

# Brakenhale School

## Year 8 News



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**

Dear Year 8 Students

Welcome back from our half term holiday. We hope you had a good restful break and also enjoyed some Halloween fun this week. At school we are reminding ourselves to do all the things that make us proud to be part of #teamBrakenhale. Ms Coley led an inspiring assembly on what her expectations of us are for all parts of the day; coming to school, during school and after school. She talked about the dictionary definition of education and expanded on her concept of a good education. Our attention was kept when Ms Coley spoke about an incident at home regarding fractions, homework and poor communication resulting in no Playstation for a fortnight. Our faces became amused and surprised as Ms Coley role played out different facets of her story. She was communicating by using her body to illustrate parts of the story, we were communicating back by changing our facial expressions. Education and communication go together, hand in hand. The key message is ask questions and be interested and then you can learn. Alongside this, be open in communication for sometimes we will get it wrong and that's ok, as long as we recognise why we got it wrong and know the steps to help us move on.

Ms Coley used the phrase 'it is okay ... but' repeatedly. Here are some examples for us all to remember and implement. 'It's ok to struggle, but accept help. It's ok to be an individual but we have rules that show we are a team. It's ok to not always agree with each other if we express this in a respectful way.' All staff are encouraging you and challenging you to do your very best, to inspire you to want the very best from life. Everyone at Brakenhale is helping to teach you the skills to enable you to get on with others, to be kind. Ms Coley ended her assembly with 'it's not ok to be unkind or rude' and shared some lovely feedback comments from parents, reminding us that we all have a key part in the amazing team of #teamBrakenhale.

This half term check out the tutor board on the P.E. extra curricular activities and have a go at something new. If you are not sure what some of the activities entail, go and ask Mr Potter or another a member of the PE department. Ensure you always have your tools for learning ready for school. One mum shared that she checks every weekend, another said their son/daughter carried a £1 coin for emergency buying of equipment from the print room.

To help our community, year 8 are litter picking at the end of lunchtime, from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 8B. Ensure you check with your tutor which day your tutor group are responsible for this duty.

We have enjoyed seeing many of you achieve house points and community points already this week. Well done and keep up the good work by ensuring you complete your homework (on ShowMyHomework) and for those of you who find homework tricky, remember there are staff members with Mrs Daniels willing to help you in any subject, in the LRC, before and after school, break and lunch.

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**

[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

## KEY EVENTS – w/c 5<sup>th</sup> November

	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Notices</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Reading project	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sports Hall Assembly - tbc	<b>Clubs:</b> please check tutor notice board
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reading project	<b>Clubs:</b> please check tutor notice board
<b>Thursday</b>	Main hall assembly with SLT	<b>Clubs:</b> please check tutor notice board 8B : litter picking
<b>Friday</b>	Reading project	<b>Clubs:</b> please check tutor notice board 8R : litter picking

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## 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.

## Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	8A: Litter picking
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	8K: Litter picking
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	8E: Litter picking
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	8N: Litter picking
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	8H: Litter picking
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Xmas Fayre - set up time 5.30pm opens @ 7 - 9.00pm - Main Hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	House assembly's Tues – Fri
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Jennetts KS3 House matches P5 Yr7 Jennetts Mon/ Temple Tues Yr 8/ Swinley Weds Yr 9/ Farley Fri Yr 10
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the children - Christmas Jumper Day

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