



# Brakenhale School Parent News

## Parent News: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to #teambrokenhale. I hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed some sunshine and even some snow! The students have come back with a really positive attitude, focused and ready to learn. It has been a really good start to the summer term.

Over this term we really hope we will be able to gradually move back to more regular systems and routines. We are awaiting new guidance from the Department for Education; we will keep you posted of any changes as and when they arise.

The week started with assemblies to Year 7, 8 and 9 from PC Ian Gregory who will be working closely with our students across the next term. We are really lucky to have his presence on site and many students took the opportunity to chat with him during break and lunch. His focus this week was on the importance of keeping themselves safe and reducing vulnerability from people who may wish to take advantage of them. Over the next few weeks he will be talking to smaller groups of students about knife crime.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Ms Fear. Ms Fear is joining us as SENCO in our SEN department, working alongside Ms Baveystock who will be retiring at the end of this academic year. She has a wealth of experience and is joining us from a local school. Welcome Ms Fear! We would also like to welcome back Mr Vegh from his paternity leave in his new role as the school lead for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Finally, the next two weeks are vitally important for Year 11 and 13 who will be sitting assessments which form a key part of the grades we will be submitting to the exam boards for them. They have been incredibly focused with a real desire to do well and we wish them all the very best.

### **Student of the week:**

Lily Warner in Year 10 - who gave us a blast from the past this week when she donated her Grandfather's old school report dated from 1971. We look forward to being able to display this in the future. It was really lovely to share such a precious memory.

### **Fab:**

I really loved the PSHE about women's rights this week! It was so lovely to know that the school are making an effort to educate not only boys, but the entire school about the struggles women face on a daily basis. I'm proud to go to a school that doesn't stay silent about these types of issues.

### **Staff member of the week:**

Mrs Clark      She's so nice and very supportive.

Miss Toofany    So kind and is always ready to help when you need it. Her media lessons are amazing.

Miss Ocana      Great Maths Teacher!!

Miss Robson    Love her Science lessons! So kind as well!

### **Quote of the week:**

'Whatever this week throws at us, we can handle it. We are stronger than we think we are, life may get hard but we won't quit.' (@all on the board - from London Transport)

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## What's on next week

### Next Week: A

Year 11 and 13 Open Book Exams start	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>
CCF Meeting	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30-5.30pm</b>
Junior Maths Challenge	<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>

## Spring has Arrived

You may remember that quite a while ago the Eco Club planted some saplings around the school and it is fabulous to see that they are now shooting up. In fact, all around the new build there is colourful new life springing up and the first sightings of flowers and buds in the school makes us very happy.

Additionally over Easter grass seed was sown on the large banked areas at the front of the school – hopefully we will soon be able to look out over green rolling hills!



We have also had our IT Block stairwells refurbished and they are looking very smart indeed.



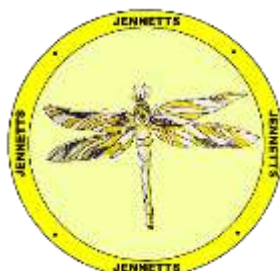
### House Points this Week:

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:

House Points								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Farley (BLUE)	86	92	65	43	22	5	0	313
Jennetts (YELLOW)	78	98	77	49	37	0	0	339
Swinley (RED)	74	64	64	59	31	0	0	292
Temple (GREEN)	79	101	88	39	20	2	0	329
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1273</b>

House Points								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Point	154	257	201	182	69	2	0	865
Aspiration Points	31	1	0	0	4	0	0	36
Community Point	39	36	60	8	5	5	0	153
Community Points out and about MDS	4	4	24	0	0	0	0	32
Culture Points	0	24	3	0	1	0	0	28
Leadership Points	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Physical	84	31	6	0	31	0	0	152
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1273</b>



House  
Winners  
**Jennetts**

## School Houses







At Brakenhale we are very proud of our house system, supported and encouraged by our Heads of Houses.

It was lovely to see all the houses come together to do an end of term Easter assembly, with many awards and certificates given out. A BIG well done to every student for earning house points and achievements points and congratulations to Jennetts who at the minute are in the house point lead.

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 <p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <p><b>SELFLESS COMMITMENT</b> Charity Volunteering Courtesy Duke of Edinburgh Eco Club</p>	 <p><b>PHYSICAL</b></p> <p><b>COURAGE</b> PE, Dance Duke of Edinburgh, CCF Outdoor Adventure Weekends / Residentials</p>	 <p><b>ACADEMIC</b></p> <p><b>DISCIPLINE</b> School work / Homework 100% Attendance Brakenhale Bugle Mock Trials Societies (STEM, Media, Chess)</p>
 <p><b>CULTURE</b></p> <p><b>RESPECT</b> Performing Arts Poetry Competition Visiting Museums Music Shows PSHE Reading programme &amp; suggested books Hospitality &amp; Drama Society</p>	 <p><b>LEADERSHIP</b></p> <p><b>INTEGRITY</b> Prefects, School Council House &amp; Sports Captains Anti-bullying Ambassadors CCF NCOs Student Leadership</p>	 <p><b>ASPIRATION</b></p> <p><b>AMBITION</b> University Talks Apprentice Talks Careers Convention Careers Activities Work on Unifrog Ivy League Lectures Work Experience Enterprise Projects</p>

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**SWINLEY**  
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**TEMPLE**  
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We are looking forward to summer events coming up and a big push to lift the trophy this year.

Please find out more about our Heads of Houses below:



## Head of House: JENNETTS

A little bit about your House Captain Mr Maye

How long have you been head of House? **THIS IS MY 3rd ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Events that you do within your house System? **ALL SCHOOL EVENTS.**

What does the house system means to you? **THE HOUSE SYSTEM IS A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGES AND BACKGROUNDS COME TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, SUPPORT EACH OTHER.**



Raising funds you do in your house (cake sales etc)? **CAKE SALES BUT ALSO HAVE PLANS FOR PHONE CASE, GAME CONTROLLER COATING.**

Your favourite sport to watch? **FOOTBALL.**

Your favourite sport to play? **FOOTBALL (IF MY BODY ALLOWS).**

Football team you support? **LIVERPOOL.**

Activities you like out of school? **COACHING FOOTBALL, FAMILY TIME, GOING TO THE GYM.**



## Head of House: FARLEY

A little bit about your House Captain Mrs Harris









How long have you been head of House? **I have been Head of Farley House for 1 month, since January 2021!**

Events that you do within your house System? **Due to lockdown we have not had the opportunity to do much together as of yet but I have joined in all the Fun Friday challenges so we can support each other within our Farley team.**

What does the house system mean to you? **MOTO for Farley is Believe, Aspire and Succeed Together. I hope that the House system will bring more students and staff together to build trusted friendships and relationships: enjoy activities together, and support one another for events and sports day, to be the best we can, achieve together with our hopes and dreams.**

Raising funds you do in your house (cake sales etc)? **I want to raise funds by cake sales, movie night with popcorn, photo booth.**

Your favourite sport to watch? **Tennis.**

Your favourite sport to play? **Tennis.**

Football team you support? **England.**

Activities you like out of school? **I like cycling, walking and visiting new places and sightseeing.**




## Head of House: TEMPLE




*A little bit about your House Captain Mr Collins*








How long have you been head of House? **Less than 1 week.**

Events that you do within your house System? **During lockdown I have been trying to participate in the Fun Friday challenges, however I can't wait for when we're allowed back to school as a group for Sports Day events!**

What does the house system mean to you? **The house system is very important to me as it establishes a great sense of pride within our school community, it encourages students and staff to always strive for greatness no matter the activity. It also allows students to interact across year levels and gain support from older or younger students they may not always interact with.**

Raising funds you do in your house (cake sales etc)? **Not currently due to COVID, however I have plenty of ideas (watch this space!).**


Your favourite sport to watch? **Football and Basketball.**

Your favourite sport to play? **Football.**



Football team you support? **Liverpool.**

Activities you like out of school? **Playing sport, travelling, coaching Football and Athletics, and of course sleeping and eating**











## Head of House: SWINLEY

*A little bit about your House Captain Mrs Turner*

How long have you been head of House? **I have been head of Swinley since September 2020.**

Events that you do within your house System? **Unfortunately due to lockdown I have not had a chance to run any yet. I do however have lots of ideas for when things return to normal.**

What does the house system means to you? **The house system to me means working to build our own confidence through the many character badges as well as working together as a team to promote inclusion and accomplish great things both in school and in the wider community.**


Raising funds you do in your house (cake sales etc)? **Not yet but watch this space...**

Your favourite sport to watch? **Football and Ice Hockey.**

Your favourite sport to play? **Football and Netball.**

Football team you support? **Family team is Arsenal, however I grew up supporting Liverpool.**

Activities you like out of school? **I enjoy painting, walks, volunteering in the local community, singing and fossil hunting.**



## Ramadan

As you may be aware, the month of Ramadan started last week and Muslims around the world started their fasting.

As Brakenhale School is a diverse and multicultural school, we have many staff and students who are observing Ramadan, for this we shared information with tutor groups to make them aware and understand the importance of this month for Muslim community.

*Mrs Fandi, EAL Coordinator*

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### RAMADAN

**What is Ramadan?**  
Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and a time when Muslims across the world will fast (do not eat) during the hours of daylight.

**Why Ramadan is Important?**  
Muslims celebrate the time when the verses of the Qur'an (Muslims' holy book) were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).  
Ramadan is a time of worship and to read the Quran.  
A time to strengthen family and community ties.

<https://www.hbr.co.uk/newsround/23286976>

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### Further Information

Every Muslim is expected to fast from sunrise to sunset. But there are some exemptions such as those that are travelling, their age, if they have sickness, pregnant or are on a period.

Muslims must not eat or drink during daylight hours. During Ramadan Muslims get up early before dawn (Fajr) and have a light meal. This time is known as Suhoor.

Every day at sun set (Maghrib), Muslims traditionally break their fast with a meal called the iftar. Following the custom of Prophet Muhammad, the fasting was often broken with dates, then followed by a prayer and dinner.

**Why does the date of Ramadan change from year to year?**  
The Muslim year is a lunar (moon) year, so Ramadan moves forward by ten or eleven days each year. The day Ramadan begins is decided by the sighting of the new moon.

## Royal Ascot Art Competition

Congratulations to Nicole-Keeley in Year 9 who has been shortlisted as a finalist entry for the recent Royal Ascot Art competition. Please do check out the entries and show support by voting for her (age 14 category, entry number 2).

<https://www.ascot.co.uk/uploads/711360390-19-04-2021-09-29-29.Art%20Entries%2014%20yrs-EDITED%20Numbered%20LR.pdf>

I am pleased to announce that the short-listed entries are now available for online voting – link here: [RA Schools Art Competition 2021 - Online Vote](#).

As always, the children have come up with some brilliant interpretations of the theme and there is a great mixture of fun, colour and imagination, plus some clear talent.

I am really pleased with the entries that were submitted by Brakenhale students, well done to all who entered.

Voting will close on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 and winners will be announced the following week.

*Mrs Faluyi, Art Teacher*



## Sony Music Virtual Event

Calling all Year 10 to 13 students and their parents!

**Look Beyond Webinar Series: 360 Careers with Sony Music**

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April: 5pm – 6pm*

Sony will be giving an overview of all the career routes and paths on offer along with personal experiences and tips on how to get there yourself!

You can sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150068666421>



## 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 non-electric scooter to school.

Your support in these matters is much appreciated as always.

**Considerate Car Use**

The wellbeing of children is at the heart of our school and we are committed to ensuring that our children are safe when travelling to and from school. We have a number of measures in place to ensure that our children are safe when travelling to and from school. We have a number of measures in place to ensure that our children are safe when travelling to and from school.

**Park and Strike**  
Consider parking further away from the school and making part of your journey a walk. This allows you more time to see any children who are crossing the road. It also allows you to see any children who are crossing the road. It also allows you to see any children who are crossing the road.

**Avoid the pavement**  
Do not drive on the pavement - children are likely to be playing in the pavement, and it is not safe to drive on the pavement. Do not drive on the pavement - children are likely to be playing in the pavement, and it is not safe to drive on the pavement.

**Junctions**  
Do not park within 10 metres of a junction or junction approach. This allows you to see any children who are crossing the road. It also allows you to see any children who are crossing the road.

**Parking restrictions**  
Do not park where you are prevented from using the road. This includes where you are prevented from using the road. This includes where you are prevented from using the road.

**Verges**  
Do not park on the verges - the verges are there to allow you to see any children who are crossing the road. It also allows you to see any children who are crossing the road.

**Speed**  
Please drive slowly at all times, children may suddenly stop in the road. Do not drink and drive. Do not drink and drive. Do not drink and drive.

**Car doors**  
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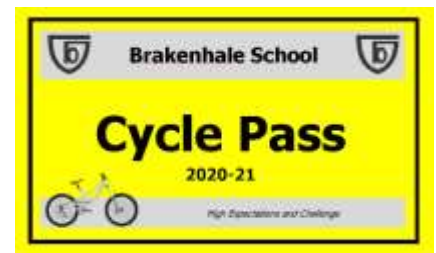
**General information**  
Please park so that you do not cause any obstruction to other vehicles. Do not park so that you do not cause any obstruction to other vehicles. Do not park so that you do not cause any obstruction to other vehicles.

## Cycling to School

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

To request a cycle pass, please click on the link below. Once your request has been approved, your son/daughter will be issued with a pass via their tutor.

<https://forms.gle/ZZShNuSHtSye8thH9>



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. Please also remind students that they must dismount at the school gates when arriving at school and should not mount their cycle/scooter until they are off the school grounds. Non-compliance will be sanctioned.



## 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](http://www.bikeability.org.uk) new window or contact your local Road Safety Officer through the Local Authority.

## Curriculum Support Updates

*Please note that whilst we are following social distancing guidelines all services that run from the Head of Year office – Tools for Learning, Lost Property, Recycling of Stamps and Pens, Face masks - are temporarily located in the LRC book room and not the Head of Year office until further notice.*

### Tools for Learning

Student Tools for Learning are sold by Mrs McCrorie from the LRC Book Room on the first floor of the new block.

Tools for Learning will be available to purchase before school from 8.20am to 8.35am and then during tutor time until 8.55am. Emergency pencil cases to borrow for the day will also be available from the Head of Year office during morning tutor time.

You will still be able to purchase tools for learning online via parentpay and collect them from main reception.

Students should also remember to bring their named PE kit and any other items needed for the day, including timetables.

### PE Kit and other items

Students should remember to bring their named PE kit and any other named items needed for the day, including timetables and subject specific items. Getting into the habit of preparing uniform and school bag the night before is a really good idea to keep students organised.

### Unwanted/Outgrown School Uniform

If you have a child that has outgrown any school uniform or PE kit, please would you kindly consider donating them to us to use as spare uniform stock. We would really appreciate any spare plain black coats suitable for school or other items of uniform so please think of us as your children outgrow their uniform. Please label any items for the attention of Mrs McCrorie and drop them off to main reception or the LRC Book Room on the first floor, thank you. If your child has borrowed uniform could we please remind you that the item(s) should be returned to school as soon as possible.

### School Uniform Reminders

Following the introduction of Brakenhale scarves in house colours last year, we would like to advise that no other scarves will be permitted in school. School scarves can be purchased online at a cost of £12.25.

Hair bands or slides must be plain black or brown and make-up must not be worn; this includes acrylic nails and fake tan. Students will be asked to remove non-uniform items.

### Tools for Learning made up pack

Large see-through Pencil Case	£0.80
Three Black or Blue Pens (15p each)	£0.45
HB Pencil	£0.10
Rubber	£0.10
Pencil Sharpener	£0.15
30cm Ruler	£0.15
Protractor	£0.20
Highlighter Pen	£0.15
Colouring Pencils	£0.80
Glue Stick	£0.35
<b>Full pencil case</b>	<b>£3.25</b>
Scientific Calculator	£8.35
KS3 Art Book	£1.00

Uniform can be purchased online from The Direct Clothing Company - details can be found via our website: <https://brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/uniform/>

### Lost Property

Please can we kindly remind all parents and students to **name all items**, including uniform, PE kits, water bottles, pencil cases, other tools for learning - EVERYTHING.

We have a member of staff dedicated to reuniting lost property with owners and she endeavours to return items daily. However, she is unable to return items to students without a name and items will be disposed of at regular intervals. Email: [lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk). Thank you to all the parents and students that have used this email address.

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



Email : [lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk)

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.

**Thank you for making sure all student equipment and items are named so we can return them promptly.**

Students are always welcome to look through lost property, which is based in the LRC Book room with Mrs McCrorie, at the start of the day from 8.30am then at any break time or at the end of day. All items of unnamed lost property will be given to charity at the end of term unless they have been collected.

### Mobile Phone Policy

Can we please remind you that students must not use a mobile phone or any other mobile device anywhere on the school site (both before and after the bell) 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. Anyone seen using mobile devices contrary to school guidance will face sanctions.

### Cycle & Scooter Safety

It is really important that we all stay safe to and from school and would like to remind students that they **MUST** wear a cycle helmet to school. If they are seen without wearing one this does carry a sanction. Student safety is really important to us. Please note that electric scooters are not allowed in school.

Could we also please remind students to only leave their cycles **IN** the main bike shed and not locked up outside. Any cycles found outside the bike shed will have additional locks put on them for safety and the student's right to cycle to school will be in jeopardy. Students must dismount their cycle on entering the school site and walk them to the cycle sheds.

## E-SCOOTERS

What you need to know



It's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter in public.

Did you know it's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (e-scooter) in public? ⚠

That's because e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles in law. So, in theory, this means that you need an MOT, road tax and insurance to use one, however it isn't currently possible to register e-scooters in the UK.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

You cannot use a privately owned e-scooter on the road, government or in a public space. If you do then you risk receiving a large fine, points on your driving licence and your e-scooter could be seized.

Some parts of the UK are running government trials of rental e-scooters. If you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence, then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths.

Just check that your driving licence covers categories AM, A or B.

### Parent Pay

The support team would also appreciate the help of parents to keep their parent pay accounts in credit for the purchase of food from the canteen.

**Chewing Gum**

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



**Stamp Collection**

Mrs McCrorie still continues to collect used stamps for guide dogs. If you could kindly save all used stamps we have a box provided in the LRC Book Room where students can place them. Many thanks.

**Staying Hydrated**



With the warmer weather could we please remind you that students need to have a NAMED re-usable water bottle to keep hydrated.

Reuseable Brakenhale logo water bottles are available to purchase from the LRC Book Room and main reception for the cost of £2.00. We are unable to provide single use cups for water during the hot weather for students.

Any lost or unclaimed bottles will be taken to the LRC Book Room, along with all lost property. Many Thanks

**Reward Tickets**

Here at Brakenhale we have an army of support staff and Midday Supervisors who patrol our school playgrounds, football courts and canteen to ensure appropriate behaviour is promoted and for the safety of every student.

Our Midday Supervisors are keen to maintain consistent standards of student behaviour at lunch times they reward good behaviour with a positive lunchtime green recognition ticket and house points. We feel this works effectively to engage with the students and that it's important they benefit from positive points and the reward system during lunch breaks.



Many have already been issued out so well done to so many for being polite and for being seen doing the right thing.

**Face Masks, Safety and Social Distancing**

Please ensure that students bring a plain face mask to school. If a mask is not brought to school a disposable mask can be purchased from the Head of Year Office at a cost of 50p. Students who do not wear a face mask and do not have a previously agreed exemption with the school (through the Head of Year) will be subject to the behaviour policy and sanctioned accordingly.

**Washing hands**

Government guidelines still require that students should not gather in large groups before and after school and we would appreciate that you remind your children that they should not get together with friends outside of school hours until such time as the government announces further changes.

*Mrs McCrorie, Midday Supervisor, Curriculum Support Assistant, Lost Property Link*



**Recycling**



Please remember to recycle where possible. We have mixed recycling bins all around the school for paper, card and plastic. Please keep up the good work.



## PE Update

Hello and welcome back to summer term 2021 in PE!

There is lots to be happy and excited about in this term; namely the summer sunshine, blue skies, the first ever Brakenhale RAG week, lots of things to do after school and hopefully fixtures starting back up as well as sports day 2021 later in the term.

This term sees us introduce our summer activities in both lesson and after school clubs, but we still have some of our spring activities going on such as netball and football after school for students to participate in. We also see the sixth form join us for clubs with some boxing fitness with Mr Bissett on a Tuesday. It really is key that we give all of our young people across the school the opportunity to be active with us.

The fitness suite has proved very popular both in lesson and as a space to be used for clubs, it is fantastic to see it being used by both our students and staff; hopefully the sixth form will have full use of it in their free periods next year to support their independent physical and mental well being.

This term sees a new ME in PE and it is the first time we have run and implemented the Leading ME strand of our ME in PE assessment framework; Leading ME is all about students taking more responsibility and independence in lesson, taking charge of their own activity and learning, under the watchful eye of the PE staff. It will be great to see how students and staff are getting on with this later in the term.

I must give a big shout out (one has already had one) to the following school staff; Mr Collins, Ms White, Mr Bissett, Miss Pickett and Ms Nahar as they are all giving up their time to support and offer our students more opportunities to join in and take part in school clubs - a genuine thank you to you all for your time for this, for our students, they are very lucky!

I wish you all a fantastic term with us and can't wait to see you in lesson and at clubs, getting involved in PE!

### Quiz



Here are the answers from last term's quiz – how many did you get right?



### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PE DEPARTMENT???


Q1) Whose brother works for a premier league football team?  
**MR MAYE**

Q2) Who fell off their bike in a charity bike ride?  
**MR POTTER**

Q3) Who missed out on a BUCS Lacross gold medal by 1 point?  
**MISS BUTLER**

Q4) Who as a child has played at the John Smiths Stadium?  
**MR BOUCHER**

Q5) Who is our Wicket Keeper???  
**MR FUNNELL**

Q6) Who hit the post with an open goal?  
**MRS LAZARCZUK**

Q7) Who likes to swim, run and ride a bike in one race?  
**MISS RUSHBY**

Q8) Who is inspired by a Kobe Bryant quote?  
**MISS WILSON**

Q9) Who has represented England for Basketball?  
**MISS BURGESS**

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HOW MANY DID YOU GET RIGHT???

### PE Champions

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

PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

**Week of: 19/4/2021**

	Staff	Student	Tutor
	Mr Potter	Leland Spohr	9B
	Mr Maye	Oliver Stubbs	7H
	Mrs Lazarczuk	Sophie Sheppard	9B
	Mr Boucher	Emanuele Giannone	8E
	Miss Rushby	Lily Warner	10A
	Ms Wilson	Maizy Cortez	8K
	Miss Butler	Nicole-Keeley Whitehouse	9E
<b>Well done!</b>			
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**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

**PE KIT**

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO NAME ALL YOUR PE KIT, BELONGINGS AND BAG!**

Please hand in all lost property to Mrs McCrorie in the book room/LRC - First floor. Thank you.

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



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Please apply to Mr Potter [mpotter@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:mpotter@brakenhale.co.uk)

FARLEY SWINLEY TEMPLE



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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Lunch time</b> (1330-1400) Ties & blazers OFF, trainers ON!		<b>YEAR 10</b> Activity: BASKETBALL Where: SPORTS HALL Staff: CBU (JBO)			
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> (1515-1630) Full kit needed to participate <b>***4pm FINISH for Trampolining***</b> <b>Please can you:</b> 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	<b>No clubs due to staff meetings!</b>	<b>YEAR 7</b> Activity: Badminton Location: Sports Hall Staff: CPI  Activity: Rounders Location: Astro/field Staff: NLA  <b>YEAR 8</b> Activity: Football Location: Field Staff: MPO  <b>YEAR 9</b> Activity: Football Location: Astro/field Staff: CMY  <b>Year 12/13</b> Activity: Boxing/fitness Location: JNS Staff: ABI	<b>YEAR 7</b> Activity: Cricket Location: Astro/nets Staff: KWH/MPO  Activity: Netball Location: Field Staff: ABT  <b>YEAR 8</b> Activity: Multi Sports Location: Field Staff: CMY & ABI  Activity: Basketball Location: Sports hall Staff: CBU & SNA  <b>YEAR 9</b> Activity: Rounders/Softball/Golf Location: Field Staff: JBO	<b>YEAR 7</b> Activity: Football Location: Astro Staff: JBO & CCO  <b>YEAR 8</b> Activity: Netball Location: Courts Staff: KWI  <b>YEAR 9</b> Activity: Cricket Location: Astro/nets Staff: KWH  <b>YEAR 10</b> Activity: Athletics/fitness Location: Field/fitness suite Staff: LRU	<b>No clubs due to PE exam revision and catch up sessions!</b>
<b>Wet weather space for clubs!</b>		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	
<b>Changing spaces for school clubs</b>		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 [pe@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:pe@brakenhale.co.uk) for more information on our clubs!

**Year 7  
Drama  
Club**

Starting Thursday 29th April

**Thursdays**  
3.05pm to 4.05pm  
in the Drama Studio  
Miss Cullip

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**Year 8  
Drama  
Club**

Starting Tuesday 27th April

**Tuesdays**  
3.05pm to 4.05pm  
in the Drama Studio  
Miss Cullip

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5-13 years old  
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## Library Challenge

With spring poking through winter's last icy blast (we hope) this term our librarians are thinking of being outdoors and the way spring brings new life. Most associate spring with green grass, daffodils and fluffy lambs skipping through the countryside. This month for our library challenge, we are going to be looking at animals in stories, some are the main characters with the story written from the animal's point of view, some play an important part in the story and some make an appearance to help with a plot twist.



So on to the Library challenge.

- Read a book with an animal as one of the characters.
- Write a book review and include why or how the animal shapes the story.

House points are up for grabs for anyone who completes either part.

Book review sheets are available in the Library next to the animal stories display table. You are welcome to choose a book from the display or find a book in the book area.

Book reviews can be written on audio books too. Audible has a great selection of free children's books that can be streamed without the need to sign up. For our EAL students, they have a great selection of audio books in different languages.

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Some ideas to get you started.

- How to Train Your Dragon.
- War Horse
- Warrior Cats
- Black Beauty
- Fantastic Mr Fox
- Esio Trot
- Pax
- Dragon Rider
- The Dog Runner

*Mrs Daniels and the Student Librarians*



## 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/](http://www.brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/parent-zone/)

There is a 3 week menu rotation, please see below. Next week (26<sup>th</sup> April) will be week 3:

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

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

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](http://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.

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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/>

### Active April 2021

Daily actions to help you stay active and give you mind and body a boost.

This month we're encouraging you to get active, get outdoors and take care of your body! Let's reap the benefits of getting our bodies moving and breathing more deeply as a result of exercising, laughing and even singing! We don't all need to run marathons - there are simple things we can all do to take care of our bodies - for example unplugging from technology, getting outside and - importantly - making sure we get enough sleep!

**Active April 2021**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Commit to being more active this month, starting today	2. Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do	3. Spend as much time as possible outdoors today	4. Have a day free from TV or screens and get moving instead	5. Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water	6. Turn a regular activity into a playful game today	7. Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels
8. Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening	9. Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh	10. Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise	11. Be active outside. Dig up weeds or plant some seeds	12. Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge	13. Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside	14. Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time
15. Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation	16. Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)	17. Go exploring around your local area and notice new things	18. Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today	19. Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself	20. Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often	21. Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today
22. Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day	23. Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it	24. Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour	25. Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting	26. Try a new online exercise, activity or dance class	27. Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes	28. Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil
29. Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat	30. Become an activist for a cause you really believe in					

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## Fundraising

### Easy Fundraising

With [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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](http://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.

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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

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:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

## Future Diary Dates

\* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Year 13 Last Day	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 11 Last day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Year 9 Immunisations	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June

## Term Dates 2020-21

### SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Summer Half Term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 **Inset Days**

**Summer Holiday: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**INSET Days** Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

## Term Dates 2021-22

### Term Dates 2021-22

#### AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 **Inset Days**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Year 7 only) – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Autumn Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

#### SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**Spring Half Term - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Spring Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

*(Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April)*

#### SUMMER TERM 2022

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Summer Half Term - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**

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

**Summer Holiday: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

*(May Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022)*

**INSET Days**      Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
                             Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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