Parent News: Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We very much hope that this week marks the beginning of the end of the Covid regulations. It has been so wonderful to properly see students' faces where they have felt confident enough to remove their masks. We eagerly await the decision surrounding the further removal of protective measures in order that we can start to

welcome parents back in and reintroduce events such as our dance and music shows.

Our Year 11 and 13 students have now completed their formal examination pieces and we have said goodbye to both year groups. Year 11 will return for their traditional final assembly on Monday 5th July. Students in Year 7 to 10 and Year 12 now have 8 school weeks remaining of this term and this gives us lots of precious time for extensive learning.

I would like to say thank you to the very many parents who have contacted me this week after reading my communication regarding discrimination. It is so heartening to know that the positive messages that we are conveying to our community are being reinforced by so many of you. I would also like to say thank you to all the young people who have showed real conviction and courage in discussing their views and feelings to support their peers.





SLT Assemblies:

Miss Whitaker has delivered assemblies to all year groups this week on the topic of rules, and how as a community we need to show respect to each other by following them.

Student of the week:

Harriotte Dumbarton in Year 12 - For the amazing job in taking charge of organising and taking photographs of the whole of Year 11 for their yearbook!

Fab:

- I want to personally thank you for addressing a situation that has been affecting my family like never before. I understand that you have a curriculum to follow and truly thank you for the recognition as this is something that needs to be instilled throughout their school journey and throughout their lives.
- Our daughter has just finished in the Sixth form and a place at AUB. Bournemouth beckons, we are so incredibly proud of her achievements and that is in no small part to

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the dedication of the teachers at Brakenhale School. You do an amazing job every day and it really is so appreciated. I can only guess at how stressful the last 18 months have been, but suffice to say that I think you have all risen to the challenge to do an amazing job for our young people. Thank you all.

Drab:

> My daughter comes home every day saying that there are a lot of older children not being very nice, swearing and pushing the younger ones in the corridor, going to and from lessons. Surely they should be setting a good example instead of making the younger ones feel scared of them.

I am very surprised and sorry to hear this as we have staff manning the corridors across the day. Please do either ask your daughter to speak to her Head of Year in confidence or give you specific details to relay to us and we will, of course, investigate and deal with this. All corridors are covered by CCTV and therefore any perpetrators of poor behaviour can be identified.

Staff member of the week:

Miss Shill: Miss Shill helped me and my friend through a difficult time at school and spent time with us to

make sure that we are both okay, she is such a lovely TA! Thank you Miss Shill.

Miss Hodgson: For helping me both in and out of lesson, and being a generally great person! She's a great

teacher and her classes always make my day :)

Ms Coley: For the dedication, perseverance and hard work you have given to Brakenhale to turn it around

in your time with the school, wish you much success in your new role, their gain is Brakenhale's

loss.

Miss Hayward: For always being so kind in each Geography lesson, and always making sure we are prepared

for everything that is thrown at us. Thank you for always being there for us :))

Quote of the week:

'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.' - Maya Angelou.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Next Week: A

Wednesday 26 th May	Army Engagement Programme
Thursday 27 th and Friday 28 th May	Year 9 Immunisations
Thursday 27 th May	Year 11 and 13 Progress Reports sent home

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. We would also appreciate any **tie** donations. Items can be handed in to Mrs McCrorie in the book room at the back of the LRC on the first floor. Thank you.

Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support



CCF

Mr Bury, Mr Beukes, Miss Butler and the Cadets spent the day on Saturday at Wokingham Waterside Centre. They had an amazing day and had so much fun, enjoying the experience to the full. They had a go at Kayaking, Raft Building, Catamaran and Stand up Paddle Boarding.



Second Lieutenant Bury, School Staff Instructor

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Corner

Hate Crime

Our Key Stage 3 students had a talk from one of our local police officer partner last week. He informed the students that 90% of all hate crimes result in conviction. As I drove to school this morning, listening to the radio, there was some shocking statistics that hate crimes are on the rise. As a community it's really important we don't stand for any form of hate crimes, challenge hatred when we see it and be kind to each other. A weekend thought from Thumper (the rabbit from Bambi), 'if you haven't got anything kind to say, don't say anything at all.'



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International Tea Day



Friday 21st May is, International Tea Day. As many of you know, the UK is a nation of tea drinkers. There is evidence to suggest some of the first tea drinkers were in China, 5000 years ago and today tea is grown in many countries around the world such as India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Argentina to name a few. Tea plantations, if set up and run correctly, can help reduce poverty and empower women to start their own tea plantations. So this weekend, whilst you enjoy a cup of Fairtrade tea, it's a great opportunity to think about where your tea has come from, the different cultures who support

the tea trade and finally how, by buying Fairtrade tea products, you are supporting ending poverty and empowering women.

Mr Vegh, Head of EDI and Mrs Lister, SLT



Last chance to enter:





Please see below for more details:

Young Writers Unsolved: Friday 21st May to Mrs Lewis

Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design: Wednesday 26th May to Mrs Faluyi

Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition

Don't forget this exciting opportunity Key Stage 3 students to 'Design a Royal Mail stamp to honour the heroes of the pandemic'. Royal Mail will be producing a set of 8 stamps of the winning entries and there are some excellent prizes available for individuals and their families, as well as for the school.

Designs should be drawn on the template provided, which was emailed via schoolcomms and paper copies are available from A02 (attached to the noticeboard for easy collection at any time).

The deadline is 4pm on Wednesday 26th May. Entries can be submitted

to Mrs Faluyi (or left in the folder attached to the noticeboard in the entrance of AO2 at any time) or handed to your Art teacher.

Remember that house points are being awarded for all entries, and we can't wait to see your amazing entries.





This is a fantastic opportunity for you all, good luck everyone!

Mrs Faluyi, Art

Young Writers Unsolved Competition

Calling all students aged 11 to 18 – Young Writers invites you into the thrilling world of crime and mystery writing with Unsolved, the latest mini saga writing completion to help reignite creativity.

There are 8 fantastic story starters to kick-start a story



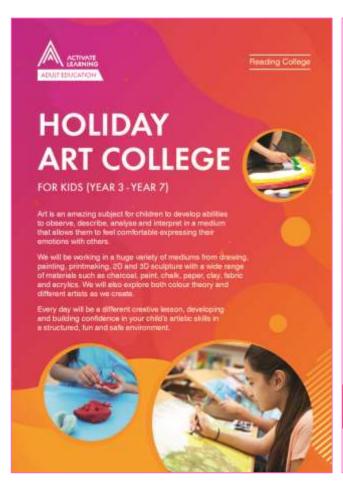
told in just 100 words. Whose point of view will you choose to write from? Whether you love a good old mystery or want to make sure justice is served, the 'Unsolved' competition will help you plan and write a mini saga, engaging with creative writing and original ideas.

Please see Mrs Lewis for an entry form. Resources, more ideas and the story starters, if you want to use one, can be found on the entry form and on the Young Writers website. Please ensure you stories are back with her by the deadline of **Friday 21**st **May** (on the website it says 28th May but Mrs Lewis needs time to submit your entries).

The 5 favourite published writers will each with £100 and a trophy and the best school will be awarded The Young Writers' Award of Excellence and an awesome book bundle.

For more information please visit the Young Writers website: https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS3-4/unsolved

Mrs Lewis, English Teacher



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Extra Curricular Clubs – Non Sporting



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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
	3.05 - 4.00	SPARX and Hegarty Club	All Years	B14	Mrs Smith / Mrs Turner
Tuesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Tues	3.05 – 4.05	Year 8 Drama Club	Year 8	Drama Studio L01	Miss Cullip
	3.20 - 5.20	3.20 – 5.20 CCF		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
Thur	3.05 – 4.05	Year 7 Drama Club	Year 7 Drama Studio Mi		Miss Cullip
Friday	3.05 – 4.00	Identity Club	All Years	F10	Miss Bunkell/Mrs Lewis
Fric	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels

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

House Points this Week

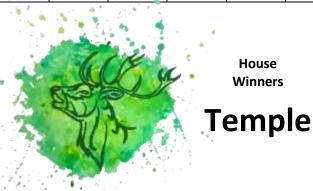
We continue to recognise the hard work that our students are doing through our House System by issuing House Points. It has been amazing to see so many of our students rewarded with many achievement points this week across the departments.

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

Achievement Points This Week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Points	421	530	185	185	42	0	0	1363
Aspiration Points	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Community Points	49	51	25	27	1	0	0	153
Community Points Out and About MDS	3	14	1	0	0	0	0	18
Culture Points	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	41
Leadership Points	38	10	22	2	22	0	0	94
Physical Points	285	76	47	82	32	0	0	522
Total	800	681	322	296	97	0	0	2196

House Points This Week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Farley (BLUE)	232	150	73	66	25	0	0	546
Jennetts (YELLOW)	183	186	93	75	28	0	0	565
Swinley (RED)	192	139	70	93	24	0	0	518
Temple (GREEN)	193	206	86	62	20	0	0	567
Total	800	681	322	296	97	0	0	2196

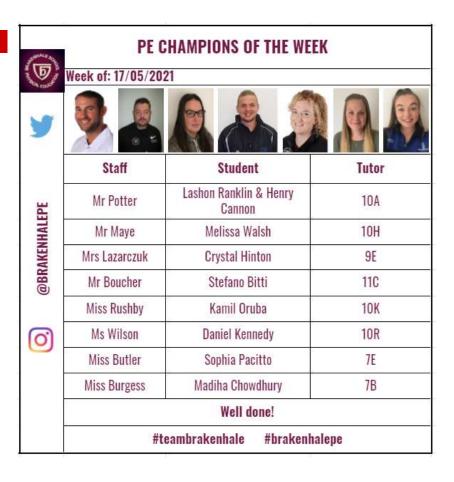




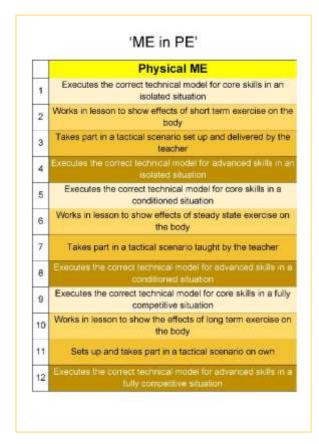
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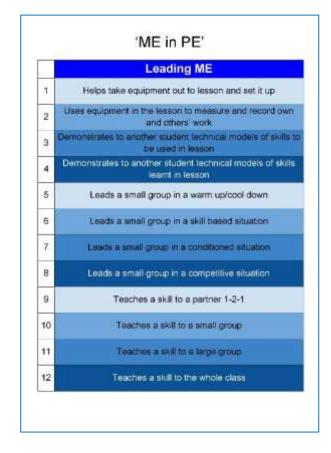
PE Champions

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



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









Mr M Potter, Head of PE and Mr C Maye, Second in PE



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BRAKENHALE PE DEPARTMENT - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - HALF TERM 5 - 2020-2021



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch time (1330-1400) Ties & blazers OFF, trainers ON!		YEAR 10 Activity: BASKETBALL Where: SPORTS HALL Staff: CBU (JBO)			
AFTER SCHOOL (1515-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm FINISH for Trampolining*** 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	No clubs due to staff meetings!	YEAR 7 Activity: Badminton Location: Sports Hall Staff: CPI Activity: Rounders Location: Astro/field Staff: NLA YEAR 8 Activity: Football Location: Field Staff: MPO YEAR 9 Activity: Football Location: Astro/field Staff: CMY Year 12/13 Activity: Boxing/fitness Location: JNS Staff: ABI	YEAR 7 Activity: Cricket Location: Astro/nets Staff: KWH/MPO Activity: Netball Location: Field Staff: ABT YEAR 8 Activity: Multi Sports Location: Field Staff: CMY & ABI Activity: Basketball Location: Sports hall Staff: CBU & SNA YEAR 9 Activity: Rounders/Softball/Golf Location: Field Staff: JBO	YEAR 7 Activity: Football Location: Astro Staff: JBO & CCO YEAR 8 Activity: Netball Location: Courts Staff: KWI YEAR 9 Activity: Cricket Location: Astro/nets Staff: KWH YEAR 10 Activity: Athletics/fitness Location: Field/fitness suite Staff: LRU	No clubs due to Pi exam revision and catcl up sessions
Wet weather space for clubs!		7 - Sports hall 8 - Trampolining - TC 9 - Fitness - Fitness Suite 12/13 - JNS	7 - Fitness - Fitness Suite 8 - Sports hall 9 - Trampolining - TC	7 - Trampolining - TC 8 - Trampolining - TC 9 - Sports hall 10 - Fitness suite	
Changing spaces for school clubs		Y7 - CHANGE IN SPORTS HALL CHANGING ROOMS Y8 - CHANGE IN DANCE CHANGING ROOMS Y9 - CHANGE IN JNS CHANGING ROOMS Y12/13 - CHANGE IN PE/PA CLASSROOMS	Y7 - CHANGE IN SPORTS HALL CHANGING ROOMS Y8 - CHANGE IN DANCE CHANGING ROOMS Y9 - CHANGE IN JNS CHANGING ROOMS	Y7 - CHANGE IN SPORTS HALL CHANGING ROOMS Y8 - CHANGE IN DANCE CHANGING ROOMS Y9 - CHANGE IN JNS CHANGING ROOMS Y10 - CHANGE IN PE/PA CLASSROOMS	

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 <u>pe@brakenhale.co.uk</u> for more information on our clubs!



Later on this month Berkshire Cricket Foundation are coming into our PE lessons to put on girls specific cricket lessons across all year groups.

> Year 7 and 8 - Focus on skills Year 9 - Games based approach Year 10 - Cricket Leadership

Have a look below to see if your lesson is being affected by these sessions:

Thursday	
May 20th	
10y/Pe2	
8y/Pe3	
9y/Pe3	
7x/Pe2	

Monday May 24th 7x/Pe2 9x/Pe2 8y/Pe2

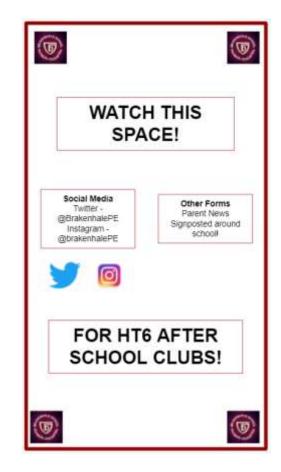
Thursday May 27th 8x/Pe2 10x/Pe4 7y/Pe2 7x/Pe4



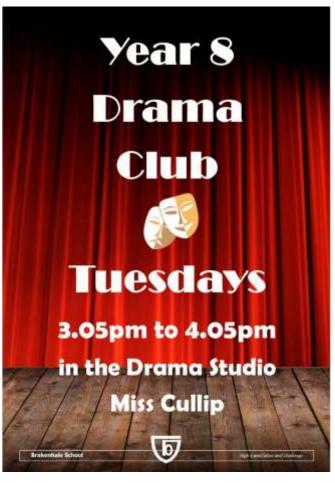
















School Dining Hall

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)

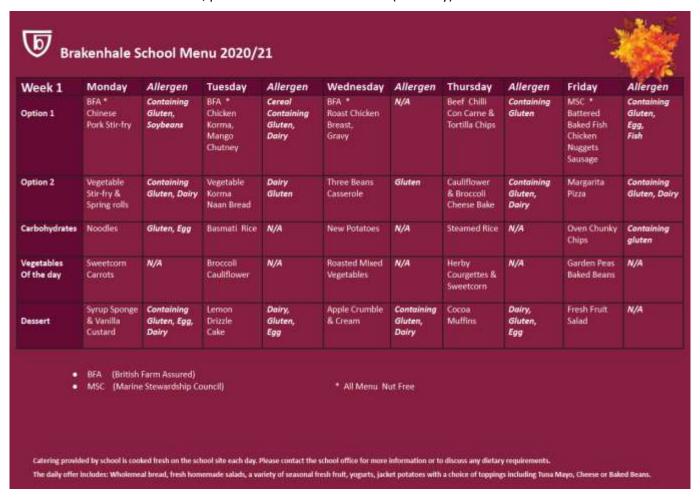
3.05: Any unsold food may be purchased at half price by cash or account

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 (24th May) will be week 1:



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/

Meaningful May 2021

Being a part of something bigger than ourselves or focusing on things that we value is key to our wellbeing. Having a faith, or being involved with a particular cause or passion can provide this sense of something bigger, or it could be relationships or things that you nurture. Let's take time to reflect on what we care about this month and keep these things at the front of our minds as society opens up again.



Fundraising

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.

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



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.

Friends of Brakenhale

Our tax-free fundraising campaign page is now live:

Friends of Brakenhale

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charityweh/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage

web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=9819&charityId=1018027

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



- Headteacher
- Receptionist / Admin Assistant
- Science Teacher
- Computer Science/Business Teacher
- 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:**







<u>Fab</u> <u>Drab</u> <u>Staff Member of the Week</u>

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

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Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	Half term break			
Thursday 10 th June	Year 7 Parents' Evening			
Thursday 17 th June	Year 8 Parents' Evening			

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

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September 2021 Inset Days

Friday 3rd September (Year 7 only) – 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 Friday 18th February 2022

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

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

SUMMER TERM 2023

Tuesday 19th April – Tuesday 19th July 2022

Summer Half Term - Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

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

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 20th July 2022

(May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022)

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

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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