

Brakenhale School Parent News

24th June 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

After the successful visit of local MP Dr Phillip Lee in March he will be returning to us on Thursday along with Mr Nick Gibb, the school's minister. This will be a significant occasion for the school and a real chance to show those in Government the huge progress that has been made over the last 15 months. I am very keen that the school and students are seen in the very best light and therefore for this day only I would ask that all students are in full school uniform including ties and blazers. I have no doubt that they will be a credit to themselves and the school.

This week a number of students have been off site experiencing live theatre. Year 8 at the Life of Christ in Surrey and Year 10 today are at the Globe Theatre in London. Year 7 have arrived at school this morning extremely excited about their residential trip this weekend and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return next week.

We are planning our celebration of success evening and invitations are set to be sent out shortly. This will be a lovely occasion during which we can celebrate all the positive work that young people have completed this year.

Finally Monday and Tuesday are induction days for our Year 11 students looking to come to the Sixth Form. This year we have double the applications for our Post 16 courses. A real example of the increased confidence that young people now have in our Post 16 provision.

We have a very busy three weeks ahead. I hope you find some time across the weekend to enjoy the tennis and football.

Kind regards

Jane Coley
Headteacher

#challengeforall

We still
have a few
spaces.....

Please join us
for our
exciting Race
Night
tomorrow

We do hope that you will support the school and come to our next exciting evening.



NEXT EVENT
The Brakenhale School

RACE NIGHT

**Saturday 25th June 2016
at The Brakenhale School**

Doors open at 7.00pm,
First race at 7.30pm
Professional Tote, Raffle,
Cash Bar, Dinner (included)
Children welcome, entry by ticket only

Tickets £7.50 Adults (16+)
£5 Children (Under 16)
£22 Family (2 & 2)
available through the school or the PTA

Open Air Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 22nd June a group of Year 8 students, Mr O'Donoghue, Mrs Palmer and I visited the Open Air Theatre at the Wintershall Estate, in the Surrey countryside.

The story the of Jesus' life was set to the background of the beautiful landscape of the Wintershall estate, including settings by the lake, hill top and gardens. There were even lambs, horses and a 12 week old baby; this all added to the atmosphere and helped make the story come alive to the students.



There were over 450 people watching the play and I am proud to say that our students behaved impeccably and were a pleasure to be with.

Miss Baveystock, Assistant Headteacher



LGBT Community

This week our assemblies have focussed to the Orlando shootings and showing our sympathy and support for the LGBT community.

To this end the whole school, including staff, have been busy making cranes in LGBT colours. The idea for this stems from the symbol of the crane as a mystical bird in Japanese Buddhism, representing peace and good fortune. Making a thousand cranes is believed to allow the person who makes them to be granted a wish. As a school we are making these together with a corporate wish for peace in the world.



Myself and Mr Hicks have been leading these assemblies, and although this happened to the LGBT community we have been emphasising that this is a human problem about how we treat everyone, regardless of whether this affects us directly.

Miss Baveystock, Assistant Headteacher

Year 10 End of Year Exams

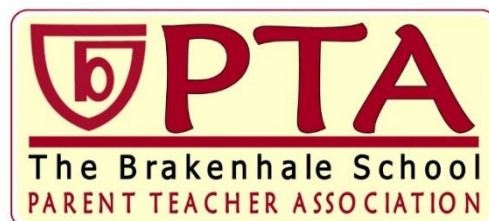
Timetable:

Week 1	Monday 27 th June	Tuesday 28 th June	Wednesday 29 th June	Thursday 30 th June	Friday 1 st July
Period 1	Maths Paper 1 1 Hour 30 mins	Maths Paper 2 1 Hour 30 mins	Maths Paper 3 1 Hour 30 mins	SRE Risky Behaviour Workshop in G01 Period 1 – 10B Period 2 – 10R Period 3 – 10A Period 4 - 10K Other Tutor groups will be a week later Unless you have the workshop you attend your normal timetabled lesson	ART (A01) Photography will be the week after over two days. Days to be announced
Period 2					
Period 3	English Lang 1 Hour 45 mins	History Paper2 1 Hour 15 mins	English Lit 1 Hour 45 mins		
Period 4					
Period 5	Biology 1 Hour	Chemistry 1 Hour	Physics 1 Hour		

PTA

PTA Upcoming Events:

Saturday 25th June: PTA Race Night
 Tuesday 5th July: July PTA meeting
 Saturday 23rd July: Stall at Bracknell Lions Bracknell Show



Next Event:

Thank you to everyone for their continued support for the PTA this year. We are really looking forward to our exciting end of year event, which is the **Race Night**, on **Saturday 25th June 2016**. We look forward to you joining us.

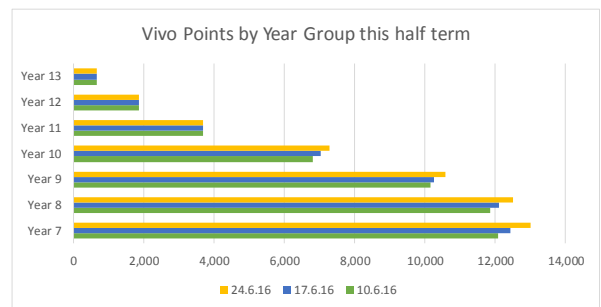
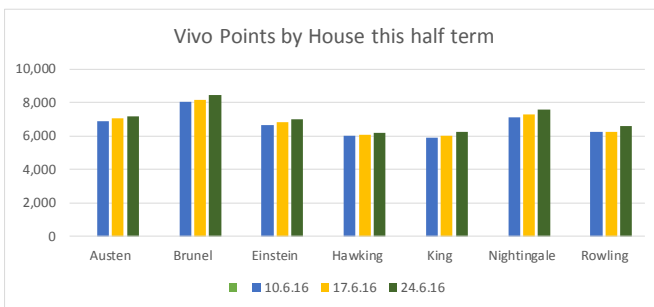
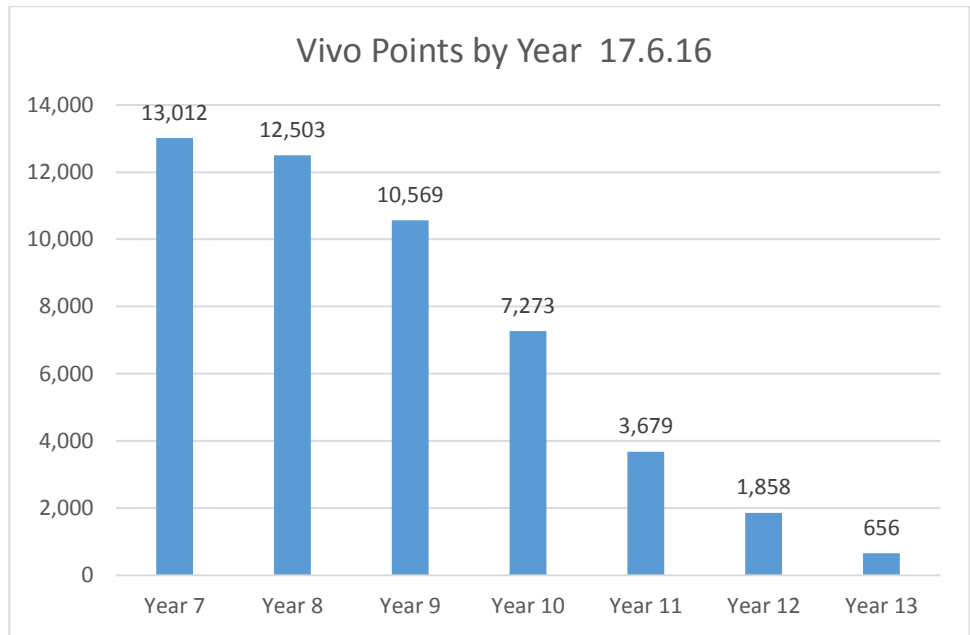
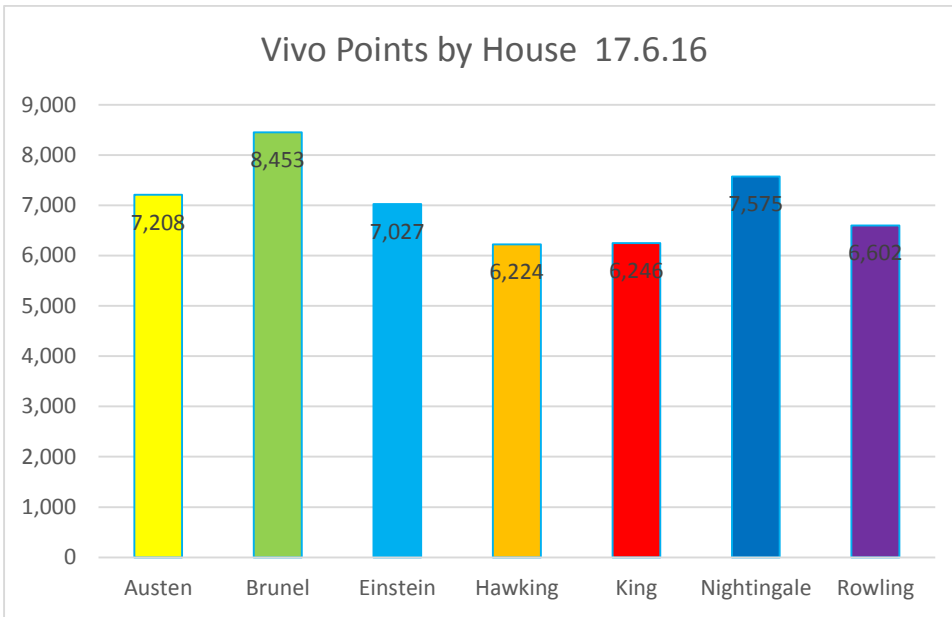
There will be a professional tote, the ticket price includes a BBQ-style dinner and there will be a cash bar. There will also be an opportunity on the evening to buy tickets to win two club enclosure tickets to a Royal Windsor racing event this season. The PTA would really appreciate your support so please try to get a group of family or friends to come along to the event to raise some money for the school.

The summer raffle will be drawn on Race Night evening, prizes include Garden Vouchers courtesy of Syngenta, tickets to 'Be Amazed' at the Lookout, Ice Skating tickets from John Nike, wine and chocolates among others. You have to be in it to win it!



Vivo Rewards

Total points by House and by Year group up to Friday 24th June, together with a comparison for this half term.



Diary Dates

Monday 27 th June	Year 10 end of year exams continue
Friday 24 th to Sunday 26 th June	Year 7 Residential trip
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Race Night, 7pm for 7.30pm
Monday 27 th & Tuesday 28 th June	Sixth Form Transition days
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, 9.30am
Thursday 30 th June	Year 11 Prom
Friday 1 st to Sunday 3 rd July	Year 8 Residential trip
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition days
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition Information Evening
Monday 11 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 13 th July	Summer Awards Evening
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 Coffee Morning, 9.30am
Thursday 14 th & Friday 15 th July	Year 9 Residential trip
Monday 18 th July	Alternative Curriculum day

Term Dates

For a full list of dates please see our calendar page on the website.

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooltermandholidaydates>

Summer Half Term:
Monday 30th May to
Friday 3rd June 2016

Inset Days:
Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd July 2016
Summer Holiday:
Monday 25th July to Friday 2nd September 2016
(Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are Inset Days)

Autumn Term:
Starts on Monday 5th
September 2016

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