Academic Points	437	365	379	97	1	1279
Aspiration Points	7	0	0	10	0	17
Community Points	64	38	8	9	1	120
Community Points Out and About MDS	0	4	8	0	0	12
Culture Points	35	41	0	0	0	76
Golden Ticket Positive Recognition	560	258	358	160	9	1345
Leadership Points	36	2	2	1	0	41
Physical Points	279	89	43	94	0	505
Total	1418	797	798	371	11	3395

House Points This Week						
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12	Total
Farley (BLUE)	403	183	187	96	2	871
Jennetts (YELLOW)	315	213	198	78	7	811
Swinley (RED)	331	184	202	120	1	838
Temple (GREEN)	369	217	211	77	1	875
Total	1418	797	798	371	11	3395



Library Corner

The Student Librarians have done an amazing job for this month's library focus.

Student Librarians have chosen their favourite books to showcase in the Library and have written reasons why these are their favourite books. There is such a great selection of books such as:

- ★ Opal Plumstead, recommended by Isabella;
"The Deep childhood story of a girl with a thieving father who ends up in poverty. Cry with her, laugh with her, grieve with her."
- ★ Darkness of Dragons recommended by Olivia;
"I enjoyed reading it and it left off with a cliffhanger!"

I know a number of students have already started to pick these books up on the back of these recommendations. Remember students can borrow 2 books at a time from the school library, they are loaned for 2 weeks but can be renewed if needed. Books can be borrowed during break and lunch times Monday to Friday.

"I am so delighted with the way a group of the student librarians have taken control of July's library focus. They have planned, created and organized the whole thing. Their enthusiasm and teamwork are wonderful to behold and I am very proud of the work they are doing"

A sneak peek at something exciting for next year, a new book club will be hosted in the library using the Carnegie award books, especially for students who love to read!

Reading is not just a skill, it's a journey. We can travel back in time, walk through countries we have never been to before, take a space flight through the stars and let our imaginations take us to places we could never dream of going. We look forward to hearing about all the amazing books you read this summer!

Mrs Daniels, LRC Manager



Mental Health Support

As part of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) we are offering you a webinar opportunity.

Are you interested in attending a Young Minds Webinar for Parents on Monday 12th July 2021, 18.30-19.30?

The session will last around 1 hour and will provide advice and tips to parents and carers about supporting their children with the aim to help them to understand their child's feelings and to help them to talk to their child about their feelings.

The session will be run as a webinar (rather than a meeting) in order to provide privacy and confidentiality. It will consist of a presentation after which parents and carers will have a chance to ask any question to our trainers in privacy (via chat or by voice but always in privacy). Attendees won't be able to see each other nor see/read each other's names.

I have 15 places available; they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are interested in attending please email me at jmanisier@brakenhale.co.uk

or text me on 07484323138 so I can send you the link for the webinar.

Miss Manisier, Student Support Manager, Deputy Designated Child Protection Lead

PE Update

SPORTS DAY 2021

The countdown is on!!!! 5 Days to go before the sports day opening ceremony!!!!!!

I hope you are all as excited as we are in PE! We can guess you are from the 500+ of you that registered your interest in events to take part in - that was AMAZING!!

So the Sports and House Captains have been busy all week collating and putting together the Team Sheets for each year group of each House and providing the Heads of Houses their lists.

Please don't be disappointed if you are not selected for an event you put yourself down for, with over 500 entries some events were more popular than others. If you do have an issue once the Heads of Houses publish the Team Sheets then please see your Sports, House Captain or your Head of House.

This year sadly we cannot sit together in our Houses, but that doesn't mean you cannot wear your House Colours and cheer, support and drive your House on to victory!!!! Please make sure they are plain colours mind you!!

Also don't forget to put on sunscreen if it is sunny and keep hydrated with your named water bottles.

So here's the plan of action for the day....

SO get that last bit of practice in, get that House chant rehearsed, rest up make sure you are fuelled and hydrated ready for the event of the school sporting calendar on Wednesday 7th July!

MAY THE BEST HOUSE WIN!!!

Dress Code and Appearance



Students will be required to wear their Brakenhale PE kit to school for the day.

For the morning, Periods 1 to 3 students must wear ONLY their PE kit, to include black shorts, skirts or tracksuit bottoms plus their PE polo shirt, all items are to be black and the school PE kit please.

At 12.30pm, when we proceed down to the field for the afternoon whole school event, students are allowed to wear their house coloured t-shirts over their PE kit. Our smart and professional appearance, as a school, must be maintained throughout the day and this way students can wear their PE kit due to the nature of the day but also be smart and unified by their PE kit.






TIME	YEAR	LOCATION	EVENT
9.00 – 10.30	YEAR 8 & 9 ONLY	FIELD	Track & Field Competitors to do: 800m Welly Wanging Shot Putt Javelin
10.30 – 12.00	YEAR 7 & 10 ONLY		Track - LRU & PE Volunteers Shot - KWI Javelin - JBO & NLA WellyWanging - ABT & JCU
11.00-11.30 12.00-12.30	BREAK YEAR 8 & 9 BREAK YEAR 7 & 10		
12.30 12.45	REGISTER ON TENNIS COURTS PROCEED TO THE FIELD AND OPENING CEREMONY		
1.00 – 3.00	Competitors & Supporters	Field	MAIN TRACK EVENTS & Tug of War

Extra-Curricular Timetable for this half term

 BRAKENHALE PE DEPARTMENT - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - HALF TERM 6 - 2020-2021 					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Lunch time (1330-1400) Ties & blazers OFF, trainers ON!</p>					<p>YEAR 10 Activity: GCSE Practical Club Location: SH Staff: JBO/LRU</p>
<p>AFTER SCHOOL (1515-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm FINISH for Trampoline*** Please can you: Bring your FULL kit to take part Let YOUR parents know you are coming Register with PE staff to get your house points for attending</p>	<p>No clubs due to staff meetings!</p>	<p>YEAR 7 Activity: Badminton Location: Sports Hall Staff: CPI & CBU</p> <p>YEAR 8 Activity: Football Location: Field Staff: CMY</p> <p>Activity: Fitness Location: fitness suite Staff: LRU</p> <p>YEAR 9 Activity: Football Location: Astro/field Staff: CMY</p> <p>Activity: Netball Location: MUGA Staff: NLA</p> <p>Year 12/13 Activity: Boxing/fitness Location: JNS Staff: ABI</p> <p>YEAR 10 Activity: fitness Location: fitness suite Staff: MPO <i>(This is 4pm-5pm after P6 and will be reviewed based on numbers)</i></p>	<p>YEAR 7 Activity: Cricket Location: Astro/nets Staff: KWH</p> <p>Activity: Netball Location: MUGA Staff: ABT</p> <p>YEAR 8 Activity: Basketball Location: Sports hall Staff: CBU & SNA</p> <p>YEAR 9 Activity: Softball/Golf Location: Field Staff: JBO</p>	<p>YEAR 7 Activity: Football Location: Astro Staff: JBO & CCO</p> <p>Activity: Lacrosse Location: Field Staff: ABT</p> <p>YEAR 8 Activity: Rounders Location: Field Staff: KWI</p> <p>YEAR 9 Activity: Cricket Location: Astro/nets Staff: KWH & CBU</p> <p>YEAR 10 Activity: fitness Location: fitness suite Staff: CMY <i>(This is 4pm-5pm after P6 and will be reviewed based on numbers)</i></p>	<p>No clubs due to PE exam revision and catch up sessions!</p>
<p>Wet weather space for clubs!</p>		<p>7 - Sports hall - CPI/CBU 8/9 - Trampoline - TC - CMY/NLA/LRU 10 - Fitness Suite - MPO 12/13 - JNS - ABI</p>	<p>7 - Fitness Suite - ABT/KWH 8 - Sports hall - CBU/SNA 9 - Trampoline - TC - JBO</p>	<p>7 - Trampoline - TC - JBO/CCO/ABT 8 - Trampoline - TC - KWI 9 - Sports hall - KWH/CBU 10 - Fitness suite - MPO</p>	
<p>Changing spaces for school clubs</p>		<p>Y7 - CHANGE IN SPORTS HALL CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y8 - CHANGE IN DANCE CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y9 - CHANGE IN JNS CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y10 - CHANGE IN PE/PA CLASSROOMS</p>	<p>Y7 - CHANGE IN SPORTS HALL CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y8 - CHANGE IN DANCE CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y9 - CHANGE IN JNS CHANGING ROOMS</p>	<p>Y7 - CHANGE IN SPORTS HALL CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y8 - CHANGE IN DANCE CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y9 - CHANGE IN JNS CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y10 - CHANGE IN PE/PA CLASSROOMS</p>	
<p>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. Also please see @brakenhalepe on twitter and instagram for updates on school clubs and fixtures. All of these sessions are open, with all students in the listed year groups welcome to attend. Please see PE staff or email pe@brakenhale.co.uk for more information on our clubs!</p>					

PE Champions

Please see who has been an amazing an PE Champion this week.

PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK			
Week of: 28/06/2021			
			
@BRAKENHALEPE	Staff	Student	Tutor
	Mr Potter	Kalli-Rose Law	7N
	Mr Maye	Ayden Woolerton	7N
	Mrs Lazarczuk	Amy Johnstone	10R
	Mr Boucher	Lucas Coker	8B
	Ms Wilson	Annie Bates	7E
	Miss Butler	Paige Greenwood	7R
	Miss Rushby	Becky Warner	10R
	Well done!		
	#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe		

Here are some of the reasons why our students received PE Champion of the Week this term:

Consistent outstanding performance in all areas of PE!

Engaging fully with an external cricket coaching session!

A high level of skill execution in trampolining!

Dedication and desire in throwing the Javelin!




Working really well and asking really good questions!

Always being equipped every lesson, ready to learn!

Always offering to help and having a positive attitude!

A brilliant end of topic test with significant improvement from previous attempts!

Showing a great attitude in both lessons and after school clubs!

Assessment: ME in PE: In the summer term it is Physical ME and Leading ME

'ME in PE'	
Physical ME	
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'	
Leading ME	
1	Helps take equipment out to lesson and set it up
2	Uses equipment in the lesson to measure and record own and others' work
3	Demonstrates to another student technical models of skills to be used in lesson
4	Demonstrates to another student technical models of skills learnt in lesson
5	Leads a small group in a warm up/cool down
6	Leads a small group in a skill based situation
7	Leads a small group in a conditioned situation
8	Leads a small group in a competitive situation
9	Teaches a skill to a partner 1-2-1
10	Teaches a skill to a small group
11	Teaches a skill to a large group
12	Teaches a skill to the whole class

Parent and Carer Information Sessions

A virtual session designed to help you understand how to best support a young person through their DofE Award. The session includes:

- What DofE is
- How to get started
- What to expect
- What to do to achieve an award
- Where to find help
- Q&A

To attend a session please follow this link:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Alternatively, please copy and paste the below link into your web browser

<https://bit.ly/32UrAGu>

If you are joining us from a smart phone, you will be required to download the Microsoft Teams App



Dates and times:

Wednesday 16th June
6pm-7pm

Wednesday 7th July
6pm-7pm

Wednesday 28th July
5.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 16th September
6pm-7pm

Tuesday 28th September
6pm-7pm

Wednesday 13th October
4:30pm-5:30pm

Thursday 28th October (Half term)
12:30pm-13:30pm

No need to book!

School Nurse Drop-in Clinic

At: Lunchtimes
In: Intervention Room 3
On: Monday 12th July

Students can just drop in to visit the Nurse during their lunch break.

The School Nurse will offer information, guidance and support on issues such as general health, alcohol and substance misuse, healthy eating, smoking cessation, relationships, sexual health, and emotional wellbeing as appropriate.

(Please note the Drop-in will not administer any contraception or carry out STI or pregnancy testing).

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Corner

Black Children and the Care System

The government released their latest data on children in the care system. They've found the number of children in care is slowly rising whilst the number of children being adopted is reducing. The data also suggests that older children, 'age out,' meaning they are less likely to be adopted and have a forever home because they are too old.

Black children make up 5% of the general population but account for 8% of children in the care system. Research suggests this is due to black families struggling to access support from social services, NHS and others. Black children are also less likely to be adopted or be in long term foster care, the government suggests a number of reasons for this. If you know of anyone who is considering adoption or fostering do encourage them to consider looking at it in more detail.



Black Lives Matter (BLM) vs. All Lives Matter (ALM)

I've heard rumblings these last couple of weeks, where some people have made comments in response to BLM saying, 'All Lives Matter.' Those who respond with ALM, are simply misunderstanding what is being said. When I say BLM, I am not saying a black person's life is better or more valuable than any other life. I am stating, historically (and even now) members of the black community have been undervalued and mistreated. It is a movement to bring about (and rightly so) equality within society. Did you know? You are more likely in the UK to be refused a job if you are black. I find that somewhat disturbing in 2021. As I've mentioned many times, Brakenhale is a community of inclusion and open-mindedness, it is all of our jobs to call out any hate.

Mr Vegh, Head of EDI and Mrs Lister, SLT

Young Writers Competition – Spine Chillers

Calling all students aged 11 to 18 – Young Writers invites you into their latest competition and asks what lurks in your imagination? There's nothing better than reading a thrilling story, one that grips you so tightly and puts your senses on alert simply through the power of 100 words.

Spine-Chillers is a fantastic way to get you writing in this way by using tension, suspense and atmosphere. It's time for you to create your own original mini saga, a story told in just 100 words, and you could become a published writer!



Please see Mrs Lewis for an entry form. Please ensure you stories are back with her by the deadline of **Monday 12th July** (please note that on the website it says 23rd July but Mrs Lewis needs time to submit your entries).

The 3 favourite published writers will each receive £50 and a trophy and there will be book bundles for the school library up for grabs too.

For more resources and information please visit the Young Writers website:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS3-4/spine-chillers?view=ind>

Mrs Lewis, English Teacher

Extra Curricular Clubs – Non Sporting



BRAKENHALE SCHOOL

High Expectations and Challenge

Rectory Lane
Bracknell
Berkshire
RG12 7BA

NON-SPORTING EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2020-21

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	TEACHER IN CHARGE
Monday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Tuesday	3.05 – 4.00	SPARX and Hegarty Club	All Years	B14	Mrs Smith / Mrs Turner
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Year 8 Drama Club <i>Week B only</i>	Year 8	Drama Studio L01	Miss Cullip
	3.20 – 5.20	CCF	Invite only	Tennis Courts/ Astro	Mr Bury
Wednesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Thursday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Year 7 Drama Club <i>Week B only</i>	Year 7	Drama Studio L01	Miss Cullip
Friday	1.30 – 2.00	Young Interpreters Club	Year 7	F05	Mrs Fandi
	3.05 – 4.00	Identity Club	All Years	F10	Miss Bunkell/Mrs Lewis
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels

Students should check with Teacher in Charge to sign up to clubs

Drama Clubs – Week B only

Please note that Year 7 and 8 Drama Clubs will be back up and running next week.

Miss Cullip, Drama Teacher

**Year 8
Drama Club**

Tuesdays
Week B
3.05pm to 4pm
in the Drama Studio
Miss Cullip

Brakenhale School High Expectation and Challenge

**Year 7
Drama Club**

Thursdays
Week B
3.05pm to 4pm
in the Drama Studio
Miss Cullip

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Venue:
Main hall

Timings:
3.15 - 5.05

What to bring:
contributions to popcorn, drinks and other snacks

12a | **110 minutes** |

- Romance
- Drama

Hosts:
Miss. Bunkell
and
Mrs. Lewis

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Binfield Cricket Club
www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk

Girls Cricket

Women's cricket is one of the fastest growing sports with ever-increasing media coverage and nationwide initiatives to encourage more women and girls to take up the sport. We currently have a thriving girls' section but we're always keen to recruit more players of all ages (7+) so if you fancy giving cricket a try please get in touch.

What we currently offer

- U11 – Girls softball cricket
- U13 – Girls softball cricket
- U15 – Girls hardball cricket

Fixtures arranged May - July

When

Monday evenings from 30th April (weather dependent) – exact timings to be confirmed.

Where

Binfield Cricket Club
 Forest Road
 Binfield
 RG42 4DU

More Information

To confirm attendance or request further information, please e-mail Rob Carson (robcarson@virginmedia.com)

twitter.com/Binfield_cc
 facebook.com/binfieldcc/
 instagram.com/binfieldcricket/

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
- 10.00-11.30:** Break-time (staggered)
- 12.30-2.00:** Lunch-time (staggered)
- 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.

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

There is a 3 week menu rotation, please see below. Next week (6th July) will be week 3:

 Brakenhale School Menu 2020/21 										
Week 3	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1	BAF * Meatballs In Rich Tomato Sauce	Containing Gluten	BFA * Chicken Tikka Masala	Containing Gluten, Celery, Mustard	BFA * Roast Turkey Yorkshire Pudding	Gluten, Dairy, Egg	BFA * Beef Lasagne	Containing Gluten, Dairy	MSC * Battered Baked Fish & Chicken Nuggets, Sausage	Allergen Cereal Containing Gluten, Egg, Fish
Option 2	Feta Cheese Roasted Pepper Frittata	Containing Gluten, Dairy, Egg	Chickpea Curry, Naan Bread	Gluten, Celery, Mustard	Vegetarian Sausage & Mash Potatoes	Gluten, Soya, Dairy	Tex Mexican Vegetarian Burrito	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Broccoli & Tomato Quiche	Cereal Containing Gluten, Dairy, Egg
Carbohydrates	Penne, Spirals Pasta	Gluten	Basmati Rice	N/A	Roast Potatoes	N/A	Spicy Wedges	Containing Gluten	Chunky Oven Chips	Cereal containing gluten, soya
Vegetables Of the day	Green Salad Green Beans	N/A	Cauliflower & Broccoli	N/A	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	N/A	Sweetcorn Courgettes	N/A	Garden Peas Baked Beans	N/A
Dessert	Cocoa Cake & Custard	Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy	Carrot Cake & Cream	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Banana Cake Cocoa Sauce	Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy	Fruit Jelly	N/A	Warm Waffles & Syrup	Containing Gluten, Egg

- BFA (British Farm Assured)
- MSC (Marine Stewardship Council)

Catering provided by school is cooked fresh on the school site each day. Please contact the school office for more information or to discuss any dietary requirements.
The daily offer includes: Wholemeal bread, fresh homemade salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts, jacket potatoes with a choice of toppings including Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Baked Beans.

Taz Asran, Chef Manager

Free School Meals

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.

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/.../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.

During lockdown weekly food parcels can be collected from Main Reception between 10am and 12noon.

Taz Asran, Chef Manager

Action for Happiness

Find out more information here : <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/>

Jump Back Up July 2021

This month's theme is all about resilience and understanding how we can build skills that will help us to bounce back. We can't always predict or control what life throws at us, but we can build a range of skills and nurture our resources to help us respond flexibly, effectively deal with challenges, recover more quickly and even learn and grow as a result.

Jump Back Up July 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
							
	1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry	2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"	3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it	4 Find something to look forward to today	5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy
	8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today	9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them	11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation	12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'	13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14 Get outside and move to help clear your head
	15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts	17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today	18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter	19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it	20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself	21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life
	22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong	25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead	26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath	27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem
	29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right	30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support	31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human				

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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](#).



Friends of Brakenhale

Our tax-free fundraising campaign page is now live:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=9819&charityId=1018027>

Friends of Brakenhale

Friends of Brakenhale support the raising of additional funds to support the Brakenhale School community. Please help us to raise money by supporting our events. Any donation small or large will help to directly support the school and local community.

School Lottery

Congratulations to the most recent 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.



Vacancies



- Senior Science Technician
- Invigilator
- Intervention Coordinator
- Teaching Assistant

Please visit our website for more details:
<https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

Feedback Initiative

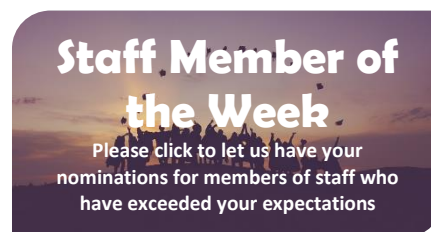
We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at any time, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly. **Electronic submission:**



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[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Monday 12th July	School Nurse Drop-in Clinic, lunchtime Year 9 Army Challenge Day
Tuesday 13th July	Year 9 Army Challenge Day Summer Awards Evening (Virtual)
Friday 16th July	Last day of term, 12:05 finish

Term Dates 2020-21

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July 2021

Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET Days Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021

Term Dates 2021-22

Please find below our updated Term Dates for the next academic year 2021/22. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls during the Summer half-term and all schools have therefore been allocated an additional day's holiday in celebration of it. This additional holiday day will be on Monday 21st February, 2022 added onto the Spring half-term.

Term Dates 2021-22

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September 2021 **Inset Days**

Friday 3rd September (Year 7 only)

Monday 6th September - Friday 17th December 2021

Autumn Half Term - Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 1st April 2022

Spring Half Term - Monday 14th February to Monday 21st February 2022 (including additional day's holiday in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (during summer half term))

Spring Holiday: Monday 4th to Monday 18th April 2022

(Good Friday 15th April, Easter Monday 18th April)

SUMMER TERM 2022

Tuesday 19th April – Tuesday 19th July 2022

Summer Half Term - Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 (including extended bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2022 **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 20th July 2022

(May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022)

INSET Days Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September 2021

Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2022

Please check the school website regularly for current information.

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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