



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been our first five day week for over a month and I feel as if we fitted ten days into five! The GCSEs have started with Art and Photography students spending over ten hours this week in examinations. From now on it really will be a full focus for all our Year 11 students on their final exams. In addition, Year 12 and 13 students are almost at this point as well so good luck to all of them!

On Tuesday a group of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the first stages of the Junior Maths Challenge and they all focused and engaged incredibly well on some very difficult maths problems. We look forward to receiving the results. On Thursday the students undertaking the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh spent the day with the assessors discussing and preparing for the upcoming expedition. As a school we are very proud of the uptake for this award and of the achievements of the students who undertake this qualification.

On Friday all of our Year 12 students were accompanied by Mr Boucher, Mr Hartley and Mrs Perryman to Reading Blue Coat School for a university and apprenticeship event. This visit is part of a series of events to support our Post 16 students in making their choices for next year. We were also joined by our prospectus team who were accompanied by 15 students throughout the day taking photographs and gaining information on the school in order to put together our new prospectus. I had the pleasure of spending some time with them all and we are all really looking forward to seeing the final product across the next few weeks.

As I am sure you are aware there is a national recruitment and retention crisis in the teaching profession and I have always done all that I can to ensure that this hasn't affected our students at Brakenhale. Our school is a lovely place to work and I am very fortunate to have a team of incredibly committed staff. However, one pressure on staffing is childcare for teachers' own children and so I am in the process of setting up, hopefully for September, a nursery provision for the children of Brakenhale staff. As money is incredibly tight we are looking at as many inventive ways as possible to reduce the set-up costs and we have been very lucky to have been offered some community support from a local business to help with the decoration of the nursery. We are now looking for some help with some small building requirements and the installation of a toilet, so if anybody is able to help in any way please do get in touch.

Finally, please could I ask for your support in reminding students to be mindful of the local community as they walk home. I get so many positive comments from residents about the conduct of our students but on the odd occasion they are not always aware of the need to make way for pedestrians on the pavement and to keep off garden areas that are adjacent to the roadway. Many thanks.

Student of the week:

Daniel Hamed-Adekale, Year 10, for doing a good deed. When a member of staff laden down with books dropped her phone without realising Daniel picked it up went to find her and then offered to help her with her things. Thank you Daniel.

Jade Daniel, Year 12, who has been amazing in supporting the Year 10 Photographers during their GCSE examination. She went to every lesson and ensured they were supported with the start of their final project. Thank you Jade.

Sandia Lenarduzzi, Year 8, for her amazing winning entry in the exhibition at South Hill Park 'Bracknell, a great place to grow'.

Fab & Drab feedback this week is as follows:

Fab:

I am really excited about the progress Brakenhale has made. I've been keeping my eye on the secondary schools since we moved to Bracknell 8 years ago and I'm really hoping my girls can attend there when they reach Year 7. It seems like the school is pretty amazing! – *Local resident*

Drab:

The toilets always seem to be unclean and my child doesn't feel comfortable to use them.

I am sorry that this is how your child feels. The toilets are old but we do all we can to keep them clean and in a condition that would not prevent a child wanting to use them. Please do let me know if there are specific toilets and or issues and I will endeavour to get this rectified. We will have immaculate, modern toilet facilities from January 2020 in the new build.

There is nowhere to sit outside by the art rooms anymore. Loads of people have to sit on stairs or the edge of walls. There is not enough seating and that makes break and lunch less relaxing.

I know this isn't ideal but there always is space in the dining hall in the back area to sit. I cannot spend any money on outdoor furnishings until the new build is complete.

Staff members of the week

Miss Byers Makes lessons fun and the work she does is not boring. She is always happy in lesson and not over strict.

Miss Ioannidis She is the best teacher this school has ever had – she makes sure I understand the work.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 6th May
 Tuesday 7th May
 Thursday 9th May

Bank Holiday, school closed
Spring Term STOP Meeting, 9-11am
PTA Meeting, 6.15pm

Celebrating Shakespeare

To celebrate Shakespeare's birthday on April 23rd and to coincide with the Key Stage Three study of various Shakespeare texts throughout this half term, the Year 7s were tasked with designing their own model or drawing of 'The Globe Theatre' as part of their Easter holiday homework. On Friday of last week, the weird and wonderful creations were brought to the library to be judged by the English Department and we were blown away by the quality of the work produced. From cakes to computer-produced 3D Globes; models made from lego, wood and cardboard to models that magically lit up, it was a difficult task to choose the best entry for each category.

Finally, with some help from other members of staff the following winners were chosen:

Best Drawing: *Odeea Bogos*

Most Innovative: *Alex Clements*

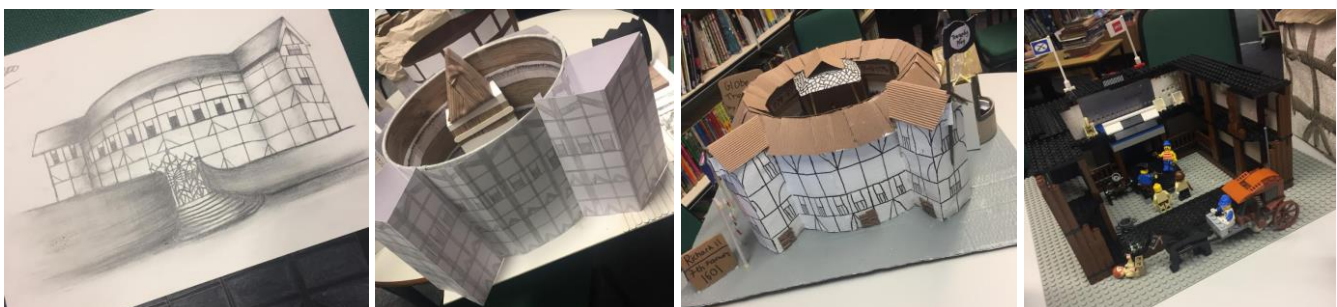
Best Structure: *Darren Bury-Cooke*

Best Effort: *Labrini Goulas*

Overall exceptional effort: *Isabelle Bennett*

And a special mention to *Ethan Spary-Hawthorn* whose lego masterpiece broke on arrival...

A big thank you and well done to all who participated and spent time during their holidays working on this project - it was a great way to commemorate one of England's greatest writers.



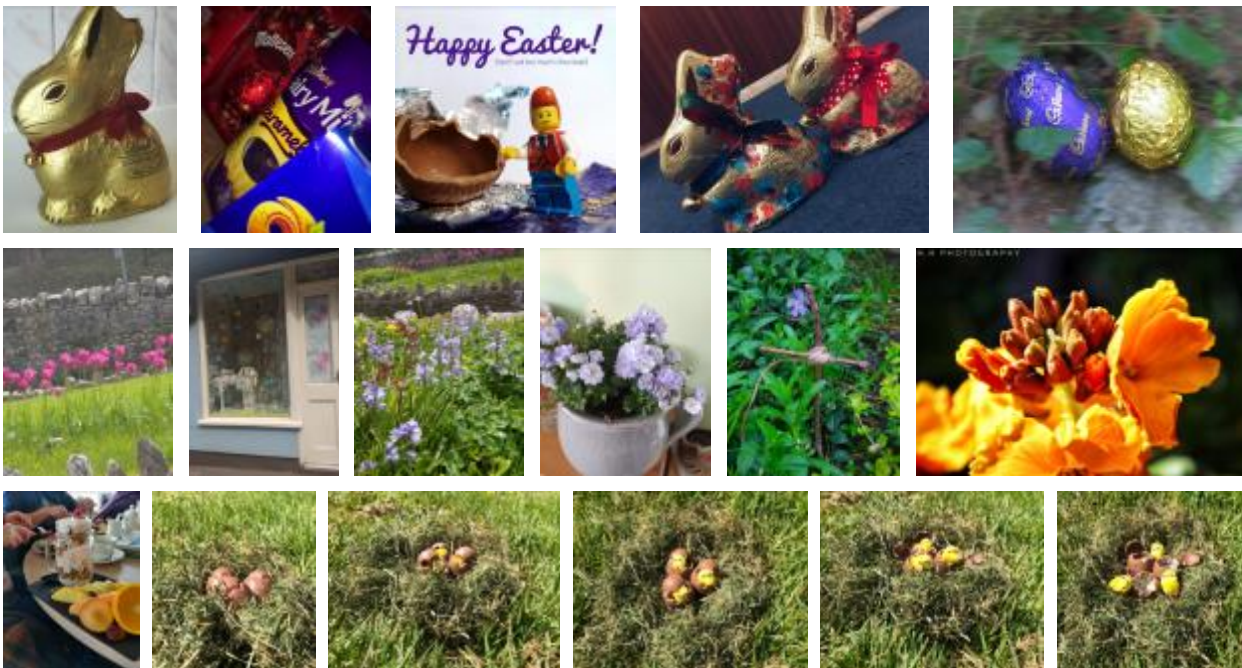
Miss O'Brien, English Teacher

Camera Club Update

In this season of bank holidays, Camera Club managed a quiet meeting on this rare Monday lunchtime! However, we still had lots of photographs to look at from the Easter holidays and lots of reminders about chocolate, as can be seen in these great photographs from Charlotte H (Year 13), Taylor P (Year 7), Honey B and Rishyal B (Year 9). I really appreciate the amount of time and effort that has gone into Ellie M's (Year 9) sequence of fluffy chicks being 'born' from chocolate eggs and how clever the idea is. Harrison H (Year 12) and Izzie C (Year 7) have taken some stunning pictures of colourful flowers. Finally Bethia P (Year 7) has taken a gorgeous picture of a flower and a cross, reminding us all of the origins of Easter.

Clearly the flowers inspired the group, as they made the decision for the coming week's challenge: to capture the inside of flowers. This is the time of year when we have daffodils, bluebells, pansies, cherry tree blossom and tulips so a perfect choice I think. With next week's bank holiday, the next meeting of Camera Club will be on Monday 13th May and due to exams, will be in A01.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography



Year 9 CPR Training

Each tutor group in Year 9 will get the opportunity to benefit from this experience as part of their PSHE lessons over the next few weeks. It is an exciting and worthwhile experience which may be of use if they ever need to put it into practice. Everybody who completes the training successfully will also receive a certificate.

The CPR training course is instructed to students by Ms Ball, our school health coordinator.




Miss Ball, Health Coordinator



Research Project by Reading University

Brakenhale are going to be working with a team of researchers from Reading University on a research project designed to improve treatment access for adolescents with anxiety disorders and/or depression. Full details about the involvement of parents/carers and students have been sent home via schoolcomms. Should you agree for you/your child to participate you do not need to do anything at this time to participate. If you do not want your son/daughter to take part please click on the link to opt out [Opt Out Form](#)

The project has been reviewed by the University of Reading Research Ethics Committee, and this committee has given the study favourable opinion to conduct. All researchers involved in the project have been through the enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checking process and received approval by the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Studies for working with children and adolescents.

<p>Dear Parent/Carer,</p> <p>We would like to invite you and your child to take part in our study</p> <p>Improving Access to Treatment for Anxiety and Depression in Adolescence IAT-ADA</p>  <p>Parent Information Leaflet</p>	<p>Anxiety disorders and depression are common mental health disorders in young people and one in five adolescents report struggling with mental health difficulties on a daily basis.</p>  <p>Anxiety and depression in young people can be effectively treated. However, approximately 2/3 of young people facing anxiety and/or depression fail to get the help they need.</p> <p>Our study aims to address this problem by... Developing a short screening questionnaire of anxiety and depression symptoms to help teachers, GPs and other professionals better identify adolescents who may need help.</p>	<p>What will we do?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will give two questionnaires of common symptoms of anxiety and depression to large numbers of young people in schools. 2. We will also collect some background information about young people from their schools to make sure we include a large and diverse sample of young people. 3. We will ask you to complete the same two questionnaires about your child and give us a few details about yourself. 4. If your child's scores are high on one of the questionnaires, we might contact you again to ask them a standard set of questions about the nature of their difficulties. 	<p>What happens next?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you agree for you/your child to participate, you do not need to do anything at this point. • A group of researchers will come to your child's school and give out the questionnaires and collect background information. Your child will be asked to provide their assent/consent at this point as well. • You will be sent a consent form and the same two questionnaires about your child a couple of weeks later and asked to complete them in paper or electronically. This will take you about 15 minutes. • If you do not want you/your child to take part, please complete the opt-out form and return it to school and send using the sealable envelope. You can also complete the opt-out form online: https://reading.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/iat-ada-parent-info-and-opt-out <p>To help us develop an accurate short screening questionnaire it is important that we collect information from parents as well as young people themselves.</p>	<p>We would also like you to know that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire responses will be stored on a secure University server using a unique ID and kept confidential. The only time we would share information with the school is if we believe someone is at serious risk of harm. • This study has been reviewed by the University of Reading Ethics Committee, and this committee has given the study a favourable opinion for conduct. • If taking part in this study is upsetting for your child, then our researchers will be on hand to provide support and guidance about further input from local services if necessary. • All the researchers involved in working with your child have been through the enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checking process and received approval to work with young people. • Your/your child's participation in our study is entirely voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any point. • For more information about collecting, using and storing your data, please see the Privacy Notice available on the study's website. 	<p>Who to talk to if I have concerns regarding my child's mental health?</p> <p>You can seek support from your GP and National organisations such as Young Minds (https://youngminds.org.uk/)</p>  <p>If you have any questions about current study, feel free to contact us directly.</p> <p>Principal Investigator: Dr Polly Wade Email: p.l.wade@reading.ac.uk Tel: 0118 378 5534</p> <p>Doctoral Researcher: Jerrica Rader Email: j.rader@pgr.reading.ac.uk Tel: 0781147926</p> <p>Researchers: Dr Tessa Reardon Email: t.reardon@reading.ac.uk Prof Cathy Creswell Email: c.creswell@reading.ac.uk</p> <p>The results from this study will form part of Jerrica's PhD</p> <p>School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences University of Reading Earley Gate Whiteknights Road Reading RG6 2AA</p> 
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Lost Property

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



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.

Email : lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

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

Thank you to all the parents and students that have used this email address.

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

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for naming students items, as so much more can be returned to our students now.

Mrs T McCrorie, Curriculum Support Assistant

Bracknell Lexicon Half Marathon

There is just under 2 weeks to go before the 2019 Lexicon Bracknell Half Marathon which takes place on Sunday 12th May 2019. This year is the second year that the half-marathon will start and finish at the Lexicon. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and for volunteers to Marshal and hand out water from 8.30/8.45am to 12.00pm. It is always a lovely community event, if you have helped in previous years please come along and help us again this year. All students and parents would be most welcome to come along and help hand out water/sponges, it is great fun.

It would be really helpful for organisation of the day if you could let me know if you intend to help by completing our online form by clicking [here](#), emailing me on ksingleton@brakenhale.co.uk or calling and leaving a message with your name and the number of helpers coming with you on my direct line 01344 464791.

Brakenhale School is water station 5, this is between miles 8 and 9. We have been asked to be set up and ready by 8.30am and at our stations by 8:45am. The last runners will be through by approximately 12pm.

In addition to volunteers for the water station that will be outside the Coningsby Gate we will need Marshals for:

- 64: the underpass at Ingleton
- 65: the underpass at the Downside Hotel
- 66: the Bus link from Crowthorne Road to Downshire Way.
- 67: Brakenhale water station
- 68: the footpaths at the rear of KFC
- 69: the footpath/cycle way south of the underpass

If you would specifically like to volunteer to Marshal at one of these points please let me know.

The runners will be running in an anti-clockwise direction, so will be approaching your marshal point/water station from Rectory Lane and heading towards the Sports Centre.

It is very important that Marshals are in place and that drink stations are ready to go in plenty of time, by 9.00 am at the very latest. There will be official course marshals driving round to check all is in place ready to go.

All marshals will be issued with a fluorescent tabard which they should wear during the race (we have to return these). There will also be a limited stock of souvenir T Shirts available which volunteers will be able to keep.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kim Singleton, on behalf of Brakenhale PTA, ksingleton@brakenhale.co.uk, 01344 464 791



Brakenhale School PTA



**Bracknell Half Marathon
WATER STATION
Volunteers Needed
Sunday 12th May 2019
8.45 - 12.00am**

Brakenhale is once again responsible for a Water Station and associated Marshal Points in the popular Lexicon Bracknell Half Marathon.

The half-marathon will start and finish at the Lexicon and we are asking for volunteers to helpers set up and volunteers to Marshal and hand out water from 8.45 to 12.00am.

It is always a lovely community event, if you have helped in previous years please come along and help us again this year. If not, students and parents you would be most welcome to come along and help hand out water/sponges, it is great fun.

Thank you for your support.

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Water Bottles

With the warmer weather 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 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 lost property.

Many Thanks

Mrs T McCrorie, Curriculum Support Assistant




Maths Puzzle & Countdown

This week's puzzle : 70

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

Q70 

In a market place one stall-holder sold apples to three customers.


The first one bought a third of the stock.

The second one bought a third of the remainder.

The third customer bought a third of what was left.

The stall-holder was left with 16 apples.


How many apples did he have at the start ?



Brakenhale does


Each week, a new puzzle for literacy and numeracy will come out. Mrs Lewis and Mrs Harbour have teamed up to bring you...Countdown!

#5



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 post answers in the box on reception.
Deadline is every Wednesday.


Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Make the longest word from the anagram below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">f u r p i l d e</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;">prideful</p>	<p>25 75 100 3 6 8</p>
<p>Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue?</p> <p>Think well of someone: someone is...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">p u r e t e b a l</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;">reputable</p>	<p>75 - 25 = 50 50 - 3 = 47 47 - 6 = 41 100 x 8 = 800 800 - 41 = 759</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">759</p>



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Deadline is every Wednesday.

Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Make the longest word from the anagram below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">r a i n s e n t</p>	<p>100 50 75 5 4 6</p>
<p>Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? Be careful...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">t a c u d e n o i</p>	<p style="font-size: 24px; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">709</p>

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:

Absellina, 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
- Molly Penn
- Leanne Palmer
- Callum Harding
- Pixie Willett
- Niketa Amar Dhapur
- Jodie Simpson
- Danielle Rabulan
- Georgina Harrington
- Asha Munissi
- Jade Daniel
- Chloe Hawkins
- Amy Cogdon
- Mia-Rose Hawthorne

Available every day in the SSC at lunchtime

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

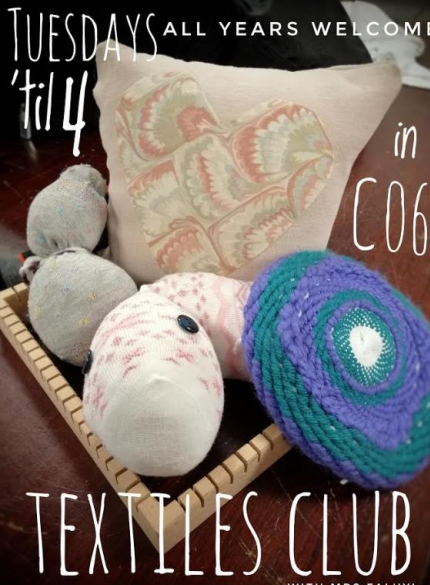
We are here to help!!!

EVEN IF YOU'RE UNSURE OF ANYTHING IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO ASK THAN SORRY

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

ANTI-BULLYING

TUESDAYS 'til 4 ALL YEARS WELCOME



in **C06**

TEXTILES CLUB
 WITH MRS FALUYI

The Brakenhale Vocal Group



Thursday 3:05 - 4:05
LS1

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
LS1




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

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 26th April

Last Week

Year Group	%
Year 7	94
Year 8	93.9
Year 9	96
Year 10	95.8
Year 11	95.4
Brakenhale Attendance	95

Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 26th April

Year to Date

Year Group	%
Year 7	96.1
Year 8	94.4
Year 9	94
Year 10	94.6
Year 11	94.9
Brakenhale Attendance	94.8

Year to Date

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	96.1
Year 8	94.4
Year 9	94.0
Year 10	94.6
Year 11	94.9

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.

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

The Brakenhale School

Summer Term : WEEK COMMENCING : 7 May

Week 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Hot Main Meal</i>	Bank Holiday	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
<i>Hot Vegetarian Meal</i>		Vegetable Curry (V)	Chilli Beans Rice (V)	Vegetable Burrito (V)	Vegetable Burger (V)
<i>Carbohydrate</i>		Naan Bread Pilaf Rice	Roast Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Chips
<i>Vegetables</i>		Broccoli and Cauliflower	Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad	Baked Beans or Peas
<i>Pudding</i>		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

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

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

PE Update

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Half Term 5 (April/May) - 2018-2019					
	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*** Y11 GCSE PE Study Sessions PE Office	***Sports Hall Closed***	***Sports Hall Closed*** Y12 A level PE Revision C21 MPO	***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	P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions GCSE PE Revision (Year 11) BTEC L2 and L3 catch up (Years 10-13) 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.

The first full week back after Easter has been a busy one with all the extra-curricular clubs starting. Make sure you know when the clubs are on and come and join us! This week also saw year 11 GCSE Moderation at Wellington College, with this in mind there is not long until the GCSE PE exam!

Year 11 Practical Moderation

Congratulations to our Year 11 GCSE PE group who successfully completed their practical moderation at Wellington College. As part of their moderation process our students have had to perform in athletics, badminton, handball, netball and trampolining. Brakenhale students were in direct competition with students from Wellington College, The Marist, St Georges and Heathfield school. All students stepped up on the day and performed exceptionally well under intense conditions. By completion of the day the students have secured 40% of their final grade, this puts them in a great position for their exams at the end of May. Well done Year 11!

Year 11 Dates for your Dairy

The GCSE PE Exams are on the 15th and 17th May and the BTEC Resit Exam is on the 9th May.

Do you want to be a GALM member?

Do you love sport? Or hate sport? Do you want to be a role model? Do you want to be a leader?

Then being a part of the GALM squad is for you. GALM stands for Girls Active Leadership and Management Squad.

Being a member of the GALM means you will have a say about PE and the girls curriculum. You are going to be representative of the voice of all the girls in the school. You are going to come up with ideas of how we can get more girls to enjoy PE inside and outside of school. You are going to organise events and of course you will work together as a team!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th May in the PE Office. Girls come along and bring a friend so that you can have your say!

'Design a Rounders Bat' Competition

We have an exciting competition which we have entered. It is for the chance for students to design their own rounders bat!

We will be competing against schools across the country and if your design wins then the bat will be made. You will have your own customised Aresson Rounders Bat.

The competition requires you to design your own bat and a poster as to why you love rounders.

The closing date for the competition is Monday 24th June.

For further information and to come and collect your template, please come to the PE office and speak to Miss Willimott.

The competition is organised by Aresson Design a Bat competition 2019.

Many thanks for your continued support with school sport at Brakenhale.



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

Feedback Initiative

Electronic submission:

[Fab](#) [Drab](#) [Staff Member of the Week](#)

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

Ms Coley, Headteacher



Fundraising

Dear Parents and carers

We are so grateful for those of you that are doing wonderful things to support our fundraising and, week by week, you will see the total increasing. We are still a long way from our target so if you are feeling motivated by the others mentioned on this page, please contact me at fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk, or visit our fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/iwanttobuysomefurniture/472468>

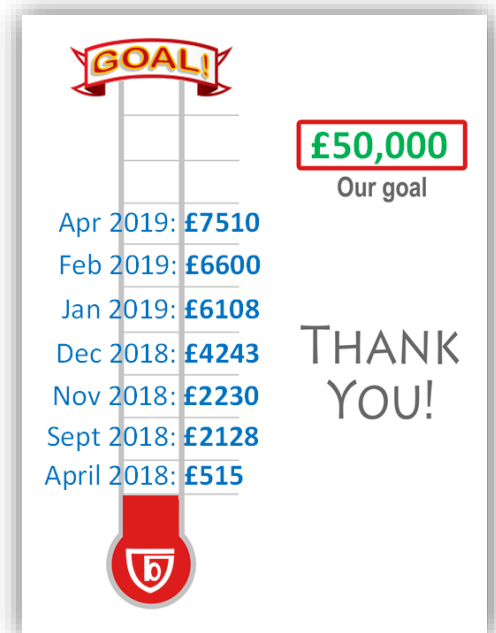
Please note that the date of the Community Walk, organised by Easthampstead Rotary Club, has changed from 19th May to 7th July. I hope that many of you and your children will walk with us. More details to follow.

Our amazing athlete, Dawn Godwin is running in the Lexicon Bracknell Half Marathon on 12th May. If you go to watch, please give Dawn a big cheer when you see her. Her sponsorship page is now set up, at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/dawngodwin>. If you go onto the page, you will see my name, not Dawn's. This is because I set the page up for Dawn and it automatically used my name! Any of you who know me will understand that it is definitely not me who is running the half-marathon!!!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk



Reading FC Discounted Tickets



Discounted Reading FC Tickets plus fantastic prizes to be won!

- Reading FC v Birmingham City on Sunday 5th May 12:30pm Kick Off.

The Reading FC School and Grassroots Ticketing Scheme also allows our School to raise much needed funds, as for every ticket you purchase, a percentage of the ticket is donated back to the school from Reading Football Club.

If our School is successful, then we have the opportunity of winning some of the following prizes: Meet the first team players, Play on the Madejski Stadium pitch, Bonus towards our funding, Free Family Tickets, Signed items and much more!

How to Book:

Reading FC sell 4 home league fixtures at a time throughout the season, and anyone wishing to book should check on sale dates via www.readingfc.co.uk.

Once one of our chosen fixtures are on sale, phone the Ticket Office on **0118 968 1313** and quote **Brakenhale School**. Tickets must be booked by the chosen deadline for each fixture. This is 3pm on the Thursday before a weekend fixture, or 3pm on a Friday before a Tuesday night fixture. After this time, discounted tickets will not be available through the scheme.

Tickets are only available in the Eamonn Dolan Stand including the family Area. Each booking must have at least one child as part of the booking. Madejski Stadium ground regulations and ticketing Terms and Conditions also apply, please visit www.readingfc.co.uk

Age Band	Ticket Price	Amount Raised
Adult	£15	£5
65 and over	£10	£4
18-24	£8	£3
17 and under	£5	£2
12 and under	£2	50p

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.

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 supporting **BRAKENHALE** High Expectations & Challenge for All

DINE OUT IN THE SPRING SUNSHINE

A chance to **WIN 1 of 5 £50 Restaurant Vouchers**

- 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**

Supporter must be 18 years of age or older. Sign up before 30th April 2019. Terms and conditions apply. © 2018 Lottery

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 apps/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

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

Telephone us: 01344 874031
www.blazemartialarts.com

Young Artists' Summer Show

Call for entries

A new opportunity for students aged 7-19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts

Open for submissions 4 February - 8 May 2019

Find out more and enter royalacademyofarts.org/youngartists

Royal Academy of Arts

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

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!



Current Vacancies

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

- Second in Science
- Drama Teacher
- Business & Economics Teacher
- English Teacher
- Maths Teacher
- Graduates in Maths, English, Science and Business/Economics

Future Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 14th May

Wednesday 15th May

Wednesday 22nd May

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

CCF Information Evening, 6-7pm

Summer Term STOP Meeting (new programme), 1-3pm

A Parent's Guide to Responsible Teenage Technology Use meeting, 6.30pm

Summer Term STOP Meeting, 1-3pm

Half Term

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 – 2020/2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020	Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 Inset Days Thursday 3 rd September – Friday 18 th December 2020 Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020 Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021 <i>(Friday 1st January Bank Holiday)</i>
SPRING TERM 2021	Monday 4 th January – Thursday 1 st April 2021 Spring Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021 Spring Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021 <i>(Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April)</i>
SUMMER TERM 2021	Monday 19 th April – Friday 16 th July 2021 Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021 Monday 19 th , Tuesday 20 th and Wednesday 21 st July 2021 Inset Days Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET Days

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 19th , Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021

Please check the school website regularly for current information.

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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