

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 9th March 2018

Weekly Attendance: 91.8%

Dear Year 9 Students

We are now nearly half way through the second half of the Spring term and with less than three weeks to go until the Easter holidays, your remaining time in Key Stage Three is getting shorter. Linked to this is the fact that you have now chosen your options and over the next number of weeks and months, the school will begin to form your Year 10 timetables based on the subjects you have picked. If there are any remaining forms to be handed in at this stage then you must ensure that they are given to reception as soon as possible.

Please ensure that uniforms remain to the highest standard possible:

Girls – you are only allowed one pair of earrings which must be small clear or gold studs. Nails are not allowed to be painted and if it is considered that you are wearing too much makeup then you will be asked to remove it in the Head of Year Office. In addition to this fake tan should not be worn to school.

Boys – you should be wearing black socks and your shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Also a reminder for everybody that coats must be black and that hoodies are not allowed.

Attendance for Year 9 to date is 94%. We are still below the national average but only slightly so we will be able to improve this over the next number of weeks. Remember if you must book appointments during school then as far as possible book them after 2pm so you do not miss PM registration. Remember any days missed means you have missed out on your learning and it is very easy to fall behind.

The English Department are currently offering an exciting opportunity in the form of a short story competition – open to students from all year groups, you are being asked to write a 100-word short story which will then be judged and there are great prizes on offer for the top three chosen.

The week's quote of the week is: "Sometimes the strength within you is not a fiery flame that all can see, it is just a tiny spark that whispers softly, "you got this, keep going." Mr Hicks assembly on Tuesday morning was based around this as he delivered the message that you should never think that you can't do something – the power is in your hands to make positive changes which will have a positive effect on your future. The video he showed us of the paralympians who achieved greatness as a result of having a "I can" attitude was really thought-provoking.

Next week on Thursday Period 2 we will have our PSHE lesson based on Child Sexual Exploitation. This is a sensitive topic, but also an important one, and your parents will have received a schoolcomms with more information about it.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes

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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 12th March 2018

| | Tutor | Notices |
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| 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 | |
| <p>Lunch-time and Period 6 detentions</p> <p>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.</p> | | |

Key Dates

| Date | Event |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 29 th March 2018 | School Closes for the Easter Holidays |

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