

Brakenhale School

Year 7 News



Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Year 7 Students

We started the week with Ms Coley talking to us about the plans for the new school building. It could be any day that the builders start. M10 and M11 classrooms are no longer in use. The next change will be the route to canteen with a few minutes less at break and lunchtime to give us travelling time around the school. Keep listening in tutor time for the updates.

Mr Hartley ended the week with the year 7 main hall assembly. He spoke about the changes that society has made in the last 200 years in recognising women. The first degree was awarded to Elizabeth Blackwell in 1867; all women, over 21, receiving the vote in 1924, the women from Dagenham who went on strike in 1968 to get equal pay; equal pay being made law in 1970. He spoke of women who have made significant difference to our lives, such as, Stephanie Kwolek who invented the Kevlar, which is the fabric in bulletproof vests, Bette Nesmith Graham who invented Tippex; and Mary Anderson, the windscreen wiper. Mr Hartley reminded us that women may be physically smaller and less strong, but they are just as clever and deserve the same level of respect.

In attendance, all tutor groups except one achieved over 95% with 7R winning the best attendance of 99%. As a year group, we are over 95% for the week and the whole year. Well done. Remember if you are in school, you are giving yourself the best opportunity to learn and find your potential new skills for life. Next week is the start of standards fortnight with golden tickets. Uniform checks, tools for learning checks, punctuality, good manners, following the non-negotiables all matter.

Next week we are also starting reading books in tutor group. Ensure you listen carefully to the instructions to how we will be doing this, and enjoy following the text whilst listening to the story being read out loud. The list of books is in a list overleaf. You will be given a copy in school, to be kept in your tutor room. Please look after it, as the school will expect you to replace your copy if damaged beyond normal wear and usage.

Remember to get your place booked for the Year 7 Disco, Wednesday 28th March. It is a fun occasion, with a real DJ runs the evening, with flashing lights set up in the main hall. Tickets can be purchased via parentpay @£3. Please make payments before Wednesday 21st.

Have a great weekend, there may be snow to be enjoyed on Sunday. See you all on Monday.

Regards

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Key Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 15 th March	KS3 year 7 Inter-house competition
Wednesday 28 th March	Year 7 Disco, 7-9pm
Thursday 10 th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening
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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KEY EVENTS – w/c Monday 19th March

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Tutor Powerpoint/Reading	
Tuesday	Assembly Dance movement studio	Clubs: Homework club in the LRC Hockey – all years - LWI Handball – all years - JBO Netball – all years – LRU
Wednesday	Tutor Planners and tools for learning check Reading	Clubs: Table Tennis – All Years – WYE Girls Football – All years - CMY
Thursday	Tutor Reading Period 5 – Interhouse competition (bring in your PE kit)	Clubs: U12 Football – RBE Trampoline – all years – LWI Badminton – all years – LRU Art Club
Friday	Main Hall – Year 7 Assembly	Clubs: 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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