

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Year 9 Students

We're halfway through the second term of the year and as Christmas looms, the temperature is dropping. There are still too many students not wearing coats during this time. Please ensure you have a black coat that you're wearing to school. Hoodies are not an option and will be confiscated. Scarves and coats must be removed when you are in lessons. It is essential that you keep warm during this time

Mr Gibson's assembly on Internet Safety and Social Media seeks to highlight our vulnerability if safety measures are not employed while we use social platforms. Any images we post on the internet is there forever, so we must ensure that these images do not leave embarrassment. If you wouldn't show these images to your grandparents, you shouldn't be sharing them with anyone.

Mr Hartley gave an assembly on British values and tolerance and spoke about the 80th anniversary of the Night of the Broken Glass in Germany and looked at the work of Sir Nicholas Winton, the British man who saved almost seven hundred Jewish children's lives just a few months later. It is so important that as young British people we learn to get along with each other whatever our backgrounds, faith or skin colour.

Your end of year Exams start on December 3rd. Your teachers will be furnishing you revision materials and online resources. Please use these to help prepare for the tests. Remember, you cannot keep doing what you're doing and expect a different outcome. Make sure you're revising. Your success has nothing to do with luck, you will reap good grades if you make the time to revise.

Since our last newsletter, the new building has taken even more shape. You get to appreciate how big the new school will be as new bits are added on. The new and improved Music block is almost ready for occupation. We look forward to moving in and using the new facilities.

The Rotary Club of Easthampstead is sponsoring a raffle with all proceeds going towards getting brand new equipment for our brand new school when we move in. Please support this cause as every penny raised will go to the school. First prize is a whopping £500 and goes down to fourth prize of £50. Tickets only cost £1. Support this cause!

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.

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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

Our wet and cold breaks area 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.

Your first school report for the year has been published. Well done to students who continue to achieve and exceed their targets. The Year team will be analysing these data and a number of you will be placed on academic monitoring reports to help you make those marginal gains. Watch this space!!

Lunch-time detentions for lateness and uniform in S11

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

Photo courtesy of Mr Elsey and the site team.



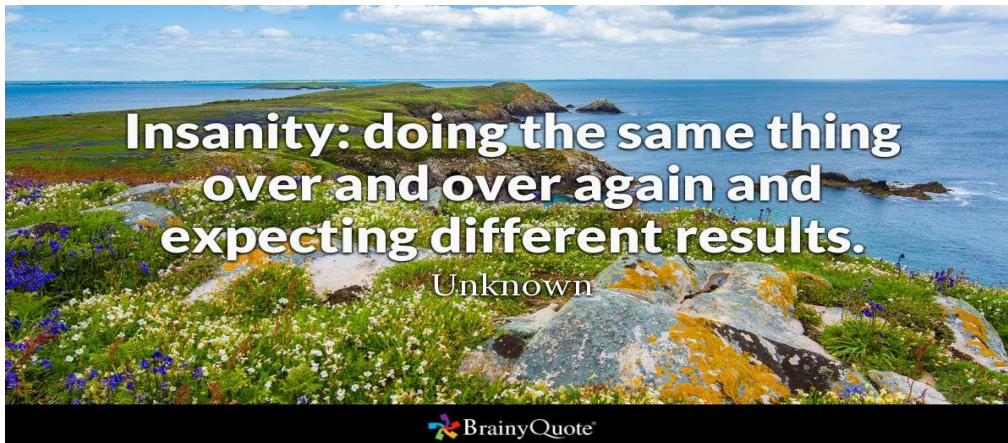
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Please share with us your views on what you like about the school and what we can do to improve by clicking on the links below:



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**

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Paper copies of nominations can be dropped into the boxes in main reception

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KEY EVENTS – w/c 26th November 2018

	AM Tutor	PM Tutor
Monday	Tutor Reading	Registration in ICT Suite 9N Litter Picking
Tuesday	Tutor Reading/Tools for Learning Check	Registration in ICT Suite 9H Litter Picking
Wednesday	Main Hall Assembly Be seated in alphabetical order Period 1 PSHE	Registration in ICT Suite
Thursday	Tutor Reading/Tools for Learning Check	Registration in ICT Suite
Friday	Tutor Reading/Tools for Learning Check	Registration in ICT Suite

Lunch-time and Period 6 detentions

Lunch-time detentions for lateness and uniform in S11
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

Monday 3rd December	Year 9 Exams begin
Thursday 6th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
w/b 11th December	House Assemblies

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