

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 16th March 2018

Weekly Attendance: 93.8%

Dear Year 9 Students

Well done on another successful week at Brakenhale.

Standards fortnight will be beginning on Monday and will run right up to the end of the term. This means that you will have an opportunity to collect yellow slips which will be given out for your positive contributions within class and around the school; every time you receive one of these you will also receive a house point. In addition to this, there will also be peach slips handed out by staff members to those of you who may do something which is deemed inappropriate or if your uniform and equipment is not up to standard. If you were to receive one of these it means that you will have a lunchtime detention that day with a member of the senior leadership team.

Attendance has improved dramatically over the last two weeks with a 2.5% increase last week across year 9. This is good news and please ensure you keep it up. There are approximately 25 students in the Year group with 100% attendance to date. There is also a much larger number with 95% or above. Remember if you have fallen below the 95% mark, there is still time to push your attendance back up as long as you are attending school every day.

Next week during Period 5 on Tuesday you will take part in an inter-house competition which will be linked with Sports Relief. Girls will be playing bench ball and boys will be playing football. There will also be a stepping competition. ***You will need to bring your PE kit in on Tuesday for this event.***

This week's assembly was taken by Mr Hartley who focussed on the importance of gender equality. He looked at the treatment of women throughout history and reminded you that this is centenary of women being given the vote in the UK. You were reminded that is important to treat everybody with fairness and respect at all times. Your treatment of others also links in with this week's quote: *Look for something positive in everyday, even if some days you have to look a little harder.*

You also had a short assembly from Ms Coley on Monday who outlined some changes which were going to be happening within the school site as a result of the impending building works. One major change is that the canteen queue will now begin in the main hall as opposed to around by the back door. There will also be a new one way system in place and the times of breaktime and lunchtime will be slightly affected. All of this is being put in place so your school day is not disrupted and with your help it will all run smoothly.

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Finally, you had an important PSHE lesson on Thursday which explored the theme of Child Sexual Exploitation. I hope you are now more aware of the dangers that can present themselves as a result of the way you use your phone and social media and as I mentioned to my tutor group it would be a good idea for you to check your security settings on all your accounts to ensure your details and photos are private. We also discussed checking your "friends" on these sites and deleting anybody you do not know.

Enjoy your weekend – let's hope Ireland win the rugby! ☺ And of course Happy St Patricks Day.

Best wishes



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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 Monday 19th March

	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	
<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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