



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been standards week. We have been on the gate and in the classrooms ensuring our students are presented and conducting themselves in the best possible way. I am pleased to say that we have issued an unprecedented amount of golden tickets – almost 3,000 at last count, which is excellent! Well done all and keep up the good work. I even took a phone call from a local resident not associated with the school who wanted to congratulate the school for the appearance and conduct of the students as she has been so impressed by the changes she has seen and the way that this has continued.

This has also been the last full week of GCSEs with the final exam for most today with Further Maths the last exam on Monday. Year 12 returned on Monday from their AS examinations and Year 13 are still in the midst of their A Level examinations with last week being the last full week for these students. A huge well done to all the students for all their hard work and effort and to all the staff and parents for their incredible support.

On Wednesday, a number of students, accompanied by Mrs Raby and led by Keir Buist in Year 13, showcased a performance of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* at Harmans Water School. The feedback was excellent and staff from the primary school were congratulating our staff at a meeting later in the week. It's so lovely to be able to inspire younger students and showcase the amazing work that goes on at Brakenhale.

Students of the week are:

Freddie Hooper, Bella Hooper and Max Churchill Year 10 – The three students helped one of our cleaners who had been involved in an accident in the street back to the school to get medical attention. Well done you are all excellent ambassadors to the school.

Drab & Fab feedback this week is as follows:

Fab:

- Standards week is a great way to remind students and us as parents what is expected in school and make sure all equipment is replaced and uniform brushed up on. Thank you Brakenhale.
- Maintaining standards on standards week is FAB - but a little bit of drab, we feel standards should be maintained every week. Great push for all though.
- Pleased to see meat FREE Mondays. One day a week can make a world of difference, we now avoid meat on Mondays in our home too.
- We see so many students cycling to other schools with no cycle helmets on. Love the fact as a school rule Brakenhale students are made to wear hats and checks are made to keep them safe to and from school.
- For not putting too much pressure on Year 11s.
- On school gateway app, behaviour and achievements that are recorded by Mrs McCrorie always have a reason why under comments, nice to know what our children are getting rewarded for.
- The stationery shop in the school has been able to top up and supply everything our son needed this week and at low cost which is a plus. Great to have this in a school.
- So many after school clubs available which is just fantastic - my child even gets weekly house points for going.

Drab:

- Please can you look at getting better school backpacks, current ones disintegrate really quickly – thanks
We are currently in talks with the suppliers about this and about getting some covers to ensure they are not affected in the rain.

- Behaviour points are added to student accounts in error and are not able to be removed easily. They are put on when my son meets the deadlines for homework. Fast to put on system but not to take them off! Told it's a system problem. If a student is always trying their best to meet due dates for homework, why put them on in the first place without investigating first.

I am sorry this has happened I will ask staff to double check inputting

- School ties -why do the school have clip on ties? They are easily lost, my son's lost a tie and the one he has as a replacement currently keeps falling off. This is frustrating for parents having to replace and equally frustrating for the students as they are at risk of losing their uniform. A traditional tie is much better.

Thank you for this feedback. I will discuss with the supplier if we can have sturdier clips. Whilst I understand your frustrations there are far less issues with the clip on ties across the school and they are all worn at the appropriate length.

- My son was unable to take his pasta salad prepared during food tech to the Athletics event at the sports centre on 6th June, so consequently had hardly anything to eat. The event went on until 5pm and today the pasta salad and container have vanished. Difficult for a person to compete in a sporting event without fuel.

I'm really sorry to hear this, if you would like to contact me directly I can investigate properly what happened here.

- In parent news forthcoming events stated that Year 9 would have a spotlight on careers event. It's disappointing that not all children were invited to take part.

I'm sorry that this was a misleading advertisement. Unfortunately, the company who came in were limited to how many students they could work with. We are however running our first whole school careers fayre on July 9th and all students will have the opportunity to attend this.

- Parents dropping kids off driving into the school in the mornings and cars parked on pathways on entry in the school, both making unsafe for everyone.

I absolutely understand where you are coming from and we continue to be out on the gate in the morning and afternoon to monitor as best we can. We regularly remind parents to park and drive sensibly.

- Our children inform us many students are always hanging around in the toilets during break, so won't use them.

I'm sorry to hear this – the toilets are monitored but please do contact me directly with specific details. In the new build the toilet block is not enclosed so there will be no opportunity for any student to be hanging around in toilets.

- Despite the rain this week, it would be nice if Brakenhale, in the last term of summer, did summer uniform rules like other schools. Some days it's been far too hot for a blazer and tie.

If the weather does get warm (fingers crossed) we will of course bring in the no tie and blazer rule. If it is on the odd day there is heat students are allowed to remove blazers and ties.

Staff members of the week:

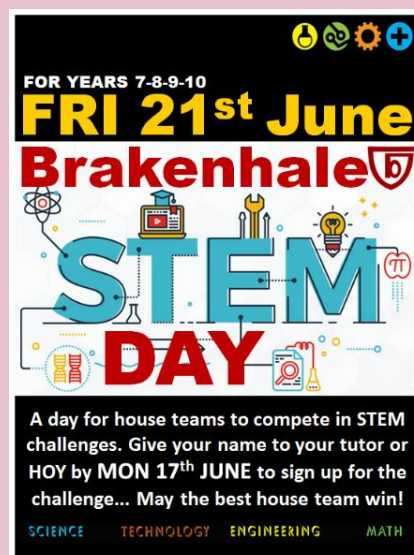
Mr Anderson	He has been really supportive and helpful this week with English exams when it has been challenging for me not to give up and to have the right mind-set.
All of the SSC staff	They are always there when you need them, even if it's for the smallest thing.
Mr O'Donoghue	Being supportive during exams. Always wanting to help. Good positive role model.

Mr Boucher	For giving a fun first lesson back in Geography.
Miss Willimott	You can go to her for any reason and she is very supportive. She always encourages me to do well.
Mr Budden	Not only does our son enjoy your art lesson but also gets a lot out of extra art club after school every week. Thank you for keeping art alive and for the passion of him wanting to learn.

Motivational quote of the week: 'Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally; it comes from what you do consistently.'

Enjoy the weekend

Jane Coley, Headteacher



What's on next week

Tuesday 18th June

School Tour, 9.15-10.45am

Wednesday 19th June

KS3 Bawdsey Manor Trip Parent Information Evening

Thursday 20th June

STOP Parenting Meeting

Friday 21st June

PTA Meeting

School Tour, 9.15-10.45am

STEM Day

PTA Bingo

Unfortunately, due to low ticket sales, we were forced to cancel this Thursday's PTA Bingo evening. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and we look forward to greeting you at the next PTA fundraising event.

Anybody who had purchased a ticket received a full refund but we would like to thank Mrs Denny who donated her ticket money to help with the fundraising cause even though the event was cancelled.

We would also like to thank the staff who helped organise the event and bought tickets, we really appreciate your time and support. We hope that with your continued support the next event will be a big success.

Brakenhale PTA

Eco Club

Counting Bugs!

Eco Club is running a survey on Monday to count bugs at lunch time. The data we collect from our site will be collated together with other schools for the British Trust for Ornithology, to help scientists understand the relationship between climate, invertebrates and how it impacts our UK birds and their migration patterns.

Please encourage students to come along and give us a hand to pick up bugs and see 'What's Under Our Feet'! We will be meeting promptly at the Science Staff room at 13:25 (lunch time) on Monday then we can find a suitable area to dig up and start counting - the more hands we have the quicker it will go (please bring gloves if you want to join in!)

For more information of what we are doing on Monday please see this link: <https://jointhepod.org/campaigns>

Cake Sale for to sponsor an Endangered Animal

Did you know that there are only 90 Amur Leopards left in the wild?

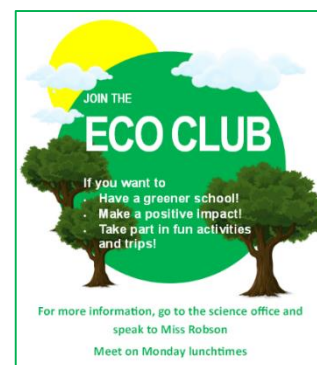
The Eco Club is holding a cake sale next Tuesday 18th June outside the Head of Year Office to raise money to be able to sponsor an endangered animal, be it a Leopard, Gorilla, Tiger or other.

The whole school would be adopting the animal and we will display the information pack about the animal on the Eco Board that is situated outside C06 to see where contributions have gone to and what good they do.

This is a small step toward the school obtaining an 'Eco Schools Green Flag Award', which is a globally recognised achievement.

We need everyone's help to achieve this! If you are interested in learning more about it and getting involved either talk to Miss Peacock in Facilities or Miss Robson in Science, and follow this link for more information: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

Thanks everyone!! - Miss Peacock & Miss Robson, Eco Committee



Camera Club

It seems somewhat prophetic that this week's theme was 'something blue' as the weather has us all feeling a little miserable. Hopefully, the lovely images from Bethia P (Year 7), Sandia L (Year 8), Honey B (Year 9) and Rachel S (Year 10) will brighten your day a bit!

Next week's theme is Panoramas - lots of mobile phones allow you to create a panoramic photograph (an image that captures a really wide field of view) with a steady hand. The other way is to take lots of photographs from the same perspective by moving the camera frame from section to section of your subject. Make sure to overlap and then you can use Photoshop to 'stitch' together the photographs to create a panorama.

Camera Club is having a special get-together on Monday lunchtime so although as always, everyone is welcome, I am hoping my regular contributors will definitely be there. See you in B17!



Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography

Performing Arts

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

This week we took a small cast from Years 7 - 13 to Harmans Water School to perform a short rendition of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

The performance was written and directed by Year 13 student, Keir Buist who also performed as Mr Tumnus. The performance is his final piece of work for his Level 3 BTEC in Performing Arts. The Year 5 audience were enthralled with the performance and participated in workshops that were run by our Year 11 and Sixth Form students.

It was such a fantastic experience for both our students and those at Harmans Water and we hope to visit again next year.

Mrs Raby



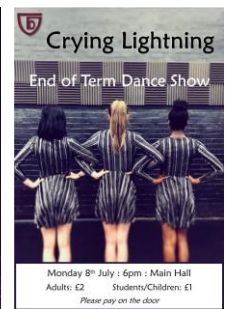
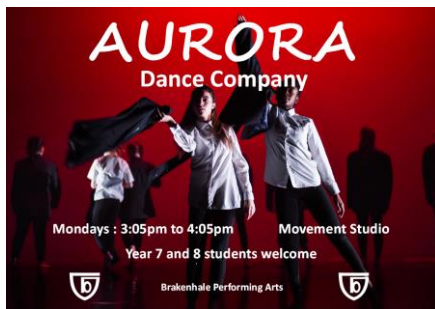
Extra Curricular Dance Timetable

Starting from Monday 3rd June



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

Mr C Duffy, Head of Performing Arts



Year 11 - 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.

Lost Property

Thank you to all the parents and students who continue to use our lost property email address.

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



Email : 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.

Mrs T McCrorie, Curriculum Support Assistant

PE Update

Another wet week has meant a number of fixtures being cancelled and PE lessons being wet weather lessons. We are hoping the weather will change as it is coming to the middle of June and the longest day!

Please note that the **Extra Curricular Clubs on Tuesday** will NOT BE on due to staff training, except for Young Rounders Leaders. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Young Rounders Leaders

This week saw the start of the Young Leaders Rounders Award and we have 16 students taking part, from Year 9 and 10. There will be 6 sessions in total in which they will learn how to become a leader and they will learn how to become an umpire for Rounders. They will achieve certificates in both at the end of the course.

We had a good start with a number of individuals standing out when performing their warm ups and cool downs. We had some loud voices and lovely control. Well done so far and keep up the good work.

Just a reminder the next session will be a short session due to staff training and students will not need their kit.

Young Leaders - Primary School Athletics

Mr Maye took over 19 Year 9/10 students to work within the local community to act as leaders for the Bracknell Forest Schools District Sports Day for Years 5 and 6. The students were supporting Staff and leading on placing races on the track and measuring throws. In addition they assisted in providing coaching information and lots of praise and encouragement to the young athletes. We received glowing feedback from the staff they were supporting and represented the school's high standards, showing what fine young leaders Brakenhale has and how they shine and support the local community.

Our young leaders were.....

Year 9: Hristina Mihalkova, Carris Lord, Freya Gray, Sophie Hatch, Josh Barefoot, Jay James, Joe Morton, Kevin Nowlan, Thomas Basara-Hamilton, Oliver Hurst, Jamie Prior, Tilly Cox

Year 10: Victoria Mitchell, Emma Warner, Elissa Fotheringham, Aaron Reed, Miles Harvey, Jake Buckle, Michael McManus

Year 7 District Athletics

Last week our U13 team (Year 7) took to the track and field event at the Bracknell Athletics Track to compete in the district round of athletics. Like the previous event with the upper school, we were up against some fine competition from around the Bracknell schools.

All students who took part in the event did so with the very best attitude and efforts. From competing on the track and field, to how they acted in the stands, they were a genuine credit to themselves, their parents and our school. We would like to say a massive well done to all of the Year 7s who represented Brakenhale.

Special mentions go to Isabelle B, Archie F and Rylley T for stepping in at the last minute to compete. Also commended for notable performances were Maddie J-M and Ronnie A-W for being awesome and keeping the team spirit high during the event. On the track Nashe W was just outstanding in the sprint, and Ollie A and Liam M ran their hearts out over the distance event. On the field special mentions went to Taylor C and Macey F for their efforts in the shot putt and Reubin C in the discus. Reubin and Nashe have both been selected to compete in the next stage, county round for the Bracknell School team.

It was a superb team effort from all who attended. There was loads of cheering and supporting of their own team, but they also cheered on and supported the other teams as well. You were all an absolute credit to Brakenhale.

What was also fantastic was the parents who came down to support, it was lovely to see them there supporting their children and the school. Well done and thank you to all students who took part, a very successful day was had by all.

County round competition for Bracknell Schools

Well done this weekend to the 5 students who represented the Bracknell Schools athletics team at the county round at Palmer Park. Although no one from Brakenhale made it to the next round, the Bracknell Schools team did really well. Thank you also to parents that gave up their time to take and support their children with the day's events. We have 2 students from Year 7 that have made the county round on 2nd July, we wish them the very best of luck!

Fixtures for Next Week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
19/6/19	9 and 10	Rounders	Edgbarrow	Home	3.15/4.45pm	LWI
19/6/19	7, 8, 9, 10	Cricket	Garth	Away	3.15/5.00pm	MPO
20/6/19	8	Athletics	Edgbarrow	Away	3.05/5.45pm	CMY/LRU
20/6/19	7	Cricket	Sandhurst	Home	TBC	MPO

Dates for your diary!

National School Sport Week – 24th to 28th June

*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

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

Maths Puzzle & Countdown


A77 Let Mark's grandfather's age be a years old.

$$a = \frac{a}{4} + \frac{a}{6} + \frac{a}{2} + 6$$

a quarter as a boy
 a sixth as a young man
 a half as middle-aged
 retired for 6 years

x 12 $12a = 3a + 2a + 6a + 72$
 simplify $12a = 11a + 72$
 - 11a $a = 72$


Mark's grandfather is 72 years old.

Q80 

A traveller had a number of oranges and was allowed to pass four border checks on condition that he handed over half his oranges plus half an orange at each check point.


After crossing the fourth border point he had no oranges left.

How many oranges did he start with ?


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Students who get the right answers to us, will be rewarded with achievement points and we will keep a special log to see, over time, who our Brakenhale geniuses are 😊
 Please put answers in the box on reception.
 Deadline is every Wednesday.




Literacy	ANSWERS	Numeracy
Make the longest word from the anagram below. e l o g o c i g geologic	100 75 50 3 9 2	
Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? Regions of the earth occupied biosphere p e e b r i h s o	$100 + 75 = 175$ $175 + 50 = 225$ $225 + 9 = 234$ $234 \times 2 = 468$	468

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Make the longest word from the anagram below. r a t f a t e c	9 3 5 9 1 8
Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? All in it together... c r a c d y e m o	288

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.

Click on the link today and join up: [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.



BRAKENHALE SCHOOL
Parent Teacher Association

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!



your school lottery

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 8!

- 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

And Search For: **Brakenhale**

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...

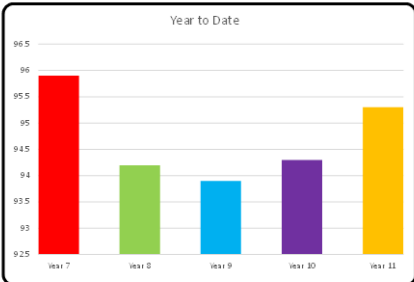
Week Ending 7th June
Last Week

Year Group	%
Year 7	94.6
Year 8	90.4
Year 9	91.3
Year 10	90
Year 11	99.4
Brakenhale Attendance	93

Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 7th June
Year to Date

Year Group	%
Year 7	95.9
Year 8	94.2
Year 9	93.9
Year 10	94.3
Year 11	95.3
Brakenhale Attendance	94.7



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

School Dining Hall

Please see the menu for next week.

The Brakenhale School					
Summer Term : WEEK COMMENCING : 17 June, 8 July					
Week 2	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	Macaroni Cheese	British Farm Assured Chicken Tikka Masala, Mini Naan Bread, Mango Chutney	British Farm Assured Roast Herb Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	British Farm Assured Cumberland Sausages	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish
Hot Vegetarian Meal (V)	Vegetable Burger Spicy Wedges	Vegetable Biryani	Veggie Wrap	Vegetarian Paella	Cheese and Tomato Omelette
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread	Coriander and Lemon Rice	Roast Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes Garlic Bread	Chips
Vegetables	Mixed Salad Sautéed Courgettes	Broccoli and Cauliflower	Roasted Root Vegetables	Peas or Mixed Salad	Baked Beans or Peas
Pudding	Waffles and Toffee Sauce	Vanilla Cheese Cake	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Cookies	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

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

What's on: More than just books



Teen Sci-Fi Creative Writing Month

Saturday 10th August - Building Sci-Fi Settings
 Saturday 17th August - Exploring Sci-Fi Worlds
 Saturday 24th August - Creating Sci-Fi Protagonists
 Saturday 31st August - Plotting Sci-Fi Stories

Bracknell Library 11am-12pm

Bring sci-fi to life with fun writing activities, group discussions and useful tips to sharpen your writing skills. Anyone 11-18 years old is welcome.

Attendance is completely free. Book via Bracknell Library on 01344 423145.

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Igniting Writing Summer Teen Writing Workshops

Wokingham Library

Ever wanted to try writing and coming up with your own stories? Or share your ideas with other aspiring writers? If so, you're in luck - Igniting Writing, Wokingham Library's creative writing club, are running a series of action-packed writing workshops for anyone between 11-18 years old to take part in!

Fanfiction Addiction
 Everyone has a series they love getting sucked into, whether it's a book, a TV show, a movie, or something else entirely. If you've ever wanted to explore Hogwarts, or write about Sherlock Holmes in a whole new series of adventures, this workshop is your chance to give it a go and discover an amazing range of stories you can tell with characters and settings you know and love.
 Saturday July 27, 10.30am to 3pm

Once Upon a Fairy Tale
 Classic fairy tales, like Jack and the Beanstalk and Cinderella, have been retold countless times. But what if it about those stories that make fairy tales so timeless? And how can they be reimagined and written in the modern day? This workshop will focus on the core elements of fairy tale stories, from characters to settings, and give you the chance to create your own historical fables.
 Saturday August 3, 10.30am to 3pm

Both of the workshop sessions will include fun writing exercises, group discussions and some useful tips and tricks to sharpen your writing skills.

There will be a lunch break, so make sure you bring something with you.
 £5 charge, per session.

Places must be booked by calling Wokingham Library on 0118 978 1368.

Wokingham Borough Council

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 or telephone: 07879492630

Sessions :

Tuesday 25 th June 2019 11:00 am – 13:00 pm Venue: Newbury College, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7TD	Wednesday 3 rd 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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 Repeated on

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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.

To confirm a place please email: Laura.davis@base-uk.org or telephone: 07879492630

Employment is Everyone's Business
 25th June 2019 repeated on 3rd 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.

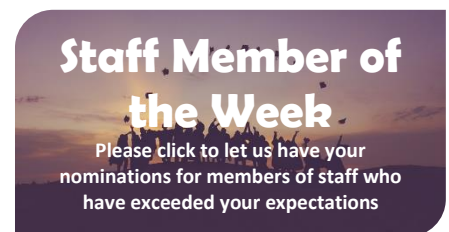
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[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Ms Coley, Headteacher

Fundraising

Dear Parents and carers

The sponsorship for the group of our parents, friends and students who walked/ran/cycled The Long Walk in Windsor has increased to a total of £691.00 so our overall amount raised has gone up again. Their page is still open if you wish to donate:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/joannefox4>

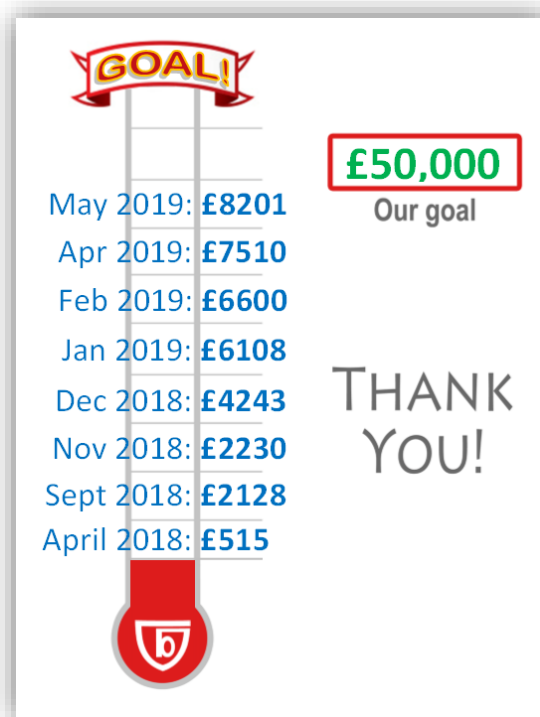
The students who took part in this event were selected to take part in the signing of the last steel for the new building that Ms Coley reported on. We will always try to find a special way to thank students who raise money for us.

Please note that the date of the Community Walk, organised by Easthampstead Rotary Club, has changed from 19th May to 7th July. I hope that many of you will and your children will walk with us. We are still working out the logistics of this but I will tell you more about it next week. Please keep the date free.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body

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 7th 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 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 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 - 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 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



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 20th 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 Dhipar	• Amy Cogdon
• Jodie Simpson	• Mia-Rose Hawthorne

Available every day in the SSC at lunchtime

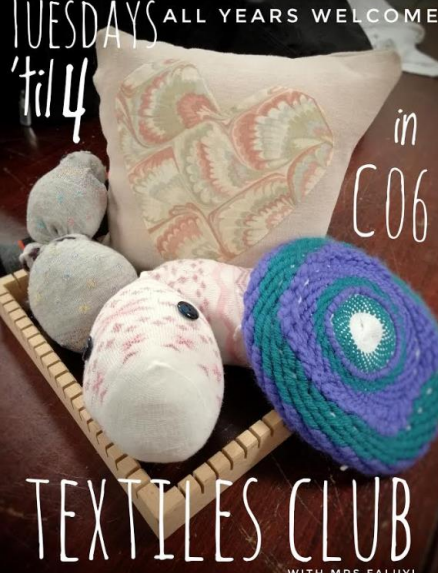
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EVEN IF YOU'RE THOUGHT OF AS BEING THE BULLY, IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO ASK FOR HELP THAN TO SAY "SORRY"



TUESDAYS ALL YEARS WELCOME
 'til 4 in C06



TEXTILES CLUB
 WITH MRS FALUYI

The Brakenhale Vocal Group



Thursday 3:05 - 4:05
 L11


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
L11




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

operating theatre live
LIVE INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH REAL SPECIMENS

THE UK'S AWARD WINNING LIVE SURGERY EVENT FOR STUDENTS AGED 14-19

SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2019
THE BRAKENHALE SCHOOL
BERKSHIRE - RG12 7BA

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AROUND THE SURROUNDING AREAS
WWW.OPERATINGTHEATRELIVE.CO.UK/PUBLICEVENTS

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

- Which social games are you using at the moment?
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?
- Do you have any online friends?
- Do you know where to go for help?
- Do you know what your personal information is?
- Do you know your limits?

www.nationalonlinesafety.com | Twitter: @nationalonlinesafety | Facebook: /nationalonlinesafety | Phone: 0800 348 0041

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!

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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

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Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

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| Monday 24 th June | Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day |
| Tuesday 25 th June | Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, 3pm |
| Thursday 27 th June | School Tour, 9.15-10.45am |
| | STOP Parenting Meeting |
| | Year 11 Prom, 6-11pm |



ACTION CALENDAR: JOYFUL JUNE 2019



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 "Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle						
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	1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Do three things to bring joy to other people today
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)	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
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	15 Go outside and find the joy in doing something active	16 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today
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	22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you
					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







www.actionforhappiness.org

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

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
- D&T Technician
- Graduate in Science

Term Dates

Term Dates 2018-19

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July

(Inset Days: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July)

Summer Half Term – Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 19th July

Term Dates 2019-20

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

(Inset Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September)

Wednesday 4th September to Friday 13th December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Last day of Autumn Term for students – Friday 13th December

(Inset Day: Monday 16th December)

Christmas Holiday: Tuesday 17th December to Wednesday 8th 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 9th January to Friday 3rd April

Spring Half Term – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Last day of Spring Term for students – Friday 3rd April

Easter Holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

(Good Friday 10th April, Easter Monday 13th April)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July

Summer Half Term – Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

(Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 17th July

(Inset Days: Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July)

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

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



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