



Parent News: Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Despite the very strange circumstances that we find ourselves in we are still operating on site as normal. All lessons are going ahead for the students who are with us and at Key Stage 4 and 5 the staff at home have been dialling in remotely to teach the students. A big thank you to the students themselves for adapting to this so well. We are very much looking forward to be welcoming back Year 8 and 9 on Tuesday and Year 7 on Friday.

The focus is still remaining on the quality of teaching in the classroom and to that end we have recruited an outstanding Teacher in Charge of Health & Social Care, Mrs Lazarczuk, who will be joining us after Christmas. Mrs Lazarczuk is an experienced teacher who joins us from Westgate School. We have also been able to promote Mr Maye to the position of Second in PE and Mrs Harries our receptionist will be moving over to Attendance Administrator to support the amazing work that Mrs Silvey does. Congratulations to all three!

On Tuesday Major Andy Knight from R Signals visited us to outline an amazing opportunity for our Year 10 students. He was very impressed with them and we look forward to some of them taking up the challenge. Our work with the army through the CCF is having significant impact on our community in such a positive way and Mr Bury is such a superb advocate on the ground in school.

Finally, we have now 'finally' lost the hoarding in front of the main entrance to the school. We now have a view (of sorts) and light coming through and we are able to really watch the outside space start to take shape - it is very exciting! Next week I will give a further update on the works to proceed over half term.

Student of the week:

Callum Bushnell in Year 10: for showing huge courage and maturity in a difficult situation.

Jaida Richardson-Williams and Olivia Can in Year 8: both young ladies produced written material that was a personal reflection of their experiences which they are going to be submitting as part of ongoing work on equality and diversity.

Fab:

Communication has been first class regarding recent events at school. I'm grateful my daughter is at a school where the student and staff welfare is a priority. Ms Coley and her team are doing an amazing job in very tough times.

Even though keeping the school running and safe is top priority, we would like to thank the school for maintaining such high standards of uniform, behaviour and staff that see our children are safe to and from school.

Thank you for consistency and as much normality as possible for all the children during this current situation which impacts us all. - Year 9 Parents.

Drab:

Period 6s are exhausting students.

We do understand that finishing at 4pm can be tiring for some, however, in light of how much school the students have missed, we believe that this is the most effective way to ensure they receive specialist teaching that will help them to achieve their full potential.

Year 11 bags are way too heavy with all their books/revision books.

Students can bring a carrier bag to try to even out the weight and please check with their teachers in advance as to which books they need.

Staff member of the week:

Mrs McCrorie	My son Adam got stung by a wasp on the way home from school and Mrs McCrorie saw and went to his aid. She even made the effort to accompany him home and explain to us what had happened. The kindness she'd shown was exceptional. Many thanks to Mrs McCrorie!
Mr Collins	He is just the best teacher ever, he's so so funny and kind and he really helps me to understand my work. He's an amazing teacher who you can have a laugh and a joke with.
Miss Hodgson	A very kind teacher and is fun.
Ms Gill/Mrs Gosling	For always checking to see if I need anything.
Mr McKane/Mr Collins	The correspondence we have received since they've not been in school and all the lesson plans have been fantastic and they are always at the end of an email (especially Mr Collins).

Quote of the week:

'If you do what you have always done, you will get what you've always gotten' - Tony Robbins

Have a great weekend.

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

Thursday 22 nd October	Year 11 Virtual Information Evening
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**Lockers**

Please remember, as we approach the end of this half term, it is a great opportunity to clear out your lockers ready for a fresh start after half term and to take home anything you may require during the short break.

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.

**Advance Warning – Pedestrian Site Access after Half Term**

We would like to advise that after half-term the pedestrian walkway entrance to Main Reception will no longer be accessible via Coningsby. 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.

Student Access to School

We would like to advise that as the weather is changing, in order to maintain the social distancing guidelines and the year group bubbles, students should not arrive on the school site before 8.30am as we are unable to accommodate them inside the school building. Students should not enter the school building before 8.35am unless they are going to the canteen to purchase food and sit down and eat it.

As previously advised, students are able to attend breakfast club between 7.45 and 8.30am but must be eating breakfast at tables. Access to breakfast club is not permitted after 8am – food can be purchased from the outside hatch until 8.30am.

We can confirm that we are currently raising funds to purchase some outside canopies and help in providing outside shelter.

Face Masks

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.

Students must bring their own mask into school but in the event that a student forgets their mask - single use masks are available to purchase for 50p from Mrs Theal in the LRC on the first floor or from Main Reception.

Your continued support at this challenging time is much appreciated.



Rotary Club Raffle

Following on from last year's successful Rotary Club raffle which raised over £7000 for the school new build, we will once again be sending raffle tickets home for you to sell to friends and family in the next few weeks.

This year funds raised will go towards the much needed outside canopies to provide shelter for our students.



Poppy Appeal

We are once again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and poppies are available for a donation from main reception and the LRC.

Every poppy makes a difference to the lives of our Armed Forces community. Like so many things this year, the Appeal has had to adapt to the threat of Covid-19 and they are calling on the public to support them like never before, because every poppy counts.



Applying for Secondary School 2021

As you are most likely aware the process to apply for secondary school for Year 7 in September 2021 is now open until Saturday 31st October 2020.

Please see the useful links below:

Applying for Secondary School:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

www.facebook.com/bracknellforestcouncil/

School Admissions, Bracknell Forest Council:

school.admissions@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Phone lines are open weekdays between 8.30am - 12.00pm



Open Evening Virtual Information

- ▶ [Headteacher's Live Stream](#)
- ▶ [Department Information Video](#)
- ▶ [Virtual School Tour](#)



Dressing for colder weather

With the colder weather now upon us, could we please remind students and parents that students should have an outdoor coat for school. School coats must be plain black (no logos, but reflective strips are allowed and encouraged).

May we also take this opportunity to remind you that school coats must be plain black (no logos). Scarves must be plain black and must not be worn inside the school building. We have fleece scarves with house coloured logos available from the uniform shop at a cost of £12.

You can purchase uniform online from The Direct Clothing Company:

www.thedirectclothing.co.uk

Telephone: 01344 872299

Email: brakenhaleuniform@hotmail.com

and sales@thedirectclothing.co.uk



Character@Brakenhale: Character Challenge

This term we are launching our first Character Challenge for the year (previously known as Fun Friday Challenge). This half term Brakenhale would like you to join us in celebrating Black History month with our **Character Challenge - #culture**.

Try to get creative by either writing a poem or producing a piece of artwork which celebrates Great Black Britons. You can choose to focus on one key individual or focus on a movement which helped promote equality for all. These will then be shared/displayed in school to help us celebrate all of the fantastic achievements of Black Britons beyond October.

You can find inspiration from the following website:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/bhm-firsts/>

The House Points committee will narrow down the finalist in each year group, selecting a year group winner, as well as an overall school winner. Students will have the opportunity to achieve Culture House Points which will help them towards attaining their Culture Badge.

Points will be distributed as follows:

- Entry = 2 Culture HPs
- Top 5 finalist in each Year Group = 3 Culture HPs
- Year Group winner = 5 Culture HPs
- Overall winner = 10 Culture HPs

A massive thank you to Ms Bunkell and Ms Ioannidis for helping us come with the idea and wording that will help us respect and honour the black culture within our community and country.

Mr Beukes, Assistant Headteacher

Character@Brakenhale



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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
MONTH

✉ Please send your submissions to: character@brakenhale.co.uk

👉 Deadline: Friday 6th November 2020

PANDA Study

The PANDA (Treatment of Panic Disorder in Adolescents) Study is taking place at the AnDY Research Clinic at the University of Reading. If your child is aged 11-18 years, experiences repeated panic attacks that get in the way of their life (e.g., at school, home or with friends) and their GP is based in Berkshire, they may be eligible to take part. This newsletter below provides more information. You can also find out more about the study by watching this short (1½ minute) video:

<https://vimeo.com/449607886>). If you would like to discuss any of this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the research team via panda@reading.ac.uk.

On behalf of the PANDA (Treatment of Panic Disorder in Adolescents) Study Team

AnDY Research Clinic | School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences | University of Reading

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Treatment of Panic Disorder in Adolescents (PANDA) Study

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2020

The PANDA study

We are looking for young people with panic disorder to take part in a NIHR-funded study comparing two psychological treatments. The study is being run by researchers at the AnDY Research Clinic, at the University of Reading. You can learn more about the study by watching this [short video](#).

We reached a milestone in April as our first patients in the study finished treatment. We have also been learning about young people's experiences of treatment through in-depth interviews. This is some of the feedback we have received from young people who have taken part:

Who is the study suitable for?

The study is suitable for young people aged 11-18 years, who have panic disorder, and their GP is based in Berkshire.

“ I think I'll just be a lot more confident in certain situations. Even if I do have anxiety I know that I have ways of helping it, fixing it and that it won't stop me from doing anything now. ”

The young person must experience repeated panic attacks that get in the way of their life (e.g., at school, home, or with friends) and either worry about having further panic attacks or change what they do to avoid bringing on panic attacks.

“ Before I'd just get an overall sense of panic and I don't really get that anymore. I think there's going to be a lot less of it and it's just going to be easier. ”

Progress so far

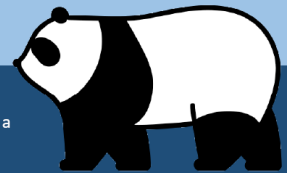
The PANDA study began recruiting young people to take part in October 2019. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to put recruitment on hold temporarily but we are now accepting new referrals. We are doing assessments and treatment sessions by video and this has been working well.

In the coming months

We will be recruiting many more young people to the study over the next year. Going forward we will be doing assessments and treatment sessions using video and when safe to do so, we will also resume face to face sessions in the clinic.

Referring young people to the study

Please email us on panda@reading.ac.uk to refer a young person or if you have any questions.



The study was reviewed by the National Research Ethics Service (NRES) South Central - Berkshire B Committee as well as the University of Reading Ethics committee and they agreed for it to go ahead., Version 1.0, 27/08/20

Combined Cadet Force (CCF) News

We are really pleased to have welcomed back the Brakenhale CCF cadets to training. Over the last few weeks we have been working on the values of the CCF and testing our year 2 cadets on the areas of training they had last year.

Some of the areas of training have been - Navigation, Command Tasks, Drill, Fieldcraft skills and Basic First aid.

The cadets have been amazing taking on the challenges we have set out for them and through the smiles and laughter, they have enjoyed being back.

We are really pleased to be able to inform everyone that on the following dates the cadets will be taking part in some community work, then attending a remembrance parade at St Michael's Church in Easthampstead Bracknell.

We will be honoured to have in attendance Mr James Sunderland MP for Bracknell and surrounding areas. Mr Sunderland is a Ex Officer of the British Army and is very keen to be a part of The Brakenhales CCF both for this event and for the future.

Dates

Tuesday 3rd November 2020 - Cadets to attend St Michael's Church to support local residents in the cleaning of the war graves and WW1 memorial within the church grounds.

Tuesday 10th November 2020 - Cadets to re-visit the church for a final clean and tidy up ready for the cadets main remembrance parade the following day.

Wednesday 11th November 2020 - Year 8 and 9 cadets will be attending St Michael's Church to hold a 2 minutes silence at the WW1 memorial at 11am. This visit will be attended by Mr James Sunderland MP

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Brakenhale School is proud to have its own team of dedicated Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who have been trained by the Diana Award.

There have been many challenges this past year; including moving into a new building, the school lockdown and living in a pandemic. This has brought difficulties for the Anti-Bullying team supporting our young people with any concerns.

Following discussions with students we have developed a way for them to share any concerns virtually as well as face to face. We have launched our **four steps to support**; an online tool which allows students to report any concerns of bullying behaviours which have a negative impact on the emotional, physical, and/or mental well-being of any student.

Details of how to access this tool can be found in the poster below. The poster will also be posted on tutor notice boards.

Each week in parent news you will get to meet a member of the Anti-Bullying team. We hope this will allow students to be able to identify them as a safe peer to speak with and share any bullying concerns.

If anyone would like any further information on our Anti-Bullying initiative, you can email Mrs Palmer, our Anti-Bullying staff lead on ppalmer@brakenhale.co.uk

Meet The Brakenhale Anti-Bullying Team

Hi my name is Arwa and I wanted to become an Anti-Bullying Ambassador because of some of my experiences whilst at primary school. I can remember seeing students who were living in fear of being bullied and feeling they had no one they could talk to.

The whole aim of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors is for us to help stop bullying and that is why I wanted to be a part of this initiative.

I am kind and always willing to listen to others, which I hope will help others feel able to come and speak with either myself, or any one of the Anti-Bullying Team.



Brakenhale School
Four Steps to Support Against Bullying

Anti-Bullying at Brakenhale
Supported by Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
High Expectations and Challenge

We are here to help

Step one...
The first step to asking for help is always the hardest. Our team of dedicated Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are waiting to help you, so if you have any concerns with bullying please click on the 'Confide' icon on your Brakenhale Homepage.

Well done on taking that first step!

Step two...
Next you will see this message which gives you some more information on the support the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors can offer.

Step Three...
Then you just have to complete the form with the details of what is concerning you. You can tell us as much or as little as you would like. Please ensure you click 'submit'.

Step four...
You have been incredibly brave in taking these four steps. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will get back to you to give you all the help and support you need.

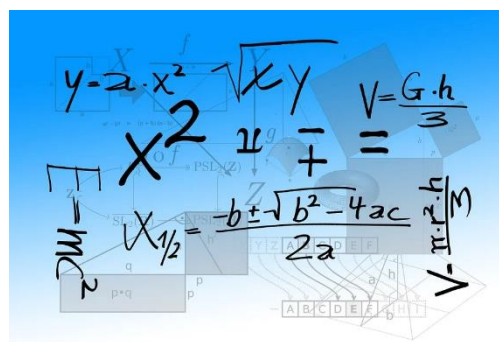
Hegarty and Sparxs Maths Homeworking

Sparx Superstar

Priya Robinson in Year 7 with an XP 7 day point score of 2,403.

Hegarty Superstar

Dana Locmele in Year 8 with 88 correctly answered MemRI questions in a 7 day period.



We would also like to remind Years 7, 8 and 9 that their school work will be set daily on Hegarty. Students need to ensure they have watched the full video and copied down the examples in the front of their maths books.

Year 7 please do not forget to do your homework on the Sparx system, the more tasks you do the more XP points that you will get. Will you make it into the Sparx Superstars next week?

Mrs Turner, Maths

PE Update

PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK		
Week of; 12/10/20		
Staff	Student	Tutor
Mr Potter	Ashton Morton	10K
Miss Willimott	Amber Rose Newhouse	11S
Mr Maye	Liam West	10R
Mr Boucher	Ashleigh Hanna	11N
Miss Rushby	Callum Drayton	10E
Miss Rushby	Jack Bacon	10E
Ms Wilson	Joanne Cowley	10H
Miss Butler	Freya Gray	11K
Well done!		
#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe		

Year 7 PE

Here are our Year 7 boys taking part in a moment of reflection with Mr Maye and Mr Potter during PE this week, re creating the iconic image of the 1968 Olympics in Mexico.



Black History Month in PE this October.

In PE this October we are looking at a number of famous and iconic black athletes who have stood the test of time in being the very best of both athletes and people. To be able to share the stories of these fantastic individuals has been a privilege and we hope that our pupils remember them for lessons and weeks to come.



Our 4 athletes are; Jesse Owens, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, Venus and Serena Williams and Muham Ali. You can read a little more on each of them below.

	<p>Black History month & PE @ Brakenhale!</p>	<p><small>Photo by Edwin Martinez from US Open 2013, licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 2.0 Generic license</small></p>	
<p>Jesse Owens Described as one of, if not the best track and field athlete in the history of the sport. An amazing sprinter and jumper - 4 times Olympic gold champion!</p>	<p>Tommie Smith & John Carlos Black Power Salute - This salute was made at the 200m medal ceremony at the Mexico Olympics of 1968. These 2 men, made the 'silent gesture' in protest of the poverty faced by black people across the world.</p>	<p>The Williams Sisters Serena and Venus - 2 of the most iconic women in US and tennis history. Came from a lower class, poor background but with will and determination took the female tennis world by storm!</p>	<p>Muhammad Ali One of the most prolific sportsmen in living history - an objector against the Vietnam war due to its violence and mass human sacrifice. Stood his ground for what he believed in!</p>

REMINDERS!!!!

- Please bring a signed and dated note from parents/carers if you cannot do PE. Sick or fit, still **BRING** your kit.
- Label your kit (name tags, sew or write initials).
- Get changed in your own space with your own kit.
- Do not bring in valuables, we do not take responsibility for them. Jewelry and watches are NOT to be worn.

If you have any questions please email Mr Potter: mpotter@brakenhale.co.uk

		BRAKENHALE PE CLUBS				
		Half Term 1 2020-2021				
MON	TUE (3:15-4:30)		WED	THURS (3:15-4:30)		FRI (3:05-4:00)
STAFF MEETINGS - NO CLUBS RUN (ALL PE staff)	Y7	Y8	CLEANING AND STOCK CHECK OF ALL PE KIT/EQUIPMENT (ALL PE staff)	Y9	Y10	EXAM PE REVISION CLASSES AND END OF WEEK STOCK CHECK AND CLEAN OF PE KIT (ALL PE staff)
	Boys: Activity - football Staff - JBO Location - astro 1 Changing - sports hall boys Girls: Activity - netball Staff - LWI Location - sports hall Changing - sports hall girls	Boys: Activity - football Staff - MPO Location - astro 2 Changing - dance boys Girls: Activity - netball Staff - LRU Location - courts Changing - dance girls		Boys: Activity - football Staff - CMY Location - astro 1 Changing - sports hall boys Girls: Activity - netball Staff - ABT Location - sports hall Changing - sports hall girls	Boys: Activity - football Staff - JSP/CCO Location - astro 2 Changing - dance boys Girls: Activity - netball Staff - KWI Location - courts Changing - dance girls	
Clubs may be cancelled due to staff meetings or calendared events. We will send a schools comms home to inform parents.						
Follow @brakenhalepe - on twitter and instagram!						

Assessment: ME in PE

Your son/daughter will be assessed in 4 major areas, 2 per term, each known as a 'ME in PE'. These are:

- Physical ME (assessed every term, all throughout out the year)
- Social ME (assessed term 1 - September to December)
- Thinking ME (assessed term 2 - January to March)
- Leading ME (assessed term 3 - April to July)

Assessment criteria

'ME in PE'

PHYSICAL	
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'

SOCIAL	
1	Independently gets changed in the changing rooms and takes care of personal belongings
2	Communicates effectively with class teacher
3	Communicates effectively with a single peer (verbally)
4	Communicates effectively with a small group of peers (verbally)
5	Works well on a 1-2-1 basis with others
6	Works well in a small group
7	Works well as part of the whole PE group
8	Communicates effectively with the whole class (verbally)
9	Engages and participates in situations with familiar peers
10	Deals with and manages situations with familiar peers
11	Engages and participates in situations with non-familiar peers
12	Can deal with and manage situations with non-familiar peers

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

On Twitter & Instagram: @brakenhalepe

#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe #bekind

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.

Drink Bottle SOS: if students have lost a drink bottle since our return to school could they **PLEASE** come and claim them by Friday 16th October. Any left over after this date will have to be disposed of as so many un-named ones have been accumulated and we do not have the space to store them. Thank you!



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. 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 the under passes surrounding the school and students must not cross the dual carriageway which is extremely dangerous.

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



Girls Active is back!



We need
your help!

YOUTH SPORT TRUST
GIRLS ACTIVE



#GirlsActive @YouthSportTrust

Have your
say!

Change the opinion of girls and sport!

Wednesday Week A
3.10-3.30pm
Sports Hall



House Points this Week:

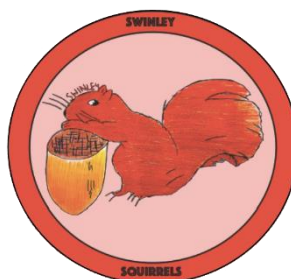
We continue to recognise the hard work that our students are doing through our House System by issuing House Points. Our House system remains very competitive so please check our communications for the latest placements of each house!

Keep up the Hard work!

Congratulations to everyone who has gained house points this week:

Achievement Points this week 9 – 15.10.20								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Point	179	6	1	155	112	4	8	465
Academic Point (x2)	66	8	12	50	30	2	0	168
Academic Point (x3)	21	0	3	81	18	3	0	126
Aspiration Points	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Community Point	4	0	0	2	4	0	0	10
Community Point (x3)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Culture Points	0	0	0	12	3	7	0	22
Culture Points (x2)	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	6
Leadership Points	0	0	0	6	0	7	0	13
Leadership Points (x3)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Physical	71	0	10	11	23	0	0	115
Physical Points (x2)	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
Total	344	14	26	322	207	23	8	944

House Points this week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Farley (BLUE)	83	3	6	58	43	9	4	206
Jennetts (YELLOW)	95	7	4	78	63	4	1	252
Swinley (RED)	74	4	8	107	63	8	2	266
Temple (GREEN)	92	0	8	79	38	2	1	220
Total	344	14	26	322	207	23	8	944



House
Winners
Swinley

School Dining Hall

The School Dining Hall is open daily for all students as follows:

7.45 - 8.30 Breakfast which includes:

Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt bar / Cereals / Bacon or Sausage Rolls / Danish Pastries / Hot Chocolate

10.00 – 11.30 Break-time (staggered)

12.30 – 2.00 Lunch-time (staggered)



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

Our in-house caterers have a fresh approach to food and we have a number of different meal deals and a hot school meal, which includes either a drink or a pudding.

A selection of sandwiches, pizza slices, salad and pasta are also available.

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

There is a 3 week menu rotation, please see below. Next week will be week 2:

 Brakenhale School Autumn Menu 2020/21 										
Week 2	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1	BFA * Beef Bolognese	Containing <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	BFA * Chicken Katsu Curry & Mango Chutney	Containing <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	BFA * Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding	<i>Gluten, Dairy, Egg</i>	BFA * Charcoal Chicken Wrap	Containing <i>Gluten</i>	MSC * Battered Fish Salmon Fishcake Chicken Nuggets	<i>Cereal Containing Gluten, Egg, Fish</i>
Option 2	Quorn Vegetarian Bolognese	Containing <i>Gluten</i>	Lentil Curry Naan Bread	<i>Dairy, Gluten</i>	Spinach & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	N/A	Mixed Bean Enchilada	<i>Cereal Containing Gluten,</i>	Cheese & Tomato Omelette	Containing <i>Gluten, Dairy, Egg</i>
Carbohydrates	Spaghetti	<i>Gluten</i>	Lemon Basmati Rice	N/A	Roast Potatoes	N/A	Spicy Wedges	<i>Gluten</i>	Chunky Oven Chips	Containing <i>gluten</i>
Vegetables Of the day	Mixed Green Salad	N/A	Cauliflower & Broccoli	N/A	Roasted Root Vegetables	N/A	Sauteed Green Beans Mixed Salad	N/A	Baked Beans Garden Peas	N/A
Dessert	Apple Sponge & Vanilla Custard	Containing <i>Gluten, Dairy, Egg</i>	Courgettes & Lime Cake	<i>Dairy, Gluten, Egg</i>	Fruit Crumble & Cream	Containing <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	Coco Orange Cake Custard	<i>Dairy, Gluten, Egg</i>	Rice Cake	<i>Gluten Free</i>

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

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

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

We believe that high attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members of the school community, involved not only in lessons but also in the extra-curricular activities that are so important to their wellbeing. Parents of all years and students in Year 8 and above can keep track of their attendance on their school gateway account.

Regular and punctual attendance of students at school is both a legal requirement and crucial to a student's success - there is a clear link between a high rate of attendance and high achievement. I am sure that you are already aware of the 95% attendance target that we are working towards. If students are not in lessons they cannot learn! Every lesson really does count! Statistics show missing 8.5 days or 5% of school in any school year can reduce the success level of a student by 1 GCSE grade.

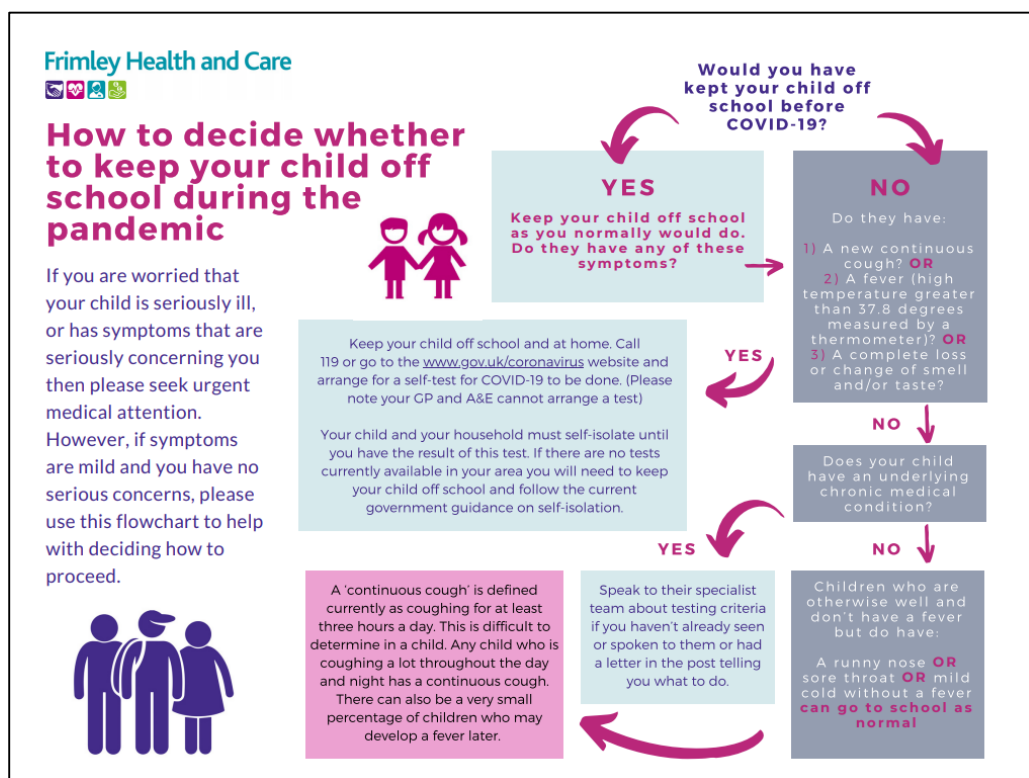
With this in mind it, I would like to reiterate the expectations that we have regarding attendance:

- Students are expected to be in school in their designated area by 8.35am.
- Should your child be unwell please call the attendance line on 01344 465050 or email attendance@brakenhale.co.uk to inform us of the illness.
- Should you need to arrange a medical or dental appointment can I encourage you where possible to arrange these after 12:30pm as this will reduce the disruption to your child's learning.

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

Literacy: Hammer that Grammar

Hammer that Grammar: Issue 6

It's time to hammer our grammar skills.

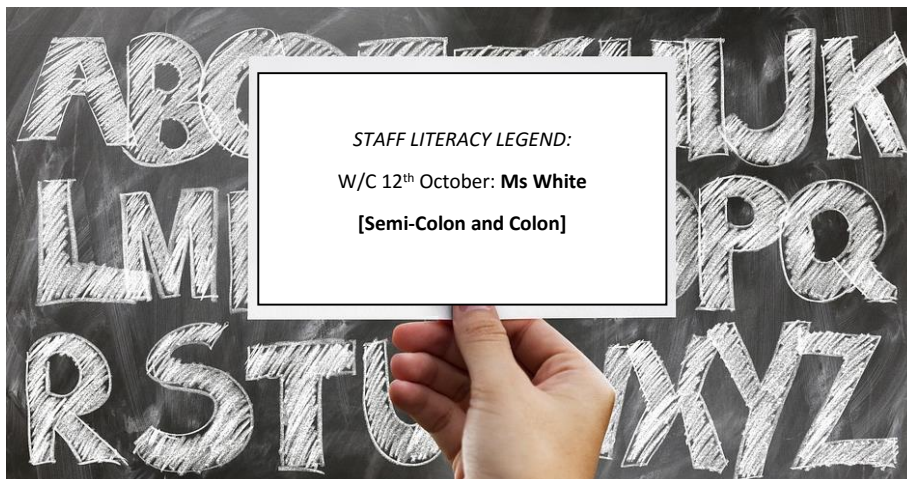
Now, no one is perfect and it is OK not to know something but, together, we can improve, develop and become experts!



This week's focus: Capital Letters

The rules:	
The dos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Every sentence should start with a capital letter ➤ Every proper noun has a capital letter [A proper noun is the name of a place, product or person. EG: London, John Smith, Brakenhale, Playstation, Cadbury's]. ➤ Titles and headings should have capital letters however only the 'important' words needs capitalising (not the little words like 'a', 'an', 'the' – unless these are the first words in the title or heading. EG: A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Wind in the Willows. ➤ Dates should have capital letters ➤ Capital letters can be used for effect in writing. EG: 'He did NOT want to leave'. Another example: 'Scrooge crept towards it, trembling as he went; and following the finger, read upon the stone of the neglected grave his own name, Ebenezer Scrooge.'
Remember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capital letters are pointed and sharp in appearance whilst lower case letters are rounded and softer in comparison. ➤ When writing on lined paper, the capital letter should reach up to the top line above while lower case letters should reach about half way between the lines. ➤ Capital letters should always be bigger in size than lower case letters.

Mrs D Lewis, Literacy Coordinator



Literacy: New Initiative Key Word of the Week



The what...

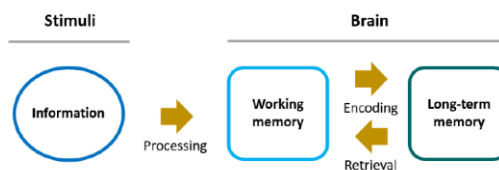
A key word will be selected from a scheme of work from each half term per subject. These key words will have been used in lessons and you will have seen them on knowledge organisers.



The Why...

We want to test students' memory.

- Can they remember which key words were used in which subject?
- Can they remember which teacher introduced it/used it/praised them for it?



How it works

In lessons:

Staff will have introduced key words in lessons. Students may have had a chance to pronounce the key word correctly themselves in lessons and may have even been rewarded for using it!

Each half term, students will be sent a Google Form. Their job is to match the key words with the correct subject.

We will collate results and measure the impact that the key words are having on students' learning.

What we need from you

Please encourage Students to complete and send back the Google Form when they receive it.

If they have been successful, they will receive achievement points and a certificate.

Good luck!



Parenting Courses

If anyone is interested in a parenting teenagers course or and understanding your teenager's brain course the CCG (Clinical Commisisoning 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.

solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk
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 Fill in some details to create an account.
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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

Clubs and Activities

Young Interpreters Club

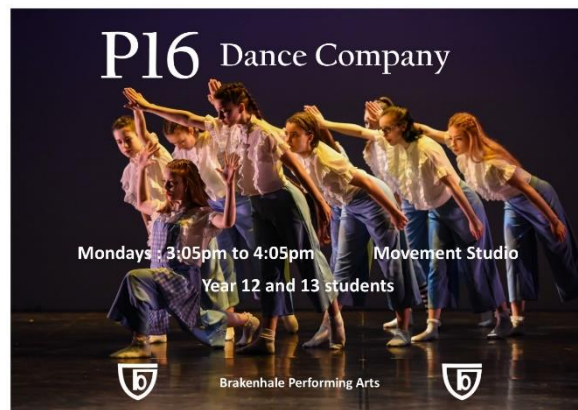
The diversity of students and staff at Brakenhale School enable the EAL department to help and support our new arrivals who come with different languages with little or no English.

Because we know the importance of the first language, the EAL department is going to run a lunch time club for Year 7 students who speak different languages to prepare them to be Young Interpreters for our school.

Time: 1-1.30pm every Friday

Venue: F05

P16 Dance Company



Mondays : 3:05pm to 4:05pm Movement Studio
Year 12 and 13 students

Brakenhale Performing Arts

Year 7 Drama Club

Starting after half term



Thursdays


3.05pm to 4pm

in the Drama Studio

Brakenhale School High Expectation and Challenge

Year 8 Drama Club

Starting after half term



Tuesdays


3.05pm to 4pm

in the Drama Studio


Brakenhale School High Expectation and Challenge

Identity

Everyone is welcome



A space to be free and be you.



What do we do?

- Discuss recent issues – locally and globally
- Task Master
- Quizzes
- Speed friending
- Film nights
- Competitions

We meet every Friday in F10
3.05-3.35
With Mrs Lewis and Miss Bunkell

Non-Sporting Clubs: Autumn Term 2020

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	TEACHER IN CHARGE
Monday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Brakenhale Explorers [Starting after half term]	Year 7 only	Astro	Mr Bury
	3.05 – 4.05	P16 Dance Company	Sixth Form	Movement Studio	Mrs Duffy
Tuesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Year 8 Drama Club [Starting after half term]	Year 8 only	Drama Studio	Miss Cullip
	3.30 – 5.30	Combined Cadet Force (CCF)	Invite only	Astro	Mr Bury
Wednesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Thursday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	BTEC Clinic [NEW]	Y10-13	B16	Miss Ioannidis
	3.05 – 4.00	Year 7 Drama Club [Starting after half term]	Year 7 only	Drama Studio	Miss Cullip
Friday	1.00 – 1.30	EAL Young Interpreters Club [NEW]	Year 7 only	F05	Miss Fandi
	3.05 - 3.35	Identity Club	All Years	F10	Miss Bunkell / Mrs Lewis
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels

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

Clothes Recycling

Here at Brakenhale we collect in your unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and other household linen items for recycling to help raise money for the school.

We have special Bag2School bags to put your unwanted items in (normally available from main reception) or you can just use a normal bin liner. Please ensure that your bags are not overfilled and are tied firmly to prevent water ingress as wet items will not be accepted by the collectors.

We have 2 big red bins for you to deposit your bags in at any time and they are located at the Coningsby entrance by the bike compound.

Brakenhale School

CLOTHES RECYCLING!

**Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...
The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.**

The following 'good quality' items are accepted for RE-USE:

- ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (tied together/elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags, Hats, Bags and Belts
- ✓ Scarves and Ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie and Socks
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen, Curtains and Towels
- ✓ Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Please note that the following are not accepted:

- ✓ Duvelts and Blankets
- ✓ Pillows and cushions
- ✓ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- ✓ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- ✓ School uniforms with and without logo
- ✓ Corporate clothing and workwear
- ✓ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Put your items in a black bin bag.

Thank you for supporting the school!

Please see the poster to find out which items are accepted and the short list of items not collected.

<https://bag2school.com/>

Bag2School is one of the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity. Since we started our clothes collections we have raised over £1600 for the school which is fantastic.

Fundraising



Please click here to see our fundraising video on YouTube: [Brakenhale Unlocking Potential Fundraising Video](#)

Please click here to see our BBC News film: [Brakenhale School on BBC News](#)

New fundraising page: [Virginmoneygiving](#)

Brakenhale's all-things fundraising/new build webpage: <https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/new-build/>

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://yourschoollottery.co.uk)

You have to be in it to win it.

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

**NEW SCHOOL YEAR
NEW CHANCES TO WIN**

BOOST School Funds & WIN up to £25,000

- Help raise vital school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Cash prize winner every week
- You've got to be in it to win it!

To start supporting, visit:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
and search for: Brakenhale

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

PTA
BRAKENHALE SCHOOL
Parent Teacher Association

The **School Lottery** is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows maybe you'll be the next winner!

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Harry Potter Studio Tour

Win a family ticket for 4 people

- Help boost our school fundraising
- Tickets cost just £1 per week
- Cash prize winner every week
- You could even win our £25,000 jackpot

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **Brakenhale**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Entries close on 19th Dec 2020. T&Cs apply, see website for details

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/>: Optimistic October 2020

Daily actions to help you focus on what really matters:



ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY "Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Write down your most important goals for this month

2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times

3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list

6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

7 Remember that things can change for the better

8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward

10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week

11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society

12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today

13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous

14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing

15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

17 Share your most important goals with people you trust

18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to

19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters

22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague

23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently

24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life

31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october

Vacancies



- Receptionist and Admin Assistant
- Teaching Assistant
- IT with Computer Science Teacher
- Computer Science Graduate
- SENCo
- Deputy SENCo
- Health & Social Care / PE Teacher
- Assistant Caretaker (Part time)
- PE Technician
- Senior Science Technician (maternity)

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.

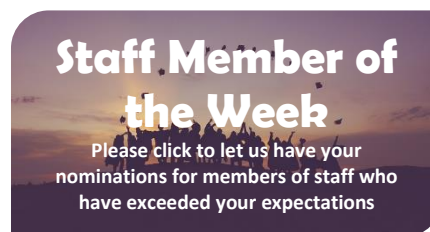
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[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Future Diary Dates

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

26 th to 30 th October	Half Term
3 rd November	CCF Cleaning War Graves at St Michael's Easthampstead
Thursday 5 th November	Sixth Form Open Evening TBC
Thursday 12 th November	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
W/C 16 th November	Year 11 PPEs start

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)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th 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

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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