

Brakenhale School

Year 7 News



Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Year 7 Students,

What a fantastic first term you have had and hasn't it gone by very quickly. You have done an amazing job of settling in to life at Brakenhale and we are very proud of you all. This week you were able to take part in your first inter-house sports competition and we hope that you did your houses proud and competed to the best of your ability. We also hope that you have taken advantage of at least one of the many possible extra-curricular activities that are on offer, and will continue to do so after the Christmas Holidays. During standards week we were very impressed with how many of you received Golden Tickets and for your first experience of Standards week you did exceptionally well. We would also like to thank all those Year 7 students who assisted Mr Coley with his assembly last week, it is never easy to stand up in front of that many people and you all did amazing. The final aspect of this term we would like to thank you for is your participation at the Christmas Fayre running stalls to raise money for the school. It was a long evening but Miss Turner has informed me that you were all exceptionally well behaved and were a credit to the school.

We will be welcoming you back on Monday 7th January. Please check that your school uniform is perfect and that it follows the school policy, including your shoes so that you are ready for uniform checks in tutor time. This includes ensuring that you do not have any piercings done over the Christmas period that would break our school policy. If you are missing uniform please remember that the uniform shop is open on Monday and Thursday for replacement. If you have forgotten a piece of uniform please remember to come to the Heads of Year office where we can provide you with any missing uniform.

Over Christmas please check your tools for learning, count those 3 pens, pencil, sharpener, rubber, as well as making sure you have a protractor and scientific calculator, and not forgetting, a glue stick that has some glue in it. It has been a long term and some of this equipment may be missing and again we will remind you can purchase missing equipment from the Print room or you could ask your parents over the Christmas period to restock your pencil cases.

It is a new term, so can you aim to attend school better than this term? As a Year group our attendance has been amazing for the first term and it will be a group effort to make it even better next term, but we believe you can do it. Those who attained 100% attendance this term deserve a massive congratulations, you managed something neither myself nor Miss Turner could achieve in a term. Everybody can try and achieve either the same attendance or better, let's really show the other year groups how it is done.

On Thursday 20th December it is Brakenhales' Christmas Jumper day where for £1 you can wear a Christmas jumper in place of the school blazer. All other uniform must be worn on this day and all money raised on this day is going to the charity Save the Children.

The English department have told us that you will be studying a book called 'A Monster Calls'. It has the theme of bullying as well as the bereavement of a parent due to cancer. Please talk to your family members about this, and to your tutor if you need more support regarding these issues.

One of the main issues we continue to have is that loads of the lost property that is being handed in is unnamed, which is making it hard for us to return to you. Any uniform handed in which is named is returned to you as soon as possible. We would like to advise you that we have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property and she works very hard to ensure these are returned to you. We have set up an email address lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk for all queries.

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We hope to see the Christmas spirit of kindness and giving to continue over the holidays and well in to the New Year. Please think how you can bring a smile to someone's face by doing something nice for them. Maybe you can even do the dishes at home over Christmas. We know your parents would be very appreciative of this.

Have a fantastic holiday and we really hope you all have a Happy New Year and are looking forward to welcoming you all back for your next term on your journey here at Brakenhale.

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

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KEY EVENTS – w/c 17th December

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Equipment for Learning checks	Clubs: Homework Club – LRC
Tuesday	House Assemblies – Swinley – Main Hall Jennetts – Sports Hall Houses not in assembly – Farley surnames A – K M13 Farley surnames L – Z M14 Temple surnames A – K M15 Temple surnames L – Z LR1	Clubs: Homework Club – LRC
Wednesday	House Assemblies – Farley – Main Hall Temple – Sports Hall Houses not in assembly – Swinley surnames A – K M13 Swinley surnames L – Z M14 Jennetts surnames A – K M15 Jennetts surnames L – Z LR1	Clubs: Homework Club – LRC
Thursday	Last day of term. School finishes at 12:05	Clubs:
Friday	Christmas Holiday begins	

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