



Dear Parents/Carers

This week may well have been a very drab one in terms of the weather, however, in true #teambrokenhale style we have had a very busy and productive week. Monday saw the first of our school tours for Year 5 students looking for a place in September 2020 and the second tour today was just as successful. We had some amazing feedback and yet again, I was left incredibly proud of what we have achieved and of the exciting future ahead.

On Tuesday, we held a parent information evening for the upcoming PGL trip to Bawdsey Manor. The hall was packed and so many students are so very excited about this great opportunity and I am very grateful to Mr Beukes and the team for their work in setting this up and in advance of them giving up their time to accompany the students.

On Thursday, Adviza joined us in school to give some intensive coaching to a group of our Year 10 students as we continue with our programme of careers advice. Watch this space for details about our first ever Brakenhale Careers Fayre to be held at the start of July. Today was STEM day and Mrs Lowe, Mrs Harbour, Mr George and Mr Swynford-Lain spent the day running events and competitions for a group of students across all year groups and houses focused on this key area of the curriculum. During my tour in period 1, I had the pleasure of talking to some of them as they were completing Maths puzzles around the site.

It has been a week of fundraising of the cake type; our Eco club had a cake sale to raise funds towards the new recycling plans, raising around £120. A big thank you to Miss Peacock and Miss Robson for all their great bakes. They are now creating plans to implement more recycling facilities on site. If any students wish to get involved, please let them know. A Year 11 student Lauren Williams has also held a cake sale today to raise funds for a theatre project raising over £70 – thank you to everyone for supporting these events.

Thank you also to Mrs Clark, Mrs Cresswell and the English department, who hosted a PGCE student in English. Her feedback was amazing, quoting 'I just wanted to say thank you for the last two days. The whole department was very friendly and accommodating, especially given the short notice. I was impressed by the high standards that I saw with the approach to teaching across the school and in particular in English. I loved the department's attitude in encouraging all students to aspire to reach their full potential and it's something I want to emulate in my own teaching.'

Fab & Drab feedback this week is as follows:

**Fab:**

- Parent newsletters are always packed with so much information, also the fact that as parents we can [feedback on] Fab/Drab is FAB.
- All the teachers are very good and the lessons are fun.
- Everyone is really excited for sports day! PE staff are really great - keep it up Brakenhale!
- Very pleased that extra revision has been offered for the upcoming RS exam, this is the first time my child has had a test and has actually been told what to revise for and been offered revision! Thank you.
- Always seeing teachers walking down to the local shops after school to make sure students are safe and behaving - this is brilliant.
- I think we are doing well at keeping the school looking good by doing litter picking.
- The way you deal with kids who aren't behaving, you remove them from the classroom without causing much disturbance.
- The new school build.
- I think that the school is doing great about lessons and having wet rooms for when the weather is really bad.

**Drab:**

- The outdoor area towards the art rooms has now been blocked off, meaning that students can't spread further out as we are so cramped together.  
*This was only during exam time and is now back to normal.*
- Drab/Fab. Fab to gain so many achievement points this week yet on a normal week can go without any.

*We are encouraging staff to give more.*

- Students being threatened with detention if they do not hit a certain score in a test! This is not an acceptable way of learning, all this does is panic students which is awful! As teachers it is your job to support those that struggle with certain things and in some cases it doesn't matter how much you revise, some people just don't do well in test circumstances. I am very upset by this scare tactic and find it incredibly demoralising.

*I am very sorry to hear this, I will of course follow it up and if you wish to give any further details please contact me directly.*

- I understand the concept for the uniform and all being the same which is great but I think prices need to be reviewed as it's very expensive. I understand the need for the logo but blazers in plain black could be bought much cheaper and the logo added, same for the school bags!

*I do understand that uniform is costly and we work regularly with our suppliers to get the best prices possible and will continue to do so.*

- What is the difference between a house point and a golden ticket and are there rewards for these? I get the house points I think but my child has had four golden tickets this week and there is no information as to what you do with them.

*Golden tickets and house points are the same thing. I am sorry if this hasn't been clear.*

- I work at 3M in Bracknell and this week have been watching many school groups coming in to show what they have been working on for the Young Innovator Challenge that 3M runs - the kids have been so engaged and excited by what they have been doing. I asked if Brakenhale was included and the person in charge told me that the invitation went out to all schools but Brakenhale doesn't seem to get involved. I know I'm biased but seeing these kids enjoy learning brought joy to my heart but also sadness that my child wasn't there. If you need a go-between I'd happily do it.

*I will look into this and would appreciate you contacting me with further details.*

- May I ask why fizzy drinks are being confiscated from students? Especially when they can purchase them in the canteen or other drinks full of sugar?

*We do not sell any fizzy drinks that are sugar based, they are all zero sugar. The only drinks confiscated should be energy drinks because of the negative effect on the children's health.*

#### **Staff members of the week:**

Mr Potter	Helpful and funny. Really passionate about sports day and super helpful as well answering all your questions.
Miss Faluyi	For running the best club!
Miss O'Brien	For being a really good and informative English teacher!
Mrs Moore	She is always here to help and when you are sad she makes you really laugh and makes you happy again. She is very funny and very helpful.
Mrs McCrorie	She is very helpful in the Head of Year office. She always sorts out arguments and she is very polite.
Mrs Manning	She is a great Science teacher as well as a great Tutor.
Miss Turner	She is the best Science teacher and lets us make songs at the end of Term.
Mr Boucher	His geography lessons are so engaging and fun!
Miss Pickett	She helps people when they need it and she is a great teacher and always joyful.
Mrs Duffy	Even though she doesn't teach me, she is a good teacher.
Miss Toofany and Miss Rendall	They are really good at explaining the task and adding a bit of humour. They also tend to give good improvement suggestions.
Mr Duffy	He is a very good teacher. He is kind and funny and encourages you to do more. He always helps me. Because he helps lots of people, he's funny and he tries to make his lesson fun!

Motivational quote of the week: 'There are secret opportunities hidden in every failure.'

Enjoy the weekend

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## What's on next week

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 10 End of Year Exams</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day 1</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day 2</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, 3pm</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School Tour, 9.15-10.45am</b>
	<b>STOP Parenting Meeting, 1-3pm</b>
	<b>Year 11 Prom, 7-11pm</b>
	<b>Sixth Form Celebration, 3-5.30pm</b>

## Brakenhale Annual Sponsored Walk

It is with great pleasure and much excitement that we can at last announce that Brakenhale's first Annual Sponsored Walk is to take place this year on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

The 10K Brakenhale Ramble will involve all Year 7 students in order to help raise funds for new school resources and forms a key part in promoting the importance of physical activity to our students.

The walk will take place during periods 3, 4 and 5, and students will walk with members of their Tutor Group and their House. There will be teacher supervision at all times, with regular marshalled checkpoints on the route and First Aid facilities. Students will be allowed to leave once it is completed.

A permission slip has been sent home and should be returned to Tutors by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We have a fundraising page with justgiving.com for donations, please follow the link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/brakenhaleschool?utm\\_term=BNvbArXjB](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/brakenhaleschool?utm_term=BNvbArXjB)

We will be awarding a £10 Love to Shop gift voucher to the first 10 students that raise £100, please mention the student you wish to sponsor in your message when you donate and ask the student to make a note of your donation. All students will receive a certificate to commemorate their involvement. More detailed information regarding clothing, lunches and drinks will be shared nearer to the time.

We thank you as always for your continued support of the school and look forward to sharing the highlights of the day with you. We are all amazing at our school so there isn't anything we can't do!! #teambrokenhale!



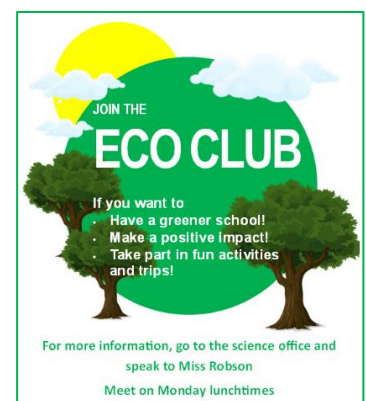
## Eco Club

Thank you to all of you who donated money and bought cakes at break this week, it went so well we sold out at breaktime!

We raised £127.80 for Eco Club! This will easily help the school sponsor an endangered animal for at least a year, and we can now also look at buying tools and seeds to make our school greener and more eco friendly.

Thank you all so much for your support, look out for our Ice Cream Sale in the summer!!!

From all of us at the Eco Club



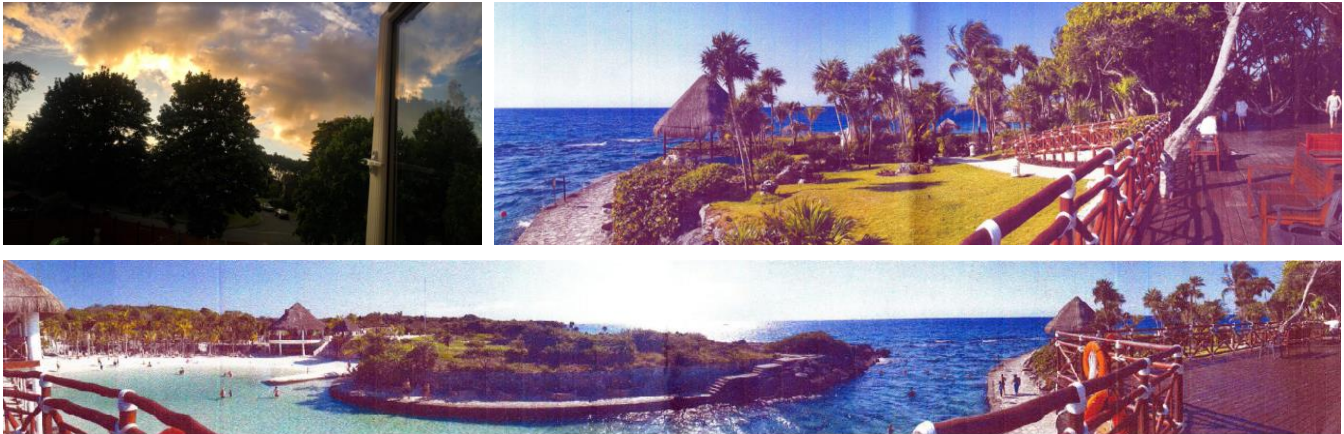
## Plea for Technology

If parents, extended family or friends have any thick coloured wool, embroidery threads, weaving looms or coloured felt the Technology department would be most grateful as they would love to repurpose them in class.



## Camera Club

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came to this week's meeting and helped me celebrate my birthday by eating a LOT of cakes! This week's challenge was panoramic photography and we have these lovely images from Oliver M in Year 7 and Honey B in Year 9. Oliver's photographs were lovely to look at when we have had so much bad weather this week.



Next week's challenge, in preparation for Sports Day, is capturing Movement. This could be through either freezing the movement of someone or an object, or intentionally capturing the blur of movement. This will be a challenge on Sports Day for the photography team so it is good practice ahead of the day.

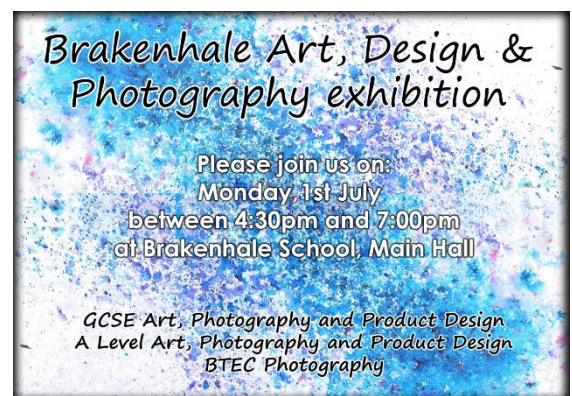
Several students have already asked me about photographing on Sports Day and this is a reminder that members of Camera Club will be top of the list to be part of the photography team so if you want to be considered, please come along to B17 on a Monday lunchtime.

*Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography*

## A Level Art and Photography Moderation

As we mentioned a few weeks ago, we will be showing off the amazing A Level, BTEC and GCSE Art, Photography and Product Design work that our students have produced this year at our exhibition on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please join us between 4.30 and 7pm in the main hall.

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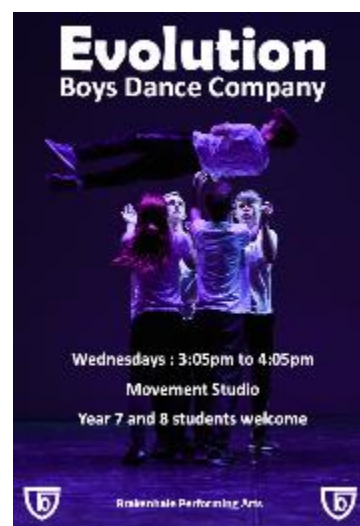
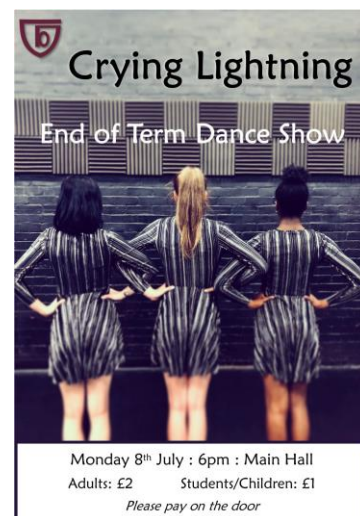
**Performing Arts**

**Extra Curricular Dance Timetable**

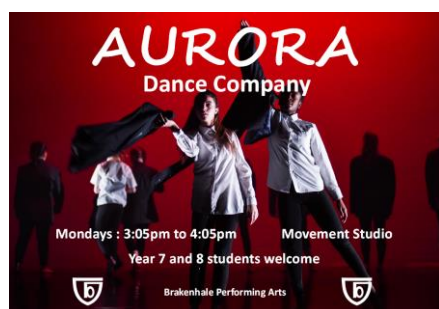
Starting from Monday 3rd June



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Break time</b>	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Open for rehearsals all years	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals
<b>Lunch time</b>	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Open for rehearsals all years	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals
<b>After School 3:05 MS</b>	<b>AURORA</b> Dance Company (MS) Jess & Chloe Open to Year 7 & 8 Girls	<b>Free fall</b> Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 9 - 13 Dance	<b>EVOLUTION</b> Dance Company (MS) Chloe & Mrs Duffy Year 7 & 8 Boys	<b>DARK MATTER</b> Dance Company (MS) Chloe & Mrs Duffy Year 9 Boys	



Mr C Duffy, Head of Performing Arts



**Spare Uniform – Please Donate**



As our Year 11 students move on from school and their GCSEs we would like to remind you that any donations of school uniform that is no longer needed, including PE kit, ties and house badges, would be gratefully received and can be left at main reception. Thank you to all parents who have already donated.

Additionally, if your child has grown out of any uniform and has no younger siblings to pass it down to we would appreciate any donations of uniform.

Thank you.

## Lost Property

Thank you to all the parents and students who continue to use our lost property email address and for naming so many items, this is a huge help to us.

*Have you lost something? Don't forget...*



Email : [lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk)

**Please make sure your items are named so we can them promptly.**

Email us on the address below and we will endeavour to locate the item and return it to you as soon as possible. We have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property and she will do her best to help.

Students are always welcome to look through lost property at the start of the day from 8.30am then at any break time or at the end of day. Lost property is based in the Heads of Year Office.

Please remind all students missing any uniform, equipment or other items to come and check **all lost property items**. We have a few remaining items and these will be discarded at the end of term.

If your child has lost any jewellery over the last year then please encourage them to come to the Head of Year with a description and when it was lost to try and reunite items by the end of term.

*Mrs T McCrorie, Curriculum Support Assistant*

## PE Update

Another mix bag of weather this week, we are hoping the sun will come out for some days in June. We have had a fairly busy week this week, but there is a massive week next week!

Next week is National School Sports Week so make sure you attend an after-school club; in addition we are also having table tennis on at lunchtimes outside the Art rooms. All you need to do is turn up and start playing. Table Tennis will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime.

National School Sports Week is being run by the Youth Sport Trust and their main aim is to improve 5 ways to wellbeing. The 5 ways to wellbeing are:

1) Be active

2) Connect

3) Give Back

4) Take Notice

5) Learn

Make sure you come and attend an extra curricular club or lunchtime table tennis and start feeling the benefits of PE.

### Cricket

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 16 of our students made the trip to Garth Hill College to take part in a 6 a side cricket competition. The game had been rescheduled from the previous week due to weather and the same looked to be



happening again with dark clouds forming over Bracknell. However the tournament took a stroll inside the movement studio at Garth which gave us a great space for some hit and run style cricket rounders.

The event was run as part of the Garth sports leaders programme and it was fantastic! We had nearly 40 students inside playing cricket and having fun. The victory went to Brakenhale in the end (hurray!!!) but what was most inspiring was the atmosphere and buzz in the room for the game of cricket! Next week sees the tournament come to Brakenhale (Thursday) as we host a 6 a side thrash tournament for students in Years 7/8 from our local secondary schools to really get the summer of cricket going!

A special thanks to our boys that stepped up and played, they were: Jay, George, Matt, Leo, Michael, Jackson, Bilal, Josh, Jack, Rylley, Daniel, Manny, Jasnav and Kyle. Victory smiles all round.

Well done boys....and remember, 🎵 'we don't like cricket, we LOVE it!!!!!!' #teambrokenhale



On Thursday 21/6/19, our Year 7 and 8 cricket team, fresh from the win at Garth, took to the Rectory Lane wicket to play Sandhurst, in a T16 hard ball cricket game. Sandhurst won the toss and chose to bowl, putting Brakenhale into bat on their home turf. Year 8's Josh R and Leo C opened the batting, with Josh falling in the first over, edging a ball to mid-wicket having tried to put it over the fence into the athletics track! From then on, Leo steadied the ship with runs coming regularly, but Sandhurst picked up the odd run wicket now and again. Our innings finished with a total of 60, a credible and defensible score from 16 overs. Sandhurst took to the wicket and set about the total looking calm and collected. The game turned out to be an epic finish! Brakenhale started the bowling really well, took an early wicket, and we thought yes...here we go! Then Sandhurst took control of the game, hit a few boundaries and started to score quickly. Our bowling became lose with too many extras, but then a come back from Brakenhale. Year 7's Alex S bowled really well, he got the game to the last over, the last batsmen, then the last ball, they needed 1 to win! Alex bowling to their number 11, he somehow connected and hit it up to mid-wicket, where Olly A was fielding. It was a difficult catch, unfortunately dropped short and Sandhurst got the single and the win! The boys were gutted, but were buoyed up massively by Mr Beukes for playing a classic game of cricket and taking it all the way to the end. Mr Beukes declared 'it was one of the best ends to a game I've seen at school level, it could have gone either way to the very last ball'.


A huge well done to all players: Oliver A, Leo C, Callum C, Harry D, George J, James N, Josh R, Alex S, Jason T, Rylley T, Daniel V, Lenny W. We have a six-a-side tournament next week at home, then look to build to another hard ball game after that.

### Fixtures for Next Week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
26/6/19	9 and 10	Rounders	Ranelagh	Home	3.15/4.45pm	LWI/LRU
26/6/29	7 and 8	Rounders	Edgbarrow	Home	3.15/4.45pm	LWI/LRU
26/6/19	Invite Only	Basketball	Wellington College		10am-12pm	CMY
27/6/19	7 and 8	Rounders	EP	Away	3.15-5.00pm	LRU
27/6/19	7 and 8	Cricket	Tournament	Home	3.15-5.15pm	MPO
27/6 and 28/6	Young Ambassadors		Bisham Abbey		All Day	LWI

The PE Department, Miss L Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE and Teacher in Charge of Health and Social Care  
Mr Potter, Head of PE



**Extra-Curricular Clubs**

 <b>PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b> Half Term 6 - 2018-2019					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b> (0710 – 0800) Full kit needed to participate	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 only Gym LRU	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 only Gym RBE	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 only Gym LWI	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 Only Gym CMY	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 Only Gym JBO
<b>LUNCH</b> (1330-1355)	***Sports Hall Closed***	***Sports Hall Closed***  <b>Y12 A level PE Revision</b> C21 MPO	***Sports Hall Closed***	***Sports Hall Closed***	***Sports Hall Closed***  <b>Y10 GCSE PE Revision</b> C21 MPO
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 only Gym RBE	<b>Rounders</b> All years Field LWI/LRU  <b>Softball</b> All Years Field/Astro CMY	<b>Athletics</b> All Years Field JBO/MPO/CMY  <b>Tennis</b> All years Courts LRU	<b>Cricket</b> All years Field/Nets RBE/MPO  <b>Golf</b> All Years Field JBO	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 only Gym RBE

Sessions may be postponed on a weekly basis due to staff meetings which take place in line with the school calendar – please check the school weekly bulletin to confirm on a weekly basis. All of these sessions are **open**, with all students in the listed year groups welcome. Some AM sessions are only for certain students (KS4/5) and only certain mornings – please draw this to their attention.

**School Dining Hall**

Please see the menu for next week.

 <b>The Brakenhale School</b> 					
Summer Term : WEEK COMMENCING : 3 June, 24 June, 15 July					
Week 3	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Hot Main Meal</b>	Vegetarian Bolognese Spaghetti, Penne Pasta	British Farm Assured Beef Madras, Mango Chutney	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon, Yorkshire Pudding	British Farm Assured Cajun Chicken, Peppers and Onion Wrap	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish
<b>Hot Vegetarian Meal (V)</b>	Stuffed Peppers	Vegetable Curry	Chilli Beans Rice	Vegetable Burrito	Vegetable Burger
<b>Carbohydrate</b>	Garlic Bread	Naan Bread Pilaf Rice	Roast Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Chips
<b>Vegetables</b>	Green Salad Sweetcorn	Broccoli and Cauliflower	Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad	Baked Beans or Peas
<b>Pudding</b>	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Strawberry Cheesecake	Banana Cake and Custard	Flapjack	Selection of ice cream tubs

We have available every day:

- Salad bar where you build your own salad
- Chef's Soup of the Day with Homemade bread (F)
- Fruit Jellies, Yoghurt Pots and Fruit Salads (F)

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians  
(F) Fresh Produce in our Kitchen

All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in most cases exceed The School Food Standards

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

Please note that dishes may be changed at short notice due to availability and other extenuating circumstances.

Taz Asran, Chef Manager - [kitchen@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@brakenhale.co.uk)

**Maths Puzzle & Countdown**

A80

Working backwards we have to reverse the process.


So we must add half and double the answer.

4<sup>th</sup>      3<sup>rd</sup>      2<sup>nd</sup>      1<sup>st</sup>

0 → 1 → 3 → 7 → 15


He started with 15 oranges.

Q81




Multiply together all the integers from -99 to 99.

i.e.  $-99 \times -98 \times -97 \times \dots \times 97 \times 98 \times 99$



**Brakenhale does**


**#11**



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Literacy	ANSWERS	Numeracy
Make the longest word from the anagram below. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">                         r a t f a t e c                     </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">artefact</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">                         9 3 5 9 1 8                     </div>
Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? All in it together... <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">                         c r a c d y e m o                     </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">democracy</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <p style="color: green;">9 + 3 = 12</p> <p style="color: green;">12 + 5 = 17</p> <p style="color: green;">9 + 8 = 17</p> <p style="color: green;">17 x 17 = 289</p> <p style="color: green;">289 - 1 = 288</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">288</div>



**Brakenhale does**

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Literacy	Numeracy
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Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? Up on tippy-toes... <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">                         r e l i a n i l b a                     </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">798</div>

Don't forget Maths Encryption and Coding Wednesday lunchtime club for anyone who may be interested in encryption and coding.

Ms L Harbour, Maths Teacher


## Brakenhale PTA School Lottery

### Congratulations to the prize draw winners this week.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.



The **School Lottery** is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows maybe you'll be the next winner!



**STEP INTO SUMMER WITH OUR TECH BUNDLE GIVEAWAY!**

Buy Your Lottery Ticket this term for a chance to WIN an Amazon Echo, Fire TV stick, Echo Dot and Fire HD 10

- Start supporting TODAY for only £1 a week.
- Buy a ticket this term and you could WIN £25,000!
- 40% of ticket sales goes to our school.
- There's a **GUARANTEED** cash prize winner every week.
- Only takes a couple of minutes to buy a ticket.
- You can make a **BIG DIFFERENCE** to our school!

To start supporting, visit: [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

And Search For: **Brakenhale**

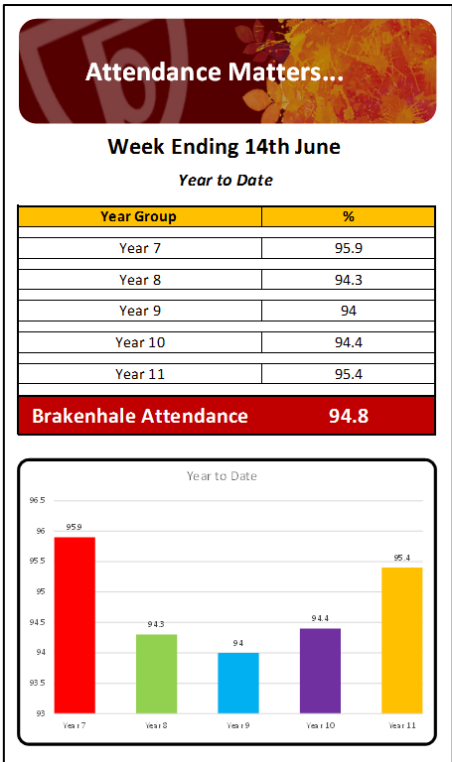
Click on the link today and join up: [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

You have to be in it to win it.

## Attendance

We believe that high attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members of the school community, involved not only in lessons but also in the extra-curricular activities that are so important to their wellbeing. Students can keep track of their attendance in their planner.

Attendance Matters...	
Week Ending 14th June	
Last Week	
Year Group	%
Year 7	93.2
Year 8	93.2
Year 9	94.5
Year 10	94
Year 11	99.9
<b>Brakenhale Attendance</b>	<b>94.7</b>



Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

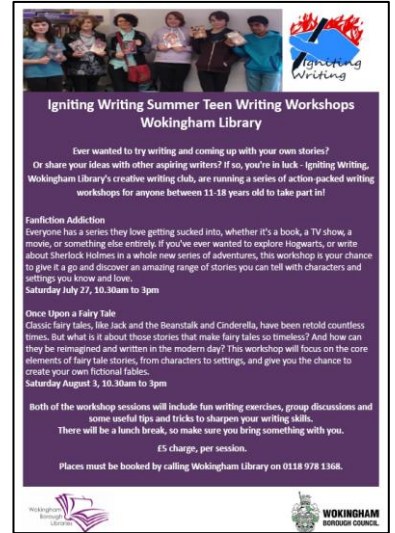
Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer

## Creative Writing

Igniting Writing, a creative writing group for 11-18 year olds, is leading a series of creative writing workshops in the summer holidays. The details of the workshops are as follows:

- Fan-fiction creative writing workshop, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 10:30am to 3:00pm at Wokingham Library (£5 charge to attend)
- Fairy tale creative writing workshop, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 10:30am to 3:00pm at Wokingham Library (£5 charge to attend)
- Sci-fi settings creative writing session, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 11:00am to 12:00pm at Bracknell Library (free to attend)
- Sci-fi world-building creative writing session, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 11:00am to 12:00pm at Bracknell Library (free to attend)
- Sci-fi characters creative writing session, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 11:00am to 12:00pm at Bracknell Library (free to attend)
- Sci-fi plots creative writing session, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 11:00am to 12:00pm at Bracknell Library (free to attend)

Each session will include a fun mix writing activities, group discussion and writing tips to help spark the group's imaginations.



# ACTION CALENDAR: JOYFUL JUNE 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle</b>						
3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a positive way to respond	4 Thank someone for the joy they have brought into your life	5 Do something today which you know will make you feel good	6 Ask someone what brings them joy and listen to their answer	7 Make a plan with friends to do something fun together	8 Find the joy in music today; sing, play, dance or listen	9 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature offers
10 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone for what they did	11 Try to say something positive every time you walk into a room	12 Spread joy. Give flowers or help to brighten someone's day	13 See the upside in a difficult situation you learnt from	14 Cook your favourite food and enjoy it (with others if possible)	15 Go outside and find the joy in doing something active	16 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today
17 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	18 Make time to do something playful today, just for the fun of it	19 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	20 Make a list of favourite memories you feel grateful for	21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you
24 Create a playlist of favourite songs and enjoy them	25 Eat food that makes you feel good and really savour it	26 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side	27 Be kind to you. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend	28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people	29 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to them)	30 Remember: joy is portable - so you can always take it with you!

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: [www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys)

## Boosting Aspirations for Young People with SEND

This seminar is supported by BASE/Elevate, which aims to raise employment aspirations across Berkshire through the European Social funded project, 'Employment is Everyone's Business'. The project seeks to identify and promote best practice in the transition from education to employment


To confirm a place please email: [Laura.davis@base-uk.org](mailto:Laura.davis@base-uk.org) or telephone: 07879492630

Sessions :

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 11:00 am – 13:00 pm Venue: Newbury College, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7TD	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019 18.45pm- 20.45pm Venue: Bracknell Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, RG12 7GR
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The sessions will cover:

- Experiences of People in achieving employment
- What the evidence base says works
- What does good support look like?
- Discussion – what more can be done in Berkshire to boost ambition in the system




**EMPLOYMENT IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS**

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Who should attend?

This event is aimed at Parents and Carers of young people with Special Educational needs and disabilities who live in Berkshire.

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Employment is Everyone's Business  
 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 repeated on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019  
 Boosting aspirations for young people with SEND

## Feedback Initiative

We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at anytime, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

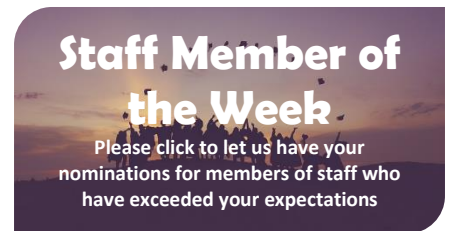
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[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Ms Coley, Headteacher

## Fundraising

Raising money for our new building.

*Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body*

[fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk)



## Walk with Us! New Build Fundraising!

As part of our fundraising endeavours to equip our new building, we are participating in the Easthampstead Rotary Club Bracknell Family Walk Together on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We are hoping that as many of our parents, students, staff and their families, friends and neighbours will participate and gain sponsorship for our school. You can walk between 9am and 2pm and there will also be some fun activities going on during the day.

If you are willing to take part, you will need to register by following the link:

<https://uk.patronbase.com/SouthHillPark/Productions/Q160/Performances>

Registration costs £5 per adult and is free for children under 14.

I can organise a sponsorship page for you, providing you with a link that you can share with family and friends – you will not need to fill in forms, or collect money. You will just need to e-mail me at [fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk) to let me know that you have registered.

The Rotary Club will award monetary prizes to the charity that has the most participants and the individual that raises the most money. We are hoping it will be a great day and that many of you will join us.

*Karen Roche, Chair of Governors*

## Easy Fundraising

With [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny! When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to shop through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



## Water Bottles

Could we please remind you that students need to have a NAMED re-usable water bottle to keep hydrated.

Brakenhale logo water bottles are available to purchase from the Head of Year Office, print room and main reception for the cost of £2.00.

**We are unable to provide single use plastic cups for water during the hot weather for students.**

Any lost or unclaimed bottles will be taken to the Head of Year Office, along with all other lost property.

Many Thanks

*Mrs T McCrorie, Curriculum Support Assistant*



## Current Vacancies


We have the following exciting opportunities at Brakenhale. Please see the website for more details. <http://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

- Maths Teacher
- Deputy Nursery Manager
- Nursery Assistant
- Graduate in Science

**Events and Notices**

**French Club**  
**Wednesday 15:15 – 16:05**  
**Room C03**

In French Club we are going to be reading a world famous French book called 'Le Petit Prince' by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry!




This is the most translated French book in the world and was voted the best book of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in France.

It is the story of a grown-up meeting his inner child, embodied by a Little Prince.

We will be reading the book, watching the film and playing games!

**Brakenhale School Trips**  
*High Expectations and Challenge*

**Bawdsey Manor**  
 Suffolk, England



Striving to take students' learning outside the classroom through off-site activities and trips, to give students the exciting opportunity to bond and enjoy time together outside of the school.

Next exciting Key Stage 3 PGL adventure weekend for Years 7, 8 and 9:


**BAWDSEY MANOR**  
 Woodbridge, Suffolk

Friday 5th July to Sunday 7th July 2019

- Activity Centre with purpose-built accommodation blocks around outdoor courtyards
- En-suite rooms sleeping 4-6 people (sleeping bag required)
- £180.00 per student - covering insurance, travel, accommodation, meals, activities and entertainment

Some of the activities available are:

Abseiling, Archery, Canoeing, Climbing, Crate Challenge, Fencing, Jacob's Ladder, Low Level Ropes Course, Raft Building, Sports and Team Games, Vertical Challenge, Zip Wire, Water Sports



**BRAKENHALE SCHOOL**  
 High Expectations and Challenge



**Weekend Astro Pitch Deal**



Brakenhale School would like to offer local sports clubs reduced weekend rates on our sand filled astro pitch. We offer Half and Full pitch rentals

Please Contact:  
**apeacock@brakenhale.co.uk**  
 to find out more!

**Anti-Bullying**  
 at Brakenhale

**We are here to help!**

Daily support during lunchtimes is available from your trained Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

• Ethan Nunn	• Danielle Rabulan
• Molly Penn	• Georgina Harrington
• Leanne Palmer	• Asha Munisi
• Callum Harding	• Jade Daniel
• Pixie Willett	• Chloe Hawkins
• Niketa Amar Dhuvar	• Amy Cogdon
• Jodie Simpson	• Mia-Rose Hawthorne

Available every day in the SSC at lunchtime

Daily support available from trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors available in the SSC.

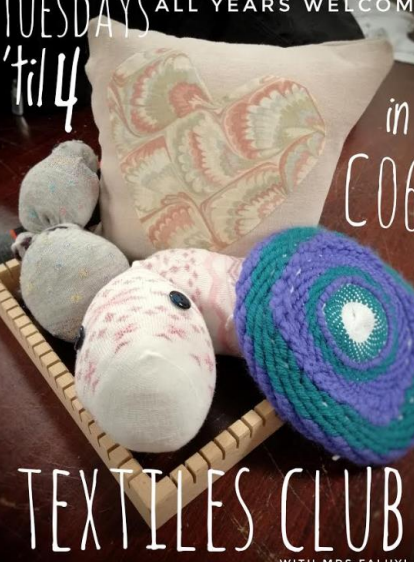
**We are here to help!!!**

1 out of 5 people suffer from bullying, and every single one of them needs help.

**STOP BULLYING**

*EVEN IF YOU'RE THINER OR SMARTER IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO BE OVER THAN SORRY*

TUESDAYS ALL YEARS WELCOME  
 'til 4 in C06



**TEXTILES CLUB**  
 WITH MRS FALUYI

**The Brakenhale Vocal Group**



**Thursday 3:05 - 4:05**  
 L51

**ESTEEM**

**MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL**

Managing feelings, emotions and mental wellbeing can be challenging for anyone. So, whether you are up, down or going round and round, why not come and meet up for a chat about how you're feeling; doing, or anything else you want to share.

Talk is cheap, but the rewards are priceless!

**EVERY THURSDAY @ 1.30PM**  
**LUNCHTIMES**  
**L51**




Do you want to experiment with new materials? Try out new techniques? Work on fun group projects?

**ART CLUB IS FOR YOU**

Art Club runs every **THURSDAY 3:05pm-4:05pm**

All Students are welcome!  
 Location: A02

**Camera Club**



Do you like taking photographs?  
 Do you want to be part of an elite photographic team?  
 Then you should join CAMERA CLUB!

**When?** Monday lunchtimes 1.25 - 1.55pm  
**Where?** B17  
**Who?** Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 13

**Future Events and Notices**

**Bracknell Forest Lions Present:**  
**THE BRACKNELL SHOW 2019!**

Fun day out for the family!  
 Support local charities!

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

Sat 20th July 2019  
 Wildridings Playing Fields 12-5pm  
 & BYO picnic and live music from 5:45

Arena displays  
 Food stalls  
 Arts & crafts  
 Bouncy castles  
 Face painting  
 ...and much more!

Charity number: 1031655

bracknellshowbookings@aol.com facebook.com/Bracknellforestions

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 REDWOOD TECHNOLOGIES GROUP

National Online Safety  
 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

1 Which app/games are you using at the moment? #WiseUpWendy

2 Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

3 How does this game/app work? Can I play?

4 Do you have any online friends?

5 Do you know where to go for help?

6 Do you know what your personal information is?

7 Do you know your limits?

www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter: @nationalonlinesafety Facebook: /nationalonlinesafety Phone: 0800 348 8041

**Put a spring in your step this New Year at Blaze Martial Arts**

Free trial lesson: Come down and try it. No obligation. Get a free uniform when you join.

Come along, make friends, learn a new skill and have some fun!

- Established 16 years
- Improve fitness, stamina, coordination and flexibility
- Classes in Ascot, Windsor, Bracknell & Wokingham
- Helps confidence, respect and self discipline in children
- Dedicated classes for all ages
- Highly qualified instructors
- Learn to defend yourself

Telephone us: 01344 874031  
 www.blazemartialarts.com

**Brakenhale Bugle**  
 Providing you with all the school news

**We are recruiting!**

Are you passionate about writing? Do you enjoy keeping up to date with current school news? Do you want to be a part of something new and dynamic?

If the answer is yes, then the Newspaper team needs you!

Come along to C14 Tuesday lunchtimes  
**ALL WELCOME**

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can

**text YM to 85258**

**YOUNGMINDS Crisis Messenger**

YM aim to connect every texter to a trained volunteer in less than 5 minutes to provide support in a crisis. They will listen to you and help you think through how you're feeling, and will aim to help you take the next steps towards feeling better.

Free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK

Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus

This service is powered by YM's trusted partner Crisis Text Line

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Spread the word: share with teachers, school staff and parents – the more entries for your school, the higher the chance they'll win!

Enter at [nationalbooktokens.com/schools](http://nationalbooktokens.com/schools)

**Future Diary Dates**

\* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

**Year 8 End of Year Exams**  
**Art & Technology Exhibition, 4.30-7pm**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Year 6 Transition Day 1**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Year 6 Transition Day 2**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**KS3 PGL Bawdsey Manor Weekend**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**Rotary Sponsored Walk Together, South Hill Park**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Year 7 Sponsored Walk**

**Year 7 End of Year Exams**

**Dance Show, 6-7.30pm**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Sports Day**

## Term Dates

### Term Dates 2018-19

#### SUMMER TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

*(Inset Days: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July)*

Summer Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### Term Dates 2019-20

#### AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

*(Inset Days: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September)*

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Last day of Autumn Term for students – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

*(Inset Day: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December)*

Christmas Holiday: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 \*

*\*Extra school closure days in December and January for the transition into the new building*

#### SPRING TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Spring Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Last day of Spring Term for students – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Easter Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

*(Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April)*

#### SUMMER TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

*(Bank Holiday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May)*

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

*(Inset Days: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July)*

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>



**#challengeforall**

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