

Brakenhale School

Year 10 News



Friday 8th February 2018

Dear Year 10

The excitement of snow seems like it was a long time ago but we hope you enjoyed the Friday off and were safe.

Ofsted - As you know, Ofsted came in last week and we could not have been any more ready to see them watch all of us as a school community. Many of you had the opportunity to speak to some of the inspectors about what goes on in the school and we want to thank you for taking that time to show off all the wonderful things we do. Even if they did not speak to you directly, they may have popped into your lessons, seen your books or watched how you conduct yourself around the school site and they were very impressed overall at what they saw. It may not seem like a big deal to you but it meant a great deal to the staff so it is a genuine thank you for your efforts across those two days.

Prefect Applications - We have had an overwhelming number of prefect applications from Year 10 students. It is great to see so many of you wanting to be more involved in wider aspects of school and we hope that you reap the benefits of this. The next stage of the process will be interviews with Mrs Cresswell for you to have a chance to speak to her face to face about why you would be suited for the role. You will be informed of the time and date of your interview so please ensure you are punctual and good luck!

Tools for Learning - Tools for learning is 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. If there are any issues then please speak to your tutor about this to prevent ongoing sanctions.

Reading programme - On the whole, the reading programme is quite successful for the year group but just a few reminders so that the tutor is not having to stop to tell you:

- Book on the table
- Using a ruler
- Follow along as the teacher is reading
- Bags under the table so that when the tutor is walking around he/she is not likely to trip on anything!

By following these rules makes tutor time a very calm start to the day.

Year 9 Options Evening - You will remember that this time last year you were beginning to decide what GCSE options to pick and we had a number of Year 10 students helping out and speaking to parents about the courses are available. It was so nice to see how enthusiastic many of you are about your subjects and we hope that this passion can be implemented into the Year 9s too! We hope that if you come into contact with any Year 9s about options over the next couple of weeks that you can give them helpful advice as you will remember how tough some decisions were.

Careers - If anyone needs someone 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.

Attendance - Attendance last week was on average 94.7%. We understand that a number of you have been unwell but just a reminder about the impact of you not being in school can make. Please ensure that you catch up on work in your own time so that you do not fall behind. Your teachers will happily email you work and if this is not the case, let myself or Miss Toofany know. Particularly, on a Thursday afternoon you have your option subject meaning it is two hours missed as opposed to one. Always think about the severity of your illness.

Some things you can do to make sure your attendance is not affected as much is:

- 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.

Homework - A reminder of the importance of homework in your GCSE's. We have a few students who are not completing homework or not handing 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, if this is the case, Miss Toofany will send letters home about regular after school sessions in the LRC to catch up on any homework. Homework is set more regularly compared to Key Stage 3 so keeping on top of this is important. If you are struggling or feeling overwhelmed by the amount you are being given, you should speak to your subject teacher or tutor in plenty of time so that we can resolve the issue quickly.

Have a wonderful weekend.

See you all on Monday.

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:



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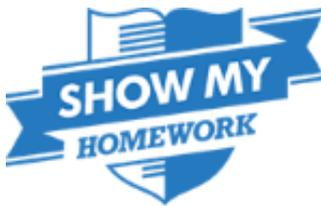
Please let us have your nominations for any members of staff who have exceeded your expectations this week:



**Staff Member
of the Week**

[Staff Member of the Week](#)

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



REMEMBER - Check Show My Homework daily! - if you or your parents do not have a login, please click [here](#) to submit a request

REMINDER - Check your emails daily and let us know if you or your parents are not receiving regular communications from the school and please remember to update with any changes to contact details.



See information below on accessing emails at home.

Schoolgateway If you would like to access **School Gateway** - please click [here](#) to provide us with your mobile contact number. Once this has been processed, you will have the opportunity to receive notifications of your Achievement/Behaviour points together with the ability to view your school timetable.

ACCESSING SCHOOL EMAIL FROM HOME

1. Go to the school website and click the 'school email button'



This should take you to the authentication page (below)



2. On this page, enter the following:

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password

The username and password being the same as you use to log into the computers in school.