



Parent News: Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Just when we think things are slightly more settled we get the news that we are back into lockdown, however, the good news is that school is still open. Yesterday I sent to you the updated DfE guidance and apart from some relatively minor changes we are not having to amend most of our systems and procedures. I have spoken to all students in assemblies across the week to reiterate to them the real importance of sticking to all the rules to ensure that the school can continue to stay open for all of us. Please could I ask you to impress upon your child how vital it is that they are not mixing in other households and that if they walk to and from school it should only be with one other person who does not live in their household as per Government regulations.

This week we had the pleasure of a number of army personnel on site working alongside a group of students in Year 10 to enhance motivation, resourcefulness and resilience. We are hoping that this will be a rolling programme across the coming months and many of our students will get to benefit from it.

Year 12 and 13 have had the opportunity this week to resit some of their GCSE qualifications that they were unable to take in the summer term. The exams team, led by Mrs Seymour, have done an excellent job of ensuring this has all run smoothly and taken into account all the new safety measures. Year 11 students will sit their first set of PPE (mock exams) in a week's time and with the uncertainty surrounding how grades will be awarded again this year, these have never been more important.

Despite the anxiety surrounding many people in the current situation there are members of our community who are selflessly focusing on others. Mr Bury is leading a CCF charity fundraising initiative (please see our twitter and facebook page) and has donated £100 from this to Ms Douse's foodbank project. Ms Douse, herself, is working incredibly hard to raise funds and collect food to support others. There are also students who are going above and beyond for example: Isabella Marriott Year 9 - for taking the brave decision to have her long hair cut short to raise money for Cancer Research and Myles and Faith in Year 7 who have set up a litter picking crew (see details below) focusing on cleaning up the local community. What a fantastic thing to do!

Student of the week:

Isabella Marriott Year 9 - for having her hair cut short to raise money for Cancer Research.

Myles and Faith in Year 7, for their litter picking crew.

Fab:

Thank you so much for your support, it is greatly appreciated, more so in these difficult times for everyone, you always find time for others.

Drab:

I am really struggling to understand the thought behind communal toilets? Can the staff honestly say they would not have had a problem with it when they were at school, and are their toilets the same layout as the students? This is a private and personal time and should not be instilling anxiety to be able to do the most basic human need! Now the students are being scolded for 'going on about it'. Either put up a wall or monitor the toilets to stop the boys/girls running around the wrong side and taunting the other. It's awful. Please do not ignore this message as it has been mentioned before by several people and never goes up on the news

- *Firstly, the toilets are not communal, there are designated cubicles on each side one for boys and one for girls. Each cubicle is floor to ceiling enclosed which is uncommon in many schools. I am unaware of any students complaining about the set up and they can of course see me if they would like. All toilets are monitored throughout break and lunch time and I can assure you there are not boys and girls running around the wrong side taunting each other. Messages regarding toilets are not ignored, in January we*

held many conversations and gave much feedback regarding this issue including inviting parents in to see the toilets. Please feel free to contact me if you would wish to take up this opportunity.

Hi, it's good to be kept updated on key events at the school but we're being completely overwhelmed with emails at this time. I've received 6 emails today and it's only 3:15pm. And is it really necessary to have a 29-page Parents News which just repeats many of the notifications we've already received? Thanks.

- *I am sorry you feel this way but as I am sure you can appreciate, with regulations changing, often on a daily basis, I have a statutory duty to keep the community updated. Parent News is generally not a repeat of notifications, however, if there are key messages that need to be reiterated then it will be used in this way.*

Staff member of the week:

- Year 7 Team The Year 7 staff have been amazing since Year 7 have been away from school. Their swift responses to queries have been appreciated. Here's hoping it's a while (if ever) before we all have to do that again! Thank you for keeping us sane.
- Ms Rendall She's the best English teacher I've ever had and she's so kind.
- Ms Whybra Even when she was home she was putting in the work to support us.
- Ms Loj Even though she was isolating she made sure that our class didn't miss any content.
- Mr Collins He is very fun and is very helpful.
- Miss Hodgson I would like to nominate Miss Hodgson for staff member of the week because she is so selfless. She does whatever it takes to make sure that her students get the best grades they can get. Even on her days off she makes sure that she is available for anyone who needs her. She is truly a wonderful teacher.

Quote of the week:

'Nobody can go back and start a new beginning but anyone can start today and make a new ending.' Maria Robinson.

Take care and stay safe!
 Best wishes
 Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

This year we have a 2 week timetable so there will be a week A and a week B.

Next Week: B

Monday 9 th November	Standards Week
Wednesday 11 th November	Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening, 6.30pm
Thursday 12 th November	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening, 4-7pm

Main Reception: Opening Hours

Please note that school main reception is open from 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 4pm on Fridays.

Advance Notice

Additional Inset Day Monday 4th January 2021

Up to Date Contact Details

Could we please ask that all parents/carers make sure their contact details on our school gateway or ParentApp lite are up to date. During the current unsettled situation with Covid 19 it is imperative that we are able to contact parents/carers and notify of any changes immediately.



You can tell us about any changes in details via this [FORM](#), or just email mainreception@brakenhale.co.uk

High Standards at Brakenhale

Standards Week: 9th - 13th November 2020

We will be holding our first 'Standards Week' of the year from Monday 9th November. The aim of these weeks is to raise the profile of such important personal attributes as punctuality, politeness, being a ready participant in lessons, appearance and conduct. We focus on the positives and want to give our students praise for the amazing job they are doing so far this year. Students are able to receive a Gold Ticket for anything from perfect uniform to greeting a teacher in the corridor to helping a fellow student in need. All staff members will be able to issue Gold Tickets and students are encouraged to receive as many as possible. For each Gold Ticket they will be awarded a House Point, which will feed into a form and year group total; there will be multiple winners at the end of the week. Our students are already fantastic and we want to ensure that they receive credit where credit is due.

Alongside the positive elements of Standards Week, we also issue detentions to students who are not quite getting it right. Please can I ask that you ensure that your son/daughter has their face mask with them and all of their Tools for Learning ready for Monday. The school shop is located in the LRC and all the equipment is available to purchase at cost price. You can also purchase a filled pencil case online using ParentPay, if you choose this option, students should collect from Main Reception.

Secondly, please can I ask that all uniform, particularly piercings, hair, skirts, shoes and coats, are compliant with our uniform code. As you know we insist, unless there is a medical reason, that students wear a school supplied replacement if their own clothes or footwear is not part of our dress code. Please see attachments with information on Tools for Learning and Uniform.

The school has made great strides within the last five years and overall, behaviour is hugely improved and uniform despite it being November remains incredibly smart. However, we are always keen for further improvement, hence why we holding 'Standards Week' next week.

Don't forget you can view all your son/daughter's achievement points via the school gateway – instructions on how to download the app are attached if you have not yet downloaded.

Ms H Whitaker, Deputy Headteacher



Raising Money for Cancer Research UK

Isabella's Big Hair Cut

Would you like to join one of our students in making a difference?

Isabella in Year 9 is raising money in aid of Cancer Research UK and every donation will help. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this cause that means so much to her and her family.

Isabella has taken the brave decision to have her long hair cut short to send it to the Princess Trust Fund to make wigs for children and also to raise money for Cancer Research. There are so many families that are effected by cancer and she really wanted to do something to help.

If you are able to help support Isabella's fundraising please find the link here: [GoFundMe](#)

Litter Picking Crew

Myles in Year 7 leads a litter picking crew and during half term, Myles (along with his friend Faith and younger brother Arthur) walked around Savernake Pond and collected 3 huge bags of rubbish.

We are proud of their continuous dedication to our planet and efforts in cleaning up rubbish around our amazing natural spaces, these kids are an awesome bunch and really do care about the wildlife, our planet and the devastation of discarding rubbish carelessly does to our natural world.

Myles has his own Instagram page which his parents run on his behalf @M.Y.L.E.S.WORLD sharing what he does and his commitment to our world (please take a look).



Character@Brakenhale: Character Challenge

Thank you to all the students who have taken part in the Character Challenge for this Half Term in support of Black History Month.

Entries for this have now closed and we hope to announce the winners early next week.

This has been a great opportunity for students to demonstrate the character virtue of #respect, by exploring and appreciating the contribution of Black Britons in British society.

Students also gained Culture House Points that will build towards obtaining their Culture Badge.

The next Character Challenge will be launched later this half term so watch this space!

Mr Beukes, Assistant Headteacher

Character@Brakenhale

#teambrokenhale

High Expectations and Challenge

Character Challenge #1

#culture

Celebrating Black History Month

Create a piece of work which celebrates Great Black Britons. It can be a poem, a piece of artwork, up to you. You can focus on one key individual or on a movement which helped promote equality for all.

MONTH BLACK HISTORY

Please send your submissions to: character@brakenhale.co.uk
 Deadline: Friday 6th November 2020

Change to Site Access



Please remember that the pedestrian walkway entrance to Main Reception will no longer be accessible via Coningsby during the school day. Access will be via Rectory Lane through the gate next to the Open Learning Centre.

For students who arrive later than 8.35am, when the student gates by PE will be locked, they will need to walk round to Rectory Lane to enter via the pedestrian entrance to Reception where they will be issued with a late mark and detention.

All visitors will be required to access Reception via Rectory Lane.

We thank you for your continued support in the final stages of the Brakenhale rebuild.

Rotary Club Raffle - Reminder

Please return raffle money and ticket stubs to tutors at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you very much for your support and I hope that you will be among the lucky winners.

Foodbank Collections

As part of the Brakenhale Community ethos, we will be collecting food items for the Foodbank located at the Kerith Centre in Bracknell. The items collected will used in the Christmas hampers to help support families in need. Items needed are:

- **Tinned salmon, Christmas puddings, Christmas/nice biscuits, Christmas/nice chocolates, Christmas/nice sweets, Gravy, Stuffing, Custard**

We are asking that each child, if possible, donates at least one item. Please donate by November 20th so items can be dropped off at the Kerith Centre by the end of that week.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Subject Discovery: student webinars

Wondering what subject to apply for at university?

If you're in Year 11-12 / Grade 10-11 and starting to think about what you want to study when you leave school or college, this series of free Subject Discovery webinars is for you! Academics and university admissions staff from the most shortlisted subjects on Unifrog will explore what it's really like to study that subject at university level. They'll also discuss potential career pathways, and how to know whether a subject is a good fit for you.

Sign up now via the shiny new [Webinars tool](#) on your Unifrog homepage.

Liberal Arts & Sciences	Monday 23 November 4-5pm	Law	Tuesday 24 November 4-5pm
Business & Management	Wednesday 25 November 4-5pm	Creative Arts & Design	Thursday 26 November 4-5pm
Hospitality	Friday 27 November 4-5pm	Computer Science	Monday 30 November 4-5pm
Engineering	Tuesday 1 December 4-5pm	Medicine	Wednesday 2 December 4-5pm
Psychology	Thursday 3 December 4-5pm	<p>What is a webinar?</p> <p>Unifrog webinars are free online presentations that take place on Zoom. When you join, your camera and microphone will be turned off.</p>	

Hegarty and Sparx Maths Homework Club.

If you are in need of a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, please pop along....

[Details](#)

When: Every Tuesday 3.05pm - 4pm
Where: B14
Who: Years 7 and 8

If you have any questions regarding Homework Club please contact Mrs D Smith or Mrs D Turner.

PE Update

PE Champions of Week

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

On Twitter & Instagram: @brakenhalepe

#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe #bekind

PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK			
Week of: 2/11/20			
			
Staff	Student	Tutor	
Mr Potter	Mikey Morris	7A	 @BRAKENHALEPE 
Miss Willimott	Lydia Gray	10R	
Mr Maye	Riley Plant	7R	
Mr Boucher	Oskaras Gergelis	8A	
Miss Rushby	Nadine Apea	8H	
Ms Wilson	Alexandra Bellini Clark	7H	
Miss Butler	Natalia Randall	8A	
Well done!			

Literacy: Hammer that Grammar

Hammer that Grammar: Issue 8

It’s time to hammer our grammar skills.

Now, no one is perfect and it is OK not to know something but, together, we can improve, develop and become experts!

This week’s focus: the full stop



The rules:	
The dos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This should be used to mark the end of a sentence. Mostly used at the end of declaratives (statements), imperatives (commands) and suggestions as opposed to questions or exclamations. A full stop indicates that a point has been made and that you are about to move on to further explanations or a related point. ➤ After we use a full stop, we should leave a finger space before we start writing the next sentence that will start with a capital letter. ➤ Always use consistently in formal pieces of writing. A full stop after a short sentence can be powerful and serious. ➤ To show an abbreviation of a word or words. For example: Mrs./Mr./S.L.T./Etc./dept./G.C.S.E. Did you know that Mrs. Is an abbreviation of mistress whilst Mr. is an abbreviation of Mister?
The don’ts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You do not need to use them when taking notes or using bullet points ➤ You do not need one after the date or a title ➤ Don’t forget to use them! Without them, you have an incomplete sentence.

Mrs D Lewis, Literacy Coordinator

House Points this Week:

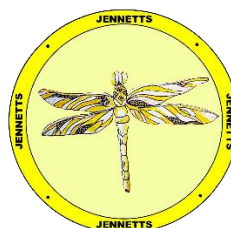
We continue to recognise the hard work that our students are doing through our House System by issuing House Points. Our House system remains very competitive so please check our communications for the latest placements of each house!

Keep up the Hard work!

Congratulations to everyone who has gained house points this week:

Achievement Points this week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Point	246	342	321	125	63	0	0	1097
Academic Point (x2)	98	84	166	76	22	0	0	446
Academic Point (x3)	36	6	24	81	189	45	0	381
Aspiration Points	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	8
Community Point	33	24	59	25	7	0	0	148
Community Point (x3)	0	15	15	0	0	0	0	30
Community Points (x2)	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	8
Culture Points	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Culture Points (x2)	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
Leadership Points (X2)	2	0	8	2	2	0	0	14
Leadership Points (x3)	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	9
Physical	99	5	8	4	0	0	0	116
Physical Points (x2)	12	2	10	8	0	0	0	32
Total	530	496	617	321	289	49	0	2302

House Points this week.								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Farley (BLUE)	133	98	139	74	82	12	0	538
Jennetts (YELLOW)	136	129	154	100	86	6	0	611
Swinley (RED)	132	115	178	80	68	6	0	579
Temple (GREEN)	129	154	146	67	53	25	0	574
Total	530	496	617	321	289	49	0	2302



House
Winners
Jennetts

School Dining Hall

Next week’s menu (Monday 9th November) will be week 1:

Week 1	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1	BFA * Chinese Pork Stir-fry	<i>Containing Gluten, Soybeans</i>	BFA * Chicken Korma, Mango Chutney	<i>Cereal Containing Gluten, Dairy</i>	BFA * Roast Chicken Breast, Gravy	<i>N/A</i>	Beef Chilli Con Carne & Tortilla Chips	<i>Containing Gluten</i>	MSC * Battered Baked Fish Chicken Nuggets Sausage	<i>Containing Gluten, Egg, Fish</i>
Option 2	Vegetable Stir-fry & Spring rolls	<i>Containing Gluten, Dairy</i>	Vegetable Korma Naan Bread	<i>Dairy Gluten</i>	Three Beans Casserole	<i>Gluten</i>	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake	<i>Containing Gluten, Dairy</i>	Margarita Pizza	<i>Containing Gluten, Dairy</i>
Carbohydrates	Noodles	<i>Gluten, Egg</i>	Basmati Rice	<i>N/A</i>	New Potatoes	<i>N/A</i>	Steamed Rice	<i>N/A</i>	Oven Chunky Chips	<i>Containing gluten</i>
Vegetables Of the day	Sweetcorn Carrots	<i>N/A</i>	Broccoli Cauliflower	<i>N/A</i>	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	<i>N/A</i>	Herby Courgettes & Sweetcorn	<i>N/A</i>	Garden Peas Baked Beans	<i>N/A</i>
Dessert	Syrup Sponge & Vanilla Custard	<i>Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy</i>	Lemon Drizzle Cake	<i>Dairy, Gluten, Egg</i>	Apple Crumble & Cream	<i>Containing Gluten, Dairy</i>	Cocoa Muffins	<i>Dairy, Gluten, Egg</i>	Fresh Fruit Salad	<i>N/A</i>

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

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/.../how-do-i-apply-free-school-meals

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

Taz Asran, Chef Manager

Attendance

If the absence is in relation to coronavirus do not attend school if you have any of the following:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

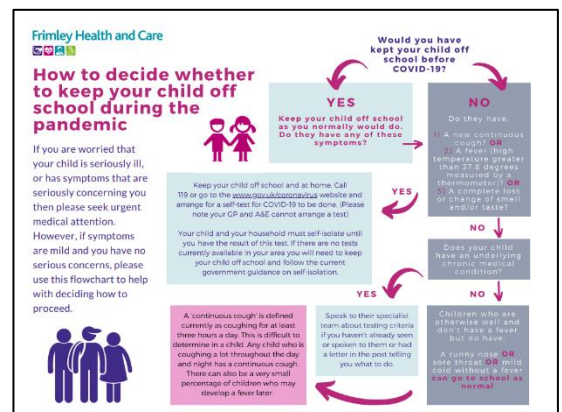
To find further guidance and advice you should take reference from relevant government and NHS guidance available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer



Curriculum Support Reminders



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

All items of unnamed lost property will be given to charity at the end of term unless they have been collected.

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.

Mobile Phone Policy

Could we please ask parents to remind students that mobile phones must not be used on the school site at all, this goes for before and after the school bell.

Anyone seen using mobile devices contrary to school guidance will be logged.

Tools for Learning

Student Tools for Learning are sold by Mrs McCrorie from the Head of Year office on the first floor.

Tools for Learning are available to purchase for cash before school from 8.20am to 8.35am and then during tutor time until 8.55am. Please note that they will not be available from the Head of Year office during the staggered break times for the time being. Emergency pencil cases to borrow for the day will also be available from the Head of Year office during morning tutor time.

Tools for Learning that have been purchased online via parentpay should be collected from main reception.

Used Pen Recycling

We are continuing our pen recycling initiative and there is collection point in the Head of Year office. Thank you to all the students that used this collection point last term.

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 Head of Year office where students can place them. Many thanks.

Face Masks, Social Distancing and Hand Cleanliness

Thank you for ensuring that your child has a face mask with them at school as it is compulsory they are worn in all school corridors. We need to keep protecting each other with this, together with frequent hand washing and sanitising and maintaining a social distance.

Your continued support at this challenging time is much appreciated.

Water Bottles

The weather may be turning but it is still important that students stay hydrated throughout the day. You can buy Brakenhale water bottles from school or bring in a reuseable bottle from home. Single use plastic cups are no longer available in school.



PE Kit and other items

Students should remember to bring their PE kit and any other 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.

School Uniform

Please remember that bright coloured hair bands, rolled skirts or blazers, frilly and non-black socks are not permitted.

Cycling to School



A cycle permit is required to enable students to ride into school. Any students riding to and from school are required to wear a helmet for the duration of this journey and in addition the bike used must be considered safe to ride on the public highway – please email the main reception if you require a link to our application form. Any student seen not wearing a cycle helmet to and from school will be sanctioned within 10 minute after school detention.



Please note electric scooters are not permitted on the school site.

Road Safety

Please ensure that you discuss road safety with your child and ensure that they are familiar with their route to school. Students must be aware that there are underpasses surrounding the school and students must use them and must not cross the dual carriageway which is extremely dangerous.

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

Parenting Courses

If anyone is interested in a parenting teenagers course or and understanding your teenager's brain course the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) are funding four different Solihull online parenting programmes which are free for families in Bracknell Forest. The details are all in the poster below, please contact directly to book a place on the course.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

Frimley Health and Care

FREE online courses for all residents!

Understanding Pregnancy, Labour, Birth and Your Baby - Available in English and Urdu
Online course for everyone around the baby: Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Friends and relations. Written by Registered Midwives and NHS professionals.

Understanding Your Baby
Online course for everyone around the baby: supporting you and the new arrival. Written by Psychologists, Psychotherapists and Health Visitors.

Understanding Your Child (0-19 yrs) - Available in English, Urdu, Polish, Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese
Popular online course about being the best parent, grandparent or carer you can be. Award winning with trusted content.

Understanding your teenagers' brain (short course)
Find out what happens to the brain in adolescence and how this explains some of the changes you may have noticed in their behaviour.

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*FREE if you live in any of these areas

For technical support contact
solihullapproach-parenting@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Easy Fundraising

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

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

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

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

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

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



Action for Happiness

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/>: New Ways November 2020

Daily actions to help you focus on what really matters:



ACTION CALENDAR: NEW WAYS NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Give yourself a boost. Try a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8 Find out something new about someone you care about	9 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	10 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	11 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	12 Overcome a frustration by trying out a new approach	13 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15 Go outside and do something playful - walk, run, explore, relax	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel	27 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	28 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
29 Discover your artistic side. Design your own greeting cards	30 Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times	 <p>"You never know what you can do until you try" ~ C. S. Lewis</p> 				



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november **Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind**

Brakenhale 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](https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/) You have to be in it to win it.

Vacancies



- Maths / Economics Teacher
- Maths Graduate
- SENCo
- Receptionist and Admin Assistant

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

Feedback Initiative

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

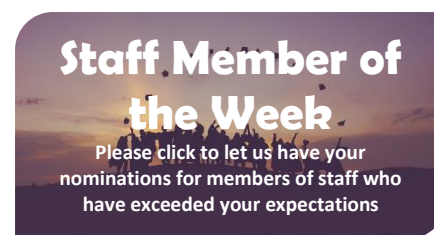
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Future Diary Dates

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

W/C 16 th November	Year 11 PPEs start
Monday 23 rd November	Year 11 into Sixth Form Taster Day
Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 4 th January 2021	Additional Inset Day

Term Dates

Term Dates 2020-21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December 2020

Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

(Friday 1st January Bank Holiday)

Monday 4th January 2021 **Additional Inset Day**

SPRING TERM 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

Spring Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

(Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July 2021

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

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

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET Days Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020

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

Additional INSET Day Monday 4th January 2021

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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