



Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

It has been a fantastic half-term at Brakenhale. Students have thoroughly enjoyed their extra-curricular offer; fun Fridays; and student leadership opportunities. They were particularly proud to showcase their school to Year 6s on open evening.

Students have worked incredibly hard and I'm delighted to share that attendance has improved and thank you for your support with this.

Thank you to those of you who have attended our parent forum meetings and we look forward to seeing you all at our inaugural Christmas Fair.

Mrs Douglas, Headteacher

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Friday 6th December
3-6pm

* GIFT SHOPPING * MUSIC *
RAFFLE * HOT CHOCOLATE * TOMBOLA
* SANTA'S GROTTTO * CAKE *
CARDS * GAMES * FRESH FOOD

FREE ENTRY

We hope to see you there!

Brakenhale School, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, RG12 7BA

Upcoming Dates

Half Term

Friday 25th October to Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November

Inset Day - no school for students

Tuesday 5th November

All students back to school

Thursday 7th November

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening 16:00

5th to 22nd November

Year 11/13 PPE Exams

Thursday 28th November

Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday 29th November

Inset Day - no school for students

Friday 6th December

Drop Down Day 1

Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 11th December

Year 11 Progress Evening

Friday 13th December

Inset Day - no school for students

17th & 18th December

Christmas Showcase

Thursday 19th December

Year 13 Progress Evening

(Please note that dates may be subject to change)

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Stall holders

If you would like a stall at the Brakenhale Christmas Fayre, there is a fee of £10 plus a donation to our raffle.

Friday 6th December, 3-6pm

PLEASE EMAIL: LTHEAL@BRAKENHALE.CO.UK
Brakenhale School, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, RG12 7BA

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 28th November 2024 | 18:00 - 20:00



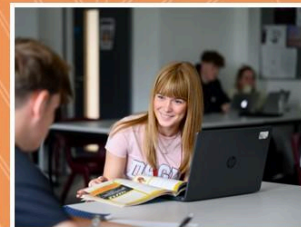
Sixth Form Open Evening



for Courses 2025-27

Thursday 28th November

6pm to
8pm





Rewarding Students

Mr McKane, Assistant Headteacher

Our 'Golden Ticket' is given out in every lesson, every day, to recognise and reward students. Furthermore, we regularly hold reward events with the Headteacher.

Celebration Breakfast with the Headteacher!

Well done to all those students who were invited to the weekly Headteacher Celebration Breakfast with Mrs Douglas on a Friday during Tutor time.

Criteria this half term have included Top House Points, Flying Start and Zero Heroes.

These students all fulfil our values of Aim High, Be Kind and Take Responsibility and Mrs Douglas is very proud to offer this treat and to meet with them in this way.

Well done to:



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 13
Macie G Louie P Thomas Q Leiyla Raya A Sebastien F Jude S Ethan B Harry B Amelia F	Fearne C Leon H Alex S Bobby F Amelia-Grace C Daniel T Sadie R Michael D Smrithi A Oakley N Jack C Bhavna S Megan C Bella H	Sophie T Chantelle W Amber P Emily T Alexandra B Isabelle M Ishikha S Olivia K Isla O Dylan E Jake R Ella L	Darcie B Vardan C Kakun G Davide P Ewan W Carina P Karl C Hubert W Martin S Samba N Myah K Pratyusha S	Benjamin A Callum B Abigail B Chloe F Chloe G Sebastian H Rylee H Roxy H Aleksandra K Daisy P Denis P Inaya P	Evie B Oli B Kyle F Astreja G Mia H Oli M Leo S Ashley W

Brakenhale Bucks BB

This term we launched our Brakenhale Bucks initiative. Tutors award 5BB for every week a student has 100% attendance and they can be spent, saved or combined to 'purchase' prizes from our Attendance Shop. This is open for KS3 on Friday Breaktime and KS4 on Monday Breaktime.



Fun Friday events this half term for staff and students have included:

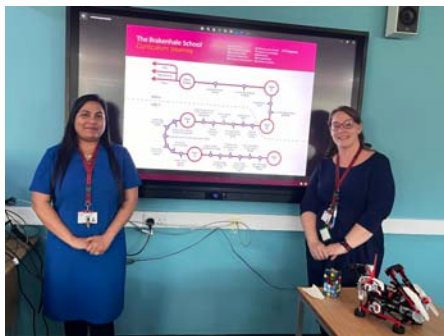
1. Paper Airplane Competition
2. Paper toss
3. European day of languages treasure hunt
4. Penny stack



 **Year 6 Open Evening**

Mr George, Assistant Headteacher

On Thursday 19th September we opened our doors to showcase our school to prospective Year 6 students and their families.







PE and Extra Curricular

Mrs Lazarczuk, Head of PE, Mr Maye, Second in PE and PE Team

PE Half Term Review

Wow what a fantastic start to the new academic year! It seems a long time ago since we started back in September and so much has happened from a sporting point of view and here are just a few of the highlights...

Core PE

In core PE all students have been amazing and engaging in their first half term curriculum, especially Year 7 as they adapt to life at secondary school. In lessons we have seen great effort in Rugby, Netball, Basketball and OAA as well as some wet weather Fitness sessions in the Gym and Trampolining. A great start by all year groups. Just a reminder that as the weather gets colder please ensure you are prepared for the lesson with plain black jumpers or by layering up underneath your PE Shirt.

Netball

All the year groups have represented the School wearing the new Netball kit. The girls have been fantastic, playing with enthusiasm and teamwork against all the schools in the area in mini tournaments. Miss Harvey and Miss Emburey have been singing the girls' praises! Well done to all our Netballers!



Rugby

The boys have been no different. They have pulled on the new Brakenhale Rugby shirts with pride, showing great resilience and effort in some challenging weather conditions! Shout out to the Year 8 Boys who remain unbeaten after 2 tournaments! Mr Boucher and Mr Maye have been very enthusiastic with everyone's efforts so well done boys!



Year 7 Fun Run

The Year 7 students have raised money (just over £200) for the Great Ormond Street Cancer Centre. The students showed fabulous enthusiasm on a rare sunny afternoon as, during periods 4 and 5, they took on the challenge to complete a minimum of 2k distance around a course including the astro turf and field. They showed great resilience and determination to meet the target and some smashed it by running 5k during the lesson! Amazing effort from everyone for such a great cause.



Extra Curricular

We have had an outstanding turn-out to clubs this half term with Basketball and Trampolining being our biggest turn outs! It's amazing to see so many students stay for an extra hour's PE fix to continue to be active and to progress their skills! See our Half Term two provision for what's coming up next!

HT 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>When is it on?</p> <p>3.15 - 4.15pm</p> <p>School Team Fixtures will be additional to this and you will be contacted if you are selected to take part.</p>	<p>Staff Meetings</p> <p>Basketball Sports Hall Reading Rockets</p> <p>@Break Time All Years</p> <p>@Lunch Time All Years</p> <p>After School Girls Only</p>	<p>Fitness Suite GYM MEM</p> <p>Football Field (All Years) JLE / JBO</p>	<p>Netball (All Years) Courts JLE / MEM</p> <p>Trampolining (All Years Boys & Girls)</p> <p>Trampoline Centre ENYA/CMY/ JHA</p>	<p>Basketball Sports Hall Reading Rockets</p> <p>@Break Time All years</p> <p>@Lunch Time All Years</p> <p>After School Elite players invite Only</p> <p>Girls Football (All Years) Astro GBE / JHA (B)</p>	<p>Staff Well-Being</p> <p>Basketball Sports Hall Reading Rockets</p> <p>@Break Time All Years</p> <p>@Lunch Time All Years</p> <p>After School Beginners/ Intermediate players</p>

Change in the changing rooms
Register on the QR Code with the PE staff

Prizes

Regular attendance could earn you rewards!

Every time you attend earn house points

What's to come in Half Term 2

So with that being just a snippet of all the amazing things from PE, we have more to come! We have more Netball and will have Basketball fixtures! We also have our Year 10 Sports Leaders team embarking on their first outing, delivering a Rugby Festival to all the primary schools in the area! There are some new activities after school, and some of our Football teams will be in action for County Cup games before the Christmas break.

Have a great half term, stay safe and stay active!

NB: Please note that some of the team photos have been omitted from the newsletter due to permissions. If you wish to see your photo published in the newsletter and think you may not have the correct permissions please contact main reception to change or update them.



Sixth Form Celebration

Miss Loj, Head of Sixth Form

This half term, our Sixth Formers have achieved many small but significant victories, from improving their study habits to prioritising their attendance. These small wins may seem minor, but they are key milestones in their academic journey. Celebrating these moments helps build momentum for greater successes ahead. Well done to all our students for their perseverance — we will continue to recognize and celebrate them every step forward!

100% Attendance		
Adem A	Astreja G	Reiss P
Salma A	Adam G	Shreya R
Evie B	Mia H	Natalia R
Alexandra B	Charlie H	Simon R
Oliver B	Caitlyn I	Mihaela S
Liam D	Luca J	Leo S
Alessandro DC	Jun Nan K	Henry T
Amber F	Kaia KR	Daniel V
Kyle FW	Eleonora KC	Amber W
Ruby G	Oliver M	Annie W
Rebeka G	Kacper M	Ashley W

Top House Points Awarded	
Year 12	Year 13
Alisha S	Kailin C
Eleonora KC	Ruby G
Jun Nan K	Olivia H
Alysha-Mai	Oscar B
Kacper M	Reiss P
Annie W	Daniel R
Mihaela S	Leo S
Ciara S	Lauren A
Amber W	Corliss A
Ava H	Mika S

The focus this half term has been on personal statements for the Year 13s. A special shoutout goes to our early applicants who have already sent off their university applications.

- Raul D - Application to study Law and already received an offer from Queens Mary University in London!
- Ashvi S - Application to study Dentistry
- Martyna M - Application to study Dentistry
- Marine S - Application to study Veterinary Science

With the first half term of the year having flown by, we wanted to end the past 6.5 weeks on a celebratory note. This afternoon the Sixth Form Study area was transformed into an autumn haven with our Pumpkins and Waffles Event. All students were able to take advantage of free waffles with a generous selection of toppings. Those who wanted to get into the Halloween spirit were also able to paint pumpkins.



Creative Arts

Miss T Wilhelmy, Head of Creative Arts

World Food Day 16.10.24

Some of the delicious food that was produced...





Half Term Activities

School Office



Fun netball-packed day with some spooky themed games and activities. So if you're a Ghoul Attack or a Bat-Wing Defence and want to play a bit more netball over the October Half term BOO-k on now!

Ages: 9-11
Cost: £35 for England Netball members and £40 for non-members



Thu 31st October 2024
 10:00am - 3:00pm
 Bracknell Leisure Centre
 RG12 9SE

Contact for booking:
 debbie.spindlow@englandnetball.co.uk



OFSTED REGISTERED

BRACKNELL COBRAS

BASKETBALL CAMP 2024

October Half Term
 Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th October

£35 A DAY
NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

10AM - 4PM

Ages: 5 - 16 Years

SPECIAL GUEST COACHES

PLEASE BRING SNACK, LUNCH & WATER

BRACKNELL & WOKINGHAM COLLEGE, RG12 1DJ

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT: www.cobrasbasketballclub.com

Complete Academy Berkshire

are a full time football college program which is run at Bracknell Leisure Centre.

They are offering Year 10 and Year 11s an opportunity to attend a Showcase Football Match this October Half Term, they will be able to play a full football match to showcase their ability as well as get a feel for those around them, playing with and against those interested in joining the course in September and those who are already on the course.

Here is the registration link - <https://forms.gle/ttShJ3hrcUseT9BY8>

They would love to see as many signed up from our school as possible!

Saturday 2nd November
 11.15am-12.15pm,
 12.15-1.15pm or 1.15-2.15pm

High Score Arcade Bracknell

Free spaces for children aged 7-16 years

The Lexicon, High Score Arcades, 20 Princess Sq, Bracknell RG12 1LS

Bookings must be confirmed in advance please email jessicariley@spotlightuk.org
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

October Tennis Camps

30th October - Top Squad
31st October
 9:30-11:30 Red/orange
 11:30-13:30 green/yellow
 non members welcome

Prizes for best dressed



Community

School Office

Littering and Congregating

Could we please ask parents to remind students not to leave litter around the community and to respect the neighbours when gathering in groups. Thank you.



Neighbourly Courtesy



When dropping off or collecting students could we please remind parents to respect the local community and not park across or block entrances to local organisations and driveways. Please park sensibly in surrounding roads, do not park on double yellow lines and do not use spaces in the Open Learning Centre which are reserved for their clientele. Thank you.



Reminders

School Office



Outgrown or Leavers' Uniform

If you have any outgrown uniform or PE kit, or if your child has left Brakenhale, the school would be most grateful to receive your donations to help us fulfil second hand uniform requests.

We are especially interested in blazers, ties and school skirts.

Many thanks

LOST PROPERTY



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

Email us on: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

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

Email us on the address above 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.

BRAKENHALE SECOND-HAND UNIFORM & PE KIT STORE



Please email enquiries to:

SecondHandSale@brakenhale.co.uk

£2 per item • Blazers £5



Support for Parents

Safeguarding Team, Tracey Gosling, DSL Brakenhale

Parenting support and courses

You can book yourself on to any session or If you would like us to book you on then please email safeguarding@brakenhale.co.uk with your name and phone number.

Supporting Your Children Workshops

To book a space please email your full name to Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

These sessions are universal (not specific for SEND) and for adults supporting children **not** the children themselves so **please arrange childcare if needed**

Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session** - please be aware that spaces are offered on a **first come first served basis** and parents should not just turn up

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed

Please only book onto the sessions if you are **going to be able to attend** to avoid other parents missing out on the opportunity to have a place or let me know if you can no longer attend.

Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Gain insight into your parenting style / relationship with your child.
- Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour!
- Strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviours.

Tuesday 5th November 2024 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

9.30 – 11.30 am

Reducing Sibling Rivalry

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Encouraging a more harmonious sibling relationship
- Learn / revisit techniques for children to cope with being a sibling.
- Boosting children's emotional literacy

Thursday 7th November 2024 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

9.30 – 11.30 am

Activities Calendar 2024-25

When?	Activity	Venue	Cost	Ages
13th Dec	BY on Ice	Winter Wonderland, Windsor	£10.00	8-17yrs
14th -16th Feb	Leadership Residential	TBC	£30.00	11-17yrs
19th Feb	Stadium Tour	Wembley, London	£20.00	11-17yrs

Clubs / Participants are responsible for their own transport unless stated on the trip letters.

For more information or to book on please speak to your youth leader or contact;
Berkshire Youth on 01189 090 927 or admin@berkshireyouth.co.uk

Braccan Walk Youth Hub
Under the Braccan Walk Car Park - next to the entrance/exit
RG12 1GN



Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation



Sexual Health
Drop in (age 13+)



Youth Service
Drop in (age 11+)

at Braccan Walk Youth Hub
every Tuesday 3pm - 5pm

Drop-in and speak with a clinician for:

- Sexual health advice
- Condoms
- Contraception and emergency contraception
- Pregnancy testing
- STI testing

You can also book online by scanning the QR code:



Understanding consent

Let's talk about sex

Worried about your relationship

Changes in **BOLD**

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
Wednesday 4 th September – Friday 20 th December 2024	
Inset days	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Start of term (Staggered return for Year Groups)	Wednesday 4 th September - Year 7 and Year 12 in school Thursday 5 th September - Year 7 , Year 11 and Sixth Form in school Friday 6 th September – All Year Groups in school
Half term	Friday 25th October to Friday 1 st November 2024
Inset day	Monday 4th November 2024
Inset day	Friday 29 th November 2024
Inset day	Friday 13th December 2024
Christmas holiday	Monday 23 rd December 2024 to Monday 6 th January 2025
SPRING TERM 2025	
Tuesday 7 th January – Friday 4 th April 2025	
Inset day	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2025
Easter holiday	Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	
Wednesday 23 rd April – Friday 18 th July 2025	
Inset day	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025
Inset day	Monday 21 st July 2025
Inset day	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
Bank Holidays (UK) during school holidays	
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 th December 2024
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 th December 2024
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 st January 2025
Good Friday	Friday 18 th April 2025
Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 26 th May 2025

Please check the school website regularly for current information.



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