

Brakenhale School

Year 10 News



Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Year 10 Students

We hope you have had an enjoyable break over Christmas and feel refreshed and energised to continue putting in maximum effort into your learning. So far, behaviour has been impeccable across the year group which is a promising start to 2019.

Whilst on the subject of a promising start, well done to Larissa who was in Russia this month taking part in an international dance competition – we couldn't be any more proud to have you join our year group with such talent!

New Year, New Intentions

Miss Rushby sent out an email before you returned to school about not necessarily setting yourself some New Year resolutions but considering your intentions behind them too. We always try to encourage you to start your day/week/lesson with a fresh start if you did not get it right previously in the hope you come into lesson with good intentions to do well. As mentioned previously, the log has proven some very good intentions from the majority of the year group so do not give up!

Tools for Learning

Tools for learning are generally very good in the year group but just a reminder that you can buy any missing items from the Print Room. Please ensure that you are checking your bag the night before to see if you have all your tools for learning.

Attendance

Please could we remind you about how important it is to be in school and on time. Our attendance figures are around 95% overall across the year group but there is a room for improvement. Some things you can do to make sure your attendance is not affected as much are:

- Booking appointments outside of school time
- Think about how poorly you are and if you are fit enough to come to school
- Are you worried about something that's affecting your attendance? If so, you are surrounded by many members of staff that are willing to listen

In addition to this, going to lesson on time is also important. By you not turning up on time like everyone else immediately draws your teacher's attention and the learning is having to be stopped. If there is a reason for your lateness then you must make sure a note has been given to you explaining this by the member of staff you were with previously.

Mosaic Enterprise Challenge

There was a handful of you that had the opportunity to take part in an Enterprise Day on Thursday and we hope that you found this day enjoyable and useful. Hopefully this has given you valuable insight into the business world and you now consider what skills you would need for working in this environment. The feedback we received was that the outsider visitors felt that the day was a massive success and it was the best school to visit! The behaviour and enthusiasm was amazing so thank you.

Rewards

So many rewards were given out again this year for incredible efforts from a number of you. Remember if you didn't receive an award this time, don't be bitter but see if you can push yourself further to be recognised by your teachers for your efforts. These run every half term so there is more opportunities to come.

Careers

If anyone needs some guidance or someone to talk to about careers then please speak to Mr Beukes so we can organise an appointment for you. It's not too early to think about these things for your future.

Homework

A reminder of the importance of homework in your GCSE's. There is an unfortunate number of repeat offenders for not completing homework or not handing it in on time. The repercussions of this is that teachers will not know if you understood the work and there may be a gap in your learning. Miss Toofany will send letters home about regular after school sessions in the LRC to catch up on any homework. Homework is most likely being set more regularly compared to Key Stage Three so keeping on top of this is important. If you are struggling or feeling overwhelmed by the amount you are being given then you can either speak to your subject teacher or tutor in plenty of time so we can resolve the issue quickly.

Globe Players

On Thursday 24th January during period 1 and period 2 you will get the opportunity to see Macbeth being performed in the Main Hall by actors from The Globe Theatre. This is an exciting opportunity for you to see the play being performed and it will go through why particular scenes are important to help you in English. This has been running for a couple of years now as previous students have found this beneficial so we hope you enjoy it too.

Keep up the hard work!

See you all on Monday.

Kind regards



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**Staff Member
of the Week**

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