



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been so positive and it has been lovely to see so many students benefitting from so many reward and information trips. On Wednesday some of our Year 7 students visited Reading University along with Mr Hilton. They listened to some information talks and were able to take part in some activities. We hope this encourages their goals of attending university when they leave school. We also organised a hot chocolate reward for Year 8 students who have been getting everything right. The Year 8 tutor group award went to 8E who were treated to a MacDonaldis reward on Thursday.

Wednesday also saw a reward trip for 17 students from Years 7 to 10 for their contribution to PE - Miss Willimott accompanied them to Top Golf. On Thursday over 100 of our Year 9 students were rewarded with a visit to see Instant Family at the Cinema. Thank you to the large number of staff who accompanied them and make all of these activities possible.

Today Year 11 PE students were accompanied by Mr Potter to London for a student conference which was fully focussed on examination skills. Finally, after school today we have a charity football match organised by Duncan and Ewan Gennery in Year 12 and 13 to raise money for the local charity Thames Hospice. Our wonderful Chair of Governors, Karen Roche, also baked cakes for the occasion. Cakes were also a theme at breaktime when Year 11 students sold wonderful homemade items to raise money for their world challenge visit.

Thursday also saw our Year 11 Revision Information Evening take place. Mr Corry, Mr Beukes, Mr O'Donoghue and an outside speaker spoke to parents and students about good study methods and how to obtain support over the Easter period. Students were also rewarded with a study pack which contained lots of goodies to make revising easier. Students start their exams immediately after Easter and it is really important they are able to focus in the next two weeks. If any Year 11 parents were unable to attend and would like information please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are also proud to announce that our prefects are now wearing their new 'prefect' ties and look amazingly smart!

Isn't it amazing how much happens in one week in the life of #teamBrakenhale.

For the next two weeks we will all be having a much needed break apart from staff who are in across the two weeks running revision sessions, but when we return we will be very busy starting with the Year 11 examinations.

Student of the week:

Anthony Olatunji in Year 10 – who won a silver certificate for best in year and best in school for the intermediate Maths Challenge 2019. Well Done Anthony!

Jessica P in Year 13 – who completed her dance examinations this week. Her overall scores were amazing scoring 90%, 92% and 92% overall. Well Done Jess!

Harrison Edwards in Year 8 – For being a super student runner as he did so much running around, he was very on the ball with what he was doing and reception could really rely on him.

Drab & Fab feedback this week is as follows:



Fab:

A lady who lives next to the school said 'It's really nice to see the children leaving school and there not being any problems. Whatever you are doing in the school is working and it's a pleasure to be living here now.'

Drab:

Doing so much of homework etc. online, not everyone has internet or has very limited data, and not all children have smart phones. There doesn't seem to be alternative to this. It's the same for needing to print at home, not everyone has the ability to do so and if the school are handing out the homework it should be provided not expected that the parents will do it.

- *I do understand your frustration and we are currently reviewing our homework policy, I will pass this feedback on to staff.*

The amount of girls leaving school rolling their skirts up too high! This looks awful and although I know the school monitors this behaviour maybe it's time to get rid of skirts altogether then it won't be an issue. I know the school does a brilliant job with the uniform but this seems to be getting worse.

- *Thank you for this feedback we are monitoring the situation and students are receiving detentions. Some students have lost the right to wear a skirt due to rolling it.*

Staff members of the week:

Mr Budden His art lessons are very entertaining and he is very nice.

Mr Bury He has helped our daughter with her self-confidence and positive behaviour – a really nice gentleman that genuinely wants to help young people.

Miss Turner & Mr Hilton Both of these teachers have gone above and beyond their duties this week especially Miss Turner who has supported our son in his week of need Thank you to both of you so much as it has made us feel better about school life.

Mr Rees I have chosen Mr Rees because in Maths he has been very patient and helpful with us as a class. He has also boosted our confidence and independence with our revision

Mrs Gibbons For being nice.

Have a wonderful Easter break and a huge thank you for all of your continued support!

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 8 th April to Monday 22 nd April	:	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	:	Identity Club , break time – Identity will be getting in contact with Mr Hicks all the way from Australia
Wednesday 24 th April	:	Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Injections

Don't miss out on your discounted tickets for the Reading FC v Brentford fixture on Saturday 13th April. Please see further on in parent news for more details.

Fundraising

Easter raffle winner

We are delighted to announce the winner of the Bracknell Forest Lions Easter Raffle drawn by Mrs Roche - Chair of Governors - was Victoria Thompson in Year 8. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Raffle which raised over £135 for the new build fund #teambrokenhale.

New Build Site Visit

Three of our fabulous student fundraisers for #teambrokenhale were treated to a visit of the new build this week with Mrs Roche, Chair of Governors, and the Wates Site Manager.

Jamie in Year 7 is planning a further fundraiser by doing the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge in May (25 miles hill walking) so good luck to him.

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body



Brilliant Club

A massive well done to 12 Year 9 students who have this week completed their course with the Brilliant Club.

The students had to submit a 2000 word essay on Rising sea levels and small island states: Can a small island disappear?

The students have really engaged with the programme and I am looking forward to seeing how well they have done before taking them to their Graduation at the Royal Holloway, University of London in May.

A very proud

Mrs C Masson, Higher Ability Coordinator

What is The Brilliant Club?

The Brilliant Club is an award-winning university access charity that works with schools and universities across the UK.

<https://thebrilliantclub.org/>

Year 10 and 11 Easter Revision Programme

Year 11

Date	Subject	Time	Room
Monday 8 th April	GCSE Music	9am - 12pm	LR1
	English 7/8/9	9am - 12pm	Main Hall
	Maths 4/5/6	9am - 12pm	M13
	English 4/5/6	1pm - 3.45pm	Main Hall
	Maths 7/8/9	1pm - 3.45pm	M13
Tuesday 9 th April	Media	9am - 12pm	B14
	GCSE Music	9am - 12pm	LR1
	Health & Social Care	9am - 3.45pm	B11
	History	9am - 12pm or 12.30pm - 3pm	C25/26
	Science (Invite only)	1pm - 3.45pm	S21
Wednesday 10 th April	Product Design	9am - 12pm	T04/Workshop
	BTEC Sport	9am - 3.45pm	B11
Thursday 11 th April	GCSE Drama	10am - 12pm	L01
	Photography	9am - 3.45pm	B17
	Art	1pm - 3.45pm	A02
Friday 12 th April	IT	9am - 3.45pm	B12
	Computing	9am - 3.45pm	B11
	GCSE Business	10am - 12pm	B15
	GCSE Business 11B/BS1	9am - 12pm	B14
	BTEC Business	12.30pm - 2pm	B15
Wednesday 17 th April	BTEC Dance GCSE Dance	9am - 3.45pm	Movement Studio
Thursday 18 th April	Geography	9am - 12pm	G01
	BTEC Dance	9am - 3.45pm	Movement Studio

Year 10

Date	Subject	Time	Room
Monday 8 th April	Year 10 English Literature	9am – 3.45pm	C13
Tuesday 16 th April	Year 10 Religious Studies	11.30am – 2.30pm	SF12

Mr R Corry, Deputy Headteacher


Well Done

Well done to Anthony Olatunji in Year 10 for being awarded a Silver certificate, Best in Year and Best in School for the recent Intermediate Maths Challenge 2019.

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!



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 Munissi
• Callum Harding	• Jade Daniel
• Pixie Willett	• Chloe Hawkins
• Niketa Amar Dhupar	• Amy Cagdon
• Jodie Simpson	• Mia-Rose Hawthorne

ANTI-BULLYING

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 LAZY OR ANYTHING IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SORRY THAN BULLYING

TUESDAYS ALL YEARS WELCOME

4:15 - 4:45 in C06



TEXTILES CLUB

WITH MRS FALUYI



The Brakenhale Vocal Group

Thursday 3:05 - 4:05

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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

Whom?
Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 13

Lost Property Update

KEYS: We currently have 60 various unclaimed house keys/locker keys accumulated over the past year. Please can you make sure if your student has lost a key then they come to the Head of Years Office BEFORE the end of April as all remaining keys will be destroyed after that.

Lost property: We would like to remind you that we have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property. They are situated in Head of Year office and we have set up an email address - lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk - for all queries. Thank you to those parents who name all items as if named items are lost they can instantly be returned to our students.

Water Bottles: We have several unnamed and unclaimed water bottles. Please come to the Head of Year office to look if you are missing a bottle. As we head into the Summer term may I take this opportunity to remind you that water bottles are needed for school as cups are no longer provided. We have Brakenhale school bottles for sale from the Head of Year office, main reception and the print room at a cost of £2.00

Thank you

Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support

Sixth Form Fundraising

Thank you to the Sixth Form students who made a total of £64.04 for the Cats Protection Charity last month. The money will be sent over to the charity this week. They did a brilliant job in getting a cake sale and coffee morning all together and I think that's a fantastic total; well done.

Mr Duffy, Head of Sixth Form

Harrison Helyer, Sixth Form Student

Performing Arts Update

Year 13 student Keir B and Year 9 students Anya P and Ariana K are performing in 'Our House' at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre in Woking from Wednesday 3rd April until Saturday 6th April. The musical is being performed by Berkshire Arts Academy and features hit songs from Madness. We hope performances go well and would like to congratulate Anya in being involved in such a fantastic production. Tickets are available here:

<https://www.berkshireartsacademy.com/tickets.html>

Over Easter several of our Brakenhale students (Keir B, Ariana K, Lauren W and Emma W) will be performing in South Hill Park's 'High School Musical'. Students have been working hard to promote the production around Bracknell - you might have seen them singing and dancing around The Lexicon! They will be performing from Wednesday 17th April to Monday 22nd April, tickets are available from South Hill Parks website:

<https://www.southhillpark.org.uk/events/high-school-musical/>

Congratulations to our Year 13 student Jessica P who completed her dance examinations at the weekend. Jess had to perform Ballroom, Latin and Freestyle dances to complete her examinations. Her overall grades were absolutely amazing, scoring 90%, 92% and 92% overall. Jess has worked incredibly in Dance both outside and inside of school and these results are a testament to all of her hard work and dedication.

Lift Off

We are delighted with the professional photographs taken by Savannah Photographic at Lift Off Dance Festival last weekend. We have shared these with students involved and we are waiting on our professionally filmed footage for both dance works. Here is a selection of our favourite photographs:

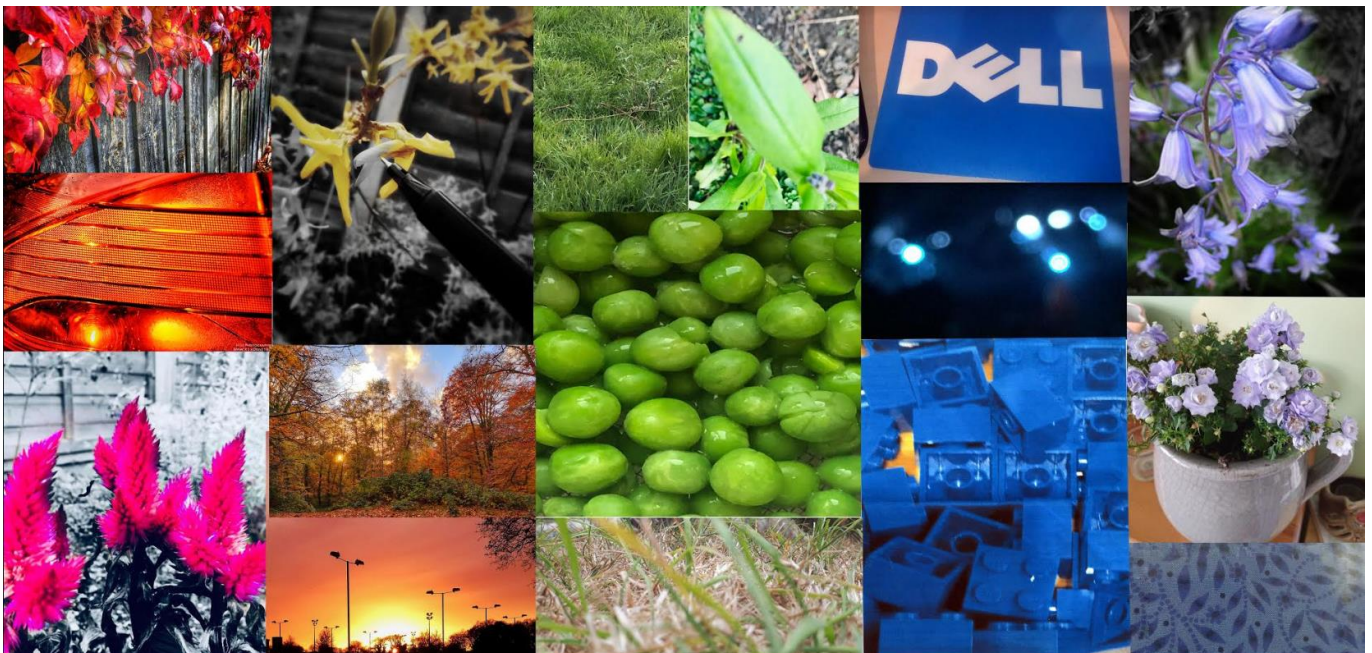


Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

Camera Club Update

We made Camera Club history this week by producing our first group photographic activity!

Last week, we divided up the colours of the rainbow amongst the group and were all tasked to take at least one photograph in our chosen colour. The results were fabulous and have been collaged together to create one final 'rainbow coloured' image, which I'm sure you will agree is very eye-catching. The photographs in the collage are from Charlotte H Year 13, Harrison H Year 12, Emilie D, Rishyal B, Anya P and Ellie M Year 9s, Olive M, Bethia P, Taylor P and Izzie C in Year 7.




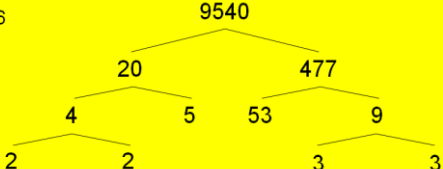
With the Easter holidays very much on the horizon, it will come as no surprise that our photographic theme for the holidays is Easter - whether that means chocolate, hot cross buns, rabbits, daffodils, chicks, days out or chilling on the sofa, the challenge is to capture that in your photographs.

As we return on a Tuesday after the holidays and then into the GCSE Exams, Camera Club will be held on Monday 29th April but in A01, rather than B17.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography

Maths Puzzle

This week's puzzle

This week's puzzle 64	Last week's answer 66
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Q64  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">A school sells stationery in packets as follows :-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A notebook and 2 bios cost 48p</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A notebook and 4 pencils cost 58p</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A notebook, a pencil and 3 crayons cost 64p</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How much should you pay for a package containing a notebook, a pencil, a biro and a crayon ?</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>A66</p>  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">$9540 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5 \times 53$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The only way of getting a number between 70 and 100 is if the numbers are split as follows :-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5$ and 2×53</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Giving 90 tickets at £106 each</u></p>


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 Does Countdown

Last Week's Answers:

This Week's Questions:



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Please put answers in the box on reception.

Deadline is every Wednesday.



Literacy	Numeracy
Make the longest word from the anagram below. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-family: monospace;"> eacdhvei </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold;">achieved</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-family: monospace;"> 25310892 </div>
Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? The most important thing in life is education <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-family: monospace;"> diecountan </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-size: small;"> $25 + 3 = 28$ $28 + 10 = 38$ $38 \times 9 = 342$ $8 + 2 = 4$ $4 + 342 = 346$ </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: large;">346</div> </div>



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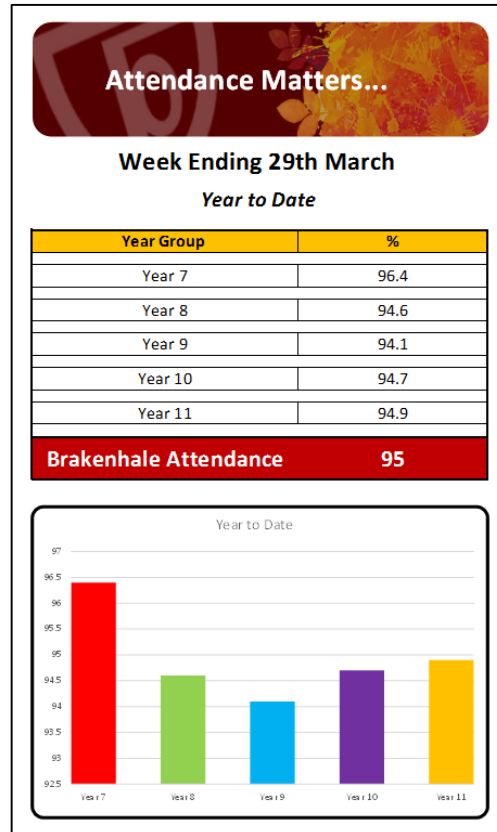
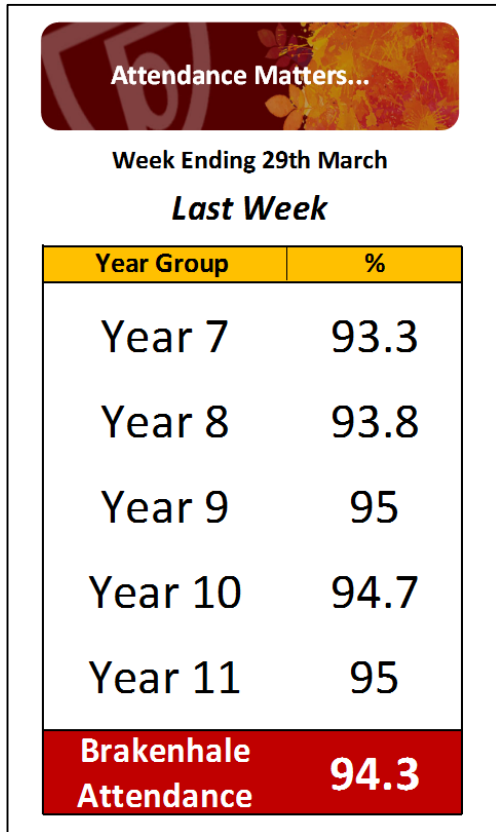


Literacy	Numeracy
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Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? Think well of someone: someone is.... <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-family: monospace;"> puretebai </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: large;">759</div>

Ms L Harbour, Maths Teacher and Mrs D Lewis, English Teacher

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.



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

Science

Miss Turner's Year 9 students have been doing heart dissections in science over the last 2 weeks! Please see below for some very cool photos! We have some very fun things happening in science!



School Dining Hall

Please see the menu for next week.

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING : 23 April, 13 May					
Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Beef Lasagne	British Farm Assured Chicken Korma, Mango Chutney	British Farm Assured Roast Gammon	Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Lasagne (V)	Vegetable Korma (V)	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake (V)	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetarian Pizza (V)
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread	Pilaf Rice	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
Pudding	Syrup Sponge and Vanilla Custard	Cold Gateaux of the day	Apple Crumble and Custard	Chocolate Muffins	Selection of Cold Desserts

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

PE Update

The last week in the spring term has seen a wide range of weather for the PE department and we are looking forward to the sun in the summer term!

This week has been particularly busy for the PE department, with two semi-cup football matches, a reward trip, a charity football match, OCR conference and the launch of GLAMS.

Inter-house Competition

Last week we held the spring term inter-house competition. At the time of writing for last week's parent news only the Year 8s had played. The last 2 years in KS3 to play, Year 7 and 9, played on Thursday and Friday last week and they were very successful. The Year 7s were the best year for students participating as they had over 99% involved in the house competition, so a massive thank you to Year 7.

A reminder of the competition: Benchball for the girls and Football for the boys.

The results were as follows:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Boys	1st Temple 2nd Farley 3rd Jennetts 4th Swinley	1st Jennetts 2nd Swinley 3rd Farley 4th Temple	1st Swinley 1st Temple 2nd Farley 3rd Jennetts
Girls	1st Swinley 2nd Jennetts 3rd Temple 3rd Farley	1st Temple 2nd Farley 3rd Jennetts 3rd Swinley	1st Jennetts 2nd Temple 3rd Swinley 4th Farley

It is very close to call an overall winner for the spring inter-house competition, as we had a varied set of results. So it means it is all still to play for on Sports Day and in lessons!

Year 9 Football Semi Cup V Cox Green (awaiting report)

Year 10 Football Semi Cup v Cox Green (awaiting report)

Reward Trip - Top Golf

On Wednesday, Miss Rushby and myself took a group of students to Top Golf. We divided ourselves into 3 bays. During the game at least once we all had a practice shot. It wasn't at all because we may have had a swing and a miss! I seemed to master some sort of technique by the 20th ball, I had finally got into a rhythm and hit my best shot. Miss Rushby was leading for the majority of the way with a double shot giving her 16 points. But with the last 2 balls Becky overtook Miss Rushby and won by 4 points. Some students got some amazing height on the ball, however they did not get in a scoring zone, the best one was Ewan. Joe was hitting the ball the furthest however he needed to work on his aim as he couldn't score his points.

It was a brilliant trip and I would like to thank those who attended as they all to enjoy themselves.

Make sure you are attending extra-curricular clubs to be selected for the next reward trip. We are currently planning it and I know you will not want to miss out so make sure you attend extra-curricular clubs!

GLAMS

GLAMS is an initiative from the Youth Sport Trust. It is all about engaging girls in PE and physical activity. So Brakenhale are launching their very own 'Girls Leadership and Management Squad' (GLAMS).

To become a member of GLAMS you do not have to be the best at sport, you do not have to like sport but you must want to make a change about girls and physical activity.

We have had our first meeting this week and we had a small number girls attend the meeting. The atmosphere was amazing and I cannot wait to get started and make a change in girls PE.

There are a number of roles with the GLAMS which you may be interested in: Designer, Market Researcher, Media Manager, Motivator, Reporter. None of them focus on how good you are at sport, it is all about how we can work together and change the attitudes of girls in sport.

#likeagirl is a great advert (you can find this on YouTube or [click on this link](#) for why this initiative is taking place and why we want our very own Brakenhale GLAMS.

Remember those individuals who attended the meeting need to think about what role they would like to be and then email me/hand your reason why you would be good for that role by Wednesday 24th April.

Do not worry if you missed the meeting, you have not missed out! Please email me and I will send you some more information. It is open for all year groups!

Netball Party

This week also saw the last netball session of the year and goodbye to the Year 11s at Netball. So we threw a party: we played games and then sat down for some food! I would like to say a massive thank you to the students who consistently turn up and goodbye to Tegan (hopefully we will see you in the Sixth Form team so it's not really goodbye!).

Charity football Match

The match is being played today (Friday) after-school. We will bring you a write up in the parent news in the first week back after Easter.

Extra Curricular Timetable

As we are entering the summer term we have a new extra-curricular timetable. Please can you check out the new sports on offer. We have a number of fixtures for rounders and athletics already booked in. We will be organising cricket and tennis fixtures so make sure you are at the clubs to be selected to represent the school.

Fixtures for first week back after Easter

The only fixtures on the first week back will depend on how well the boys do in the semi-final football fixtures. If they win they will have the finals during the first week back.

Year 9 will be on Thursday 25th April @ Bracknell Town

Year 10 will be on Friday 26th April @ Bracknell Town.



The PE department would like to wish you a very Happy Easter and we can't wait to see what the summer term has to bring.

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

Thank you to those of you who supported our Easter Egg raffle, donated by the local Lions. It was won by a student in Year 8, who was very excited! We raised about £130.

One of our youngsters in Year 7 took it upon himself to raise some money for us and so joined the boys in Year 9 and I on a tour of the new building on Tuesday. It was very exciting and wonderful to see the fantastic facilities that your children will enjoy from the start of next year. Please remember that, as parents or friends of the school, if you engage in fundraising events or make donations, you will also be invited to a **special event** to see the building before others!

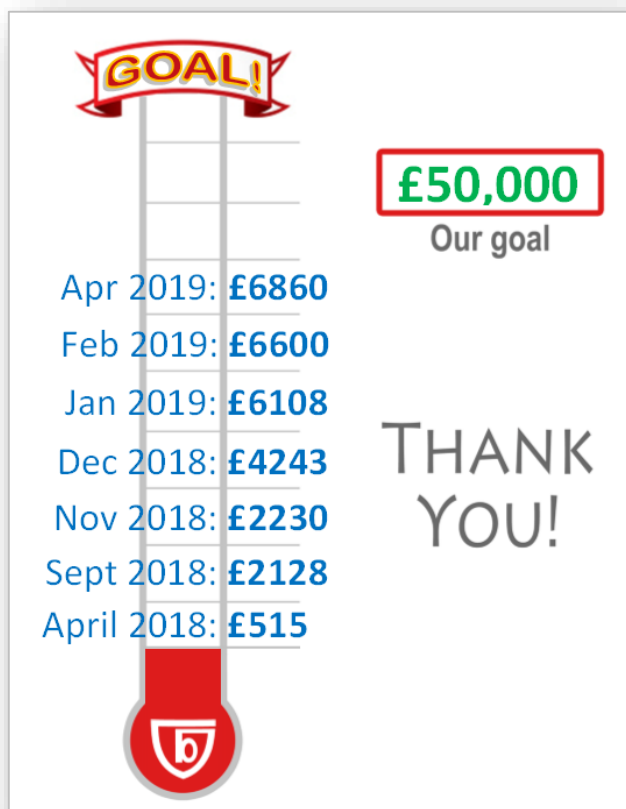
Note that our total has increased again! Thank you to two parents who have recently made donations. Their kindness will buy some furniture or equipment for the new build. If you wish to do something similar, please visit our MyDonate page using the link below:

<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 will and your children will walk with us. I will tell you more about it next term.

A group of parents are doing a walk/run/cycle event for our charity on 14th April 2019. You can sponsor them if you follow this link. This is the last opportunity to wish them good luck!

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



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To find out more, talk to us on 0845 833 7837
Or meet us on **Wednesday 10th April at 8pm**
for a cup of tea/coffee at:

Bracknell Open Learning Centre
Rectory Lane
RG12 7GR

www.bracknellforestlions.org.uk
[@BracknellLions](https://www.facebook.com/BracknellForestLions)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

Bracknell Bees Partnership

We are pleased to announce that we have continued to be partners with the Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey team and members of their schools outreach programme. This programme gives us unique offers and discounts for parents and children to attend the game.

The Bracknell Bees are delighted to have reached the Southern FINAL and want to repay the faith all the Schools Zone fans this Season and help start your Easter Break with a loud Hive.

The Final on Saturday 6th April at 6pm is a Schools Programme Game with the voucher attached.

Tickets go on sale 7pm Monday 1st April.

May we take this opportunity to thank all the Schools, Staff, Parents and Guardians that have enjoyed the Programme this Season.

The Bees need you all loud, proud for our PLAY OFF FINAL GAME, let's fill the School Zone in black ,white and gold!.

The next Bracknell Bees School Zone game is on **Saturday 6th April at 6.00pm**

Please find below the voucher to receive your exclusive school discount.

Please call 01344 789000 and quote 'Schools Zone'. All you then need to do is bring a copy of the voucher with you on the night or this email on your mobile device.

All pre purchased tickets and all Complimentary Tickets will be available from **The Bees Shop**.

All tickets purchased on the night for the School Zone are from the Bees Shop, outside of the Rink.

All tickets bought in advance or purchased on the night are at the exclusive discounted price of £10 per adult and 2 kids go free!!

Doors open 5.15pm with the match starting at 6.00pm

Hope to see many of you there as **The Bees NEED YOU LOUD AND PROUD**



TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED IN PERSON WITH THIS VOUCHER OR BY CONTACTING THE BOX OFFICE ON 01344 789000 AND QUOTING 'SCHOOL ZONE' - AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE GAME NIGHT. THESE TICKETS ARE FOR OUR DESIGNATED SCHOOL ZONE ON SPECIFIC DATES ONLY. VISIT WWW.BRACKNELLBEES.COM/SCHOOLS FOR DETAILS



WWW.BRACKNELLBEES.COM BOX OFFICE - 01344 789000

Reading FC Discounted Tickets

Discounted Reading FC Tickets plus fantastic prizes to be won!

- Reading FC v Brentford on Saturday 13th April 3pm Kick Off.
- 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

THE ROYALS GROUPS & EVENTS

Ticketing Scheme

Be Part of the Action!
Your school or group will be entered in to our new Incentive Scheme and compete against other local schools and groups to win the following prizes:

- Chance to meet Reading FC players
- Opportunity to play on the pitch at Madejski Stadium
- £50 bonus towards your fundraising
- Free Family Tickets
- Signed items and much more!

PICK FROM READING V Sat 12th Jan, 3pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 2nd Jan

NOTTINGHAM FOREST Sat 23rd Feb, 3pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 21st Feb

ROTHAMHAM UNITED Tue 12th Mar, 8pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 10th Mar

LEEDS UNITED Sat 13th Apr, 3pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 11th Apr

BRENTFORD Sun 5th May, 12.50pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 2nd May

BIRMINGHAM CITY

Ticket Price	Amount donated to YOUR team or group
Adults £15	£5
65 and over £10	£4
18-24 £8	£3
17 and under £5	£2
12 and under £2	50p

To book please call the Ticket Office on 0118 968 1313 and quote: Brakenhale School. Please ensure you call before the booking deadline.
Prizes are subject to change. Tickets are subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Well done to the many students who take part in a variety of after school clubs on a regular basis and who contribute to house points in doing so. It is lovely to see so many students taking part with such enthusiasm.

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - SUMMER TERM Part 1 2018-19

	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.

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

#WakeUpWednesday

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**
 THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE USING ON THEIR DEVICES. ASKING THEM THEIR FAVORITE GAMES THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TALK TO YOU ABOUT IS A GOOD IDEA FOR CONSIDERING THEIR ONLINE BEHAVIOUR. BECAUSE OF THE APPS AND GAMES YOU RELEASED EARLY ON, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OPEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE USING.
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**
 AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS USING ONLINE. ENCOURAGING POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY FOR THEM IS HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITE, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?**
 SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILEST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM IT HELPS YOU ASK QUESTIONS THAT THEY DON'T USUALLY ASK THEM IN A CASUAL WAY. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITY WITH YOU, DISCUSS WHY.
- Do you have any online friends?**
 CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS CAN BECOME MORE POSITIVE THAN IN THE REAL WORLD. HOWEVER, THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD ASK THEM THE QUESTION 'HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU MET THEM IN REAL LIFE?' TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDS, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.
- Do you know where to go for help?**
 ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE. YOU CAN CONSIDER ASKING THEM IF THEY HAVE ANY STRUGGLES TO APPROACH THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF, OR A TEACHER. ASK THEM TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.
- Do you know what your personal information is?**
 YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW IT CAN BE USED. ASK THEM TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED ONLINE. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.
- Do you know your limits?**
 CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BEING ON GAMES ALL THE TIME, OR TO OPEN UP ABOUT REALITY PARTS AND ASK QUESTIONS OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE. ASK THEM TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THEIR ONLINE BEHAVIOUR, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

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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 royac/youngartists #rayoungartists

Royal Academy of Arts

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**

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/>

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

Term Dates – 2020/2021**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December 2020

Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

(Friday 1st January Bank Holiday)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

Spring Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

(Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July 2021

Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st 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.

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Tuesday 30 th April	Junior Maths Challenge
Wednesday 1 st May	Spring Term STOP Meeting (catch up)
Thursday 2 nd May	Summer Term STOP Meeting
Friday 3 rd May	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
Tuesday 7 th May	Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 14 th May	Spring Term STOP Meeting (catch up)
Wednesday 15 th May	CCF Information Evening
	Summer Term STOP Meeting

Term Dates

Term Dates 2018-19

SPRING TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Monday 7th January to Friday 5th April

Spring Half Term – Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February)

Spring Holiday for students – Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April
(Good Friday 19th April, Easter Monday 22nd April)

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

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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