



# Brakenhale School Parent News

## Parent News: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I know that if you are a parent of a child in Year 8 to 10, they officially are not welcomed back until Monday, however, the school is now truly reopen and up and running. I cannot tell you how delighted myself and all the staff are to finally be able to open the doors and welcome groups of young people back onto site.

Year 7 arrived nervously on Thursday but they showed incredible spirit and displayed what an excellent year group they are going to be. Today, Year 11, 12 and 13 came back to school and for these young people it is an anxious time not knowing exactly how their examinations will unfold in the months ahead, however, we have reassured them that whatever happens we will do our very best to ensure they achieve the very best possible.

I am delighted to report that all staff have been able to return to school and student attendance was almost 100% across the two days. We have spent months planning many, many procedures and strategies to ensure that your children are in the safest possible hands. I know that I have bombarded you at times with information about a whole variety of things that we are doing, and I do hope that overall you have found this useful. I know that there have been some minor delays with some uniform items, please can I ask that you contact main reception to let us know, in advance, if there is any uniform that you have been unable to obtain for your child. We do have stocks of uniform in school and it is likely that we will be able to help you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the incredible support that you have continued to show both myself and the school across the summer holidays, it really does mean a lot to know that as a whole community we stand together.

Next week's parent news will be a full edition including student of the week, staff member of the week and of course fab and drab.

My very best wishes to you all.

*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 7 <sup>th</sup> September	All years in school
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## Summer Exam Results

### A Level and BTEC

Students at Brakenhale achieved outstanding results in their A Level and BTEC examinations and were absolutely delighted with their outcomes this year. I am incredibly proud of their resilience throughout this unbelievably difficult period of time and the support they have received from their families and our staff has been exceptional. They thoroughly deserve their amazing successes.

We are incredibly pleased with the grades this year, particularly in light of the very difficult circumstances in which they were calculated and the issues that have been advertised nationally. I am thrilled that these issues have overall not affected Brakenhale students. Almost 50% of grades achieved were A\*/A or equivalent, 70% were A\*/B or equivalent, 90% A\*/C or equivalent and 100% pass rate!

### GCSE

Equally, after months of uncertainty, Year 11 students were finally able to receive their grades and get the recognition for their amazing hard work.

We are all immensely proud of the way in which they dealt with the pressures of this incredibly difficult period but also of the young people they have developed into over the last 5 years at Brakenhale. I would like to pay tribute to all the staff who have supported the students over their time with us and their families who have stood by our community.

## # Be Prepared!

Please remind students to check their Tools for Learning.

If students get into the good habit of putting out their uniform, checking their timetable and packing their bag the night before, this will help them arrive at school with the correct uniform, tools for learning and equipment such as PE kit, Food Technology ingredients, completed homework and other necessary items to make sure they are ready to learn as soon as the school day begins.

Having the right tools makes the work neater and lessons start quicker.



## School Reminders

### Student Contact Information

Please ensure that you keep the school updated with any changes to your contact details, **especially** email addresses and mobile phone numbers.



We use schoolcomms messages to keep you updated on information regarding your students, if for any reason you are not receiving our messages, please call the school office and we will be happy help.

If we do not hold any email contacts for you this will result in a delay to you receiving messages as paper copies will need to be sent home by post.

### School Gateway App

This App provides you with the opportunity to be able to view your child's achievements and check their weekly timetable.



If you have any problems accessing information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## Biometric

We use fingerprint scanning at school as a safe and secure way for students to take their books from the library and also to purchase their food from the canteen. If your child has not had their fingerprint taken, they can do this by going to the Library during break or lunchtimes. They will need to have a consent form completed and signed before the fingerprints can be taken.



Please contact the school office for more information.

## ParentPay

ParentPay is the easiest way to make payments for your son/daughter's lunch money and any trips your child will be attending. If you do not currently have a login for ParentPay, please contact the school office who will be able to issue you with details. If you are experiencing any problems with your account, please contact us.



Please ensure that sufficient money is added to your child's dinner money account to enable them to purchase their food.

## Showmyhomework

[ShowMyHomework.co.uk](http://ShowMyHomework.co.uk) is used by teachers to add detail and resources to accompany work set. All students have a log-in to make finding their homework much easier. Once they have logged in for the first time we, as a school, are unable to change or reset their passwords for them, as per GDPR restrictions, so any account holders must use the 'Forgotten Password' button on the log in page to gain access if they forget their password.



Please remember that it is not necessary to log in to see the details of the homework - this can be seen by viewing the Brakenhale Homework Calendar on Show My Homework and filtering by subject, teacher and/or year group.

Key Stage 3 students should expect to receive a minimum of 3 hours of homework per week, which should increase as they move up the years from Year 7 to Year 9. Key Stage 4 should expect to receive a minimum of 5 hours a week.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Mobile Phones

Can we please remind you that students must not use a mobile phone or any other mobile device anywhere on the school site 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.

## Using the Roads Safely

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that as a school, we always want to maintain positive relations with all residents in our local community and would be really grateful if this can be considered when dropping/collecting students from the school. In particular could I ask that driveways and roads are not blocked so that residents can still access their homes and vehicles; please take extra care in and around Coningsby. Please remember that the zigzag lines in Coningsby opposite Rectory Close are there to keep the area clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and children wanting to cross the road. All road users have a responsibility to each other and pedestrians to drive and park with consideration for others. Bracknell Forest have advised us that enforcement action will be taken against illegally parked vehicles outside schools.

Please also ensure that you park and drive courteously around the school site including not obstructing the gateways as this gets particularly busy during school drop off and pick up times.

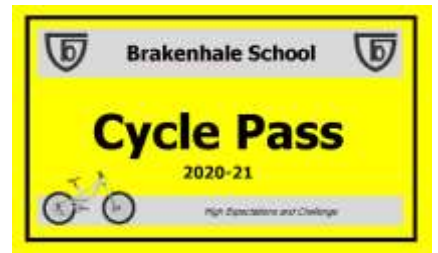
Wherever possible we would encourage students to walk or cycle to school. We have a safety Cycle Pass scheme, so students require a permit and a helmet if they cycle or scooter to school.

Your support in these matters is much appreciated as always.

## Cycling to School

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

Can parents please keep reinforcing the message. Remind students that the helmet must be worn securely and has to be put on before they leave the bike area at the end of the school day.



### Cycle safety

Cycling needs to be encouraged – it's green, healthy and fun and it helps children to become independent.

However, in 2014, 85 cyclists aged 8-11 were killed or seriously injured on Britain's roads, so it's vital that 8-11 year olds learn how to stay safe on a bike.

**Helping your child stay safe**

- Ask your school or Local Authority about cycle training in your area. Your child shouldn't cycle on roads until they have been trained.
- Check your child's bike to see if it's roadworthy: look at brakes, tyres and lights/reflectors (when riding at dusk or at night you must have white front lights and red back lights and reflector)
- Make sure the bike is the right size for your child
- When out driving, teach your child about roundabouts, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings
- Find out where local cycle paths and lanes are
- Make sure your child wears a helmet which fits and is worn correctly, it should not be pushed too far back on the head
- Ensure your child wears some high-visibility clothing when cycling
- When out and about with your child look at cyclists and talk about how easy they are to see

Remember that if you cycle yourself you should set a good example!

#### The basics of cycling safety

These are all covered in detail in the Tales of the Road booklet which your child should have a copy of.

- Look behind before you turn, overtake or stop
- Use arm signals before you turn right or left
- Obey traffic lights and road signs
- Do not ride on the pavement unless there is a sign saying that you can
- On busy or narrow roads do not cycle next to another person
- When overtaking parked cars, watch out for car doors opening suddenly
- Do not listen to a personal stereo while cycling

These are just some of the rules children who ride on roads should know. Young cyclists need to learn what road signs mean, how to deal with roundabouts and understand when to give way. If you have time, read through the Tales of the Road booklet with your child.

Find out if cycle training is available at your child's school – this is the best way to learn the skills and knowledge needed to stay safe on the road. You can learn more about cycle training in your area at [www.bikesafety.org.uk](http://www.bikesafety.org.uk) - [new window](#) or contact your local Road Safety Officer through the Local Authority.



## School Dining Hall

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

**7.45 - 8.30** Breakfast which includes:

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

**10.00 – 11.30** Break-time (staggered)

**12.30 – 2.00** Lunch-time (staggered)

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



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

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

More information and sample menus are available on [www.brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/parent-zone/](http://www.brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/parent-zone/)

There is a 3 week menu rotation, please see below.

Next week will be week 2.

 <b>Brakenhale School Autumn Menu 2020/21</b> 										
Week 1	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1	BFA * Chinese Pork Stir-fry	Containing Gluten, Soybeans	BFA * Chicken Korma, Mango Chutney	Cereal Containing Gluten, Dairy	BFA * Roast Chicken Breast, Gravy	N/A	Beef Chilli Con Carne & Tortilla Chips	Containing Gluten	MSC * Battered Baked Fish Chicken Nuggets Sausage	Containing Gluten, Egg, Fish
Option 2	Vegetable Stir-fry & Spring rolls	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Vegetable Korma Naan Bread	Dairy Gluten	Three Beans Casserole	Gluten	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Margarita Pizza	Containing Gluten, Dairy
Carbohydrates	Noodles	Gluten, Egg	Basmati Rice	N/A	New Potatoes	N/A	Steamed Rice	N/A	Oven Chunky Chips	Containing gluten
Vegetables Of the day	Sweetcorn Carrots	N/A	Broccoli Cauliflower	N/A	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	N/A	Herby Courgettes & Sweetcorn	N/A	Garden Peas Baked Beans	N/A
Dessert	Syrup Sponge & Vanilla Custard	Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Apple Crumble & Cream	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Cocoa Muffins	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Fresh Fruit Salad	N/A

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 • MSC (Marine Stewardship Council)

\* All Menu Nut Free

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.



## Brakenhale School Autumn Menu 2020/21



Week 2	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1	BFA * Beef Bolognese	Containing Gluten, Dairy	BFA * Chicken Katsu Curry & Mango Chutney	Containing Gluten, Dairy	BFA * Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding	Gluten, Dairy, Egg	BFA * Charcoal Chicken Wrap	Containing Gluten	MSC * Battered Fish Salmon Fishcake Chicken Nuggets	Cereal Containing Gluten, Egg, Fish
Option 2	Quorn Vegetarian Bolognese	Containing Gluten	Lentil Curry Naan Bread	Dairy, Gluten	Spinach & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	N/A	Mixed Bean Enchilada	Cereal Containing Gluten,	Cheese & Tomato Omelette	Containing Gluten, Dairy, Egg
Carbohydrates	Spaghetti	Gluten	Lemon Basmati Rice	N/A	Roast Potatoes	N/A	Spicy Wedges	Gluten	Chunky Oven Chips	Containing gluten
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 Gluten, Dairy, Egg	Courgettes & Lime Cake	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Fruit Crumble & Cream	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Coco Orange Cake Custard	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Rice Cake	Gluten Free

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

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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.

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-meals/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 - [kitchen@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@brakenhale.co.uk)

 <b>Brakenhale School</b> 		
	<b>CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2020/2021</b>	
	<b>Price</b>	
		Regular    Large
	<b>MEALS</b>	
	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>£2.10</b>
	<b>Meal Deal (main meal + drink or pudding)</b>	<b>£2.50</b>
	Soup of the Day	£1.05
	Soup with Bread Roll	£1.25
	Jacket Potato + 1 Filling	£1.25
	Jacket Potato + 2 Filling	£1.80
	Salad Pot	£1.25    £2.00
	Pasta King	£1.30    £2.00
	Yogurt Bar	£1.25    £2.00
	Fruit Salad / Cold Dessert / Jelly Pot	£1.00
	Hot Pudding	£0.75
	<b>SNACKS</b>	
	Pizza	£1.20
	Paninis	£1.80
	Beef / Chicken / Veggie Burger	£1.55
	Hot Wraps	£1.55
Chicken Nuggets / Popcorn	£1.55	
Hot Dogs	£1.55	
Lamb Kebab	£1.55	
Bagels	£1.55	
Chicken Wings Pot	£1.55	
Potato Wedges	£0.80	
Waffles	£0.60	
Cookies	£0.50	
<b>DRINKS</b>		
Cold Drinks Range	From    £0.50 to £0.80	
Hot Drinks	£1.00	
Frutina	£0.80    £1.00	
Ice Cream / Lollies	£0.50	



## Wates Building Update



The demolition of the old building continues apace!



## Curriculum Support Updates

### Tools for Learning

Student Tools for Learning are now sold by Mrs McCrorie from the new Head of Year office in our new building on the first floor.

Tools for Learning will be available to purchase before school from 8.20am to 8.35am and then during tutor time until 8.55am. They will also be available during break time, 11am to 11.25am. 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.

### 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



## 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.



## 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)

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 £11.00.

## 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.

## 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.



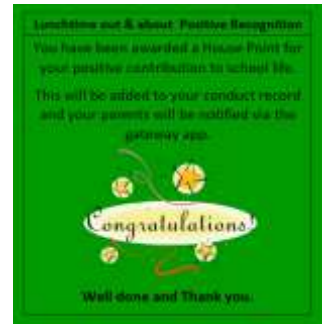
## Reward Tickets

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 are now rewarding 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.

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



## PE Update

### What you need to know

We have put things in place for your personal safety and so you can take part in our subject safely. We have followed the DfE and PE organisation guidelines to inform our subject changes and have slightly changed how we run PE and the routines in place.

### Distancing

We will be applying the 2m distancing rule in lessons between staff and students. Please follow this and ensure it is kept to at all times and in all places. This may be difficult at times i.e. the changing rooms, but please make the effort. All lessons will be outside, so make sure you are prepared!

### Changing and changing rooms

You will come to school in uniform and then get changed into your PE kit in the changing rooms as normal (in year group bubbles). There will be a 2m box for the teacher to stand in, please DO NOT stand or change in the box.

The changing rooms will be fully cleaned and sanitised between lessons to ensure they are clean and safe for students. You will be asked to wipe down your area and to help with this.

### Activities

These have been planned to ensure that there will be NO physical contact between students.

They will be skill, fitness and conditioned based, whilst still taking part in our usual activities eg football, rugby, athletics, netball etc. You will do these for 2/3 weeks and use the same kit equipment each week, then swap on to a new activity after the kit has been cleaned and sanitised. The plan will be put up outside the changing rooms for you to see.

### Hygiene routines

You MUST wash/sanitise your hands before you enter the changing rooms.

When you get changed, pack all uniform away NEATLY in your bag to avoid it being out and lose. When you get changed back into uniform, put all of your PE kit away back in your bag.

At the end of the lesson you MUST wash/sanitise your hands before you leave the changing rooms.

### To and from PE

There will be a walkway as you come up to PE to keep you apart from other year groups - a line will be down the middle to keep you apart. There may also be a 1 way system into and out of the changing rooms, please look out for signs. When it is your break and lunch times, please do not go near the courts or dance/PE area as lessons will still be going on.

## Clubs and fixtures

We are running clubs! Yes! Starting next week, there will be 2 year groups on each night:

⇒ Tuesday - Year 7 and 8

⇒ Thursday - Year 9 and 10

Each year group will be given certain changing rooms. Please see the PE clubs for Half Term 1 below and also look on social media or ask your tutor as they will know as well!

### REMINDERS!!!!



- Please bring a signed and dated note from parents/careers 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. Jewellery and watches are NOT to be worn.

If you have any questions please email Mr Potter: [mpotter@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:mpotter@brakenhale.co.uk)

*Mr M Potter, Head of PE*

On Twitter & Instagram: @brakenhalepe

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 <b>BRAKENHALE PE CLUBS</b> 						
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	Boys: Activity - football Staff - MPO Location - astro 2 Changing - dance boys		Boys: Activity - football Staff - CMY Location - astro 1 Changing - sports hall boys	Boys: Activity - football Staff - JSP/CCO Location - astro 2 Changing - dance boys	
	Girls: Activity - netball Staff - LWI Location - sports hall Changing - sports hall girls	Girls: Activity - netball Staff - LRU Location - courts Changing - dance girls		Girls: Activity - netball Staff - ABT Location - sports hall Changing - sports hall girls	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!**



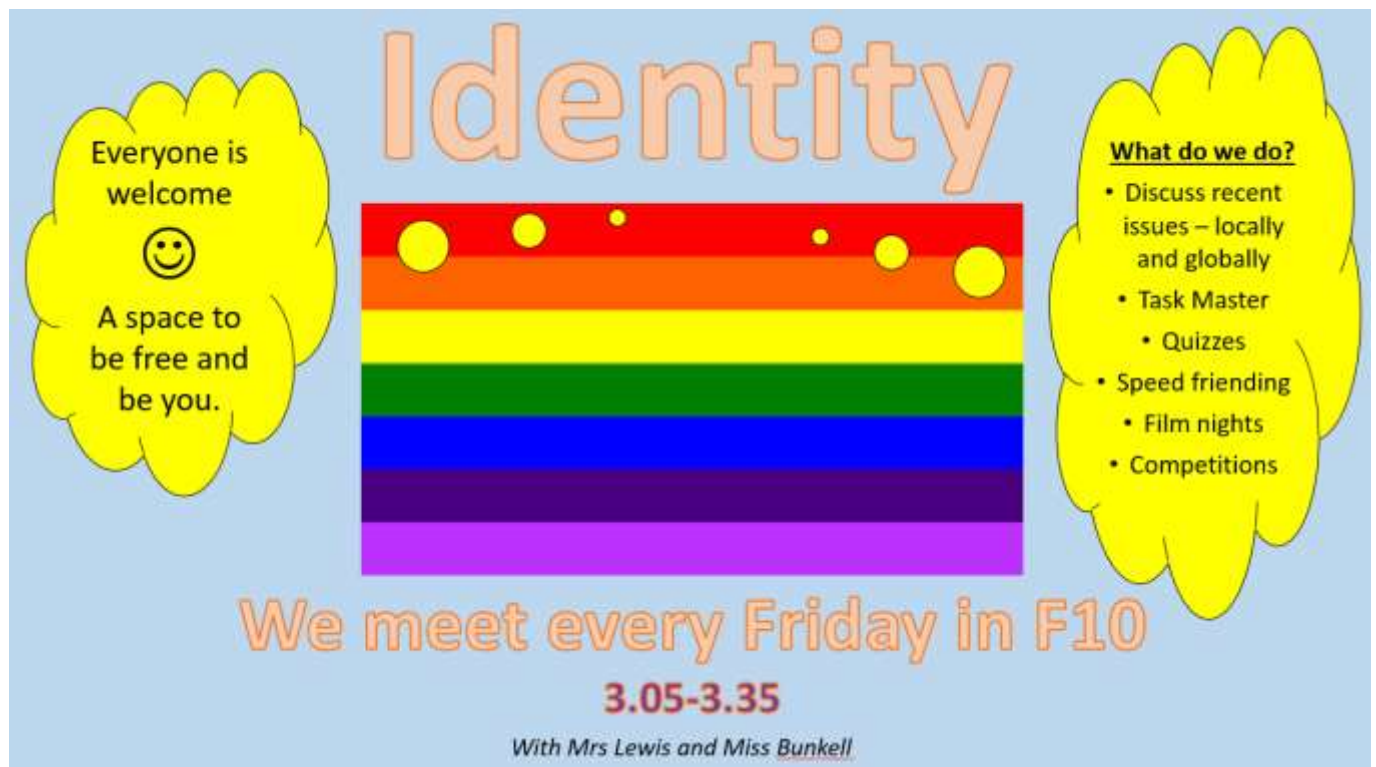
## Identity

Welcome to our after school club called Identity, run by Miss Bunkel and Mrs Lewis.

This takes place on a Friday and is held in F10. This is a club for anyone to attend but caters to those who may be exploring and questioning their identity. At Brakenhale, we are very open and inclusive and we do have students who identify as different genders, have come out as bisexual, homosexual and have preferred pronouns.

We are here to support these students on a Friday, but also, at any time!

Coming to terms with one's identity, especially if it is different to others, can be quite gruelling and for some, they will shout it from the rooftops. Either way, we want to do our very best to ensure everyone is happy with who they are and can access information, should they need it.



**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*

## BULLYING

Please let us know if you would like to meet with someone

## 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.



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 prize draw winners over the summer holiday. Even though we weren't in school, the lottery winners kept winning!**

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.

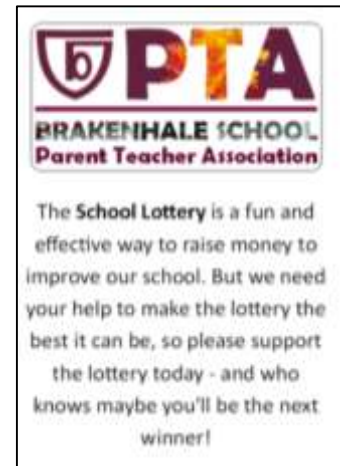
There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

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.



## 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](#).







- Deputy SENCo

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

## Feedback Initiative

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

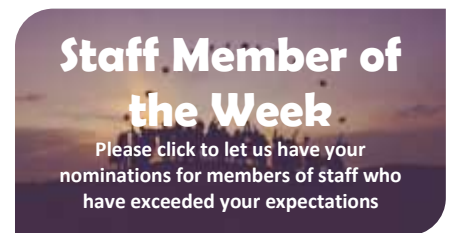
### Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

## Future Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	:	<b>School Photos Year 7</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	:	<b>Virtual Open Evening</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	:	<b>National Libraries Week</b>

## Term Dates

### Term Dates 2020-21

#### AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Autumn Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

*(Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January Bank Holiday)*

#### SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4<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** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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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