

Brakenhale School

Year 11 News



Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Year 11 Students

Happy New Year and welcome back year 11! We hope you had a relaxing break where you were able to enjoy some quality time with friends and family. Resting and recharging are important so that you can hit the ground running this term. It was a shame to see that many of you were logged for not completing your homework this week. Homework can help to consolidate your learning from lessons and provide you with important revision to help with your upcoming GCSE preparation. Please remember to catch up on any work that you may have fallen behind on. Every day after school there is homework club in the LRC. We also have time in the IT rooms every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Remember to check through Show My Homework for all your deadlines and to email your teachers if you are absent.

Ms Coley delivered a powerful assembly on Monday around perseverance and the key to success. She spoke about the story of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani woman who fought against the suppression of young women and campaigned for access to education for females. Her example reinforced the importance of not giving up, despite what obstacles are put in your path. You are all capable young adults who are resilient; remember that whenever you doubt yourselves.

There is an exciting opportunity for some of you to attend a PGL Revision trip in Liddington. This will be a 3-day residential trip taking place from Friday 8th February to Sunday 10th February. Unlike the last trip, the target cohort is students who are bordering a grade 7, 8, or 9 in core subjects (English, Maths and Science). If you are interested, payments must be made via *ParentPay*. The previous PGL trip was very successful – filled with both revision, and fun activities.

This week PSHE covered a career related issue – advancement in the workforce. It was brilliant to see that the majority of you took a mature and considered approach to the topic. Reflecting on your goals, considering how they can be achieved, and considering how your abilities can strengthen your chances are all key steps to take in order to be successful.

Remember that the choices you make and your responses to the opportunities that are presented before you are key in shaping your future. That being said, we want to congratulate all students who have completed their prefect interviews this week. Whilst not everyone will get chosen, this was an excellent interviewing experience and your initiative alone should be commended. Mrs Creswell will be making her decision shortly, so keep checking your emails!

Finally, it's hard to believe that your time as key stage 4 students is coming to an end. However, your time at Brakenhale is not. Remember that the deadline for Sixth Form applications is nearing its end. Applications are due on Monday 14th January. If you require another form, please see your tutor or Mr Duffy. Once the application is completed, hand in to Mr Duffy, Mr O'Donoghue, or your tutor straight away. This will prevent you from forgetting to hand it in and missing the deadline. Many of you expressed interest in Sixth Form, but not many applications have been submitted yet!

Finally, next week's plan for tutor time is as follows:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sports Hall Assembly	IT Rooms (Homework and Revision)	HOY Assembly Movement Studio	IT Rooms (Homework and Revision)	Quiz

Have a good weekend and see you all on Monday.

Kind regards



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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