

Brakenhale School

Year 9 News



Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Year 9 Students

What an amazing three weeks we've had since the last Newsletter!

Wednesday's Options Evening was absolutely buzzing with positivity, awareness and focus from Year 9 students. I am so pleased with the level of maturity you've shown in dealing with the queries, speaking with and emailing me, Mr Corry, your tutors and Mr Kingston regarding and changes you want to discuss, and speaking to subject teachers to get information about courses you're not familiar with. You have until **Thursday 28th February 2019** to complete your choices online. Don't forget to have your parents or carers sign off on these, otherwise they will not be processed and you risk missing out on the subjects you really want to do!

Mr Coley's Assembly on Monday reminded us to remain focused on our dreams and aspirations. He talked about determination, and how easy it will be for us to give up when you get knocked down. It's OK to accept that you're down, but it's important that when this happens, you get up and start again. Staying down prevents you getting on with realising your aspirations. Ms Coley's assembly also gave a great shout out to everyone who has improved or continued their incredibly high standard from the most recent reports home, and congratulations to you all! Letters will be given out very soon to pass the praise on to your parents. Ms Coley also introduced the first ever set of Brakenhale prefects to the school. These students will now play a role in our pastoral system ensuring that everyone on site is safe and doing what they should be. They also play an important role in dealing with any issues that you may have, so if there is not a staff member around or you do not want to talk to a teacher about a particular issue then get look out for the students with their prefect badges and ask for help.

It was interesting to hear your discussions in PSHE lesson this week on Addiction. Needless to say some of you disagree that you may be addicted to your devices. I urge you to reflect on Mr Hartley's Assembly from three weeks ago where he reminded us of how intrusive we sometimes allow these devices to be. If you do need further convincing try and test out some of the methods that we spoke about such as not using phones before bedtime or limiting your social media time to an hour a day and see what effect it has. We are very sure that you will be pleasantly surprised.

The mentoring programmes are still 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. The students who went to Oxford on their course were complimented on their outstanding attitude and have returned with new aspirations that will see them seek new heights.

We have had a visit from Ofsted, and what absolute stars you have been! You have shone in ways beyond expectations and have shown just how amazing our year group is. Inspectors were astonished at your conduct both in and out of lessons which is just testament to how outstanding Year 9 is. We are very proud that the inspectors noticed and complemented what has now become second nature for all of you and you should be proud too!

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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 LR1 and LR2 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 term. Punctuality is also key, so ensure you're getting up early enough to get to school on time.

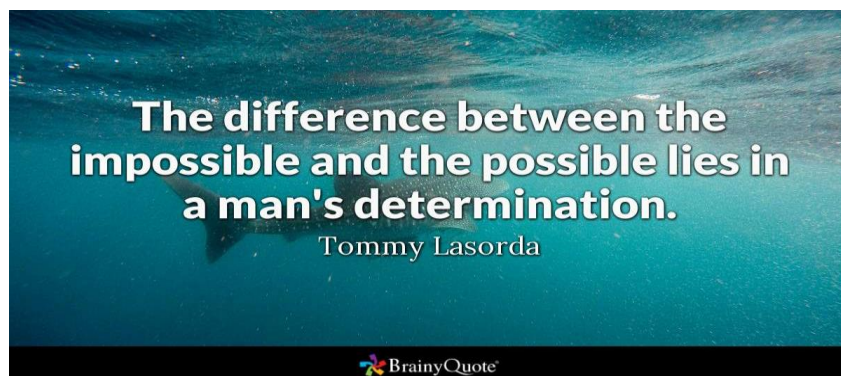
Please remember that injections are next week and that you must all bring in your permission slip, whether you want the injection or not. Emails will have been sent home to follow up on any missing slips so please get them in as soon as possible.

House assemblies will be next week on Monday and Tuesday. The order is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday
Main	Swinley	Farley
Sports Hall	Jennetts	Temple

Remember to try to get as many house points as you can throughout the week. Make sure 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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KEY EVENTS – w/c 11th February 2019

	AM Tutor	PM Tutor
Monday	House Assemblies Injections	Registration in ICT Suite
Tuesday	House Assemblies Parent Evening X Side	Registration in ICT Suite
Wednesday	Tutor Reading and TFL check Parent Evening Y side	Registration in ICT Suite
Thursday	Tutor Reading and TFL check	Registration in ICT Suite
Friday	Tutor Reading and TFL check	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

27th February	We Will Rock You
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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

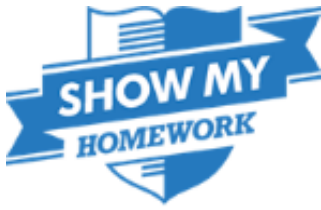
[Staff Member of the Week](#)

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

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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.

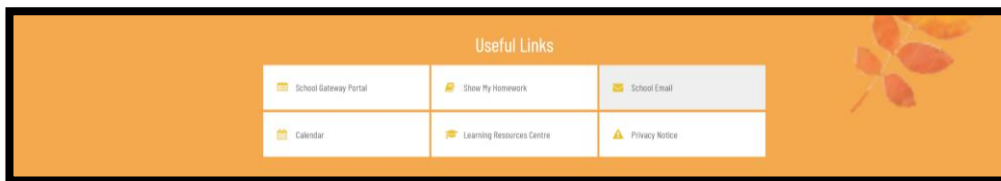


See information below on accessing emails at home.

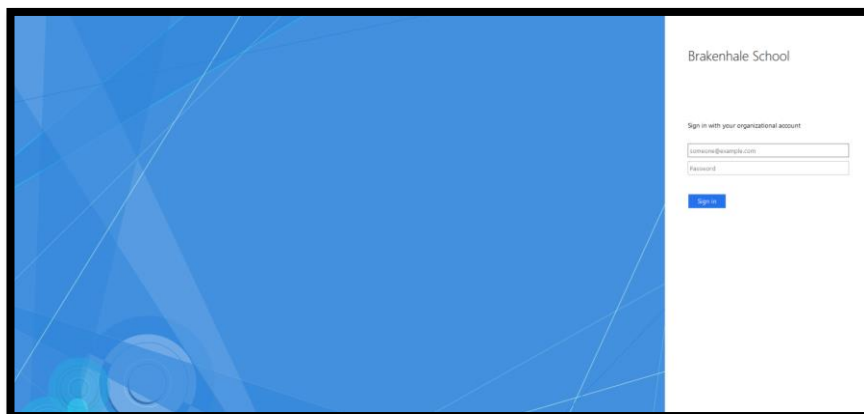
Schoolgateway If you would like to access **School Gateway** - please click [here](#) to provide us with your mobile contact number. Once this has been processed, you will have the opportunity to receive notifications of your Achievement/Behaviour points together with the ability to view your school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

bka\username
password

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

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