

Brakenhale School

Year 8 News



Tuesday 18th December 2018

Dear Year 8 Students

It is close to the end of term and we have been celebrating lots of successes with you. Last week we shared in our tutor groups, a hot chocolate in the canteen whilst writing thank you cards to staff for all their hard work this term. Thank you also to Costa Coffee who donated their cups to make this possible. During Standards Week, we were delighted to see a great number of house points achieved and a decrease in the behavioural log. Fifteen of you have achieved more than 80 house points! Well done, that is more than one house point a day, every day this term. Of special mention are Edward 8B, Ewan 8R, Grace 8A, Jakub 8B, Sandia 8B, Ben 8B, Joshua 8H who have all achieved 90 points or more! We are looking forward to our house assemblies later this week. Which house will be in first position? Has anyone in year 8 gained more house points than any other pupil from another year group?

In Assemblies, we have heard Ms Coley talk about mind management, by taking 90 seconds to let the mind settle and recalibrate before restarting the learning. Resilience was the theme from Mr Beukes who shared his personal experience of camping in South Africa when his family's camp was struck by a sudden violent rainstorm. He described how they could have given up but chose to be resilient, to work together to rebuild the camp and enjoy their time together. Mr Coley talked on the importance of being positive and helping the team. He shared that pop singer, Jess Glynne was badly bullied at school due to the colour of her hair. We watched her video where she talked about how she loves life and then heard Jess sing her song with Ed Sheeran, "I won't wear makeup on Thursday". During the song, some year 7 pupils walked silently around the hall and held up personal messages about self-esteem and anti-bullying. At the end, still in silence they turned over their messages to form #teambrokenhale. Mr Thomas led his assembly with a mixture of news bulletins and statistics about climate change and what will happen to the planet if global warming doesn't stay below the 2°C rise worldwide in the next decade. He encouraged us to think about using electronic devices less, to consider turning off lights, closing doors and help adults to be as environmentally aware in their purchasing and living choices as possible.

We are thrilled with our attendance figures in year 8. The average for the year group is over 95%. An amazing 50 pupils have not missed one single day. Out of 206 pupils, 125 of you (more than half) have been more than 95%. This is a great testament to you all, to establish the routine of getting up and being punctual to arrive in school ready for learning.

Now we are getting close to the Christmas break, visit the print room and replenish your tools for learning so that you are ready for the beginning of term. Ensure you have working pens, protractor and ruler. Remember our prices are cheaper than the high street or the supermarket, especially the scientific calculator. Being ready, includes looking at your school uniform, does your blazer need repairing or replacing? Is everything labelled, such that, if it is mislaid, the item can be returned to you?

Whilst we are enjoying our break, do consider piercings to be done at the start not the end of the holidays. The school policy is for a single gold or single stud to be worn, with no other piercings showing. Plastic retainers are permitted and plasters only for a single day.

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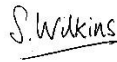
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Next term starts on Monday, 7th, with PSHE on Wednesday 8th. We have some year 8 pupils going on the Aberdovey Trip for which we hope the weather will be kind. Individuals from Year 8N will continue to be student runners. And finally there are our Parents Evenings on January 23rd and 24th- more details of these to follow in the New Year.

Have a lovely Christmas break,



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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 – 7th January

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Reading project	
Tuesday	Sports Hall Assembly	Clubs: please check tutor notice board
Wednesday	Reading project PSHE period 3	Clubs: please check tutor notice board
Thursday	Main hall assembly with Ms Coley	Clubs: please check tutor notice board
Friday	Reading project	Clubs: please check tutor notice board

Lunchtime and Period 6 detention

Lunchtime detention for lateness and uniform in S11

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
Wednesday 19 th December	House assembly's: Swinley in Sports Hall, Jennetts in Main Hall.
Thursday 20 th December	House assembly's: Farley in Sports Hall, Temple in Main Hall.
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 20 th December	School closes for holidays at 12:05
Monday 7 th January	Term starts, 8:30
Wednesday 9 th January	PSHE – P3
Monday 14 th January	Aberdovey Trip leaves
Saturday 19 th January	Musical Rehearsal CDU 10.00 – 2.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd January	PSHE
Wednesday 23 rd January	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 24 th January	Year 8 parents Evening
Friday 25 th January	Parent coffee morning/afternoon drop-in JMA (conference room) 10.00 - 11.30
Saturday 2 nd February	CHL Musical Rehearsal

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