

Brakenhale School

Year 8 News



Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Year 8 Students

What an amazing couple of weeks we have had here at Brakenhale! We were so proud of all of you, doing your best to represent yourself, your tutor group, your classes and #teamBrakenhale to the Ofsted inspectors last week. You all looked so smart in our school uniform as you walked onto the school site and around the campus. We know some of you were nervous about the possibility of an inspector walking into any one of your lessons but by smiling to each other, we calmed our nerves and learnt we can do things better together.

Many of the teachers smiled at the snow last Friday and thought what a beautiful reward. Snow has that magic of making everything glisten and look clean which all age groups appreciate. Ms Coley certainly shared her magic at the assembly on Monday saying how proud she was of everyone and how now we need to keep with all our good routines, follow the non-negotiables and have our tools for learning ready.

Attendance continues to be an improvement on last year. We are pleased that in the last three weeks, the best tutor group attendance has been achieved by 8A achieving 98.7%, and 8H 99.3% and again 8H with 97%. Well done also goes to 8R and 8N for their totals of over 96% since the beginning of the school year, September. This is a real achievement because we know that when you are in school you are giving yourself the best opportunity to achieve your potential.

In PSHE we have discussed Internet Safety, in particular, thought about what information is held on the internet. We completed some activities which made us think, should that comment or photo be uploaded? The keyword was consent, in that, we have to ask permission to upload images or make comments about other people. We live in a world where often an idea online becomes viral but does it help the person? We explored mistakes that adults have made and considered the consequences. The summary was "if you would not show the picture or comment to your granny (or any elderly family member) then don't do it!" Please remember to not take out your mobile phone on the school site unless you are given specific permission for a learning task. Please consider again, Mr Hartley's advice from last month and consider having a "brick basic phone" for during the school week.

Lastly, it has come to our attention that we have a large amount of un-named and unclaimed winter coats APPROX 20 BLACK SCHOOL COATS in lost property. Can you please collect from Mrs McCrorie in HOY office, breaktime, lunchtime or end of day, if you are missing a winter coat from this half term. You can also email lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

Have a great weekend and remember to complete all your homework.

Kind regards

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KEY EVENTS – 11th February 2019

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Swinley Assembly – Main Hall Jennetts – Sports Hall Rest in tutor rooms – check lists on doors	
Tuesday	Farley Assembly – Main Hall Temple – Sports Hall Rest in tutor rooms – check lists on doors	Clubs: please check tutor notice board
Wednesday	Tools for learning check Reading project	Clubs: please check tutor notice board
Thursday	Reading project	Clubs: please check tutor notice board
Friday	Sports Hall Assembly With BCO	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
Monday 11 th February	House Assemblies – Swinley and Jennetts
Tuesday 12 th February	House Assemblies – Farley and Temple
18 th – 22 nd February	School closed for half term.
Tuesday 19 th February	We Will Rock You - Musical Rehearsal – 10.00 – 15.00 – HALF TERM
Tuesday 26 th February	Technical Rehearsal We will Rock You – All Day
Wednesday 27 th February	We Will Rock You Performance - Primary School/Dress Run 9.30 -12pm 1 st performance 6-8pm
Thursday 28 th February	We Will Rock You Performance – 2nd performance 6- 8pm
Thursday 28 th February	PSHE Period 1

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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](#)

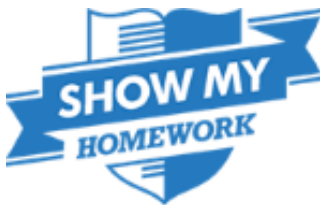
Please let us have your nominations for any members of staff who have exceeded your expectations this week:



**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.

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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:

bka\username

password

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