

Brakenhale News



22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our second Parent News for this year. I hope this finds you well. As I write this, today is my 37th school day here as the new Headteacher of our school. I use the word 'new' deliberately because it is exactly that. It does not feel this short and, as a colleague said to me only yesterday, "it feels like you have been here longer!" I have thoroughly enjoyed it and, no doubt, will continue to do so.

As I relayed in our first Parent News back in week two, I have continued to meet our children at the gate in the morning, walked the corridors and into classrooms to see learning happening, spoken to students in break times and during their lunch, seen them off at the end of the day... and much more. I've been continually impressed with much of what I have seen: uniform standards overall, the line-ups which start our days so calmly and the positive interactions amongst students and staff. These are just three of a longer list.

In my very first communication to all families back on 9th September, my message will continue to be the same: education is a vehicle for change. Education opens doors and, as a school, we will do our absolute best, every day, to ensure every single child gets the best education so that we accelerate their life chances. I have already begun to work on the refinements of some of the procedures in school. These are done with the intention to elevate our school to excellence. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch; your continued support as parents and families is crucial to the success of your child.

I am acutely aware that I am yet to hold the 'Meet the Headteacher' events as initially communicated. These will still happen but next half term. They will give you an opportunity to meet me and hear about the vision moving forward.

As we are all aware, Covid is still with us. You will have seen my communication to you all on Monday, in light of information I received from the local authority. We will continue to be vigilant. Please ensure to remain safe, especially during the half term and, where symptoms arise, get tested to your benefit.

As we come to the end of this half term, three members of staff do leave us. Mr Ryan Funnell who has been our PE Technician, is moving to Essex and pursuing new ventures; we wish him well and thank him for the work he has done with the PE team over the past year. Mrs Tracey Prosser who has worked in the Safeguarding Team leaves us to work with Bracknell Forest Council. We wish Mrs Prosser all the very best and thank her for all that she has done. Finally, Mr Huw Thomas is a long-standing member of our team who has held a number of roles in the school. At present he is a teacher of Computer Science and IT. Mr Thomas is moving to work in a school in London. We thank him for the many years of service, his efforts and his dedication; we wish him well.

Finally, look through this 'Parent News' to read about some of the amazing things here at Brakenhale in the last half term. I wish you all a restful half term. Safe stay and we will see all students back on Monday 1st November 2021.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Taylor, Headteacher



Foodbank for Christmas

Miss Douse, Head of Year 7

Over the last two years, the Brakenhale Community has been supporting the Bracknell Foodbank at the Kerith Centre at Christmas time through your kind donations of food items. This year we would like to continue doing so, and the team at the Foodbank are requesting the following items to help with their Christmas hampers.

- Christmas puddings
- Boxes of biscuits
- Boxes of chocolate
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Custard
- Tinned ham
- Mince pies



Please send your donations in with your child/children or ward to Miss Douse or to Main Reception. Any contributions you are able to make will be greatly appreciated.

Collection of items will begin as soon as we get back after the half term break. Thank you.

Remembrance Day and Poppy Appeal



We are delighted to be supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year - students and staff can show their support by purchasing poppies from Main Reception or LRC.

As a mark of respect students who are members of our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) will be permitted to wear their uniform from Monday 8th November for the whole week.

Students who are members of any cadets groups outside of Brakenhale will be permitted to wear their uniform on Remembrance Day, Thursday 11th November. We will be observing a minute's silence at 10.59am on this day.

Rotary Raffle Ticket

We are delighted to advise that we are, once again, being supported by the Easthampstead Park Rotary Club to raise much-needed funds for additional student resources. Last year, you helped us raise £7,000 towards the equipment and fittings that were desperately needed for our new building.

We therefore hope that you will be able to support us by selling raffle tickets.

Year 7 and 8 students have been given raffle tickets to take home with them this week and other year groups will be able to collect tickets from Main Reception. Tickets are £1 for a single ticket or £5 for a book.

Please pay for your tickets via parent pay and return stubs to main reception with student names on. If any other year groups are interested in purchasing raffle tickets please come to main reception.

The 1st Prize is £500, the 2nd Prize is £250 and there are 10 prizes of £100 and 5 prizes of £50. The date of the draw is Monday 20th December.



Our new Headteacher Mr Taylor conducted several welcome speeches - a recording of this is available to everyone on our website. Additionally each department put together displays and activities to showcase their subjects and there were Student Information Stations around the site to help answer questions, point visitors in the right direction and show them where to go.

Our coveted: Open Evening 'WOW Award' – was awarded to Performing Arts who have set the bar high for next year.



"We loved our tour tonight and were made to feel extremely welcome by staff and students. The new Head is phenomenal - inspirational and dynamic, I can't wait to watch the future of Brakenhale as it goes from strength to strength. A big thank you to a Year 8 student called Daisy who is a junior librarian and to Olivia for making a delicious marble cake and for making us feel super welcome and at ease, you're both a credit to the school and your families - thank you!"

Careers Stories

Ms Lane, Head of Careers & Personal Development

On Monday 20th September, former students Michael Adams, James Maryon and Rajveer Sohal delivered an inspiring careers session to sixth form students and shared their stories about pursuing the apprenticeship route after they completed their A Levels and BTEC qualifications.

Michael works at Europe's leading software company Softcat and is studying for his ITSP IT Technical Salesperson Apprenticeship. James works for Fujitsu and is studying both an apprenticeship in Software Development and a Degree in Digital & Technology Solutions. Rajveer works for Unilever and is studying a Degree in Chartered Management.

The boys explained how they found, applied for and secured these roles whilst in Year 13 and spoke about the benefits of choosing the alternative route to University. This session provided current sixth form students with a balanced insight into the range of opportunities available to all students post-18.



Thanks to Michael, James and Raj for sharing their stories and experiences with our students.



CCF Fieldcraft Weekend

Second Lieutenant Bury, Contingent Commander, Brakenhale School CCF

On Saturday 25th September, some of our cadets embarked on a fieldcraft exercise, leaving the school grounds at 08:30hrs and returning on Sunday 26th September at 14:00hrs.

The exercise was designed to test the cadets on their basic fieldcraft skills, navigation and First Aid.

The cadets were dropped off at a location unknown to them within the Aldershot Army Training Area of Hawley Lake. The cadets' first task was to then work out their location and make their way to the harbour area, using the navigation skills they had received lessons on.

The cadets were then issued with standard Army Ration Packs, which contained enough food and drinks to last them 24 hours. Part of the fieldcraft skills test is to be able to cook for themselves in the field and to maintain their own personal hygiene.

The Cadets took part in a game of Hide and Seek using their camouflage and concealment skills. Can you find any cadets hiding in the field in the picture below?

During the dark hours of Saturday night the cadets took part in a night time navigation exercise and also had a lesson on how sound/light travels at night. This is all part of the skills they need to maintain personal cover from the enemy at night.

On Sunday, following a 'ration pack' breakfast, the cadets then took on the challenge of first aid in the field. The cadets once more gained new skills and had great fun, as you can see from the pictures.

Over the 29 ½ hours the cadets were out in the field they covered a distance of 21.7 miles and this is not an easy thing to do. Our cadets were amazing and showed real team work, leadership skills and most of all they had fun.

We thank the parents/carers for their support and trust in us as CCF leaders and thank the school for their continued support with our CCF, without both none of this would be possible.



Forest School

Ms Polonara, Mr Bury, Mrs Fear

It is with great excitement that we are introducing you to our very own Brakenhale Forest School; work is in progress and, as you can see from the pictures below, it is coming along beautifully.

'Forest Schools' is an accredited worldwide school programme, which is becoming more and more popular and widespread; Forest Schools can be described as:

"A child-centred inspirational learning process that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term programme that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. Forest School has a developmental ethos shared by thousands of trained practitioners around the world, who are constantly developing their learning styles and skills to support new and imaginative learners. Its roots reach back to the open-air culture, 'friluftsliv', or free air life, seen as a way of life in Scandinavia where Forest School began. It arrived in the UK in 1993 and has grown from strength to strength since then." (from: forestschoolassociation.org).

After being able to dedicate a section of our woodland to the development of the new Forest School, under the direction of leader Mr Bury and with the help of myself, Ms Polonara, plans have come together and its development is well under way. After weeks of tireless work collecting material and clearing rubbish and opening spaces, pruning, cutting, building, digging, drilling, Mr Bury was finally able to declare the area open and running. Further team work, involving both adults and participating students, meant that we can now present parents, carers, and students with our first milestone achievements!



(Images: clockwise from top left - our fire pit/shelter area, the 'immersing in Nature' viewpoint, Mr Bury lighting the fire, planter and slow worm hide, the pond and our rope swing)



A shelter is being built up for us to use in the rain, made using recycled pallets. Woodchips Tree Surgery in Bracknell kindly donated lots of wood chippings, which have been used to lay down paths and create safe areas below trees used for climbing. A rope swing made out of a log was tied to one of our big trees, we hung hammocks on our designated trees, planters were hand-made and donated by our own Ms Turner for us to grow willow in. We laid down a slow worm corrugated iron hide, built an insect and hedgehog shelter out of pallets, sticks, and fallen leaves, put together a bumblebee nest, and hung bird feeders. Mr Bury sourced a pond liner and old tractor tyres, which were used to form a pond to attract wildlife to and filled with recycled rain water which was collected in a water butt.

We used our fire pit for the first time this week (w/c 11th October), and will soon be cooking breakfast and making hot chocolate for the children to enjoy during the cold winter months.

The programme has been an overwhelming success among participating students, and we have lots more ideas in mind to make it even more exciting; the idea behind it is to build group spirit and resilience, as well as showing the importance of teamwork and how we can help each other, nature, wildlife and the environment, by being aware of our surroundings as well as following the Brakenhale School's success ethos.

Berkshire Lowland Search and Rescue Team visit the School

Second Lieutenant Bury, Contingent Commander, Brakenhale School CCF

On Tuesday 12th October we had the pleasure of welcoming the Berkshire Lowland Search and Rescue (BLSAR) Team to our weekly CCF meeting. BLSAR works in partnership with Thames Valley Police to locate and rescue high risk vulnerable missing persons such as children and those living with dementia. Their members are all volunteers and are highly trained in Search and Rescue techniques.

They gave a presentation to our cadets about the work they do in our community and then the cadets had the opportunity to look over the equipment they use and had a chance to have a go at safety line-throwing and stretcher carrying.

Brakenhale CCF will be carrying out a sponsored walk on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November to help raise funds for the BLSAR Team together with The Irish Guards Benevolent Fund so please watch out for this event. Over 24 hours students will be asked to walk around the school's 400m track to collectively achieve the same distance as if they were walking from school to Auschwitz in Poland via the Somme in France – a total of 1051 miles.



You can donate via this link: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/... BrakenhaleCCFWalkOfRemembrance>



Lift Off Dance Festival at South Hill Park

Miss Millard, Performing Arts



Our P16 BTEC dance students took part in the Lift Off Dance Festival on Saturday 16th October at South Hill Park. Lift Off is a local authority dance festival that showcases dance groups from a variety of ages, disciplines and backgrounds. Their performance “Don’t Forget to Smile” was choreographed and led as part of the Gold Arts Award course by Year 13 student Emma Warner. The performance was a huge success and the students performed fantastically.



Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers and Students

It is natural to feel anxious and unsure when faced with new experiences.

At the start of the academic year in September when we met with all the Year 7s for the first time, many students were anxious, confused, unsure and very worried about starting the new school year in a new school. Roll on to six weeks later and the vast majority of students have settled well into their new academic environment, settled into the routine, are able to find their way around the school and get to lessons without getting lost, and have made new friends.

Many students are still trying new things: new clubs, new friendship groups and still getting familiar with the systems at Brakenhale. A very well done to all Year 7 students in having a successful first half term. The house points which students have amassed speak volumes of their positive attitude in and around the school. A real success is at the start of the day when students 'line-up'; their focus, punctuality and smartness to this is absolutely brilliant; as they walk to tutor time in a quiet, orderly and calm manner, they are ready for the day ahead - it makes all of us very proud to be working with our Year 7s.

As a year group we have reiterated the importance of teamwork, asking students to try their best and be kind - this is so important for our school community, tutor groups and year group; together we will get to where we want to be.



This half term break is an ideal opportunity to recharge and get ready for the second half of the term which comes with its own challenges; the clocks will have gone forward and the days are going to be shorter. Attendance is key to ensure continued academic progress. Please top up on tools for learning and uniform to ensure readiness for the next half term.

After half term, we look forward to welcoming you to 'Meet the Tutor' evening where you will be able to hear first-hand how well all of our students have started their journey at Brakenhale - you can also have a look around our wonderful school.

Ms Douse, Head of Year 7 and Mr Read-Linton, Assistant Head of Year 7

Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers and Students

I would like to thank you for the tremendous amount of parental support the Year 8 team have received so far, in what has been a productive and purposeful start to the academic year. I cannot express to you the pride I feel over the direction and the culture in our year group that is being shaped. It truly is a privilege to see the young men and women that our Year 8 students are becoming.

The focus for this term has been to embed good habits into our young people, all under the umbrella of our overall mission, "Work Hard, Be Kind." Part of this has been achieved due to the success of our new morning line-ups. I know Mr Taylor has written to you previously about this, but it truly is a joy to see our young people have such a calm and orderly start to their day. I can speak from my own personal experience when I say there is nothing worse than a chaotic start to the day, as this will often set the tone for how the rest of my day will go. By insisting on silent, orderly line-ups in the morning, we are able to grant all of our students a calm start, regardless of what has happened prior to arriving at school. It is also an opportunity to relay key messages and reminders for the day ahead and ensure that all our students' minds are focussed on getting the most out of their lessons for that day. I must also say, the standard of which Year 8 have carried these out has been nothing short of exceptional. This has been a reminder for me that when we expect the highest of standards and expectations from our young people, they will deliver.



Another focus of the year team has been on tightening up and ensuring attendance of detentions in the year group. Not all of our young people will get it right all of the time and so it is important as adults that we teach the importance of owning our behaviour, making it right and then moving on and growing from our mistakes. However, I am acutely aware that this cannot happen if the student ignores or does not attend the sanctions or detention that have been set as part of this process. Detentions are an opportunity to mend the relationship between the student and the teacher/school and equip the student with the opportunity to grow from the mistake that has been made. I'm sure you agree that it is essential that they attend every time. Every morning students are reminded "In Year 8, we don't miss detentions" and any missed offences are followed up with no one slipping through the net. I am delighted with the success of this initiative so far, and have seen the results first hand in the change of mindset from so many of our Year 8 students already. Having this mindset embedded as a habit will equip our students with the skills and qualities to succeed in life, long after they have left us in years to come.

Finally, after what could only be described as a somewhat bleak year with constant disruption and restrictions from COVID in Year 7, we have been determined to inject more positivity into the year, especially to those students that always go about their business doing the right thing, but sometimes don't always get the recognition or attention they deserve. As a result, we have redesigned our Year 8 rewards scheme to meet these aims. As students collect house points throughout the year, they will achieve certain prizes as they hit each milestone according to how many they have collected. (Please see each milestone in the image attached.) So many of our students are already well on their way to achieving 'Highly Commended' status before Christmas, as you will see from our top 15 achievers list.



Year 8 - Top 15 Achievers (as of Monday 18th October)

Henry F	8B	71
Zoe P	8K	67
Connor S	8B	57
Isabella QG	8E	56
Josh H	8B	53
Daisy L	8B	49

Riley P	8R	48
Bryony T	8H	47
Chloe G	8K	45
Mylie F	8K	44
Nazar Z	8R	44
Joshua L	8B	43

Sasha P	8K	43
Lily C	8K	42
Eamon P	8B	42
Hannah G	8N	41

I would like to wish all our Brakenhale families a much deserved, restful half term holiday. Please be safe and focus on being refreshed for the upcoming half 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. I can absolutely say that I will be spending a good portion of the week much like how my dog Bayley spends most of her days when I am busy at work - horizontal!



Have a great half term break!

Mr McKane, Head of Year 8 and Mr Collins, Assistant Head of Year 8



Dear Year 9 Parents/Carers and Students

Year 9! Half term 1 done! It has been wonderful to have all students back in school full time as this year begins their journey into the decision making process of Options and examinable subjects. It has been lovely to see so many of them returning to school in a positive and hard-working frame of mind.



This year focuses on being 'Key Stage 4 Ready' - ensuring that students are focused on their learning within the classroom, being respectful to each other and ensuring that they continue to be a part of the year group and whole school community. The main priority this first half term has seen us focusing on having Tools for Learning for EVERY lesson - being prepared is so important, if we do not have the correct equipment to fully participate in each lesson, then students are already 'behind', this is not acceptable - EVERYONE must be prepared for each day ahead, and ahead of time. I do not believe there to be any valid reason why a student does not have the correct equipment for school and for learning. Our focus on our return will be around the word 'Silence', and we will share more on this when we return.

Attendance is an absolute priority. Attendance at school is the vehicle to success and progress. We understand that at times some need to take time off school for illness BUT being in school is the priority when it is possible; as we finish this first half term - we are tired from our brains focusing and

working hard, we are tired from the pressures of dealing with and supporting the Covid situation - the year group have continued to deal with the situation very well and are being respectful to the current wearing of masks.



Teamwork - every one of us is here to support each other, this does not mean we have to be friends with everyone but our ethos is that of 'support'. At times we all need this and it can be in the form of many things - a listening ear, a supportive shoulder, a guide to where we need to be going or some words of encouragement and positive praise - a 'well done', a 'thank you' and even a 'can I help?' – and this really embraces the importance of working together. We cannot do any of what we are doing on our own. As a Year Group we have started in a really positive manner and have achieved many things already this year - positive recognition through House Points, taking our 'mates to participate' in PE activities and embracing the line-up each morning (whilst looking incredibly smart) have been real successes.

What is important now? Take a break - it is important for students to step back from school and ensure that they have some down time. On their return, on Monday 1st November, we go again - our priorities will be the same, our focuses will be refined and our expectations remain super high for every single member of the Year 9 team. If individuals have not made the most of these last weeks, when we return it is super important that positive changes are made - it is important that everyone understands that focus supports success, as our next steps move us closer to 'Options'. On that note - ensure your Tools for Learning are replenished, uniform checked for size, school bag complete and ready to return!

Thank you for your continued support, have a restful break and return refreshed and ready to go.

Best wishes

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



Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers and Students

Just like that Year 10 community, we are already finished with our first half term of Key Stage 4, and time is really flying by!

Firstly, we just want to say how proud we are of our students and the way they have taken to their Key Stage 4 studies. We spent a lot of time last year asking them if they were 'Key Stage 4 ready' and what this actually meant for them, and it really looks like all the work they put into preparing themselves for this year are paying off. We get stopped by teachers all the time saying wonderful things about the classes they are teaching and how switched on the Year 10s appear. They have really hit the ground running this year, and this should not be a surprise to us, because they have always been a phenomenal year group that steps up to whatever challenges they need to face.

By now students should be settled into the subjects that they picked as Options and we really hope they are exactly what they were expecting them to be. This academic year is all about getting Year 10 'race ready' so that when they sit their exams in the summer of 2023, they will go on to be successful because of everything they have done for the build up to them. As part of getting 'race ready' we really do need our students to make the most out of every second of every lesson. The knowledge and content the teachers are delivering in lessons will form part of assessments and exams, so it is vital that students are paying attention and if they are unclear about anything, ask the teacher for clarification so that they are fully prepared for the exams in the future. Remember - I'll say it all year - every lesson is a chance to practise and train, but students can only practise and train if they understand what they are supposed to be doing.

On the point of practice and training, this leads me onto homework and Sparx for Maths. There is only so much the teachers can get through in a lesson to ensure that students are learning the necessary content and demonstrating and practising the correct skills. This is why homework at Key Stage 4 is so important for Year 10. It is their opportunity to continue to work on these skills in their own time so that they can then apply them when it is crucial, in the exams. It is each student's responsibility to ensure homework is completed and to the best of their ability, otherwise they are only cheating themselves. If they hand in work that is not their best, the feedback received from teachers will not really help them push on and be successful. It doesn't matter if the homework is about extending knowledge or exam practice, it is another opportunity to master the skills needed. It is the same with Sparx; Maths is an important subject and Sparx is a great way for them to practice. It provides videos if students are not able to answer the questions and by watching the videos they should be able to complete the work.



There have been many random Friday winners, and we keep being asked how they are determined. It is very simple; everyone at the beginning of the week is entered into each tutor group's draw. If a student does not receive a single behaviour point for the week, then they could be randomly selected to win. If they do receive a behaviour point then unfortunately they are out for that week, but they are entered for the following week as it starts fresh every week. It is just a small way that we can say thank you for just getting it right every day for that week.

We want to end this news article the way we started it, by saying how amazing Year 10 all are, and how well they have settled into life as Key Stage 4 students. They should continue to go out each day and achieve to the best of their ability as well as getting all those house points! Also, they should make sure they learn from past mistakes and not allow them to stop them progressing; understanding where it went wrong, and making sure it doesn't happen again. Remember, our students know what it means for them to be successful at the end of their exams, they know what they need or want to achieve, it is down to them to ensure they reach that success.

Have a restful and great half term Year 10!

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



Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers and Students

Well done Year 11 for working so hard during the first half term. All our students have shown incredible resilience by studying hard since we returned, coping really well with the extended school day, and despite many having had time off for Covid, attendance is still good. The half term holiday is well deserved and it is important to rest and recharge.

There are 23 weeks left before the start of the exams. Whilst that seems a long time, it is only 115 school days or 575 lessons. We keep saying this but it will come around quickly. It is vital students prepare for the PPEs which start on Monday 15th November. This is the chance for students to show their teachers what they know, and what they need extra support with as we prepare for the final examinations next summer. Whilst we think GCSEs will take place as normal, it is important that everyone shows off their best performance, as we don't know if things may change again.

In terms of preparation please review the slides that Mr Corry went through during the information evening. This will teach students how to revise, give them techniques to help them remember, and provide key dates that will be useful to all. Year 11 should be spending some part of their half term revising for their PPEs, please ensure a revision plan has been created and try to stick to it. We are not encouraging students to spend the whole half term studying, rather creating a plan that includes rest breaks, activities and study.

We also have the Year 11 virtual parents' evening on Thursday 4th November from 4pm to 8pm. It is important that you make appointments and speak to as many of the teachers as possible to gain specific feedback as to how your child can improve in their subjects. This is a chance to find out any last minute information before the PPEs and also an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Year 11 tutors and pastoral team are busy planning the celebrations for the end of the year. This includes the prom, leaver's hoodies and a yearbook. These are all a highlight for every Year 11 student. Please make sure students do not jeopardise their place at prom by doing anything that they shouldn't; they've made it this far, don't throw it all away.

Many of Year 11 will be interested in staying at the Brakenhale Sixth Form. The Open Evening for this is Thursday 25th November so please keep that date free. The Sixth Form achieves fantastic results year on year, and the teachers also know our students best, so please consider it. For those that are unsure as to what they want to do next year, I'd encourage everyone to attend to keep options open. It would also be useful for students to look at alternate options for what to do when they leave Year 11, including college open days and local apprenticeship information. Miss Lane will also be meeting many of Year 11 on a one to one basis to discuss future careers.

Finally I'd like to thank you all for persevering this half term. It is the longest term at 8 weeks, and coming off a six week holiday it can be difficult to get back into the routine of school. We also extended the school day with Turbo Tutor and Period 6 in order to catch up on learning that was missed. Turbo Tutor has now caught up 16 hours of learning and Period 6 has caught up 40 hours of learning. This is the equivalent of 11 extra school days. This doesn't replace the three months that students were off last year, but it is our chance to help them get the best out of a bad situation. Attending and taking part in both of these will ensure students are in the best possible position when they take their examinations. Keep going Year 11, it'll soon be over.

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

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Sixth Form Open Evening

for Courses 2022-24

Thursday
25th November
6pm to 7.30pm

The continued resurgence of Brakenhale Sixth Form has been confirmed by the most recent A-level and BTEC results. In every single measure there has been an increase in attainment and progress.

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Dear Sixth Form Parents/Carers and Students

This year we are asking that our Post-16 students **Work hard; Be Kind; Take Opportunities**. Over the past eighteen months our students have been through an awful lot and missed some key events so we are here to ensure that we offer them the support, structure and climate that they need in order to have a successful, enjoyable and fulfilling year. Year 12 and Year 13 have made a fantastic start and we have been impressed with their attitude to learning in lessons and conduct around the school.

This term we have been trying all sorts of new things. Our Enrichment programme has proven a hit with a wide range of opportunities offered such as: sporting activities, vocal group, documentary club, yoga, stitch-craft and art club. Enrichment will continue to grow and next term we will also be offering: cooking, dancercise, primary school volunteering and in-class support. If you have any more ideas for activities then please let Ms Manlay know.

As part of our PSHE curriculum all students received a brilliant talk from some ex-students who have achieved great things during their apprenticeships, thanks to Miss Lane for organising such an informative event! The talk focused on alternative pathways to success and enlightened both students and staff of the opportunities that are out there after school. Students in Year 12 also had a session about virtual work experience; this is an integral part of their Post-16 education and we encourage all students to sign up and get involved.

We have also had some great information about how to deal with finances from Mr Stuart Kingsley, please don't forget to email us with your tax/finance questions so we can pass them on to him!

As always, students have made us proud with their focus and drive to succeed - we've had five students complete early applications to Oxford or Cambridge and a further three for Medical, Dentistry or Veterinary courses which is incredibly impressive. The rest of Year 13 are busy completing their UCAS and Apprenticeship applications and we wish them all the very best of luck!

Mia Cross has had her work (see above) published on The Photographer's Gallery website as part of their Story Behind a Photograph initiative. Check out her photo and a beautifully written piece to accompany it here:



<https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/photography-culture/story-behind-photograph-mia-cross>

Some of our Head Students have delivered a great assembly celebrating Black History Month to every year group in the school. It is great to see our students taking a lead role in communicating vital messages to our community.

One of our Head Students, Rachel Sullivan, will be co-directing the school pantomime this year, a show that is open to all year groups.

Plans for Prom have begun; Ms Lawry is looking into venues to give you a final send off to celebrate your years at Brakenhale. The Student Union organised a bake sale for the last week of term to help raise money for this exciting event - a huge thank you to all those involved and well done on raising almost £120.



Dress Code: A huge thank you for your support in ensuring that students are coming to school in dress code. Members of both the school and local community, alongside visitors, have been incredibly complimentary about the way Post-16 are role models to the younger students. We would ask that all students keep this up as we move into the colder months.

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



PE Update

Mr Potter, Head of PE and Mr Maye, Second in PE

What a fantastic return we have had in PE this academic year and we look forward to more amazing efforts being given in PE and clubs after half term. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few items with regards to PE for the forthcoming year.

Sixth Form Enrichment

This year we have seen the introduction of Post 16 enrichment on a Wednesday afternoon. Students have had an active and busy period 5 Wednesday with the PE staff moving through a carousel of various activities and venues. Post half term we will see a full and broad enrichment programme with students doing an even wider variety of things such as cooking and home economics, primary school and lower school lesson volunteering, plus other physically active sessions.

Notes in PE

Our policy for notes in PE has now changed. We will no longer be accepting written notes brought to lessons; instead an email must be sent to your child's PE teacher prior to the lesson taking place, to excuse them from PE. This note will last for the week. Any longer than a week and a doctor's note will be requested.

Sick or fit, bring your kit!

To support students in lesson and to ensure students are well prepared, we are asking students to bring their kit to every lesson, even if they are injured. This is to ensure that they have kit to change into and out of if lessons are to take place outside. We do not want school uniform getting wet or muddied when students cannot take part physically, so kit must still be brought so that students can take part in other ways, for example as coach, official, observer, analyst, helper. Unless the injury is severe where changing would not be possible, kit must be present and worn. If not, the usual sanctions will apply.

Mates Participate

This term PE has seen the return of fixtures and the launch of our new clubs strategy... **MATES PARTICIPATE!**

Mates Participate has been absolutely phenomenal, we have had close to 1000 sessions attended by students over the past 7 weeks with students doing trampolining, basketball, football, rugby, fitness, netball, badminton and tennis! To have these sessions being attended and to see our students actively engaged in physical activity after school, using our facilities to keep active with their friends and peers is absolutely superb - well done to everyone who has taken part, **PLEASE KEEP COMING!**

All students receive house points for attendance. Please ensure you communicate with your child/children to ensure you know if they are attending each day.

Getting ready for winter PE

As the coming week and months are going to get colder, can I please ask that you ensure your children are adequately prepared for PE. Items can be purchased from the online school shop for PE (tracksuit bottoms or the PE jumper). We will also allow things such as a black or white t shirt to be worn under the PE kit, an under armour or skin (again black or white) or a small pair of gloves also. We want students to have a positive experience in PE but at the same time build resilience, so please ensure items have been packed for them to take part in PE.

Fixtures and school matches

These are now beginning to happen again with students travelling to away games and us hosting matches on site. A schoolcomms will be sent home the week prior to the fixture to make you aware if your child has been selected. Please ensure you talk to them about the fixture arrangements, so you know what is going on, on the day.

It has been wonderful to see the boys out playing rugby in the Borough and also representing the school in the early rounds of the ESFA National Cup. The girls have been getting into their netball fixtures this last week, with more to come after half term. The boys will continue with rugby and also look to the basketball season after half term also.



This term we have seen our community involvement start off with our Year 10 BTEC sport class running the local tag rugby festival for the BFC primary schools. Students led coaching stations and refereed games for over 100 young primary students. Our sports leaders have also been preparing to start heading out to primary schools ready for some lower school primary sports leadership sessions.

We have also seen our floodlights on the astro turf fitted with new bulbs fitted and also a second rugby and football pitch added to the current sports pitch set up on the field.

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



 #teambrakenhale #brakenhalepe		PE CHAMPIONS - WELL DONE!					
		Week beginning: 13/9/21		Week beginning: 20/9/21		Week beginning: 27/9/21	
Staff	Student	Tutor	Student	Tutor	Student	Tutor	
	Kaylan Patel	9H	Archie Shadbolt	9R	Benjamin Cockbill	7B	
	Peter Bertoux	7A	Keyan Nugent	8H	Oscar Brook	10N	
	Shanika-Mai Whitaker	11A	Lillie McCreadie	7R	Eleonora Kryekurti Chinigo	9A	
	Harry Cheale	11A	Alex Bourne	11H	Francesco Lanzuolo	9N	
	Amber Midgley	11R	Chloe Barrett	7E	Megan Langley	7H	
	Demi Sibley	10A	Kaylan Gonzalez	10R	Darcie Botwright	7A	
	Kaysie Kennedy-Rowles	10N	Abdul Khan	11K			
		Week beginning: 4/10/21		Week beginning: 11/10/21		Week beginning: 18/10/21	
Staff	Student	Tutor	Student	Tutor	Student	Tutor	
	Harry King	7N	Damian Jenkins	11E	Jonathan Mason	8K	
	Danielle Dickinson	9R	Lenny Wanklyn	10B	Shreya Rai	9A	
	Isabella Anderson	7R	Ruby Gale	10R	Jake Bannister	10A	
	Josh Rudge	11H	Jayden Checkley	11N	Jake Besta	9E	
	Caitlin Rampling	7H	Miley-Rose Thomas	7E	Kezia Nyarko	8N	
	Kacie Hemmings	7H	Madison Jurcic-Marchant	10R	Elisha Hemmings	7H	
	Holly Saunders	10E	Maya Adams	9R	Tiago Moreira Afonso Coelho	11B	
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European Day of Languages

Mrs Hughes, Head of MFL

This half term the MFL and EAL department led the celebration of European Day of Languages. Students took part in a whole school quiz, Mrs Daniels, our school librarian, created a display with a variety of French and Spanish books as well as European authors and finally students participated in the creation of bunting. A massive well done to all those who took part - we had over 50 students take part and unfortunately couldn't fit them all in one photo!



EDI Corner (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion)

Mr S Vegh, Head of EDI

Welcome to our first EDI corner of the new school year.

The end of this term coincides with Black History Month and within lessons across each subject students have been learning about members of the black community linked to that subject of study; for example Phyllis Ann Wallace in Economics, Mary Seacole in Science and Kenneth Bancroft Clark in Psychology; and this was all put together and shared by Miss Bunkell (Head of History). In addition students received an assembly exploring Black History Month and role models within the black community.

We are excited to share, that for a second year running, our Year 8 students in the spring term will complete a unit of work that celebrates, teaches and shares all the positive contributions members of the black community have made to the fields of science, literature, politics, history, medicine and sport, to name a few. We like teaching this unit as it shows our learners that black history is not only the slave trade and it gives us an opportunity to share and celebrate the positives.

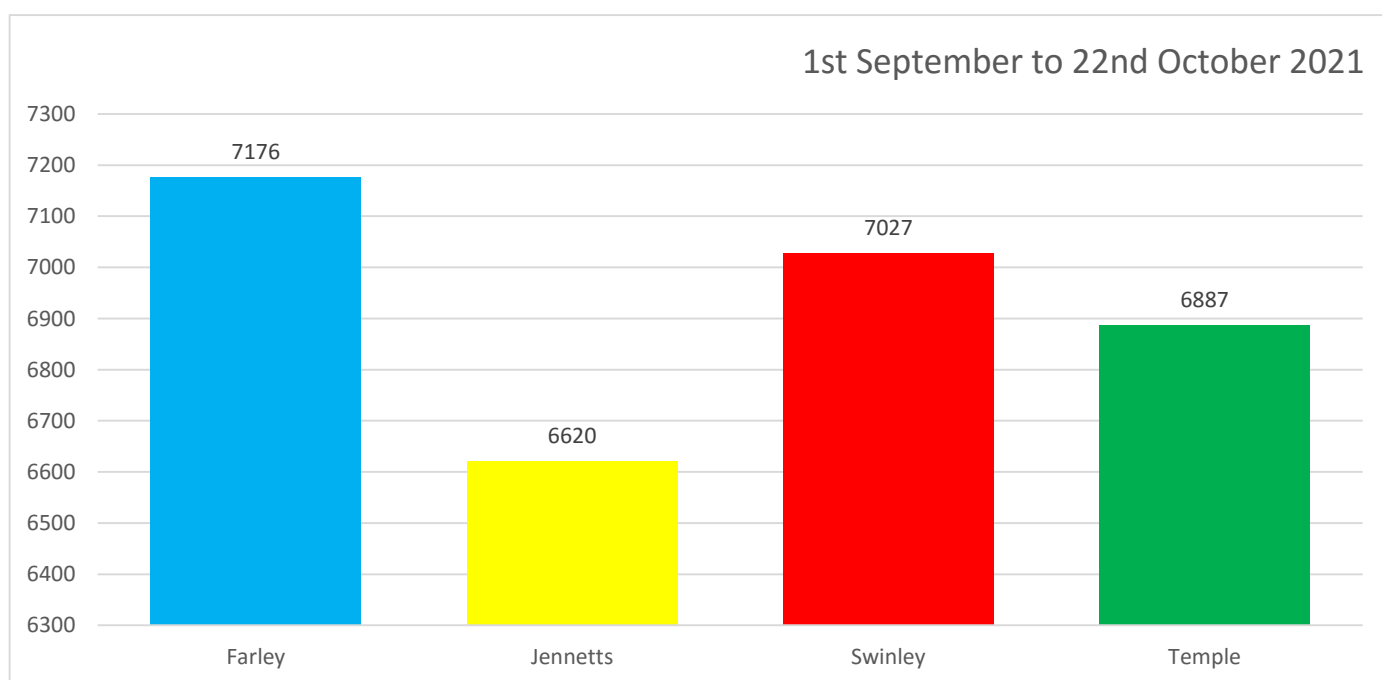
One campaign running during Black History Month is around fostering and adoption. National statistics reveal that black and mixed-heritage children are disproportionately represented in the care system and that the key attribute for adopting a child is providing a loving, safe and stable home and that factors such as occupation, salary, the size of someone's home, home ownership or age are not important. If you know someone who is considering fostering or adoption - we would urge you to encourage them.

I hope you all have a very happy and safe half term.



House Points

Pastoral Team



Be Prepared for School

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.

Parents/Carers should please avoid coming into school during the day to bring in forgotten items such as PE kit or cooking ingredients as we are unable to facilitate getting items to students as it disrupts the classroom and learning environment. Any item brought into school for your child will be taken to Student Triage for them to collect.

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.

Lost Property

School Office

Please can we kindly remind all parents and students to ensure that all items brought into school are named - **all uniform, PE kit, water bottles, pencil cases** and other **tools for learning**.

If named lost property is found in school both students and parents will be emailed and the item(s) can be collected from main reception before school, during break or lunch time or after school up until 4pm.

Un-named lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term.

You can email: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk to see if anything has been found.

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



Email : lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

Email us on the address below and we will endeavour to locate the item and return it to you as soon as possible. We have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property and she will do her best to help.

Thank you for making sure all uniform and equipment is named so we can return it promptly.

Students are always welcome to look through lost property, which is based in the KS3 Head of Year office with Mrs McCrorie, at the start of the day from 8.30am then at any break time or at the end of day.

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

Over the last couple of weeks we have held a second-hand uniform sale after school and raised almost £100 for the school.

We are grateful that a local church were delighted to take any leftover items and a stock of obsolete black PE hoodies which we were unable to sell or give to UK charities to add to a shipment going out for aid for Sierra Leone.



English Department on Twitter

Ms Thomas, English Teacher



The English Department is proud to launch our twitter profile!

On this page you will be able to find revision tips and resources, news about any writing competitions we are taking part in, book reviews and more. Most excitingly we will be showcasing student work so that we can show off how fantastic our students are to as wide a platform as possible!


Give us a follow at [@Brak_English](https://twitter.com/Brak_English) if you would like more information please contact Ms M Thomas via email on mthomas@brakenhale.co.uk.



Reminders




Clubs and Activities



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



MATES PARTICIPATE @ BRAKENHALE PE

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 - 4pm
LRC
Mrs Daniels



Sparx Maths
Mondays & Thursdays - All Years
3-3.30pm • B11 • Mrs Turner
Tuesdays
Lunch 1 Y8 & Y10 LRC Mrs Smith
Lunch 2 Y7 & Y9 B11 Mrs Turner
Wednesdays - All Years
3-3.40pm • B11 • Mrs Turner



CCF
Tuesdays
Invite only
3.20 - 5.20pm
MrBury



YOUNG AMBASSADORS CLUB
Year 8
Every Friday 1:30 - 2:00pm in F05



KS3 Art Club
Wednesdays
3 - 4pm
A02
Mrs Faluyi



Identity
Every 4th Friday
3-3.35pm
F10
Miss Bunkell/
Mrs Lewis



KS3 (7, 8 & 9)
Thursdays
(alternate dates with)
3 - 4pm
LRC
Mrs Lewis

KS4 (10)
Thursdays
3 - 4pm
F07
MRS Keljarrett

High Expectations and Challenge #teambrokenhale



After 2 years of no live music, we bring to you...

Brakenhale's Festive Spectacular

Showcasing Brakenhale students' music talent - We need you!

Auditions will take place:

Tuesday 2nd November, Wednesday 3rd November and Thursday 4th November, after school from 3:05pm

All year groups welcome

You will be emailed your audition times

Auditions and the event are hosted by Year 12 but for any questions regarding the event or auditions please feel free to email the music department: music@brakenhale.co.uk



Sign up sheets will be in music classrooms or just ask your music teacher for them!




Poetry By Heart 2022

Choose a poem | Learn it by heart | Perform it out loud

Register your interest with Mrs Lewis



Classic

2-poem National Championship

Learn 2 poems from the website and perform in your own voice and style.



Freestyle

1-poem celebration

Learn 1 poem from the website and perform by yourself, in pairs, groups or whole classes in an original way.

Choral? With images and sound? Dance?

- ▼ **Serious fun**
- ▼ **Confidence boosting**
- ▼ **Enhanced speaking skills**
- ▼ **Memory building**
- ▼ **Poetry enjoyment**



Showcase

Non-competitive

Perform a poem not on the website.

Write one yourself? One in a different language? A much loved one?



Staff

1-poem challenge

Any member of staff learns a poem from the website and performs it in any style, solo or in a pair or group.

Finalists will be invited to perform at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London





KS3 Book Club is here...

What will we be reading?

A selection of books from the Carnegie Book Awards 2021 shortlist.

When will this take place?

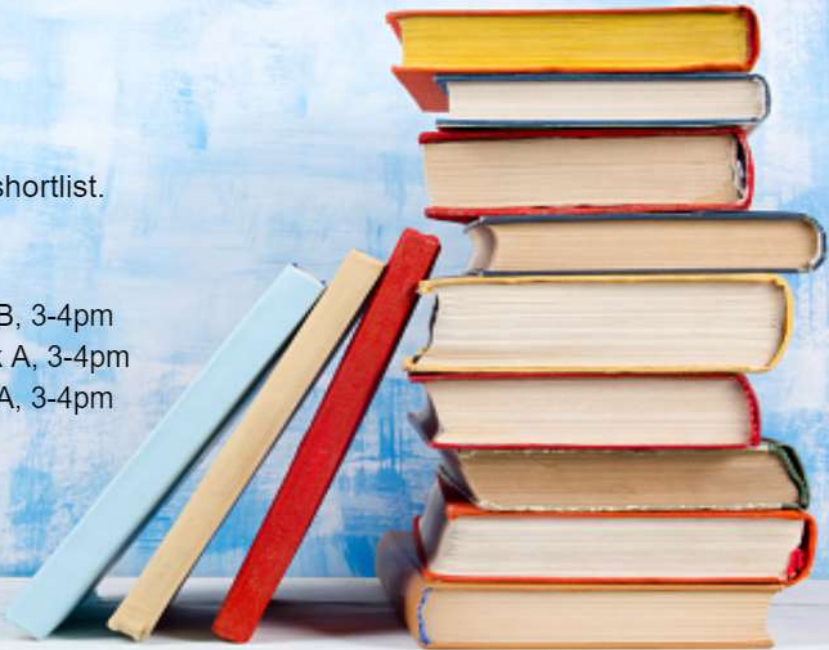
Thursday 4th November, Week B, 3-4pm
 Thursday 25th November, Week A, 3-4pm
 Thursday 9th December, Week A, 3-4pm

Where will this take place?

The library

Who will be running this?

Mrs. Lewis



If you are interested, collect a book from Mrs. Daniels and get reading!

Identity Monthly Meets

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 Bunkell.

You can find Mrs Lewis in F10 and Miss Bunkell in S01.

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



Autumn

Next meets:

- Friday 26th November : 3.05-3.35 (Week A)
- Thursday 16th December : 3.05-3.35 (Week B)

HT2





LOCAL SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS POEM COMPETITION 2021

We are inviting local schools to enter our Christmas Poem Competition which will be judged by Clare Balding - writer, broadcaster, animal lover & sports fan!



PRIZES for each age group

£200 Waterstones Book Voucher for each winning school
£50 Waterstones Book Voucher for each winning student

Winning students will also be invited to attend our Christmas Raceday on Saturday, 18th December 2021 accompanied by their parents/guardians

Winning entries will also be shared via Ascot's digital channels

AGE CATEGORIES

Primary: 5-8 yrs | 8-11 yrs Secondary: 11-14 yrs

THEMES

Poems should consist of one of three themes:

1. When Rudolph became a racehorse
2. When Santa came to Ascot Racecourse
3. The Elf that became a jockey

ENTRY DEADLINE

Friday 26th November 2021

Winners will be announced on Friday, 10th December 2021



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
- 10.00 – 11.30** Break-time (staggered)
- 12.30 – 2.00** Lunch-time (staggered)
- 3.05:** Any unsold food may be purchased at half price by cash or account

Please note that the price of our main meal and meal deal will increase after half term to £2.20 and £2.60 respectively.

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

Next week will be week 2.

Free School Meals

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

[How do I apply free school meals](#)

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

		Price	
		Regular	Large
MEALS			
Main Meal		£2.20	*
Meal Deal (main meal + drink or pudding)		£2.60	*
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	
Hot Pudding		£0.80	
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	

* From 1st 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](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play)

You have to be in it to win it.



Action for Happiness

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

Optimistic October 2021

Especially when things are feeling a bit tough, it can help to set some goals. Making goals achievable and ensuring that you have a few short term as well as longer term, more ambitious goals helps us feel we're making progress. It doesn't matter if your goal for the day is something really small, the important thing is to give yourself the opportunity to feel like you've achieved something and to celebrate that! This month's calendar is full of ideas to help you think about how you can put this into practice.

Optimistic October 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you
4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished this week	
11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	
18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	
25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities this week?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month	

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New Ways November

Next month, we're encouraging you to try something new! Learning something new or getting involved in an activity that really absorbs and interests us is great for our wellbeing. Keeping our brains active is not only good for us physically but it can help you feel you are flourishing as you see yourself make progress with a new skill, or just make you smile as you make a mess and decide to start again. :) Being playful and trying new things is important, as is remembering that it's OK not to get it right first time - change "I can't do it", into "I can't do it...yet!" This month's calendar is full of ideas to help you decide what to try next.

New Ways November 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card
29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times					

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

Term Dates

Please find below our updated Term Dates for this academic year 2021/22. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls during the Summer half-term and all schools have therefore been allocated an additional day's holiday in celebration of it. This additional holiday day will be on Monday 21st February, 2022 added onto the Spring half-term.

Term Dates 2021-22

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Monday 6th September - Friday 17th December 2021

Autumn Half Term - Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 1st April 2022

Spring Half Term - Monday 14th February to Monday 21st February 2022 (including additional day's holiday in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (during summer half term))

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.

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

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



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