

# Brakenhale School

## Year 9 News



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

Dear Year 9 Students

Welcome back to the second half of Term 1, in many ways the most important term of the school year. I continue to be impressed with the positive attitude that Year 9 students display around school, in lessons and throughout the community. Ms Coley's assembly on Wednesday morning reiterated the high expectations but also focused on our efforts to continue to provide a well rounded education for you; one that is relevant to our current times. Education is not just about the academics, it's also about the whole person and as we continue to take this approach to help prepare you for the society in which we live and work please continue to buy into the philosophy of high expectations and challenge for all, not making excuses but embracing challenges as they come our way.

This week has been "shirts and skirts" week where we have focused on uniform in tutor times, specifically rolled up skirts and untucked shirts. Brakenhale is repeatedly praised for being the best dressed school in the Borough which is why we have focused on maintaining our high standards this week. Dressing for success is just a small step on the path to progression and one of the little things we can do everyday to help remind us our purpose and goals here at Brakenhale. If you have an issue with the size of your skirt please come down to see Ms Theal in the HOY office where she will endeavour to help you with this. The only way that boys who struggle to keep their shirt tucked in can help themselves is to invest in a belt! Once again, year 9 has represented their year well with no issues regarding this policy so well done and keep up the outstanding effort!

We also want to take this moment to thank you all for buying into our new homework policy. The number of students that are logged for missing homework has dropped significantly since the last newsletter so keep it up! While it is not being used, here is a quick reminder of the process:

**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.

I am hoping that you will all continue to make sure that we do not need to use this system, keep up the great work! As always, if you have any queries please email Mr Kingston at [mkingston@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:mkingston@brakenhale.co.uk)

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 it's raining.

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A number of students are sitting GCSE Exams in November. Please be mindful of this when moving around the school. Speaking of exams, Year 9 students have their 'End of Year' exams in December. Please start preparing yourselves for these using the resources your teachers will be giving you as well as independent revision at home through your exercise books.

Year 9s will be doing litter picking duties starting the week of October 19th. Let's continue to work together to look after our environment. 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.

Your first school report for the year will be published soon. Keep an eye on your targets, attitude to learning and homework grades. These are imperative and should help to inform your study habits.

**Building Update:** New school is definitely starting to take shape!

Photo courtesy of Mr Elsey and the site team.



The temperatures have dropped this week. As you go shopping for coats, don't forget that your **coats for school must be black**. Also, start wearing those extra layers to help keep you warm!



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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

## Upcoming Events

w/b 19th November	Litter picking duties
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## KEY EVENTS – w/c 5th November 2018

	AM Tutor	PM Tutor
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tutor Reading</b>	Registration in ICT Suite
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tutor Reading/Tools for Learning Check</b>	Registration in ICT Suite
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Main Hall Assembly</b> Be seated in alphabetical order	Registration in ICT Suite
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Tutor Reading/Tools for Learning Check</b>	Registration in ICT Suite
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tutor Reading/Tools for Learning Check</b>	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.

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