

# Brakenhale School

## Year 9 News



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Dear Year 9 Students

### **HAPPY NEW Year!!!**

Welcome back to an amazing start this term. I trust you've had a really good break. Your time back has been really positive: Positive attitudes and behaviour being displayed in lessons and around school. I am pleased with the level of positive participation in lessons; the feedback from teachers over the last two weeks has been absolutely amazing, and I am so proud of all of you.

We would also like to welcome Mr Corry to the school and indeed to the year team. Mr Corry has been in our assemblies over the past two weeks and has been working closely with the team this term. You will be seeing a lot more of Mr Corry as he works with us and supports us through the Options Process.

Speaking of Options...

You will be hearing a lot more over the next weeks. We will be having a special assembly next week to go through a few things just to give you some basic information on the process. Mr Corry will be leading a options evening on the 31st January. Parents and Carers are being invited to this meeting as well. A formal invitation will be going out via schools comms but please ask your parents to save this date and watch this space for more information. To help prepare you and get you thinking about your choices our next PSHE lesson will be an assembly focused upon different subjects and the way options will work. This will build on our last PSHE lesson we learnt about the different skills and interests we have and how they can be used in our careers. Think about whether you are artistic, investigative, enterprising, realistic, conventional or social and do some research into what careers might suit you.

Mr Hartley's assembly this week resonated with me for a number of different reasons and I know you feel the same. He reminded us that opportunity favours the prepared, and sometimes we create our own opportunities in the positive things we do with our time. This can be things during the school day, or through extra curricular activities in school and around the community. Mr Hartley also implored to be careful in the things we say and do to each other and with each other. He reminded us of the things we cannot take back: The stone after the throw; a word once it is spoken; an occasion once it is missed; an action once it is done; and time once it has passed. We must take care of the way we treat each other and of the things we say to each other.

Mr Hartley also added a new one to the list: the message or image sent. The Protection of Children Act 1978 clearly states that 'It is an offence to take, permit to be taken, make, possess, show, distribute or advertise indecent images of children in the United Kingdom... Making an indecent image of a child is a Serious Arrestable Offence carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment'. This includes images of yourself. Mobile phones and electronic devices are wonderful inventions but when abused can cause a lot of distress. When we use platforms like Instagram and Snapchat we need to ensure that our interactions with each other are positive and uplifting. We should not be using these devices and media platforms to invade other people's privacy, and we should limit the amount of time we use on these devices and be strict with ourselves in their usage to maintain a healthy balance. Ensure that the use of these devices are not impacting on the amount of sleep you're getting.

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A number of mentoring programmes are in full force for year 9 students. We have two students on the Wellington College Wheeler Programme, two students on the Unlocking Potential Mentoring Programme, a number of students on the Adviza Captain of My Own Ship mentoring programme, and students on the Brilliant Club Mentoring Scheme. I am sure these programmes will have a positive impact, unlocking potential and helping you to find your niche and support you in achieving your potential and reaching future goals.

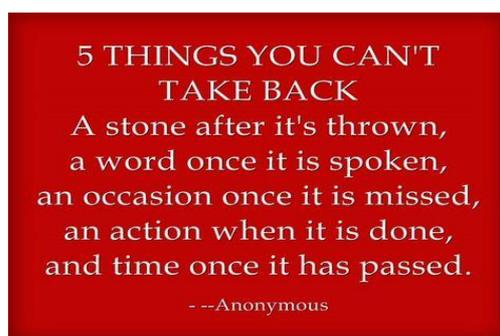
Since our last newsletter, the new building has taken even more shape. We can see more floors and stairs!! You get to appreciate how big the new school will be as new bits are added on. The new and improved Music block has been opened and operational for some time now. I hope you are enjoying and looking after the new facilities.

Year 9 students continue to look smart in full school uniform. As the temperatures continue to plummet, please ensure you are wrapped up warm and wear black coats for school. Our wet/cold areas are now open at lunch and break times to ensure you have somewhere to get to out of the cold. Mr Kingston and I along with the tutors will be in LR 1 and LR 2 every day so join us for lunch and break.

Let us keep the positives going. Our attendance for year 9 has improved and I am looking at us having an indoor picnic for the tutor group with the highest attendance at the end of the half term. Punctuality is also key, so ensure you're getting up early enough to get to school on time.

Remember to try to get as many house points as you can throughout the week. Temple house we have some catching up to do!!!

Have a great weekend. Keep safe and keep warm



### **Lunch-time detentions for lateness and uniform in S11**

Kind 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

## KEY EVENTS – w/c 21st January 2019

	AM Tutor	PM Tutor
<b>Monday</b>	Tutor Reading	Registration in ICT Suite
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tutor Reading and TFL Check</b>	Registration in ICT Suite
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sports Hall Assembly</b>	Registration in ICT Suite
<b>Thursday</b>	Tutor Reading and TFL check	Registration in ICT Suite
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Assembly: Movement Studio</b>	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	
Wednesday 23rd January	PSHE P4/Special Options Assembly
Thursday 31st January	Options Evening in Main Hall

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