

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Year 9 Students

Mr Coley's Assembly on Wednesday ties in nicely with our mantra of High Expectations. His inspirational talk served to remind us of different challenges that we face and the impact of our outlook and decisions in dealing with them. Accepting that we will always face difficulties in life and not making excuses when things don't go to plan and harnessing the support systems we have in place means there's nothing you cannot achieve. So set yourselves realistic and achievable goals, accept the challenges and support your teachers put in place, make no excuses when things do not go to plan, accept that you may have to start again and you will succeed.

To help you to do achieve your academic targets, the Year 9 Tutor Team are keeping an eye on your behaviour in lessons. Rewards are being given to students who continue to get it right. Homework completion also has an impact on achievement and attainment. Numerous studies have been completed worldwide, all concluding that completing homework and independent study has a positive impact on achievement, attendance and behaviour. Some studies even state that completing homework on time and to a high standard impact favourably on family time at home!

<https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED474521>

As GCSEs are fast approaching, it is important to ensure that we get into good habits before the workload increases next year. This will not only ensure academic success in your chosen subjects but will also help alleviate stress as we approach exams since you will already have resources to revise from and memory recall will be much easier. Memory recall is something that is at the forefront of teaching here at Brakenhale as multiple studies have shown that it reduces forgotten subject knowledge as you can see from the graph below. Homework plays an important role in this process as it adds an extra review step to help bring knowledge back up to 100%.

Our new procedure is to work parallel with the schools current homework policy and help students improve their homework. These strikes are not all for one lesson but any homework across a range of lessons. The new process follows a three strike procedure:

Strike One: Student is logged for homework by teacher and a tutor conversation is held the next day to inform the student that we are now monitoring their homework for the rest of term.

Strike Two: A letter is sent home to parents to let them know that their child has now forgotten homework on two occasions and to let them know they have one more chance to get it right. It also comes with techniques to help both parent and child get it right for next time.

Strike Three: Another letter is sent home, followed up with a parent phone call. The student will then be required to check in to the LRC's homework club everyday after school and check if they have homework which they are to complete. If there is no homework then the child may go home. This will last for 4 weeks.

We are hoping this new system will encourage everyone to do their homework and highlight how important it is, especially before we get to GCSE's. If you have any queries please email Mr Kingston at mkingston@brakenhale.co.uk

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High Expectations and Challenge for All

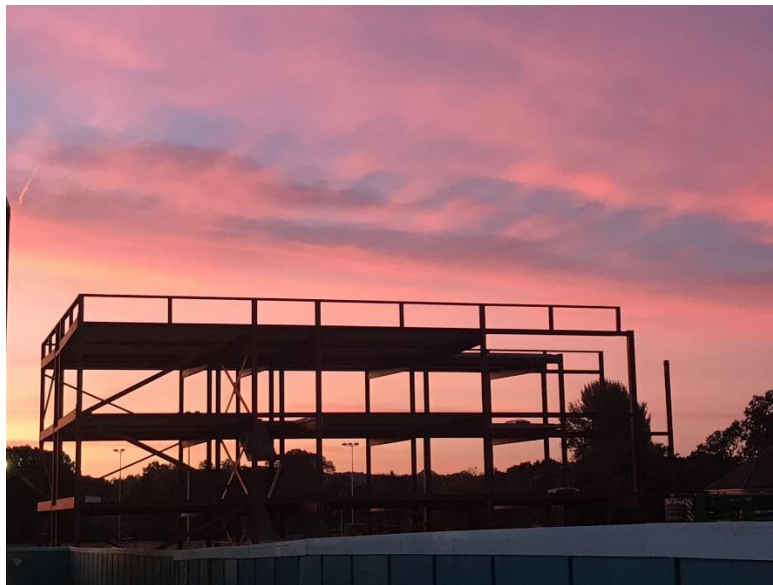
The Macmillan coffee morning cake sale was a huge success thanks to the combined efforts of staff, parents and students, We managed to raise over £300 for this charity. Thank you for your support in this venture.

Our wet breaks area has been changed. We are now in LR1 and LR2. Make your way to these areas if there's a second bell during lunch and break when its raining.

Remember we need to look after our environment. One of the ways to do this is through recycling. Make optimum use of the blue plastic bottle recycling bins strategically placed around the school. Please ensure that all your empty plastic drink bottles are disposed of in the appropriate way as we do our part to protect the environment. Brakenhale reusable water bottles are still on sale at a reduced cost of £2. Please get yours from the school office.

You would have seen that the new buildings are starting to take shape! New roads are in and building frames are up. Exciting times indeed!

Photo courtesy of S Elsey



The temperatures are starting to fall. As you go shopping for coats, don't forget that your **coats for school must be plain black without logos.**

Next week we will be having special am registration arrangements for House Assemblies. Please see information below for your perusal. Make sure you're in the right place to be registered.

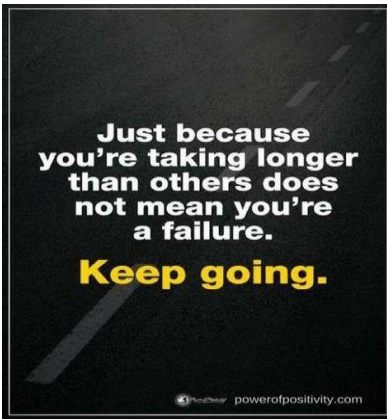
Kind regards

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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](#)

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 15th October 2018

| | AM Tutor | PM Tutor |
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| Monday | Tutor Reading | Registration in ICT Suite |
| Tuesday | Tutor Reading/Tools for Learning Check | Registration in ICT Suite |
| Wednesday | Main Hall - SWINLEY Sports Hall - JENNETS Registration for other students in Farley and Temple in C13, C14, C15 & C12 | Registration in ICT Suite |
| Thursday | Main Hall - FARLEY Sports Hall - TEMPLE Registration for students in Swinley and Jennets in C13, C14, C15 & C12 | Registration in ICT Suite |
| Friday | Tutor Reading | Registration in ICT Suite |

Lunch-time and Period 6 detentions

Lunch-time detentions for lateness and uniform in M13
 P6 in HoY office with Miss Douse/Mr Kingston 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.

Upcoming Events

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| w/c 22nd October | Half term Break |
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