



**Parent News: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

As I know you are aware, as well as live teaching and running the on-site provision, we have been incredibly busy preparing for the reopening of school for all students next week. All staff returned yesterday to ensure that absolutely everything is organised and in place ready for our full community return. This has involved further staff training in the testing centre and of course testing of staff themselves. We have sent you a lot of information (sorry!) regarding both testing on site and home testing and we really hope that this will minimise the spread of any potential infection and enable us to keep the school open for all.

Monday was national secondary school place allocation day, and whilst we were delighted to be so over-subscribed, we ourselves were taken aback by the number of students in designated area who have not been allocated a place. Please do contact the school if you have any queries regarding this and would like any advice moving forward. We have had some very happy parents this week but sadly some disappointed ones with the offers of a place at our school. We are very proud to say that we were very oversubscribed and are sorry we are unable to offer more places.

An update on our building project - we are currently waiting for new gates to be put on the front entrance to the site at which point we will be able to start using this new area including the car park and parent drop-off and pick-up zone. We are now also in the process of replacing the roof on the Sports Hall and changing rooms and this will continue over the next few weeks; we had hoped it would be finalised by now but unfortunately, asbestos has set us back. We have, however, had the great pleasure of unveiling our beautifully refurbished art rooms. They have had a complete renovation including new furniture! Miss Wilhelmy and Mrs Faluyi were overwhelmed and incredibly excited about the prospect of showing their new home to our students when they arrive next week.



**Student of the week:**

Zac Box and Jack Moore - after witnessing a friend in an accident they kept calm and supported him until the emergency services arrived. Despite the fact that they themselves must have been very shocked they showed amazing maturity and resilience in a very difficult situation. Well done!!

**Fab:**

- Thank you to all teachers and staff for all your efforts over many weeks of lockdown. Year 9 Parents.
- Thank you to our son's tutor in year 9H for the weekly calls. It has been a huge help and support every week.
- We really enjoy the parents newsletter each week. Sometimes all the emails can be a bit mind blowing, so much rather sit and read this at the end of the week. It's always packed with relevant and interesting information for all.
- It's been great that Performing Arts and PE joined the curriculum lockdown the last couple of weeks. More activity welcomed.

- Thank you so much to all staff who have been working relentlessly every single day to ensure that you provided education for our children. We have sat in so many lessons and they have been engaging and well managed.

#### Staff member of the week:

Miss Hodgson - She always makes every English lesson the best.

#### Quote of the week:

'Everything will fall into place, just be patient'.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## Lockdown Lottery Winners

### Lockdown Lottery Winners

(Friday to Thursday)

Attendance	1st Prize	2nd Prize
Year 7	<b>Harry Austin</b>	<b>Olivia Thorndale</b>
Year 8	<b>Alysha-Mai Drayton</b>	<b>Ayub Mirza</b>
Year 9	<b>Poppy-May Cooper</b>	<b>Charlie Humphery</b>
Year 10	<b>Olivia-Leigh Brown</b>	<b>Lily Portsmouth</b>
Year 11	<b>Sophie Hatch</b>	<b>Ashley Ilagan</b>

- \* 1st Prize £20 Amazon Voucher
- \* 2nd Prize £10 Amazon Voucher



House Points	1st Prize	2nd Prize
Year 7	<b>Zoe Phillips</b>	<b>Mia Watson</b>
Year 8	<b>Danielle Dickinson</b>	<b>Supreeth Suragala</b>
Year 9	<b>Marine Satake</b>	<b>Simon Reeves</b>
Year 10	<b>Skyla Shaw</b>	<b>Henry Cannon</b>
Year 11	<b>Hristina Mihalkova</b>	<b>Amber-Rose Newhouse</b>

- \* 1st Prize £20 Amazon Voucher
- \* 2nd Prize £10 Amazon Voucher



Sixth Form Draw	1st Prize	2nd Prize
Effort and Attendance	<b>Lauren Williams</b>	<b>Miles Harvey</b>

- \* 1st Prize £20 Amazon Voucher
- \* 2nd Prize £10 Amazon Voucher

Overall School Draw	1st Prize	2nd Prize
HPs and Attendance	<b>Luke Reeves</b>	<b>Raymond Kilmartin</b>

- \* 1st Prize Meal Voucher
- \* 2nd Prize £10 Amazon Voucher

Weekly Tutor Competition	1st Prize	Leading Tutor Group
Year 7	<b>Chloe Gildersleve</b>	<b>7K</b>
Year 8	<b>Callum Holdstock</b>	<b>8R</b>
Year 9	<b>Emily Ashton</b>	<b>9R</b>
Year 10	<b>Matthew Courtman</b>	<b>10K</b>
Year 11	<b>Thomas Minihane</b>	<b>11C</b>


- \* 1st Prize £10 Amazon Voucher
- \* £100 to be awarded to the leading tutor group on Thursday 1st April



Year Group Competition	Year Group	Total
Leading Year Group	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>560</b>

- \* £500 to be awarded to the leading tutor group on Thursday 1st April


## Lockdown Lottery



# LOCKDOWN LOTTERY


## 'You have to be in it to win it'


Awards are based on weekly attendance and House Points achieved!



**Attendance (Year 7 -11)**  
 Students with 100% attendance will go into a draw (Each Year Group to be done individually)  
 1st Prize - £20 Amazon voucher (or equivalent)  
 2nd Prize - £10 Amazon voucher (or equivalent)


**House Points (Year 7 -11)**  
 Top 50 students achieving HPs will go into a draw (Each Year Group to be done individually)  
 1st Prize - £20 Amazon voucher (or equivalent)  
 2nd Prize - £10 Amazon voucher (or equivalent)






**Sixth Form Draw**  
 Staff to nominate students to go into a draw based on effort and attendance to lessons.  
 1st Prize - £20 Amazon voucher (or equivalent)  
 2nd Prize - £10 Amazon voucher (or equivalent)

**Overall School draw**  
 All students will go in the draw. If your name is pulled out and you have achieved 100% attendance and earned HPs for that week you will be eligible for the following prizes:  
 1st Prize - Family take away  
 2nd Prize - £10 Amazon voucher (or equivalent)

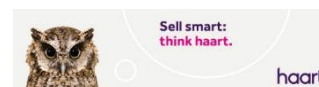


**Weekly tutor competition**  
 Tutor group with the best average attendance and HPs per student will win £100 to spend on a tutor group rewards events.  
 Tutees will also be entered into an additional draw to win:  
 1st Prize - £10 Amazon voucher

**Year group competition**  
 Year group with the best average attendance and HPs per student will win £500 to spend on a Year group rewards events.



High Expectations and Challenge #teambrokenhale



## Return to School Schedule

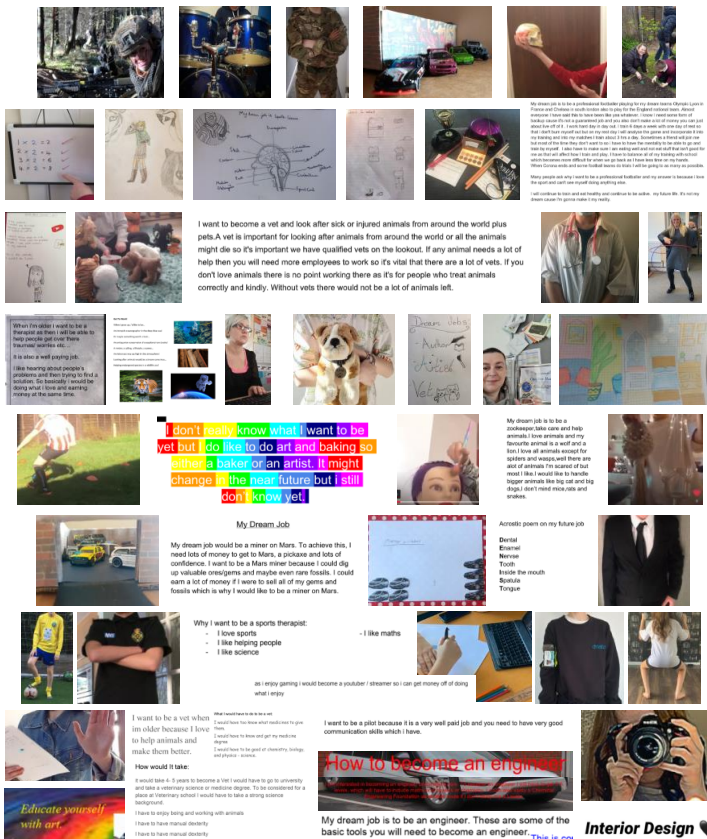
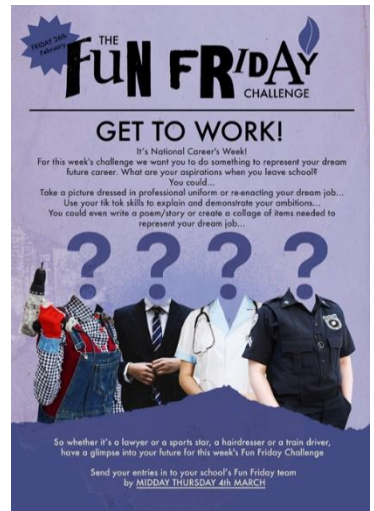
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth Form
Monday 08/03/2021	Home Learning	Home Learning	Home Learning	Home Learning	Home Learning/ Test 1	Home Learning/ Test 1
Tuesday 09/03/2021	Home Learning	Home Learning	Home Learning/ Test 1	Home Learning/ Test 1	In School	In School
Wednesday 10/03/2021	Home Learning/ Test 1	Home Learning/ Test 1	In School	In School	In School	In School

Test 1: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		Test 1: Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March		Test 1: Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
11 B/R/A/K	9.30 – 10.15	9 B/R/A/K	9.00 – 9.45	7 B/R/A/K	9.00 – 9.45
11 E/N/H/S/C	10.15 – 11.00	9 E/N/H	9.45 – 10.15	7 E/N/H	9.45 – 10.15
P16 B/R/A	11.00 – 11.30	10 B/R/A/K	10.30 – 11.15	8 B/R/A/K	10.30 – 11.15
P16 K/E/N	11.30 – 12.00	10 E/N/H	11.15 – 11.45	8 E/N/H	11.15 – 11.45
Test 2: Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March		Test 2: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March		Test 2: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 11	13.30 – 14.30	Year 9	13.00 – 14.00	Year 8	13.00 – 14.00
Sixth Form	14.30 – 15.30	Year 10	14.00 – 15.00	Year 7	14.00 – 15.00
Test 3: Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March		Test 3: Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Test 3: Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 11	13.30 – 14.30	Year 9	13.00 – 14.00	Year 8	13.00 – 14.00
Sixth Form	14.30 – 15.30	Year 10	14.00 – 15.00	Year 7	14.00 – 15.00

Students will be dismissed from school after their second and third tests.  
 Students who are not being tested will go home at the same time as their year group are being tested.

## Character Challenge (Fun Fridays) and Other Competitions

Thank you to everyone who has been submitting entries for the Get to Work Challenge. We were inundated with entries this week, please see a selection here:



- 🏆 1<sup>st</sup> place  
= 10 additional House Points
- 🏆 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
= 5 additional House Points
- 🏆 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
= 3 additional House Points

Each entry will receive 3 House Points in line with the Character Strength. A winner and a runner up will be selected and awarded additional points as above.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to get involved over the last few weeks.

Mr R Beukes, Assistant Headteacher

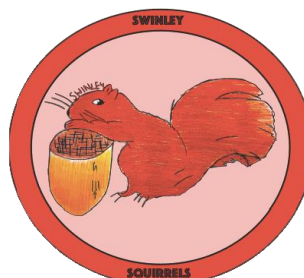
## House Points this Week:

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 so 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 this week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Farley (BLUE)	118	56	89	52	29	2	0	346
Jennetts (YELLOW)	119	41	85	55	23	3	6	332
Swinley (RED)	134	59	82	68	18	0	0	361
Temple (GREEN)	109	59	57	70	18	0	0	313
<b>Total</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1352</b>

House Points this week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Point	298	107	237	213	87	1	3	946
Aspiration Points	99	70	12	6	0	3	3	193
Community Point	30	0	16	19	1	1	0	67
Culture Points	4	0	0	7	0	0	0	11
Physical	49	38	48	0	0	0	0	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1352</b>



(Friday to Thursday)

House  
Winners

# Swinley

How amazing are we that 17326 house points were awarded, through work submitted, live lesson engagement, tutor, quizzes, kahoot, Fun Fridays and digital detox day.

Well done Year 7 and Jennetts who gained the most Lockdown points Jan-4.3.21, with Year 9 and Swinley on your tails.

Lockdown Achievement points 2021									
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Staff FF	Total
Academic Point	2816	2217	2483	2159	1605	19	20	0	11319
Aspiration Points	315	91	161	164	71	17	44	51	914
Community Point	503	272	534	380	259	4	0	66	2018
Culture Points	309	223	186	94	10	0	3	54	879
Leadership Points	146	177	64	87	17	0	0	0	491
Physical	478	411	569	136	93	0	1	17	1705
<b>Total</b>	<b>4567</b>	<b>3391</b>	<b>3997</b>	<b>3020</b>	<b>2055</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>17326</b>

## 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.

### Black Brakenhale Coats

If you have a child that has outgrown any plain black coats suitable for school, please would you kindly consider donating them to us to put in as spare uniform stock. We would really appreciate any spare coats or other items of uniform so please think of us as your children outgrow their uniform.

### School Uniform – Scarves

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.

### 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.

### 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

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.

## 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.

## Pen Recycling

We are continuing our pen recycling initiative and there is collection point in the LRC Book Room. Thank you to all the students who have used this collection point previously.

## 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.

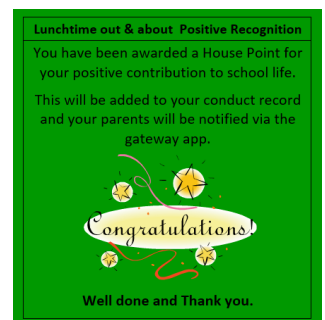
Any lost or unclaimed bottles will be taken to the LRC Book Room, along with all lost property. Many Thanks

## 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

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.

## Social Distancing

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*

## PE Update

Hello everyone!

### Interview with PE

So far we have interviewed some of our Teaching staff in PE but this week we have interviewed an integral part of PE that doesn't Teach but ensures behind the scenes that we are able to provide the high quality lessons you take part in. This week it's our PE Technician Mr Funnell.

### Reminders for when you get back to it with the Brakenhale PE department!

#### PE kit - 'get organised'...

Brakenhale PE kit (non-negotiable):

- Black PE top ✓
- Black PE 1/4 zip or jumper ✓
- Black skort/leggings(G) ✓ OR
- Black shorts/joggers(B) ✓
- White/Black PE socks ✓
- Trainers ✓

The week of 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March you will have a 1 week's amnesty to #getorganised! After that if your PE kit does not fit or you're waiting on an order/delivery remember to:

1. Bring plain black or white kit to wear instead (t shirt, shorts, leggings, joggers, jumper) ✓
2. A note to verify your kit ✓

### #beready #beprepared

#### Engagement - 'get going'...

We cannot wait to see you back in PE! It is business as usual for our department, we cannot wait to get you all back and moving - those MEs in PE are ready for you.... so are we!

Just bring...

- Your kit ✓
- That positive mental attitude you have ✓
- A can do attitude ✓
- A smile ✓

### #bepositive

**NAME**  
Mr Funnell

**INITIALS**  
RFU

**ROLE IN SCHOOL**  
PE Technician

**MAIN SPORT**  
Football/Cricket

**POSITION**  
Goalkeeper/Wicketkeeper

**GREATEST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT**  
Either winning the ESFA National Cup when I was in Sixth Form or being selected to play in a Surrey Schools game at The Oval

**FAVOURITE SPORTING QUOTE**  
"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"

**SPORTING ROLE MODEL**  
Gigi Buffon

**MOST EMBARRASSING SPORTING MOMENT**  
I got a golden duck in my first league game back after lockdown No1!

**Email address**  
rfunnell@brakenhale.co.uk

**#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe**



**Clubs - 'get involved'...**

Our clubs start the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Clubs will be on certain nights for certain year groups with specific places to **take part AND get changed**.

More information will be coming out soon on social media, schoolcomms and to tutors for what clubs are going on and on what night!

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

Mr C Maye, Second in PE



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**PE @ BRAKENHALE**  
GETTING THE MOST OUT OF PE THIS WINTER!

ITEM	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
GLOVES (MUST BE PLAIN BLACK, NO ATTACHMENTS OR MARKINGS)		
T SHIRTS OR 'SKINS' TO WEAR UNDER PE KIT (MUST BE BLACK OR WHITE)		
SOCKS (MUST BE PE SOCKS ONLY - PLAIN WHITE SPORT OR BLACK KNEE LENGTH)		

All other PE items can be worn to 'layer up' and keep warm. PE shirt (black) along with games shirt (burgundy) or purchase the black tracksuit bottoms or the PE jumper for additional layers also.  
You can purchase the new PE holdall from the school shop to place and carry all of your kit/items in and get a locker to store them in as well!

Thank you  
The Brakenhale PE Department

**PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK**

Week of: 01/02/21

	Staff	Student	Tutor
	Mr Potter	Lorna Heron	P16H
	Mr Maye	Kevin Nowlan	11A
	Mrs Lazarczuk	Daniel Macleod	7N
	Mr Boucher	Will Daniels	11B
	Miss Rushby	Lily Knowles	P16R
	Ms Wilson	Lily Warner	10A
	Miss Butler	Megan Everett	7N

**Well done!**  
#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe

**Assessment: ME in PE**

This term it is Physical ME and Thinking 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'**

Thinking ME	
1	Thinks of basic ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
2	Thinks of basic ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
3	Makes basic comments on own work (positive and constructive)
4	Makes basic comments on other people's work (positive and constructive)
5	Thinks of imaginative ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
6	Thinks of imaginative ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
7	Makes competent comments on own work (positive and constructive)
8	Makes competent comments on other people's work (positive and constructive)
9	Thinks of complex ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
10	Thinks of complex ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
11	Applies ideas/thoughts/comments to own work (positive and constructive)
12	Applies ideas/thoughts/comments to other people's work (positive and constructive)

## Strava Challenge




# BRACKNELL FOREST SECONDARY SCHOOLS DISTANCE CHALLENGE



**Start Date – Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> February...**

**....Duration – 2  
Weeks**




Enter the number of KMs you have  
walked/run/cycled using the QR code above to  
record your distance for Brakenhale


**Represent Brakenhale  
to compete against  
other Bracknell  
schools to see who  
can travel the furthest!**

**Follow the link to see  
how other students  
are getting on**  
<https://www.strava.com/clubs/brakenhalePE>

**CLICK ON THIS LINK TO SUBMIT  
YOUR KMS...**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZYDmaCklmU-OjSjTX\\_KwDTOEEzZtS9dCucXC\\_9xlfA\\_pUMVlxTUO2WTVBOLLPVjgzUkg2V1pVVEpGRi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZYDmaCklmU-OjSjTX_KwDTOEEzZtS9dCucXC_9xlfA_pUMVlxTUO2WTVBOLLPVjgzUkg2V1pVVEpGRi4u)





### Helping out....by getting out!

Brakenhale Community... we have a Year 11 GCSE PE student, Freya Grey, who is putting her steps and runs to great use by raising money for charity! Freya will be doing a 24 hour run on May 15<sup>th</sup> to raise money for 2 awesome charities - the Dogs Trust and The Samaritans! As a keen athlete and lovely young person, she is combining two of her favourite things... running and raising money for charity! She will be running 1 mile, every hour, for 24 hours on the day which is some going!

The GoFund me pages are below for you to donate to if you wish! We hope to see lots of donations and support in aid of Freya's 24 hour run! Keep checking in on social media for updates on the day!

Well done Freya, a brilliant and noble thing to do, showing what truly awesome students we have at Brakenhale!

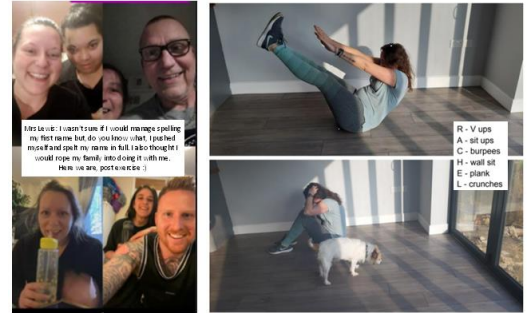
GoFund me for the Samaritans <https://gofund.me/e70423ef>


GoFund me for the dog trust <https://gofund.me/dccb656b>

## Literacy Challenges

Thank you to everyone who joined in the Literacy & PE Challenges from last week.

Please see a few of the entries that staff have shared with us...





# LITERACY & MATHS

Calling all staff and students....

Literacy has joined forces with Maths and together they bring you the ... 'Literacy and Numeracy Challenges'.

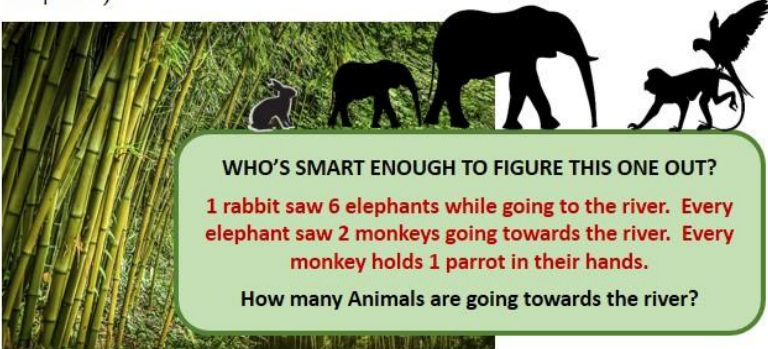
The difficulty here is that firstly, you need to break down the meaning of the language in order to secondly, figure out what equation needs to be attempted. And only then can you try and solve the puzzle.

Can you unite your literacy and numeracy skills to figure out the answer to these brain teasers below? Send your answers and workings out to [nfotheringham@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:nfotheringham@brakenhale.co.uk) and [dlewis@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:dlewis@brakenhale.co.uk)

**Challenge 1:** Can you 'crack' the code? It's 'eggsciting', sorry, I am probably 'eggsaggerating'!

You want to boil a two-minute egg. If you only have a three-minute timer (hourglass), a four-minute timer and a five-minute timer, how can you boil the egg for only two minutes?

**Challenge 2:** 'Ivory' now and again there comes a brain teaser that we simply must try and solve. Well, if you like, 'toucan' play that game - try it with a friend. Be a 'champion' :)




WHO'S SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE THIS ONE OUT?

1 rabbit saw 6 elephants while going to the river. Every elephant saw 2 monkeys going towards the river. Every monkey holds 1 parrot in their hands.

How many Animals are going towards the river?

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#teambrokenhale
High Expectations and Challenge

The next Challenge will be in conjunction with the Maths Department!

Please see their brain teasers on this poster!

## School Houses - TEMPLE

Temple House are currently still in the process of selecting House Captains, in particular for Year 8, 11 and Sixth Form. If you think you would be suited to this role or would like more information please apply ASAP!

*Mr Collins, Head of Temple House*



**YOUR HOUSE NEEDS YOU!**

**WANTED!**  
**HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Complete the form:  
Google House Captain Form  
or Contact your Head of House  
Mr C Collins: [ccollins@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:ccollins@brakenhale.co.uk)

## 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](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.

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

*Taz Asran, Chef Manager*

# Housemartin Conservation UK and Ireland

Mrs Polonara has been working closely with this charity during the Winter months; their aim is to protect and promote the conservation of House Martins.

House Martins are amazing migratory birds, of which a well established colony exists in Jennets Park.

They are in dramatic decline, as many other birds, and they need our help.

This leaflet has been produced in collaboration with Katy Bowman, an amazing graphic designer, to raise awareness to the problem.



# House Martins need you



**From March–May House Martins will begin to arrive in the UK after their long journey back from Africa, to spend the summer here raising their chicks. You may have noticed their mud nests on your home from previous years.**

### How you can help

You can encourage House Martins to nest on your house by putting up artificial nests to give them a permanent home year after year. You can encourage others to do this as well, by helping your community understand the problems the House Martin face.

Providing **artificial nest cups** can encourage House Martins to nest around your eaves. If you have to remove nests to do renovation works make sure it is outside of their nesting season (*it is illegal to remove or disturb an active nest of any bird in the UK*). Replacing the removed nests with artificial ones will encourage returning birds to stay and continue to breed. If you don't have any suitable eaves why not create your own by fixing a wooden board at least 200mm deep to create an overhang.

House Martins will leave droppings which can be an issue for some households, this can be remedied by positioning flower pots directly under the nests or by fitting a board several feet below the nest to capture them. The droppings are easily removed with a hose or a brush.

A pond is great for attracting insects and if it has a muddy edge can provide nest building material too.



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**Eaves make the perfect site for House Martin nest cups!**



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### Decline

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Adverse weather can impact migration and the availability of mud for nesting.
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Degradation of their overwintering grounds in Africa.
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Suitable nest sites are in decline due to new buildings using unsuitable materials.



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### Emergency

If you have a House Martin emergency please contact us or your local wildlife rescue centre.

Get in touch: [housemartinconservation@gmail.com](mailto:housemartinconservation@gmail.com)

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@ukhousemartins

## Action for Happiness

### Mindful March 2021

Daily actions to help you be more mindful and live in the moment.

Let's take the time to pause, breathe and really take in what's all around us. This month we're encouraging you to take some time to look within. Learning to be more mindful and aware can do wonders for our well-being in all areas of life - like the way we eat, the things we notice or our relationships. It helps us get in tune with our feelings and stops us dwelling on the past or worrying about the future - so we get more out of the day-to-day. It can also help us identify what we're grateful for, which has been proven to help boost your happiness levels!



# ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2021



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice five things that are beautiful in the world outside	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words	5 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day	6 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	7 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels
8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13 Pause to just watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that need doing
15 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant	18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20 Celebrate the International Day of Happiness <a href="http://dayofhappiness.net">dayofhappiness.net</a>	21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
22 Walk a different route today and see what you notice	23 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	27 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers	28 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are
29 Notice what is working today and be thankful that this is so	30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life	<p>"Mindfulness means that we commit fully in each moment to be present" - Jon Kabat-Zinn</p> 			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS







[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

**Happier · Kinder · Together**

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/mindful-march](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/mindful-march)

## Vacancies



- Assistant Headteacher
- Head of Sixth Form
- RS, Psychology, Criminology Teacher
- Science Teacher
- English Teacher

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

## 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.

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:

<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.

## Feedback Initiative

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

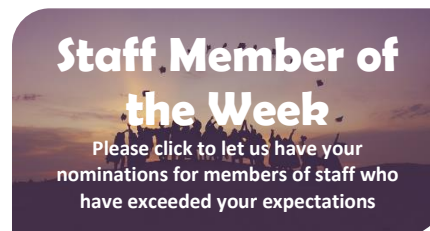
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

## Future Diary Dates

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

Year 7 Parents' Evening	10 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 8 Parents' Evening	17 <sup>th</sup> June

## Term Dates 2020-21

### SPRING TERM 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Spring Half Term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Spring Holiday: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

*(Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April)*

### 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

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#### 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 2023

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>



**#challengeforall**

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