

Brakenhale School

Year 7 News



Friday 11th May 2018

Dear Year 7 Students

We enjoyed meeting your parents this week and many of you had great feedback from your teachers. Well done. Now is the time to put those targets into practise before the end of year exams. This philosophy (way of thinking) is echoed in the school quote of the week:

"A little progress each day adds up to big results."

If we try every day to improve something, learn a new method or process, it will help us develop the skills we need later in school, in the rest of KS3 and then into KS4. Well done to 7B who achieved 100% attendance. Now the weather is improving, our health should be too, so which class can next achieve 100%? If our attendance figure is 95% or above, it improves our grades by at least one level.

On the topic of weather, please check parent communications for advice on school uniform. The policy is normal school uniform, wearing our tie and blazer every day. Staff recognise when their classroom is hot and invite you to remove your blazer for the duration of their lesson, but it must be worn between classes, around the school site and travelling to and from school. Top tip from a year 11 pupil, keep your tie in your blazer pocket, so you can't leave it behind!

The PE department are reminding all tutor groups that athletics is fun and that if you come to the after school athletics club, Tuesday and Thursday, you can improve your skills and participate in competitions. Are you a keen runner, jumper or thrower? The PE department would love to see you in their club.

We'd like to remind you that another favourite quote in school is, "Be kind or be quiet". We like to promote being tolerant of everyone, recognising differences and celebrate being part of teamBrakenhale. This is true throughout the whole school day and offsite whilst wearing school uniform. We love to hear positive FAB emails when parents or people in the community contact Ms Coley and say how wonderful you are. Your tutors get excited when there are lots of achievement points and no behaviour negatives. So think about how positive you can be this coming week.

Have a lovely weekend, and complete any homework due for this coming week.

Regards

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KEY EVENTS – w/c Monday 14th May

| | Tutor | Notices |
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| Monday | Tutor – Reading | |
| Tuesday | Main Hall - Assembly | Clubs: Homework club in the LRC Rounders – all years – LWI, LRU Athletics – all years – WYE, JBO, CMY |
| Wednesday | Tutor Planners signed and tools for learning check | Clubs: Cricket – year 7 & 8 - RBE |
| Thursday | Tutor - Reading P1-3 – Normal lessons P4 – PSHE P5 – Normal lesson | Clubs: Art Club |
| Friday | Tutor - Reading Or News of the week | Clubs: Softball – all years – JBO Athletics – all years – LRU, RBE, LWI Tennis – all years – WYE Dance Club |

Lunchtime and Period 6 detention

Lunchtime detention for lateness and uniform in G01
 Period 6 A04 with Mr Cooper and Mrs Wilkins from after school until 3:30pm

If you do not attend your lunchtime detention, there will be a message sent out via schoolcomms to your parents/carers and you will be expected to be in period 6 the following day.

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Key Dates

| Date | Event |
|--|---|
| Tuesday 22 nd May | PSHE |
| Tuesday 22 nd – 25 th May | House Assemblies |
| Wednesday 23 rd May | PGL to Isle of Wight – meeting in the main hall, 6.30 to 7.30 pm |
| Tuesday 12 th June | U/14 League competition Girls match 2 |
| Thursday 14 th June | Leighton Park Reading U/15's Athletics P3 onwards U/14 League competition boys match 2 |
| Friday 6 th – Sunday 8 th July | PGL Trip to the Isle of Wight |

Please share with us your views on what you like about the school and what we can do to improve by clicking on the links below:



Fab & Drab

[Fab](#)

[Drab](#)

Please let us have your nominations for any members of staff who have exceeded your expectations this week:



**Staff Member
of the Week**

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Paper copies of nominations can be dropped into the boxes in main reception

For Your Information - Book list for year 7 tutor time (please do NOT purchase books)

- 7B Counting Stars by David Almond
- 7R Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- 7A The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- 7K Tins by Alex Shearer
- 7E Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin
- 7N The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank
- 7H Wonder by Raquel J Palacio

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