

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 24th May 2018

Dear Year 9

Another half term done and dusted and when we return we really and truly are on the final stretch of Key Stage 3.

Ms Coley's quote of this week was "It always seems impossible until it is done'. This is a striking quote which when you think about it its absolutely true. Imagine if you told your grandparents that you could play music, take photos, create videos, shop, order dinner, write messages and speak to anyone in the world on something smaller than the size of a passport – and that nearly everyone in the world have one. It is a reminder that everybody has doubts but doubts do not prevent action if you quieten and overcome them. Remember Thomas Edison designing the lightbulb; after 10,000 failed attempts you might think he would have said it was impossible, then he tried 10,001 times and found that he could! You will be surprised at how much you are capable of if you keep going. This positive attitude to learning is a very important aspect to bring into Key Stage 4 as those of you who work the hardest over the two years will undoubtedly reap the benefits when you open that all important envelope in the summer of 2020.

You will have noticed a number of new blue wheelie bins around the school site this week – these are recycling bins for your plastic bottles and not for other general waste. We recently had an assembly on taking care of our environment and the numerous dangers associated with plastic so it really is a good idea to dispose of your bottles in the correct way. Please do not put anything else in these bins as this makes recycling the bottles collected more difficult and can even stop that bag of contents being recycled altogether.

Well done to the large number of Year 9s who represented the school and the year group in district athletics on Wednesday. Remember it is always a good idea to get involved in extracurricular activities for the good of your physical and mental wellbeing. We are so proud of you all for taking part and you should be proud of yourselves too.

The Year 10s sat their final GCSE Religious Studies exam this week which mean by this time next year you will completed one of your GCSEs. This should be a reminder of how important it is to be working hard in all your lessons at all times as you Key Stage Four is only a short time away. This again links in with attendance as every day you miss from school means you are falling behind in your subjects – you need to be focussing on that 100%.

Finally, we wish you all a safe and relaxing half term. Use the time to catch up on any homework due, renew any equipment in your pencil cases which has become lost or used up and ensure your uniform is in order and most importantly recharge your batteries and enjoy the (hopefully!) lovely, sunny weather.

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Monday,

Best wishes

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High Expectations and Challenge for All

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**

[Staff Member of the Week](#)

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

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KEY EVENTS – w/c &date&

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning Reading Time	
Tuesday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning Reading Time	
Wednesday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning Main Hall Assembly	
Thursday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning Reading Time	
Friday	Uniform Check Tools for Learning Sports Hall Assembly	

Lunch-time and Period 6 detentions

Lunch-time detentions for lateness and uniform in G01
 Period 6 HOY office with Mr Hicks and Miss O'Brien from after school till 3:30pm
 If you do not attend your lunch time 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.

Key Dates

Date	Event
25 th May 2018	School Closes for half term at 3.30

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