

Brakenhale News



1st April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I hope this finds you well. We have now come to the Easter holidays after an incredibly busy yet productive school term. Having returned to school on either Wednesday 5th or Thursday 6th January 2022, students have attended 57 or 58 school days. Whilst Covid-19 has continued to affect some of us, and thus our attendance, we have managed to stay open to all year groups throughout this time. I know this has not been the case for some other schools both locally and nationally.

Government guidance, released only yesterday (31.03.2022), has detailed how schools will manage with infections after the Easter break. In short, although testing (LFTs) will not be readily available, any student who is unwell and has a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. The advice is to do this for three days. They can come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature. I will write again at the beginning of the new term to narrate this.

As I have previously shared with you, when we returned to school after the Christmas holidays, there were some refinements to our school structures (for example, one break and lunch and not split ones and a move to centralised detention for 30 minutes across the school). Another feature was the real push on House Points and the introduction of Golden Tickets. In just over 12 weeks, over 98,000 House Points have been awarded and just over 9500 Golden Tickets given to students! This is incredible and well done to every single student who has attained either, or both, of these. Over the last two weeks, we have had year group Celebrations Assemblies, followed by inter-year House Assemblies. In both, I was impressed to see students being recognised and rewarded. We must continue to do so. I told all students that if their name was not projected or said, they must not feel dejected. They will have done something that has been worthy of praise and recognition which a teacher will have told them, and they must not forget it.

This half term has been filled with a number of exciting opportunities above and beyond what happens in our classrooms every single day. The next 40 pages or so outline this. Some highlights for me include: the Year 7 football team, only this week, reaching the semi-finals of the Berkshire Schools County Cup; earlier in March, World Book Day where students had a range of activities to participate in; the Dance Show last Wednesday (our first in-person event in a long time!) which showcased the incredible work of our Sixth Form Dance students; attendance to parental events such as Parents' Evening, Year 9 Choices Evening, 'Year 8 See Our School' and the CCF event; expeditions such as the Duke of Edinburgh two weeks ago. There is much more which you will find hereafter.

Over the last week, assessment data has been collected for various years groups. Year 13 reports are being sent today. Year 11 PPE results have been shared with students and in Parents' Evening last week; the reports will be sent to families when we return. This will also be the case for other year groups.

For students in Year 9 who have chosen your subjects for GCSE, thank you for submitting these. We are beginning to analyse and process all of the subjects and we will be in contact with anyone where we require more information after the Easter break. Subject choices will then be confirmed later on in the summer term.

A communication from Ms Turner and Ms Whybra in our maths department will be shared shortly too. This is about the Sparx homework we set and further information on this; please do read it.

On the next page, Ms Whitaker has reminded us all of the uniform expectations. Please ensure to read and remind your child(ren) of this. It's important that the message of how we dress affects our mindset permeates every single day. Smartly and correctly dressed students not only uphold our high standards but ensure they're ready for their learning, which is why we are here.



In my communication home last Friday, I mentioned about students' conduct to and from school. Please continue to relay this. I also mentioned bringing illegal items (such as vapes) into school. Please refer back to this. Please note that we can carry out searches on students if we need to. These are always done with two adults present and are not intrusive. Students are asked to empty their pockets, open their bags and we look through it, the blazer is checked and shoes can be asked to be taken off to check. If a student refuses, parents/carers will be immediately informed and asked to come in. A refusal could suggest something may be exposed; it raises questions when the safety of the wider school is paramount. We do not want to be in such a situation so please explain this to your child(ren). Your support is much appreciated here.

As this is coming to you, four teachers and 36 students are on their way to Gatwick Airport then off to Austria for a week to ski! I wish them a safe and enjoyable trip. We look forward to hearing about their trip and seeing photos of it.

As I have relayed to you before, should any of you like to visit the school during the day and see our students busy with their learning, please do get in touch with me (headteacher@brakenhale.co.uk) and this can be arranged.

Can I wish all our students a restful break. They are due back on Tuesday 19th April. The gates will open at 10.45am. All students must be on site and ready to go to Tutor rooms by 11.00am. Any students arriving after this point will be marked as late.

I hope you gain an inquisitive insight into Brakenhale's last half term in the next 40 or so pages.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Taylor, Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Another term finished for the 2021-2022 year. Thankfully so far we have been in every day and all students and staff are so grateful for this consistency. Our students' successes have been celebrated by the Heads of Year and Heads of House in their assemblies, with some chocolate rewards. The students' behaviour in lessons continues to be excellent and they are working hard to ensure their learning progresses well - we are very proud of them.

Thank you for all your correspondence so far this year. Our Heads of Year will know the best person to assist with your enquiry and therefore may pass it on. Please do not be confused if another member of staff responds to you.

As always, a quick reminder of our uniform, jewellery and adornments expectations for when we return after Easter. Please ensure students do not get any additional piercings, nails should be plain with no extensions and hair should not have track lines cut in or be an extreme colour. Students should return wearing full uniform, which includes a blazer and trainers should not be worn. Please remember that all outdoor coats should be plain, dark-coloured ones. Our high expectations ensure that all students follow the same rules, this consistency is key to our success as a school.

A particularly significant part of many young people's lives is social media. Sometimes, as adults, we are unaware of the mechanisms used and also the impact on young people - especially in relation to sexual harassment and abuse. A really informative report written by Professor Jessica Ringrose (in collaboration with others), addresses a specific issue with image-based sexual harassment and abuse. I would urge you to read to further your understanding. Please find the link to the [executive summary here](#) and [full report here](#).

Best wishes,

Ms Whitaker, Deputy Headteacher



Rewarding Students

Ms H Whitaker, Deputy Headteacher

Hot Chocolate and Cake with the Headteacher!

Well done to those students who were chosen this term to celebrate their achievements with a hot chocolate and cake reception with Mr Taylor!



On Friday 11th March a select number of students were invited to join Mr Taylor to celebrate their Academic Excellence with delicious muffins too.

Then on Thursday 31st March we celebrated Academic Excellence together with Most Improved for the last award lunch with Mr Taylor for the Spring term. Students gaining these awards were invited to bring a friend with them to share in their success!

Keep your eyes open next term to see if you are invited!



Polar Preet – 22.2.22

Second Lieutenant Bury, Contingent Commander, Brakenhale School CCF/Forest School Leader

Polar Preet:
British Army Officer, who became the first lady of colour to complete a solo un-supported walk 700 miles across Antarctica to the South Pole, visits Brakenhale School CCF Cadets and Year 10 students.



On Tuesday 22nd February 2022, Brakenhale School welcomed Preet Chandi, nicknamed Polar Preet, to speak with our students. Captain Chandi, a current British Army officer from 3 Medical Regiment, came in to give an inspiring talk to our CCF Cadets and our Year 10 students about how she conquered the South Pole.

Capt. Chandi crafted her story about why she took on such a challenge and why this expedition meant so much to her personally. She spoke passionately about all the times she had been told that she couldn't do things, about how she had been told she wouldn't achieve much in her life and that she wouldn't make a difference to others. This became the drive behind her completing this expedition and her motivation.



Capt. Preet experienced temperatures of minus 50°C (Minus 58F) and winds of up to 60mph, all while pulling a 90kg (198lb) sled. The stories she recounted included being alone in a field of white and not always being aware of whether it was day time or night time, as the South Pole doesn't have any hours of darkness! Capt. Chandi shared how she managed to keep pushing herself when she was in her darkest hours and the difference a simple message of encouragement made to her, when she completed her check-in calls via a military Sat Phone.

The 32-year-old nonetheless completed the 700 mile (1127km) journey to the South Pole almost a week ahead of her schedule, trekking from Hercules Inlet to the South Pole in just 40 days, 7 hours and 3 minutes. Capt. Preet is now the third fastest woman to trek across the continent, and the first person to reach the South Pole on foot in two years.



She went on to tell our Cadets and students that, “I want to encourage people to push their boundaries and to believe in themselves, and I want you to be able to do it without being labelled a rebel.”

“I have been told ‘NO’ on many occasions and to ‘just do the normal thing’, but we create our own normal. You, as cadets and you all as young people, are capable of anything you want”.

During the talk to our Cadets and students she showed many pictures of her expedition and explained how each person involved helped her and how each stage just made her the person she is today.

You can share in her adventure and find out more information about this exceptional lady via these links www.polarpreet.com/ or on Twitter @PreetChandi10



Darren B-C Cadet Sgt and Year 10 student told us:

"Being able to hear directly from someone that has walked to the South Pole and completed this challenge on her own was just something you don't normally get to do outside of school, never mind in school. Polar Preet was so open and honest and showed me that no matter what others say and how much people can tell you that you won't be able to do something, with the right mental attitude you really can do what you want. I thought it was great being able to ask her questions not only about her expedition but also about her role within the British Army. Polar Preet was a true inspiration and on behalf of the Cadets and students of Brakenhale we are really thankful that she took the time to come and talk to us".

Year 11 Motivational Speaker

Miss K Wilson, Head of Year 11

We were delighted to welcome Junior Saunders, from Dreams 2 Reality, who came in to give a rousing and insightful speech to our Year 11 students on Friday 25th February.

In preparation for their upcoming Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) he spoke to students about personal responsibility and how their actions lead to positive outcomes. Not only was he engaging and motivating, he left Year 11 students with key messages that they could reflect upon.



Ski Trip – Practice Run

Mr J Boucher, Assistant Head of Year 10



As this newsletter is being delivered to your inbox, 36 Year 9 and 10 students are on their way to Austria! They are off to ski for the week. We look forward to an update about this in the next edition.

In preparation we went to Milton Keynes for a practice session in advance of hitting the slopes next week.



Physics in Action Trip

Miss R Young, Physics Teacher

On Thursday 3rd March, our A level Physicists were lucky enough to attend a series of inspirational talks at the Emmanuel Centre in London. This was an event run by The Training Partnership to show how the concepts we study in A-Level Physics can be applied to various different real-life contexts.



During these talks we learnt about the many questions that we cannot yet answer about our universe from Professor Chris Lintott, as well as the future research and instruments that will hopefully assist us with these unknowns. Andrew Steele spoke to us about how we can use superconductor materials in a range of applications including seeing inside the human body. This particular talk led into a fascinating discussion about the new technology using light to monitor brain activity from Gemma Bale. The day was finished by Brendan Walker who showed us the key relationship between G-forces and the experience of thrill on rollercoasters.

After the last couple of years, it was a lovely experience (with some of our students seeing different parts of London for the first time!), and we even got to meet Lewis Matheson - our A level Physics Online YouTuber.



Careers Update

Ms J Lane, Careers & Personal Development

This half term has been busy with National Careers Week, Year 9 Choices and our first external trip to an employer since the pandemic began. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to get out of the classroom and into the 'real world' and show students what working life in a global company is like.

On Wednesday 2nd March, some Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit PwC in Reading on a Careers trip. The purpose of the day was to provide an insight into the various departments and career opportunities within the organisation. PwC supported the students to develop key employability skills with a number of exciting challenges such as Problem Solving and Teamwork. Feedback from the students was very positive and can be summed by one student, Paige A, who said, "It was fun to work as a team and see the inside of a real office environment, as well as seeing how different departments interact with the real world."



We've also started inviting external speakers into school and this week we were delighted to welcome Faye Harland from BBC Berkshire. Faye met with some of our budding journalists and gave them valuable advice and guidance on how to write and present their entries into the Global Young Journalist Awards.

Job Opportunities in our region

We are fortunate to live in a region with a number of key industries offering a wide range of employment opportunities for our young people. Information on these industries, the roles they offer, and one of the key important issues to many young people, the salaries they offer, can be found on our website using the [Labour Market Information widget](#) on our Careers page.



World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

Mrs D Lewis, English

This year's World Book Day (WBD) took place on Thursday 3rd March.

Even though, this year, students were not able to dress up, staff did not disappoint! See below for yourself:



Here is what we did on the day:

1. Students voted for the 'best dressed' at the library. The winners were a dynamic duo: Mr Potter transformed into Princess Tiana, and with him, his loyal companion - the frog! (Miss Butler). The English team dressed up as characters from the GCSE texts. We had a host of figures from Shakespeare's tragedy: Lady Macbeth (Mrs Clark), Banquo's Ghost (Miss Thomas), King Duncan (Miss Shearman). We had some key characters from An Inspector Calls, including the Inspector himself (Mrs Keljarrett), Mrs Birling (Mrs Lewis) and her maid, Edna (Mrs Bradley). From A Christmas Carol, we had Tiny Tim (Miss Butcher). We even had Jekyll and Hyde, that's right, both characters - one teacher - well done Miss Hodgson! Performing Arts brought us the magical world of Harry Potter, joined by Mr Boucher and we had other characters like The Great Gatsby (Miss Cullip), Del Boy (Mr Maye), Little Red Riding Hood (Mrs Lazarczuk) and Jane Bennett (Miss Reggler). Well done to everyone for celebrating World Book Day and the wonders of reading!
2. Tutor time was dedicated to celebrating WBD and tutors took part in the 'Masked Reader' activity where students guessed which staff member was reading different sections of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Thank you for the feedback - it seemed like this caused a lot of laughs, it was certainly much fun putting it all together!
3. There was a hubbub of activity in the library at break and lunch with many competitions such as designing bookmarks, Literary Bingo and quizzes.
4. English had bespoke lessons where students chose from a menu of activities from things like: choose two characters from different books and create a story where they meet, to adapting your favourite book into a screenplay.
5. All students received a £1 book token – I do hope students were all able to use this opportunity and get themselves a new book :)

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone why we have the Tutor Reading Program at Brakenhale and some facts about the benefits of reading. Please read on...



Tutor Reading Programme

Mrs D Lewis, English

Why do we have the Tutor Reading Program?

Firstly, books and stories allow us to explore this world, and others, and the people in them. This program allows **all** students the opportunity to read.

Reading helps build our literacy and literacy helps us to build our understanding of the world and our place in it.

- Literacy helps us to form ideas and express ourselves. This helps us to become active citizens of the world.
- **At school**, literacy helps us unlock information in each and every subject area. This knowledge will unlock doors for us in the future.
- **Outside the school gates**, literacy helps us to communicate effectively in this diverse world, fill out forms correctly and other such paperwork that is intrinsically part of our everyday adult lives.

But, why?

Learners with low literacy skills may have difficulty understanding 'road signs or price labels, making sense of bus or train timetables, filling out forms, reading instructions on medicines or using the internet'.

Without the knowledge or ability to complete such tasks, one may well struggle in life.

The National Literacy Trust

The benefits of reading:

Reading reduces stress by 68%

70% of all incarcerated adults cannot read at a Year 5 level

Children who read
1,000,000 words
a year are in the
top 2% of reading
achievement.

When children have a
home library, as little as
20 books of their own,
they achieve **3 more years**
of schooling than children
who don't have any
books at home.

- ★ 1 in 8 disadvantaged children in the UK do not own a book.
- ★ 1 in 5 children cannot read before they start secondary school.
- ★ By the final year of compulsory schooling in England, the reading skills of children from disadvantaged backgrounds are on average almost three years behind those from the most affluent homes.
- ★ Low levels of literacy cost the UK an estimated £81 billion a year in lost earnings and increased welfare spending, impacting on 'the success of the economy as a whole'.



Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

Miss A Butler, DofE Coordinator

All students who complete the Silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award must do a minimum of 6 months volunteering, improving a skill of their choice, a physical sport and a 3-day / 2-night camping expedition with 1 practice. This expedition was their practice.

On Friday 11th March, this year's Silver cohort turned up to a car park in Great Windsor Park bleary eyed, but ready for the adventure that awaited them. Little did they know how wet that first day was going to be... but even the weather couldn't dampen their motivation to keep going, and after 19km of walking with around 15kg of equipment on their backs, everyone made it back to a soggy and muddy campsite to set up for the night, and at least 1 lesson had been learned: always pack your waterproofs at the top of your bag!

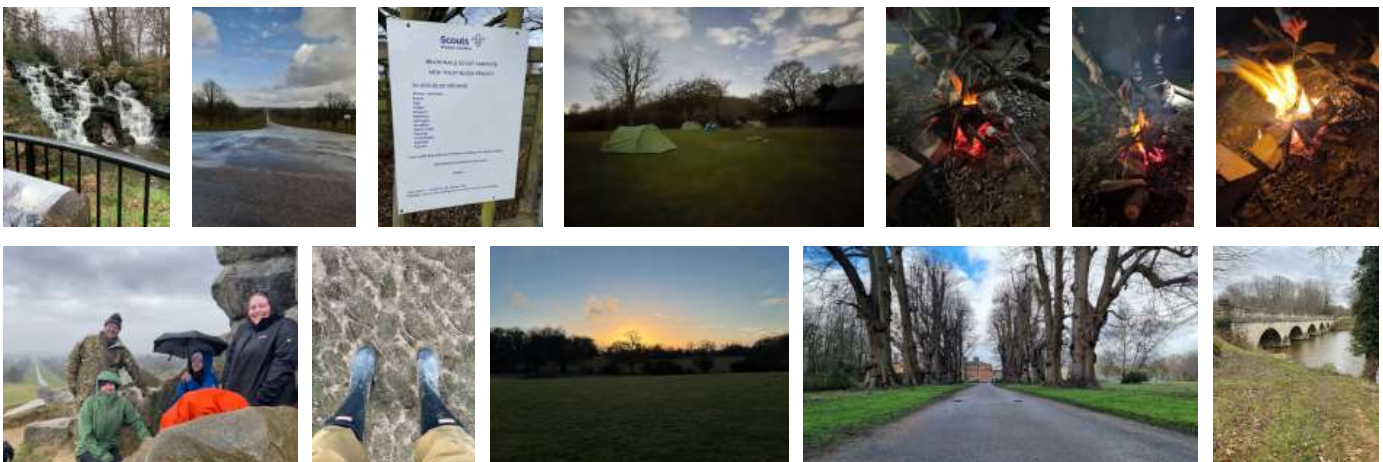
On day 2 we were blessed with beautiful sunshine for the majority of the day, perking up everyone's mood, and this made packing up the camp site a little more tolerable, even with the mud. We then completed another 19km, reaching various points around Great Windsor Park, however the monotony of walking had started to kick in for some. This however was totally forgotten by the evening where building camp-fires and roasting marshmallows was on the top of everyone's (including the teachers') agenda. Aside from an impromptu firework display at 11pm from a neighbouring property, all was well on the second evening.

On day 3 (the final day) everyone had 13 km of walking in front of them. Most were exhausted but relieved that this final day would end with a real bed, a shower, and possibly a home-cooked meal (or even a cheeky McDonalds). Everyone was relentless with making sure they made it to the final check-point, where parents/carers would be greeting them back with welcome arms (even disregarding the mud). Thankfully the weather held out for most of the day again, with everyone completing it in relatively good spirits.

51km walked with 15kg on your back is no mean feat. Every single person who took part should be exceedingly proud of what they achieved, the resilience they exhibited, and the kindness they showed to each other even when they thought they couldn't do it. We are looking forward to the real-deal with the dates to be confirmed shortly and fingers crossed the weather is not as bad.

On behalf of myself and this year's cohort we would like to thank Mr George, Ms Manlay and Mrs Lyford for giving up their weekend to support the running of the practise expedition. I would also like to give a special thanks to Mr Hutchens for not only supporting the catering on the weekend but being on hand to support with absolutely anything. Especially when it came down to the all-important tea and coffee!

I look forward to the summer term when we will launch Silver DofE for the current Year 9 students and introducing Bronze to the school for the current Year 8s. More information to come on this in the Summer term.



CCF

Second Lieutenant Bury, Contingent Commander, Brakenhale School CCF/Forest School Leader

CCF Parents' Evening



On Tuesday 15th March the CCF held their first in-school evening where parents and carers were invited in to school to find out more about what their children get up to at CCF. During the evening Mr Bury and the cadets were delighted to present the Berkshire Lowland Search and Rescue with a cheque for £1500 raised from the Remembrance sponsored walk held in November when the cadets undertook walking around the school's 400m track to achieve the same distance travelling from the school to Auschwitz in Poland via the Somme.



CCF Night Warrior Fieldcraft Exercise – 19th and 20th March 2022

Brakenhale School CCF held our first all cadet fieldcraft weekend during this term. The cadets packed up and moved out from the school grounds on the Saturday morning at 0730hrs.

The cadets arrived at the Army training area where the fieldcraft exercise really started for them, with a 1.5 mile tab (hike) to the harbour area.

The British Army had supported this exercise by allowing us access for the weekend to their 'FOB' (Forward Observation Base). This area is only normally used by the British Army, so for our cadets to have access to this area just added to the whole experience.



During the first day of being out cadets were tested on their navigation skills and leadership skills. The cadets were given the grid reference for each of the 3 lesson areas and in their sections they had to navigate to each area. During the navigation cadets' signals training was also put to the test.

The lessons the cadets received on the Saturday were: Camouflage and Concealment, Cooking in the field and judging distance. Each one of the lessons are key skills the cadets need to understand to be able to live in the field for each exercise.

Cadets had the chance in the early evening to rest and set up their shelters for the night, again following a lesson they had received on how to build a 2-man shelter. During this rest time cadets cooked their first Army Ration pack meal and showed they could remember from the lesson how to do this and how to manage their own personal well-being.



The day was not over for the cadets as at 1900hrs the cadets moved out from the harbour area on their night navigation, which also included yet another lesson, this time on 'How sound travels at night and how we change our approach to tasks at night'. The lesson was a demonstration by the instructors which included one instructor being about 80m away and using his phone. The cadets were asked to listen and see if they could hear what was being said. This showed the cadets that at night sound will travel a lot further and that when we are out on patrols this is why we use hand signals, so that the enemy does not hear us.

The cadets returned to the harbour for a hot drink and then it was time to sleep.

On Sunday morning the cadets got up at 0630hrs and started their morning routines within the harbour. This consisted of making their own breakfast from the ration pack, washing from their mess tins and closing down the harbour area.

The cadets, at 0845hrs, then moved out for their first lesson of the day, which was 'Fire and Manoeuvre' battle drills. This was the cadets' first real experience of using the BB weapons and having to engage a target while working as a fire team. The cadets had great fun with this and they just wanted to carry on going but time was up and it was time to move out again.

The cadets then went to the 'FOB' where we had great fun playing the Cadets Vs Instructors game to capture the compound.

Sunday then came to the end and we had to pack up and leave to return back to school. The cadets were tired but were so full of smiles which was so great to see after what had been a very long 32 hours out in the field.



Dance Show / Lift Off Dance Festival

Miss G Millard, Acting Head of Performing Arts

Dance Showcase

Our P16 BTEC Dance students held their first Dance Showcase in the new Hall on Wednesday 23rd March. This is the first time we've held a school performance to an outside audience since 2019 and it was fantastic to have so many come to support.



The 15 students performed over an hour of dances in a variety of styles that were a testament to all the hard work they have put in over the years, both in school and through at home learning. The showcase, titled 'Heroes, Hits and Hollywood' was a celebration of Blockbuster films and music icons and showcased the talents of the students in both performance and choreography skills.

Lift Off Dance Festival

Our P16 BTEC dance students also took part in the Lift Off Dance Festival on Saturday 26th March at South Hill Park. Lift Off is a local authority dance festival that showcases dance groups from a variety of ages, disciplines and backgrounds. Joined by students from Year 10 GCSE Dance they also attended dance Masterclasses as part of the festival and learnt from 4 different dance specialists in a range of styles including contemporary, Charleston and street dance. The classic jazz performance celebrating 80s musicals performed as part of the evening showcase was very well received and the students all performed spectacularly.



PE Update

Mr Potter, Head of PE and PE Team

Well here we are, the end of another term in PE, at Brakenhale.

I have lots to write about this half term, which is a lovely thing to do, as it shows the great work that has been going on by our students in the subject.

Our Year 12 sports leaders have been very busy this half term. They have been down at Wildridings weekly, working with Year 4 students looking at OAA (Outdoor and adventurous activities) and handball activities in their PE curriculum. The link we have at the primary school has developed over a number of years and the fact we can get back down there to do some face to face leadership has been superb. It has been great to see the Year 4 students out and about the courts taking part in their PE lessons with our leaders. Our Year 12 sports leaders have also recently run a Year 7 table tennis tournament to crown our Year 7 table tennis champion. The Year 12 students had to plan, set up, promote and run the event to allow students from Year 7 to play against each other and to crown the overall year group champion. The Year 12 students even managed to rope in some other Sixth Form students to help run a fantastic 3 day tournament.

Our football season has fared well this term with nearly all year groups fulfilling fixtures for the East Berks Schools League. With us now having 2 pitches on the school field, this has made hosting and having home games so much easier, so a big thank you to the school for investing in both the new set of goals and the field markings. With nearly all fixtures completed, once again everyone who has pulled on a Brakenhale maroon shirt has represented the



school with great effort and pride. There have been some mixed results as you expect in school football, but a few stand out - shout outs go to the Year 7 Boys team, playing at home for the first time with our new 9v9 pitch registering 4 wins and 1 loss in their league games putting them in a good position to qualify for the league play offs after Easter. That's not - all with the Year 7s (as they are at the time of writing) in the quarter final of the Schools Berkshire County cup and set to play the only team to beat them so far in LVS in Ascot! Finally from the Year 7 team 2 boys have been invited to complete a 6 week trial by League 1 side Oxford United off the back of some outstanding performances. We have had Derby successes with a big 5-2 win vs Ranelagh for the Year 10 team. The Year 8 and 9 Boys have also put in some good shifts in the maroon shirts. The new look U14 Girls team have begun to gel together and have won their last 2 games convincingly and mixing Year 7 to 9 girls shows the benefits of our ME in PE Social ME and working well together and shaping up into a real force so watch this space!

As for our academic students in PE, they have also had a busy half term. You have heard about the Year 12 sports leaders and just as exciting - the Year 12 CTEC Sport students received their grades for the January series of exams, with all students gaining at least a pass grade and with 1 student achieving a distinction. Our Year 11 GCSE PE students have sat their final PPEs for the year as well as taking part in the mock moderation to finalise grades for their upcoming exams and the real moderation to take place at Wellington College in the summer term. Finally our Year 9 students were treated to a taste of Key Stage 4 life when a number of the year group attended a taster session, trying out a little bit of GCSE PE and some CNAT Sport, ready for options for next year.

Sticking with Year 9, 5 girls from the year group attended a county wide sports leadership programme with our friends from Berkshire Active. The girls were chosen from the great work they did with the primary athletics event earlier in the year. The girls attended a day at Bisham Abbey, just north of Slough, where they trained in their groups to up-skill themselves with other Berkshire students, ready to run the Berkshire Games event this summer. The girls did a superb job of representing themselves and the school and are looking forward to their day in the sun in the summer term. Well done girls, a great job and some fantastic feedback about you all from the organisers!



Bracknell Flames Netball Club Easter Camp
Monday 11th April to Wednesday 13th April from 10am-2pm.
Kings Academy School, Wood Lane, Binfield, RG42 4FS.
Years 5-9.

Run by Level 2 England Netball qualified coaches who also hold current certification in First Aid and Safeguarding.

The camp would be suitable for players that already play in clubs or school teams or just want to come along and learn netball skills and have fun.
Players will develop a more advanced understanding of the game, basic skills will be reinforced, ball and movement skills will be progressed, and players will be challenged to make decisions and develop awareness of the game.
This will all be put into action with game play at the end of each day.

IMPORTANT INFO

Cost is £20 per day per child or £50 for the 3 days per child.
Please bring plenty of water, a packed lunch (NO NUTS), snacks, waterproof/suitable clothing should we get a shower and please wear suitable clothing/footwear for sports activities.

A Typical Day

10:00am - Arrival (MUST be signed in by a parent/guardian)
10:15am to 11:00am - Session 1
11:00am to 11:15 - Snack and Break
11:15am to 12:00pm - Session 2
12:00pm to 12:30pm - Lunch
12:30pm to 2pm - Free time, coaches challenge and match play.
2pm - End of day and collection.

If you would like to attend please email Zoe at zoe@23@icloud.com to book a space and make payment.
Payments must be made in advance. The Easter Club is weather permitting as the courts are outside, but refunds will be given should any days be rained off.

PE KIT

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



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

High Expectations and Challenge
Bracknell



Our ME in PE for this term has been 'Thinking ME'. I hope that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have all been going that extra mile, putting their brains to good use, as well as their bodies in lesson to meet this part of the assessment rubric. Showing clear understanding of a topic area does go a long way to show that those physical skills can be supported. Next term, in the summer, we move to 'Leading ME' where students will be taking on further roles to support each other and their class teachers in lesson, within the subject. I look forward to seeing many of the students taking on new roles and challenges and thinking how they can use those Social and Thinking skills from terms 1 and 2, to be the best leader they can.

'ME in PE'	
LEADING	
1	Helps take equipment out to lesson and set it up
2	Uses equipment in the lesson to measure and record own and others' work
3	Demonstrates to another student technical models of skills to be used in lesson
4	Demonstrates to another student technical models of skills used in lesson
5	Leads a small group in a warm up / cool down
6	Leads a small group in a skill based situation
7	Leads a small group in a conditioned situation
8	Leads a small group in a competitive situation
9	Teaches a skill to a partner 1-2-1
10	Teaches a skill to a small group
11	Teaches a skill to a large group
12	Teaches a skill to the whole class

















The summer term ahead looks to bring lots of great things to look forward to. The return of district and Bracknell School athletics will soon be upon us, rounders and cricket fixtures will be starting as well, plus 'Mates Participate' will firmly be outside enjoying the hopefully better weather! In lessons we start to look at our summer sports on the curriculum. Our academic PE students will be sitting final exams for the year as well as starting to finalise and secure their next steps in education. We wish them, and all of our students, the best of luck in the summer term. We will now hear from the female PE staff as they round off the term with a quick summary of what they have been doing!

This term has seen a huge uptake in female participation with cricket, netball and football fixtures being fulfilled! All our squads continue to go from strength to strength and we can't wait for this to be continued into the summer term. We would like to thank Miss White for supporting the improvement of our girls cricket team and also like to thank Mrs Kennedy-Rowles for volunteering and officiating our Year 11 GCSE netball moderation.

Wishing you all a fantastic Easter break filled with lots of rest and sunshine (with a couple of Easter eggs being consumed). We look forward to welcoming you back with cricket, rounders and athletics in the summer term. Keep up all the hard work.

Finally, it leaves me to say, from myself and all of the PE staff, have a lovely and restful Easter (but not to restful of course) and we look forward to seeing you back in the summer term, ready to go.

Many thanks and don't forget to follow us on social media - @brakenhalepe on twitter and instagram.

 #teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe		PE CHAMPIONS Spring Half Term 4 - WELL DONE!							
		Week beginning: 22/2/22		Week beginning: 28/2/22		Week beginning: 7/3/22			
		Staff	Student	Tutor	Student	Tutor	Student	Tutor	
 		Mr Potter	Rhys A	9K	Alex B	11H	Josh E	9K	
		Mrs Lazarczuk	Georgia B	9B	Emily D	10R	Isabelle B	10K	
		Mr Mayo	Joseph G	7A	Isabella L	7B	Keyan N	8H	
		Mr Boucher	Jako B	9E	Chloe M	9E	Mateusz N	8H	
		Ms Wilson	Chansl C	9H	Taliela G	7R	Esosa F	7A	
		Miss Butler	Exie M	8R	Maya A	9R	Darcie B	7A	
		Mr Collins			Amirca IA	10E	Lillie C	11E	
			Week beginning: 14/3/22		Week beginning: 21/3/22		Week beginning: 28/3/22		
			Staff	Student	Tutor	Student	Tutor	Student	Tutor
		Mr Potter	Ryley T	10K	Bodie T	7R	Charlie G	7A	
		Mrs Lazarczuk	Kaysie KR	10N	Jaida R	9A	Kiera H	9B	
		Mr Mayo	Emilie M	10E	Riley B	7A	Zach B	P16N	
	Mr Boucher	Euke M	10E	Caitlin M	8A	Nathan M	9K		
	Ms Wilson	Florence B	8N			Maya A	9R		
	Miss Butler	Rhian M	9K	Mylie F	8K	Stacey SB	10K		
	Mr Collins	Sebastian P	7B	Valeria R	11E	Jayden M	11K		





LRC Corner

The Carnegie Award

Do you enjoy reading and are you interested in a challenge?

The aim is to read as many of these books as you can. Schools who take part in the Carnegie awards vote on the best book. The winners will be announced in June.

The Yoto Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals are awarded annually by CILIP (The Library and information association) and the Youth Libraries Group to books for children and young people that create outstanding reading experiences through writing or illustration.

The shortlist for the Carnegie book award has been released:

- **October, October** by Katya Balen
- **Guard Your Heart** by Sue Divin
- **When the Sky Falls** by Phil Earle
- **Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town** by Bonnie-Sue
- **The Crossing** by Manjeet Mann
- **Tsunami Girl** by Julian Sedgwick
- **Cane Warriors** by Alex Wheatle
- **Punching the Air** by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

World Book Day

This year, for World Book Day, we had a number of activities in the Library including a Bookmark competition where students were asked to create a bookmark for others to colour in or a book themed colourful bookmark, here are the winning entries.



Library Foci for the Spring Half Term

- **World Book Day:** a display of previous World Book Day books as well as activities for students to take part in.
- **Book Buzz:** now that all Year 7 students have had a chance to read their Book Buzz book, copies of all titles were available for students to take out on loan - this gives them the chance to read other books that they liked from the selection they picked from.
- **Carnegie Books:** a display of shortlisted Carnegie books from previous years ready for this year's shortlisted titles to be released.
- **National Poetry Day:** was Monday 21st March, our focus was poetry books, from novels written in poetry to funny poems to make you smile. Students were given the opportunity to have their poetry on show in the display.



Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers and Students

Congratulations Year 7 on completing the second full term of secondary school. I am amazed by your resilience, your determination to succeed and your achievements over the last two terms. We are now more than half way through the school year, and you have completed two successive terms for the first time in two years.

Success looks like different things to different people, because we all have varying starting points, and hence, our goals will be diverse. However you have all succeeded at a number of the following, or indeed for some of you, all of the following over the last few weeks and months so a massive well done to you:

- First time completing two consecutive terms in two years
- First two terms of Secondary school
- Overcoming anxieties
- Overcoming individual challenges and difficulties
- Manoeuvring the challenges of secondary school
- Zero behaviour points
- Excellent academic progress
- Improved behaviour
- Improved attendance
- Making and keeping new friends
- Maintaining excellent attendance



Special well done and congratulations to the following for their achievement this term in various areas:

Top Golden Tickets achiever this term	Shaylan P		
Second highest Golden Tickets awarded this term	Hannah R		
Top 10 Achievement Points this half term	Noah H	Kamari H	Xae W
	Esosa F	Kakun G	Divija S
	Chloe B	Megan I	Igor G
	Darcie B		
Top Achiever award this term goes to	Chloe P		
Most Improved student this term goes to	Izzy L		
Winner of the draw for Zero behaviour points	Kakun G		
Winner of the 100% attendance draw	Marliah S		

Congratulations to everyone on a successful term, but more so those who received an award in the different areas. As we embark on the new term, bearing in mind that success means different things to different people, please continue to set yourselves achievable goals for the next half term. Find one thing you'd like to improve on, share this with one individual and make a deliberate conscious daily effort to achieve your goal. The new term brings some lovely weather and we would have sprung into Spring. Let us then have a positive spring in our school steps as we leap into the new term. You are all aware of what 'high expectations' mean and the positive steps to achieve them, ensure you fulfil this to the very best of your ability, daily.

Please remind your parents if you need to get new school shoes; don't wait until the very last minute to do so. Make sure you stock up on necessary equipment for a successful term, but enjoy your break and stay safe during the Easter break.

Ms Douse, Head of Year 7 and Miss Appleton, Assistant Head of Year 7



Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers and Students

I write to you at the end of another successful full term, meaning we are officially two thirds of the way through Year 8. The time has gone so quickly; I am sure you will agree that the brighter mornings have certainly made it easier to get up in the mornings and the brighter evenings are also a welcome change. I recently did an Assembly with Year 8 on the theme of Happiness and we touched upon seeking and appreciating the joy in the little things (that we often take for granted) that can add so much to overall happiness. I am certainly appreciating the joy in the better weather and look forward to the upcoming Summer months.

This has been a successful term for Year 8 and we have much to celebrate. We are currently in second place for most overall achievement points (behind Year 7!!) and the gap is closing. One of our very own (Louis F) has been able to set the school record for the most Golden Tickets in one day with an amazing four out of five possible lessons. We continue to build on our attendance as well and we are regularly either the top attending year group for the day or else very much amongst the top. In our recent assembly, I narrated the significance of excellent attendance for each and every one of us. Making sure we are present as often as possible is essential and allows us to learn effectively. Gaps in our attendance can cause us to miss vital pieces of information and knowledge in our lessons that others won't be missing! This can slowly start to erode our confidence over time and our ability to achieve the grades that we are truly capable of. I would encourage you to reinforce this message at home. Often, coming into school on those days that we really 'aren't feeling it' builds resilience and character and embeds good working habits for the future. As I always say to Year 8 - "Our actions become our habits and our habits become who we are".

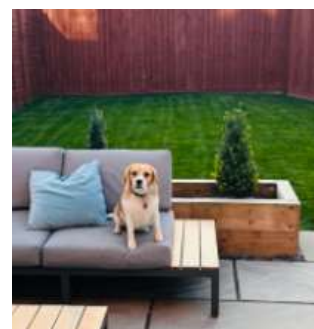
It was a privilege to celebrate some worthy individuals in our year group in our awards assembly last week. We gave out a variety of awards for various categories to students who had worked hard to be recognised. Our winners were:

Congratulations to all of these students. However, the final two raffles were particularly interesting. The "Day in, day out" raffle was for students who had not received any negative points since the beginning of the academic year. It was extraordinary that 60+ students were eligible for this raffle which is almost 30% of the year group. In addition, 20+ students were eligible for the 100% attendance raffle. These statistics are encouraging and speak volumes about the culture that has been created and maintained in our year group. Well done all!

I would like to wish all our Brakenhale families a much deserved, restful Easter holiday. I know some of you will be going abroad on holiday and others will be staying at home catching up on some valuable time with friends and family. Please be safe and focus on being refreshed for the upcoming summer term ahead of us. As a community, we have much to be proud of over the last half term and much to look forward to over the coming weeks when we come back. The only 'holiday' I will be taking this Easter is a trip back home to Belfast to attend my Mother's wedding. Bayley unfortunately hasn't been invited despite my efforts to get her a role in the wedding! It is probably for the best as her efforts to lose a kilo after Christmas have gotten off to a slightly slower start than planned.

Mr McKane, Head of Year 8 / Associate Assistant Headteacher and Mr Collins, Assistant Head of Year 8

Top Golden Tickets	Winner: Callum B Runner-up: Isabella QG
Top Achievement Points	Henry F
Additional Top Achievement Points include	Piotr A Lily C Zoe P Sebastian H Daisy L Sasha P Riley P Hannah G-S Lexi S
Academic Excellence Award	Caleb P
Most Improved (This Term)	Louis F
"Day in, Day out" Raffle	Frankie G
100% Attendance Raffle	Ryan H



Dear Year 9 Parents/Carers and Students

Every time I go to write one of these I always want to start by saying that I can't believe how fast this term has flown past - but it really is true! Sometimes we sink into the day to day of school life and forget that we are rapidly moving through another year. We are over half the way through Year 9, and therefore more than half of the way through our secondary school experience. We are now closer to our GCSEs than we are starting at Brakenhale - and what a terrifying thought that is!

We have made our GCSE choices, which means those GCSEs really are looming. Thank you to all of you who attended Choices evening, it was so lovely to be able to have parents in the building again and have these really important conversations face to face. Shortly you will receive confirmation of the options students have chosen, and in the second half of the Summer term we will confirm which choices they will be taking next year. It is important that students maintain their excellent behaviour within the lessons they have not chosen, a lot of skills are transferable and important. Staff will still be giving 100% to students, and students should be giving 100% back.



This term has been overwhelmingly positive. I loved delivering our end of term celebration last week and giving out lots of lovely chocolates! Well done to all of you who received awards this term:

Highest Golden Tickets:	Caitlyn 9R	
100% Attendance this Year:	Eleonora 9A, Tess 9B, Daniel 9H, Oliver 9H,	Ciara 9K, Liam 9K, Georgia 9R, Teddy 9R
Academic Excellence:	Aliza 9K	
Always Doing the Right Thing:	Fabrizio 9A	
Most Improved:	Emily 9R	
Top 10 Achievement Points so far this Year:	10. Ollie 9R 9. Lucas 9B 8. Ella-Ann 9B 7. Ciara 9K 6. Jack 9B	5. Maizy 9K 4. Sophia 9B 3. Connor 9E 2. Caitlyn 9R 1. Reece 9R

I have set the whole year group a challenge for next term - in their year halves!

At the end of the term the year half with the best average conduct will win a prize; this is their collective achievement points, taking away their total behaviour points, and dividing by how many students have contributed to this total. Students need to be working hard to get their achievement points up - and ensuring they are following the rules to keep those behaviour points down! Remember - you all know the rules and our high expectations so please endeavour to fulfil them.

At the time of writing I don't yet know which tutor group has won the Golden Tickets breakfast for this term - and I can't even make an educated guess as it is changing every single day! Well done to everyone who has achieved a golden ticket this term, I am so proud of all of you!

I hope you all have a calm and restful Easter break, and I look forward to seeing you all when we get back to school.

Miss Turner, Head of Year 9 and Miss Manning, Assistant Head of Year 9



Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers and Students

And before we know it, that is another term down on our Key Stage 4 journey. This means we have completed two fifths of that journey when we really think about the bigger picture. This time next year you will be on the cusp of sitting your own Public Exams like the current Year 11s. There is still plenty of time to ensure you are as successful as you can be and next term is all about carrying that momentum you have built up this term through to the Summer Holidays.

It has been a busy term and it's been amazing to continue to watch you all settle into life as Key Stage 4 students. Whenever I have the time to just walk around and pop my head into your lessons, it is fantastic to see how focused you all are on your studies and how much you are paying attention to your teachers. These are exactly the behaviours I really enjoy seeing and really hope I continue to see these as we move forward. It still amazes me that I get stopped on a regular basis by your teachers to tell me wonderful things about you, and how switched on you as a year group. Please keep this up, it really does bring a smile to my face every time one of you or a class receives these compliments.

Last week it was awesome to celebrate your successes in our rewards assembly. Everybody this term will have done something they can be proud of, whether that is representing the school in a sporting fixture, or receiving great grades in assessments. It is worth taking a moment to reflect on these accomplishments and use these to continue driving forward. During this assembly it was great to share some individual successes that some of you have had and I'd like to take this opportunity to again congratulate you on these.

Well done to Elizabeth D in 10E for being given the most Golden Tickets this term with a grand total of 22. Also, a massive well done to Malachi in 10B for being the student with the most achievement points awarded so far this year. As of last week's assembly, he had been given 330 points, a truly phenomenal amount! I would also like to congratulate these students for being in the top ten with regards to achievement points; Raul D, Mya D, Sean S, Elizabeth D, Amelia E, Kaylan G, Madison J-M, Chloe S and Kaysie K-R. Please keep up the hard work. A huge well done to Bethia P in 10R for receiving a prize for Academic Excellence and continuing to push herself in her studies. Another shout out for a Year 10 student goes to Jason T in 10K for being recognised as the most improved in the year group, and this was truly the hardest one to decide as there are so many of you that could have received this.

Other students who deserve a massive well done are the 40 students in the year group who have just got it right, day in and day out and to date not received a single negative behaviour point. This attitude and commitment to your work is amazing and we really do hope you keep this up. Well done to Jake T who won this particular raffle. Finally, a huge congratulations to the 14 students who are still currently on 100% attendance for this academic year, a truly remarkable achievement and Liviu R was our random winner from this category.

So far over this academic year there have been loads of achievement points handed out to you as a year group, and this tells us that you continue to get it right, day in and day out. Below is a quick summary of how the tutor competition is going:

10R	10B	10A	10N	10E	10K	10H
3380	2962	2877	2876	2603	2543	2335

Since we returned from Christmas, you have had the opportunity to achieve a Golden Ticket in every lesson and it has been amazing how many have been given out to Year 10 students and how proud you are to get them. It has honestly been astounding the number of you who have told me you have got one, and how proud you are of this fact. A special mention goes to 10N, who have received the most Golden Tickets this term with a grand total of 271. In second place is 10E with 232 Golden Tickets received and in third is 10R with 226 Golden Tickets. A massive well done to these three tutor groups, what a phenomenal effort.

Have a restful and great Easter Holiday Year 10, and we look forward to welcoming you back, well rested and ready to go again for the Summer Term!

Mr Hilton, Head of Year 10 and Mr Boucher, Assistant Head of Year 10



Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers and Students

Here we are at the end of your very last Spring term at Brakenhale (unless you are of course staying with us for Sixth Form) and what a half term it has been - filled with your final set of PPEs, preparation for the prom and the start of some of the BTEC examinations. It's lovely to see the vast majority of you working hard and remaining focused in your lessons. This is the final push towards achieving your goals and aspirations, you must continue to work hard. Keep going Year 11, we are all so excited to see where your paths will lead and we all know you can do it.



Thank you to all those who are attending the optional revision session in the Sixth Form area. We hope you are benefitting from this in keeping up to date with revision, coursework and homework. Anyone is welcome! There are computers but also desk space available. There is an emphasis on quiet study so please be prepared for focused learning during this time. Others have been utilising the resources in the library to do their own independent learning until past 5pm.

We had an excellent visit from Junior Saunders, from Dreams2Reality, who delivered an engaging, motivational and insightful speech before your PPEs. I hope you can take a lot away from his speech and focus on your own personal responsibility.

PPEs

We would like to praise you for your conduct over your PPE period, once again you represented the school in an exemplary manner. A massive well done if you were awarded with the grades you worked hard to achieve; if not, we hope you have recognised where the gaps are in your learning and are focused on making sure your confidence grows within those areas. Please ensure you're taking the advice given by your subject teachers, as many of them have been teaching these courses for a number of years.

Easter Holidays and GCSEs

You should be spending some of your Easter holidays revising for your upcoming GCSEs that are just around the corner. Please ensure you have a revision plan and stick to it. Well done to those of you that have [signed up here](#) to come in for the revision sessions during the holiday, this will only aid your results in the summer. Please also make sure you are taking some time to relax and do things you enjoy. It is important for your mental health to get outside and take your mind away from the pressures of your upcoming GCSEs. Please ensure you are fuelling your body with the correct food and getting at least 7 hours of sleep a night. It is so important for you to take care of your mind and body in order to ensure you are focused during your revision. You can only do your best and that is all we ask of you.



Final message

As with any year of your life this year marks a real changing point in your life. It is the transition between just being a student to a person who is on a pathway to their future. You are all growing into young adults who can start to make a real difference in the world. Those differences start with you being kind to each other and ensuring others are kind. As the role models of this school you carry a real responsibility in the tone and presence you set.

Have a restful Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming your back for your final term of Year 11.

Have a lovely half term.

Miss Wilson, Head of Year 11 and Mrs Palmer, Assistant Head of Year 11



Dear Sixth Form Parents/Carers and Students

It has been a busy and rewarding term and we really appreciate and commend the efforts that students have put into their studies. We have also started to see more opportunities for Post-16 students to shine outside of the classroom and we are really looking forward to seeing more of this throughout the Summer term. Well done in particular to all of our Year 13s who have completed their PPEs this half term, you have made us so proud with your determination and commitment to success. We have seen just how much you care and know you'll do yourselves proud come the real exams.

Lift Off Dance Festival

Our Post-16 dancers have been working on a performance as part of "Lift off" which was performed both in school and at South Hill Park - they did an amazing job too! It was such a treat to be able to watch a performance live and after two full days of exhausting rehearsals, their ability to shine on stage was exceptional - such a proud moment!

Virtual Work Experience

This term, students have continued to engage in virtual work experience. This has given them the opportunity to delve into an area which they are passionate about, develop industry specific skills and engage with big name employers, therefore creating networking links. Ultimately, this will increase the chances of employability, and being accepted onto a university course or apprenticeship. We have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in conversations with students about their experiences and the new knowledge they have been able to acquire. As we often reiterate, knowledge is power! This is why we endeavour to offer as many opportunities as possible throughout the year. A gentle reminder that Year 12 students have up until April 2022 to complete one of these courses.

Mental Health and Anxiety Workshop

At the end of February the Year 13s were part of an exam stress and mental health workshop from Kooth - our speaker shared practical tips and explained the science behind how our brains cope under stress. Kooth is an online mental wellbeing community, if you need more support from online counsellors, would like access to self-help activities or to join a healthy online community designed to help with stress you can sign up for free at [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

Mental Health Care Champions

Now, more than ever, we understand the importance of prioritising mental health and emphasising a positive working environment. Year 12 students were given an excellent opportunity to put these principles into action through participation in the Mental Health Care Champions Program through the NHS. Through this initiative, students will be trained to recognise the signs and symptoms of mental distress in its many forms and to be able to have supportive conversations with their peers. Moreover, those involved in the program will have the opportunity to create and implement a project for change within the school which aims to challenge stigma and implement a more positive mental health program. We are excited to see what ideas our volunteers will have and what they will look like once implemented within the Sixth Form. In Year 12, the following students have volunteered in this excellent initiative: Hristina M, Ali A, Ellie C, Muriel M

Year 12 Student Leadership

The final week of term was the deadline for Student Leadership applications. After Easter, students will present to their peers and then can put themselves forward to be interviewed for the two coveted roles of Head Student. There is a huge amount of leadership potential in this year group and we genuinely cannot wait to start working with the team. Look forward to hearing from them in our next newsletter.

Year 13 Prom

Year 13 Prom will be taking place on 30th June from 7pm-Midnight. Please pay the £10 deposit for tickets on parentpay by 1st April.



Awards Assembly

Towards the end of term we held our awards ceremony celebrating the academic excellence, attendance and overall achievements of our Sixth Formers. We handed out 22 awards based on personal and academic achievements. We aim to recognise students who are Extra Go Getters. The rigour and commitment displayed by these students is admirable and we are so proud of their work this year!



Year 13	Year 12
Top Golden Tickets: Lorna HB Academic Excellence: Molly P Most Improved: Bella H	Top Golden Tickets: Alex T Academic Excellence: Ellie C Most Improved: William D

Tutor Group	Tutee of the half term
P16B - Miss Lind & Miss Young	Kuba B
P16R - Miss Millard	Ariana K
P16A - Miss Ocana & Miss Ioannidis	Jackson M
P16K - Miss Joyce	Rachel L
P16E - Miss Wilhelmy	Matt F
P16N - Miss Bunkell	Lewis H

Keep working hard - your resilience, hard work, and commitment to succeed will pay off. When we return from half term, privilege passes will be redistributed based on the analysis of your most recent AP3 data and attendance figures. There are many students whose passes have been upgraded - a clear illustration that commitment to bettering your academic progression does pay off! A gentle reminder that each level of privilege pass has certain allowances and expectations. They are outlined below. Please familiarise yourself with them to avoid confusion and to avoid unintentionally truanting a private study session.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you back for the very important, busy and exciting upcoming summer term.

The Sixth Form Team: Ms Manlay, Head of Sixth Form; Ms Lawry, Head of Year 13, Ms Loj; Head of Year 12

Level	Allowances
Platinum	Student has complete independence and must only come in for lessons on timetable
Gold	Students need to be in school for p3 and p4 and when they have a lesson on their timetable. They can leave school site at break and lunch.
Silver	Students must be in school from 8:40 to p4 every day. They can leave school site at break and lunch.
Bronze	Students must be in school from 8:40 to 3:05 every day. They can leave school site at break and lunch.
Red	Students must be in school from 8:40 to 3:05 every day. They cannot leave school site at break or lunch.



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JENNETTS Update

Mr C Maye, Head of Jennetts House

Hello Jennetts!!!

I hope you are all looking forward to a well-earned Easter break and lots of yummy treats from the Easter Bunny that you have all deserved! Again where has the time gone! It's been action packed with some of you sitting PPEs, fixtures for various sports and the ever changing weather!!!! That said, it's been amazing observing and hearing wonderful things about you all in what you have been doing in and around school, including seeing all the Golden Tickets and house points coming in for you all! I'm proud of you all for the way you have all gone about school life this half term continuing to show those Jennetts values of: Always believing in yourself and others; Never giving up on yourself or others; and having that I Can Do - Will Do attitude.



Top Golden Tickets	Darcie B, Year 7
Top Achievement Points	Chloe B, Year 7
Most Improved	Oskaras G, Year 9
Sportspersons of the Term	Rylley T, Year 10
Most Kind and Friendly	Zoe P, Year 8
Most Consistent	Callum-James D, Year 11



So make sure that you rest up, refocus, spend time doing something you enjoy and look forward to going again after Easter!!!!

(PS do something active to burn those Chocolate treats off!)

Any issues please let me know

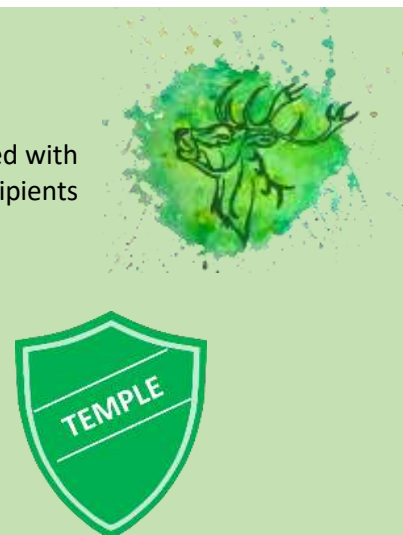


TEMPLE Update

Mr C Collins, Head of Temple House

G'Day Temple house, what a fantastic half term it has been, we've all continued with our best foot forward! I want to say a big congratulations to all our award recipients during the house assembly this week.

Top Golden Tickets	Caitlyn I, 9R (22)
Top Achievement Points	Henry F, 8B (182)
Most Improved	Lewis J, 8B
Sportspersons of the Term	Isabelle B, 10K
Most Kind and Friendly	Kuba B, P16B
Most Consistent	Skyla S, 11E



To those of you who didn't win an award, do not let this discourage you, keep continuing forward being the best person you can, awards don't always represent how amazing you are!

Have a wonderful break, stay safe and I will see you all when we return!

SWINLEY Update

Mrs D Turner, Head of Swinley House

Hello Swinley,

Wow what an incredible term it has been!

It has been amazing to see so many of you taking part in all the extra-curricular activities and as such earning house points for you and the house.

It was fantastic to see you all in person during our house assembly on Wednesday and celebrate your wonderful achievements.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Here is a reminder of the Swinley winners for this term, well done to you all.

Top Golden Tickets	Elizabeth D, 10E with 22
Top Achievement Points	Rylie C, 9R with 120
Most Improved	Presley DM, 7E
Sportspersons of the Term	Maya A, 9R
Most Kind and Friendly	Trudi W, 7A
Most Consistent	Darren BC, 10B



FARLEY Update

Mrs C Harris, Head of Farley House

Hello Farley

It was great to hold the first-ever assembly since I took over the role in January 2021. 🎉

Congratulations to everyone below:

Top 10 Achievement Points Received	
Kamari H	1 st Place
Riley P	2 nd Place
Piotr A	3 rd Place
Kakun G	4 th Place
Ethan H	5 th Place
Teddy E	6 th Place
Sophia P	7 th Place
Jack P	8 th Place
Sebastian H/Mateusz N	9 th Place
Xae W	10 th Place

Top Five Golden Tickets	
Callum B	23
Piotr A	20
Lorna HB	18
Malachi S	18
Alfie B	17
Ethan H	17
Maja S	17
Kyle W	17
Oliver A	16
Florence B	16



Well done to everyone as, following on from our House assembly when we were in second place, we are now back in first place due to all your hard work and efforts.

I look forward to us all coming back after the Easter break recharged and ready to achieve more.

Believe, Aspire and Succeed!

BECAUSE

T Together **E** Everyone **A** Achieves **M** More



Lastly good luck to 2 of our Farley students who are collecting recyclable glass for a small fee to raise funds to be able to go to the World Scouts Jamboree in Korea in 2023. Please see their [Facebook page for more details](#).

Don't forget...



Mental Health Resources for Parents and Carers

Miss J Manisier, Safeguarding

Are you a parent or carer who is concerned about the mental health of your child or teenager?

Do you just want some hints and tips on parenting?

MindEd for Families has advice and information from trusted experts and will help you to understand what problems occur, what you can do to best support your family, and how to take care of yourself.

MindEd for Families is written by a team of specialists and parents, working together.

<https://www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people>

Getting Help Team

Miss J Manisier, Safeguarding

We are continuing to work closely with the Getting help team and can support referrals to the Getting help team (see more information below). Here is a link to a referral form [\[Word Version\]](#) or [\[PDF Version\]](#) which you can complete yourself and send into me at jmanisier@brakenhale.co.uk or the email address below. We have a consultation every three weeks with the MHST Getting Help team where each referral is triaged. If an assessment is agreed the appointment can be arranged either in or out of the school day.

Getting Help Team - Mental Health Support for Young People (12-18 year)

Worries and mood changes are normal in us all, but sometimes we need some support to help us through difficulties. We are here to help you directly or put you in touch with people who can support you further.

You may wish to speak to a professional you trust to consider a referral to the Getting Help Team. Alternatively, you may wish to refer yourself. Please follow the link to Bracknell Safeguarding Children webpage: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/mash

Or email: Early.Help@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Who are we?

We're a team of Child Wellbeing Practitioners based within Bracknell Forest Council working under the CAMHS Getting Help Service.

We offer:

- Interventions for children and young people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties
- Workforce training on emotional health and wellbeing
- Consultations for professionals

The team consists of:

- Team Lead
- Children & Young People Wellbeing Practitioners
- Senior Clinical Supervisor
- Clinical Supervisor
- Administrator



Ways in which we can support you

We can help young people who are struggling with the following difficulties:

- Managing worry, anxiety and panic attacks
- Low mood/depression
- Coping strategies
- Sleep difficulties

After a 1 hour initial assessment, we will have a greater understanding of the challenges you are facing.

Following the assessment, we will either offer 6-8 one to one weekly sessions or point you in the right direction for alternative support.

Bracknell Forest Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS)

Bracknell Forest IASS

Bracknell Forest's Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) provides free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support about special educational needs provision to children and young people who have, or may have, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Bracknell Forest and their parents and carers.

You can contact this service by email IASS@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or by telephone (01344 354011). They also have a dedicated website where you can find a range of information, factsheets and videos relating to SEN www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk

If you have any questions about the service please do not hesitate to contact us.

- Bracknell Forest Information, Advice and Support Service
- Telephone: 01344 354011
- Email: IASS@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
- Website: www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Bracknell-Forest-Information-Advice-and-Support-Service-100912278824398>

Do you have some time to spare? Have you benefitted from our service and would like to help parents or young people in a similar situation?

Bracknell IASS are looking for volunteers to enable us to help more parents. If you are interested please contact us to arrange an informal chat about what is involved.

Are you under 25 years old?
Do you need extra help with learning or have a disability?
BF IASS may be able to help you.

We can help you understand what support you could be getting and talk to you about some ways you could ask for more support with learning in school or college.

The service is:
Free - it doesn't cost any money.
Confidential - we won't tell other people what you have said, unless you want us to, or you are at risk of being hurt.
Impartial - we don't take anyone's side or tell you what to do, but we will support you to make your own decisions.
A self-referral service - you don't need to ask anyone if you can use our service. You can use the service on your own or with your parents or carers.

You can contact us by:
Phone: 01344 354011 (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday)
Email: IASS@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
You can find out more about us on our website: www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk
You can also find us on Facebook - Bracknell Forest Information Advice and Support Service

Do you have a child or young person who is aged between 0 and 25 years old and has special educational needs or a disability?

If so, our service might be of interest to you.

We provide free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to families with special educational needs and disabilities.

You can contact us by:
Phone: 01344 354011 (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday)
Email: IASS@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
You can find out more about us on our website: www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk
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Bracknell Forest Information, Advice & Support Service



Impartial information, advice and support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND) and their parents or carers.

What is the Information, Advice & Support Service?

- We provide advice, information and support on all matters relating to SEND, including health, education and social care issues.
- Our service is impartial, confidential, free, arms-length and accessible.
- We are available face to face, by telephone and by email.



How can the Information, Advice & Support Service help you?

We will listen to your views, explain your options, rights and responsibilities and provide tailored information, advice and support to enable you to make the best decisions for your circumstances.

We will provide information and advice on:

- The Law - education, health & social care law relating to SEND
- Applying for an Education Health & Care needs assessment
- Annual review of Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)
- SEN support in mainstream schools
- Home to school transport queries
- Queries about Exclusions from school
- Personal Budgets – how to take up and manage personal budgets
- Local Offer – support groups and activities that are available locally www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localoffer

We will support you by:

- Offering to meet to discuss your individual circumstances
- Supporting you in writing letters and filling in forms
- Helping you to prepare for meetings and support during and after meetings as required

Impartial • Free • Confidential

What parents say about the service...

Fantastic service. I'm glad I found out about you through a friend.

Thank you so much for this service - it is invaluable.

I can't thank you enough for the great support I have received from you. As a result I was able to understand the SEND process.



Who is the Information, Advice & Support Service for?

Parents & carers

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person, who has or may have SEND, we will work in partnership with you to explore your options in order to help you make the best decisions for your child.

Children

Although in many cases, your child will access information, advice and support via you, some children, especially older children, may want to have it separately and we can help with this.

Young people

If you are a young person aged between 16 to 25 years old with SEND, we will work in partnership with you to help you be fully involved in decisions affecting you and your future.

We can work separately with parents and young people where there is a difference of opinion on any issue related to SEND.

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For more information contact **Bracknell Forest Information, Advice & Support Service**

Confidential Helpline: 01344 354011
Email: IASS@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Visit our website <https://www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk/> for downloadable factsheets and up to date SEND information.



If you need this in an alternative format please contact Bracknell Forest Information, Advice & Support Service on 01344 354011.



Young Interpreters Club

Mrs S Fandi, EAL Coordinator

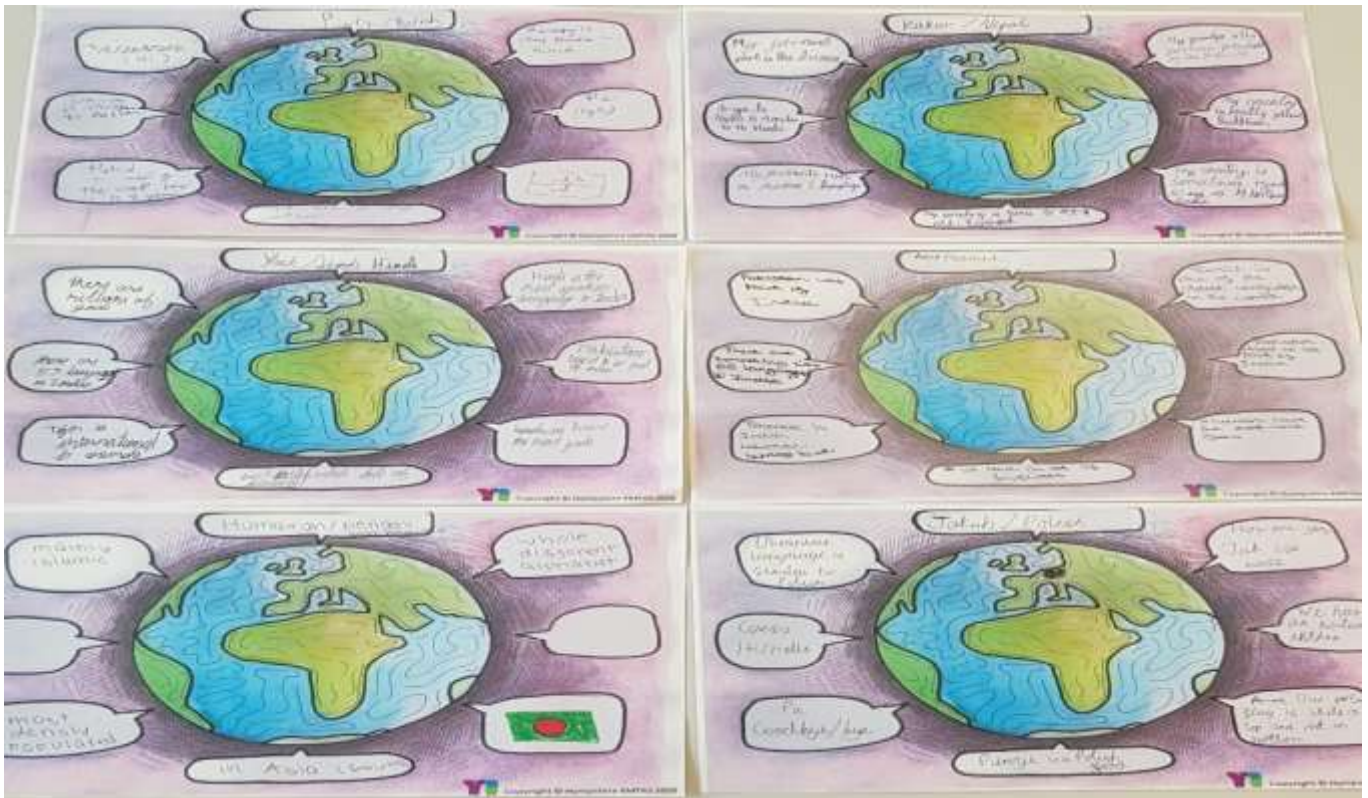


Young Interpreters Clubs runs on Thursday in Week A and Friday in Week B for Year 7 and 8 students in FO6.

This term the young interpreters were sharing their backgrounds, cultures and languages.

They spoke about cultural stories and discussed the importance of them as a culture heritage. All the students were both proud and happy to share these stories with the group.

In addition, they told us some facts about their origin countries:



New After school club

Miss C Chaplin-Smith, Behaviour Support

GLEE CLUB!

Promoting a new music club for all years called GLEE every Thursday after school encouraging children to have fun while they are learning or expanding on their musical journey. Please use the sign-up sheet in Main Reception to register your interest.

I look forward to witnessing your musical talents! Location to be confirmed after the holidays.



Identity

Mrs D Lewis, Identity

Here are what some of our students have to say about Identity.



Identity Monthly Meets

We can now meet at lunch time again :)

Identity is a club that welcomes all. We meet each month. However, you can come to see us at any time - for a catch up, to discuss something that has been bothering you, to bring something to our attention, to ask questions.

If you haven't heard of us before, Identity is a group run by Mrs Lewis and Miss Meacock.

You can find Mrs Lewis in F10.

Anyone is welcome to attend, if you are LGBTQ+ or a friend of the community.



Summer HT5

Next meets:

- Friday 20th May @lunch in F10
- Friday 17th June @lunch in F10
- Friday 15th July @ lunch in F10



Easter Activities

There are various camps and activities taking place across Bracknell over Easter which can be booked either directly or through the Bracknell Forest Council website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

For Free School Meals (FSM) students free places can be booked using their Holiday, Activity and Food (HAF) vouchers.

Please visit the council website for more details or see some of the offers below.

The Wayz have a fun-filled calendar of activities over the Easter break.

You can book directly through admin@thewayzyouth.co.uk and they are accepting HAF E-vouchers. Please see below for more details.

The Wayz 13-17yrs Activities Easter 2022

Date	Time	Where	Where	Cost
28 April	9:30am	The Zone Youth Club	GENERAL SPORT, Cooking, Challenges and Team-Build Activities	£5.00
29 April	9:30am	The Zone Youth Club	GENERAL SPORT, Cooking, Challenges and Team-Build Activities	£5.00
30 April	9:30am	The Zone Youth Club	GENERAL SPORT, Cooking, Challenges and Team-Build Activities	£5.00
1 May	9:30am	The Zone Youth Club	GENERAL SPORT, Cooking, Challenges and Team-Build Activities	£5.00
2 May	9:30am	The Zone Youth Club	GENERAL SPORT, Cooking, Challenges and Team-Build Activities	£5.00

All activities include a FREE Dinner
 Dietary requirements will be catered when booking

We accept HAF (Holiday Activity and Food) E-vouchers, these can be used to join in the FREE For more info or to book, contact admin@thewayzyouth.co.uk or 07938818188

Day Camps
 Holiday Activity Scheme
 8-12yr olds
 School Holidays and Half Terms!

DISCOUNTED Registered EY408344

We accept:
 Child Care Vouchers
 HAF Vouchers

From £70.00 Per Week
 8.30am-12.00pm Each Day

Includes: Health Sports, Arts & Crafts, Fun, Story, Games, Team challenges, Field Games, Music, Dance, Art, Drama, Board games, Movies, Treasure Hunt, Pop Quiz!

Plus a trip to Bowling and Cinema

HOW TO BOOK

The Programme

We have a fun filled programme of activities, competitions and challenges.

Prizes for the WINNERS!!!

All activities are delivered within guidance from the Government and the National Youth Agency

Creating Opportunities for Youth Development

Children in receipt of benefit related free school meals will be entitled to up to 4 x 4 hour sessions at **Get Active** multi-activity holiday schemes.

They will have the opportunity to play with friends in a safe enjoyable manner. They offer arts and crafts, board games, karaoke, drama and every single sport you can think of such as football, cricket, basketball, tennis, hockey and much more.

Please ensure you enter your e-vouchers per day during the booking process.

For more details, visit the website:

<https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/24471>

HAF EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP 4TH-14TH APRIL 2022

WHAT IS THE HAF SCHEME

THE HAF HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD SCHEME IS A GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE ALL THE BEST AND MOST FUN TO CHILDREN ENTITLED TO BENEFIT RELATED TO THEIR FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

CHILDREN IN RECEPTION BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR HAF VOUCHER DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIODS REGULARLY IF FREE. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS BOOK THEIR SPACES AND LETTING US KNOW YOU HAVE BOOKED.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BOOK UP TO 10 HAF DAYS OR A HALF DAY AT ONE OF OUR COMPLETELY FREE VOUCHER, A RESTAURANT/CAFÉ WILL BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE SCHEME. PLEASE ONLY SELECT ONE TIME SLOT.

WE OFFER ARTS AND CRAFTS, SPORTS AND TEAM GAMES, GUESTED THEMES (MUSIC, FANTASY, MUSIC, GARDEN AND MORE MORE) IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF OUR OFFERS, PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT US TO GET YOUR VOUCHER AND ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ENROLLMENT PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR SCHOOL.

HOW TO BOOK

- VISIT WWW.GETACTIVESPORTSUK.COM AND REGISTER YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILDREN IF YOU'RE NEW TO GET ACTIVE. SIGN IN WITH YOUR LOGIN IF YOU HAVE BEEN BEFORE.
- SELECT YOUR HOLIDAY, VOUCHER AND HAF VOUCHER.
- BOOKED ON LINE AND RECEIVE YOUR VOUCHER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US ON 01628 555555

OVER 20 LOCATIONS ACROSS SOUTH ENGLAND 4TH-14TH APRIL 2022

Department for Education | **Ofsted**



Brakenhale FSM students they can use their HAF vouchers to book free places on **Bracknell Cobras** Easter camps. They can go onto the Bracknell Forest Council website and book: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

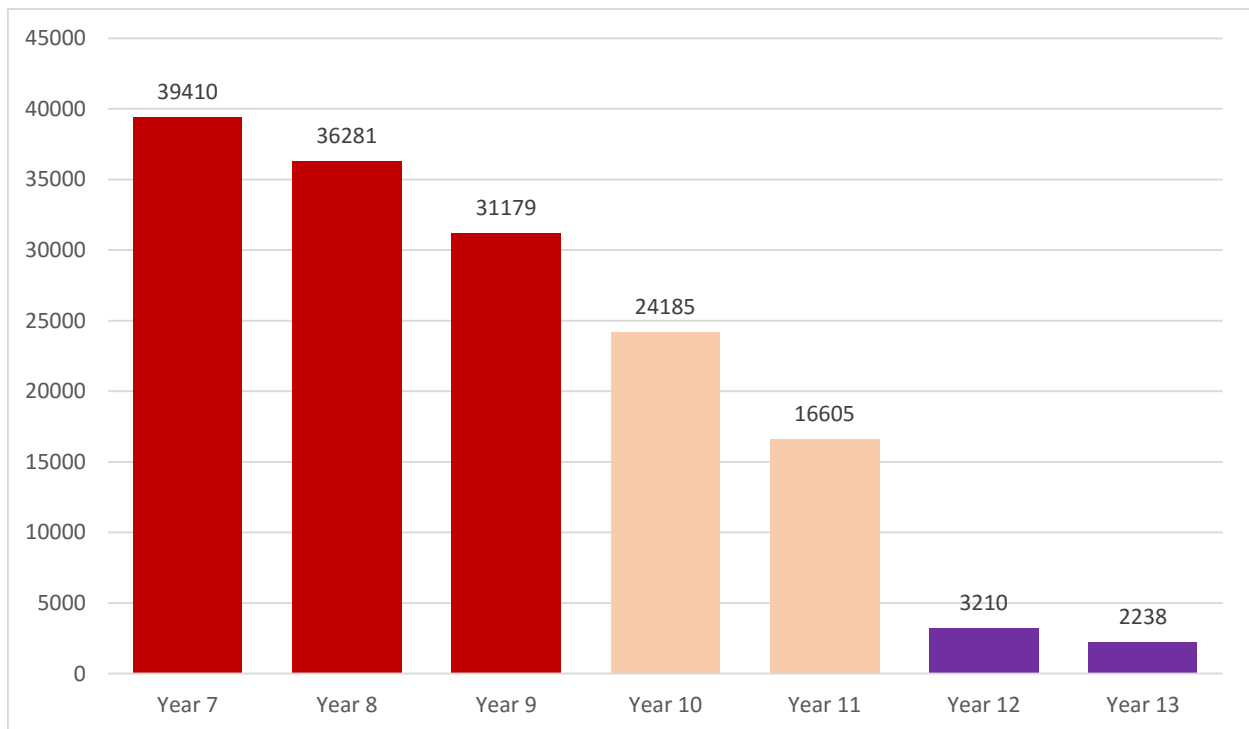
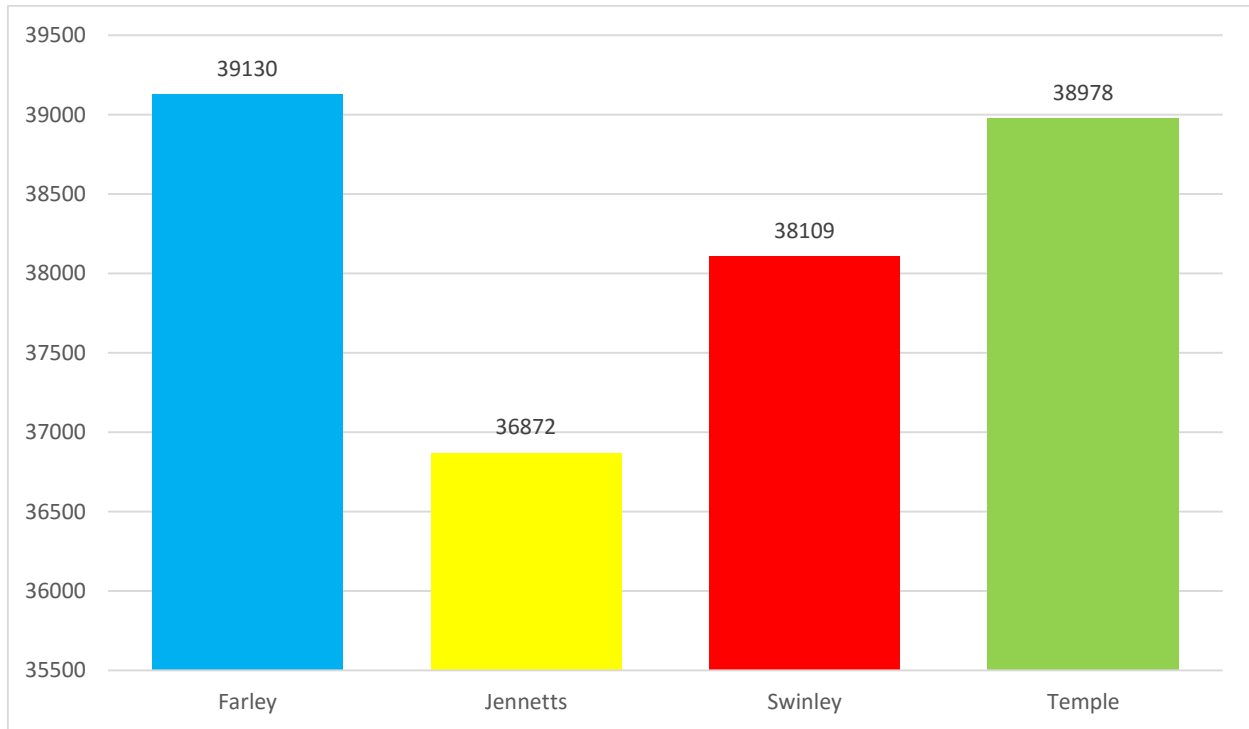
The camps are also open to those not in receipt of HAF vouchers at £20 a day.

www.bracknell-cobras.co.uk



House Points

Pastoral Team



Reminders

School Office

Please ensure that students are ready for school each morning with all the tools for learning and other equipment and kit that they need for the day.

Getting into the habit of preparing uniform and school bag the night before is a really good idea to keep students organised. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for themselves, it is a valuable life lesson and good practice for the future.

BRAKENHALE
SECOND-HAND
UNIFORM & PE KIT STORE




Please email enquiries to:
SecondHandSale@brakenhale.co.uk
£2 per item • **Blazers £5**
 Available for students to collect from the
LRC Book Room: 8.20am to 8.55am
 and **Break Time**

Tools for Learning

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
Full pencil case	£3.25
Scientific Calculator	£8.35

Brakenhale
Lost Property

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

Email us on: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

Please make sure your items are named so that we can return them promptly.

Brakenhale School
High Expectations and Challenge
 #thisisbrakenhale

Tools for Learning

TOOLS and EQUIPMENT for LEARNING

- Filled Pencil Case
- Scientific Calculator
- Brakenhale Exercise / Key Stage 3 Art Book
- Subject Specific Items for Key Stage 4

TOOLS FOR LEARNING PENCIL CASE

- Large Transparent Pencil Case
- 30cm Ruler
- 3 Black or Blue Pens
- HB Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Glue Stick
- Highlighter
- Protractor
- Coloured Pencils (or Pens)



Cycling to school is good for the environment and our health.

CYCLE SAFETY

Wear a safety helmet,
use the bike
store and ride in
a safe manner.

Ensure the bike is road worthy, safe and has
working brakes.

Thank You



NO  **SMOKING**

COULD WE PLEASE
REMAND EVERYONE
THAT SMOKING IS
NOT PERMITTED
ANYWHERE ON THE
BRAKENHALE SITE

Could we please remind students and visitors to
PLEASE KEEP OFF THE GRASS
at the front of the school to avoid
damaging the growth and
tracking mud into
the school

Thank You



Things to do at Brakenhale at Break and Lunch






Additionally full games on the sports & MEGA pitches, climbing wall, table-tennis



Somewhere quiet to read or do your homework!



Indoor and Outdoor seating




And many other clubs and activities are available at various times.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

DIVERSITY IS POWER

A SAFE SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO DISCUSS THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGES



EVERY TUESDAY LUNCH
1:20PM - 1:50PM
ROOM: 304

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
t.pradin13@brakenhale.co.uk
t.pradin13@brakenhale.co.uk
t.pradin13@brakenhale.co.uk

BRAKENHALE 

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED or OUT-GROWN UNIFORM or PE KIT ?



ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Please bring to main reception or the KS2 Head of Year office.



BRAKENHALE 

Brakenhale Water Bottles

Available for students to purchase from LRC Book Room 8.20-9am and at Break



Bottles £2 each

BRAKENHALE 

Table Tennis Bats & Balls

Available for students to purchase from LRC Book Room 8.20-9am and at Break



Bats £5
Balls £0.50p

BRAKENHALE SCHOOL 

Pre-paid Tools for Learning

Available for students to collect from Main Reception



Individual Tools for Learning

Available to purchase for cash from the LRC Book Room 8.20 - 9am and at Break time



Clubs and Activities



MATES PARTICIPATE @ BRAKENHALE PE

What is this?
An opportunity to take part in **ANY** after school sport or activity, with your mates! Just sign in with PE staff and stay and play - simple!

When is it on?
Tuesday...
Wednesday...
Thursday...
Friday...
After school

Who is it for?
All year groups...7 - 13!

How do I sign up?
That's the great thing...you don't have to! Just turn up after school, with your mates...and get involved! Just **tell your parents and bring your kit!**

What is on offer?
The choice is **yours**...PE staff will register you and be on the following areas:
Astro turf 🏈🏈🏈
Trampoline centre 🏊
MUGA 🏏
Fitness Suite ❤️
Sports Hall 🏏🏏
Courts🏏
Field🏏🏏🏏
Cricket nets 🏏

NEW WAY TO REGISTER FOR CLUBS! #SCANME

There will be a QR code for you to scan, fill out a google form and register! Please do this for every club you attend!

Follow us:
Instagram & twitter
@brakenhalepe



Non-Sporting Clubs @ Brakenhale

Homework Club
Every Day
3.05-4pm • LHC
Mrs Daniels

CCF
Tuesdays
Invite only
3.20-5.20pm
LHC

Sparx Maths
Mondays & Thursdays - All Years
3.10-3.45pm • B11 • Mrs Turner
Tuesdays - Years 7 to 10
Lunch • B11 • Mrs Turner

KS3 Science Club
Wednesdays - Week A
3.15-4.15pm • S10
Mrs Malik

YOUNG INTERPRETING CLUB
Year 7 • Thursday Week B • 3.05-4.05pm • F06
Year 8 • Friday Week B • 3.05-4.05pm • F06

KS3 Art Club
Wednesdays
3.05-4pm • A04
Mrs Fahmi

Identity
Every 4th Friday
3.05-4.35pm • F10
Miss Ibrahim
Mrs Lewis

MFL KS3 Film Club
Wednesdays
1.20-1.55pm • F02
Mrs Sultana

Year 7/8 Drama Club
Thursday - Week B
3.05-4pm • L01
Miss Cullip

Year 9 Dance Club
Tuesday - Week B
3.05-4pm • MS
Mrs Millard

Choir Club
Tuesday - Week B
3.05-4pm • M01
Mrs Hope

Year 9 Drama Club
Mondays - Week A
3.05-4pm • L01
Miss Lawry

Year 9 Music Club
Mondays - Week B
3.05-4pm • M01
Mr Fletcher

Keyboard Club
Wednesdays
3.05-4pm • LS1
Mr Fletcher

Book Clubs
KS3 (7, 8 & 9)
Thursdays
3.05-4pm
LRC
Mrs Lewis
KS4 (10)
Thursdays
3.05-4pm
F07
Mrs Keljarrett

High Expectations and Challenge

#teambrokenhale



School Dining Hall

Taz Asran, Chef Manager - kitchen@brakenhale.co.uk

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
- 11.00 – 11.20** Break-time
- 13.25 – 13.55** Lunch-time
- 3.05** Any unsold food may be purchased at half price by cash or account

Sample menus are available on our website in the [Parent Zone](#)

There is a 3 week menu rotation. Please note, due to delivery issues that are being faced nationally, we may encounter delays to some products. If so, there may be slight alterations to menus

Free School Meals

Previously we required parents/carers to apply through Bracknell Forest Council but we have now moved to an online platform to make this process easier and simpler and we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to register.

We would be most grateful if you could complete your details on this form, even if you have applied unsuccessfully in the past, or if you believe you are not entitled to additional funding. The system re-checks details every term and will automatically update our records if your status changes.

If you would like any help with applying you are very welcome to come into school and we would be happy to assist you with an application.

[Check Eligibility for Free School Meals](#)

It is worth applying for Free School Meals entitlement even if your child does not require a school lunch because entitlement to this benefit comes with an automatic reduction in the cost of school trips (in the UK) and may also entitle you to receive financial assistance with other school related expenses.

Brakenhale School		Price	
		Regular	Large
MEALS			
Main Meal		£2.20	
Meal Deal		£2.60	
(main meal + £0.60 drink or pudding)			
Soup of the Day		£1.10	
Soup with Bread Roll		£1.30	
Jacket Potato + 1 Filling		£1.50	
Jacket Potato + 2 Fillings		£2.00	
Salad Pot		£1.25	£2.00
Pasta King		£1.30	£2.00
Yoghurt Bar		£1.25	£2.00
Fruit Salad / Cold Dessert / Jelly Pot		£1.00	
Pudding		£0.60	
SNACKS			
Pizza		£1.25	
Paninis		£1.80	
Beef / Chicken / Veggie Burger		£1.60	
Hot Wraps		£1.60	
Chicken Nuggets / Popcorn		£1.60	
Hot Dogs		£1.60	
Lamb Kebabs		£1.60	
Bagels		£1.60	
Chicken Wings Pot		£1.60	
Potato Wedges		£0.80	
Waffles		£0.60	
Cookies		£0.50	
DRINKS			
Cold Drinks Range	From	£0.50	to £0.80
Hot Drinks		£1.00	
Frutina Slushie		£0.80	£1.00
Ice Cream / Lollies		£0.50	

November 2021



Brakenhale School Lottery

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.



Action for Happiness

Find out more information here : <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/>

Active April

Let's find ways to get moving and stay active and healthy.

Active April 2022

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

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together





Wishing you a happy

Term Dates

Please find below our Term Dates for the remainder of this academic year 2021/22.

Term Dates 2021-22

Spring Holiday: Monday 4th to Monday 18th April 2022
(Good Friday 15th April, Easter Monday 18th April)

SUMMER TERM 2022

Tuesday 19th April – Tuesday 19th July 2022

Summer Half Term - Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 *(including extended bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)*

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

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 20th July 2022

(May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022)

INSET Days Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2022

Please check the school website regularly for current information.



Term Dates 2022-23**AUTUMN TERM 2022**

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September **Inset Days**

Monday 5th September – Friday 1^{6th} December 2022

Autumn Half Term - Monday 24th to Friday 28th October 2022

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December to Tuesday 3rd January 2023

SPRING TERM 2023

Tuesday 3rd January **Inset Day**

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March 2023

Spring Half Term - Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Spring Holiday: Monday 3rd to Monday 17th April 2023

(Good Friday 7th April, Easter Monday 10th April)

SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 17th April **Inset Day**

Tuesday 18th April – Wednesday 19th July 2023

Summer Half Term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

(May Bank Holidays Monday 1st and Monday 29th May)

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st July 2023 **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday: Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET Days Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022
 Tuesday 3rd January 2023
 Monday 17th April 2023
 Thursday 20th and Friday 21st July 2023

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<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>



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