



Dear Parents/Carers

We started this week on a real high after the fantastic accolade of winning School of the Year at the Pride of Bracknell awards on Friday evening. This is such an amazing honour for all our staff, students' parents and governors and on top of receiving such a great Ofsted report, what else can I say but a huge thank you to all of you for your fantastic support. A further honour at the awards was to see 4 of our students take part in the High School Musical performance. I can honestly say that their performance was of West End standard. I was so proud to be a member of the audience along with the Chair of Governors. These students are quite clearly our students of the week this week, well done Lauren Williams in Year 11, Kier Buist in Year 13, Ariana Koskela-Reyes in Year 9 and Emma Warner in Year 10.



On Monday we also had our Year 9 Boys Dance group 'Dark Matter' perform at Woking theatre. They were brilliant and were a real showcase for the school. Well done to Zac Box, Ciaran Cullen, Jack Moore, Teddy Gray and Ethan Vine.

Tuesday saw the second stage of our Parents' evening for Year 7. This was again very well attended and our prefects were amazing ambassadors. The support of parents at these events is vitally important so thank you once again.

On Friday we celebrated Red Nose day and encouraged students to wear an item of merchandise on the day. Some of our Sixth Form students held a cake sale and we held a fancy dress staff vs student netball match – photos of which follow later in the news. Miss Willimott did a sterling job getting the staff team together – check out Miss Willimott and Mr Maye! The Sixth Form comic relief charity events raised a total of £207.37.

Next week we are holding our World Challenge meeting on Wednesday evening in the Main Hall. World Challenge is an incredible experience and one that will stay with students for the rest of their lives. If you are a parent of a student in Year 11 you are welcome to attend to find out more about this trip that will take place during Year 12. Also on Thursday we will be holding the Year 11 Parents' evening. Please book your appointments online as soon as possible and make the most of this opportunity to get a final update before the GCSEs.

Drab & Fab feedback this week is as follows:

#### **Fab:**

Rewarding students who have worked hard and had no behaviour points. This is excellent as usually schools reward the badly behaved. So thank you.

Lost property link. Received an email back from the link on a weekend day and items located and returned to our daughter within a few days. Thank you.

The standards week is Fab – really gave my child a boost to get many golden tickets and get noticed, from hard work in the classroom to positive behaviour at lunch. Thank you to all staff.

#### **Drab:**

Year 10 and Year 11 PE on a Friday period 4 have to merge which I don't think is right.

Nice house scarves for students but what about the PE bags. Our son has adult size 8 and the current PE bag is not big enough for all of his kit. A small sports bag would be so much better to prevent kit loss.

*We are introducing a new kit bag for PE from September to take into account these issues.*

When an after school club is cancelled last minute the students are not notified! This is not acceptable. Students have to arrange how to get home and when etc.

*I am sorry that there was a breakdown in communication I will remind staff to make sure messages go out.*

This is for outside of school – when students are walking home at the end of the day the shops and surrounding paths are very busy. However, several times I have had to emergency stop by the Pondmoor road entrance as students don't even look and continue to walk out. Not only that but I have been sworn at several times because of their lack of road safety.

*I am very sorry to hear this – myself and the other members of the senior team walk the local area every night and do remind students about road safety. Please do immediately contact reception if anyone swears and we will do our best to identify them and of course they will face serious consequences.*

In some subjects school books are not often marked so never know how our child is doing other than when the school report is sent to us.

*Please contact me with specific subjects so I can look into this further.*

The students have to have their tools for learning, but the school always seems to run out of exercise books, these are very basic items that are needed.

*I was unaware we had run out of exercise books – please let me know in which subjects that this has happened.*

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

Mr Rees	For instilling so much confidence in Maths in our daughter. Best teacher ever and helps me learn maths easier and makes our lesson fun.
Mr Bell	Always supportive and never too busy, amazing with his students!
Mr Dean	From me starting off with Us in Maths as I'd moved from a different school later into GCSEs, to giving me as much support as he can and getting me a 4. Never fails to have a smile on his face and is always so hardworking.
Ms Toofany	She's just such a nice teacher and very helpful.
Mrs Ball	Provides great care and sympathy when needed. Keep up the good work!
Mrs Harbour	Helps me in Maths, is amazing and kind and always makes me smile.

**Motivational quote for next week:** 'The harder I work the luckier I get'

Have a great weekend! *Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## **What's on next week**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**World Challenge Meeting, 6pm, main hall**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4.00-6.00pm**

## **World Challenge Expedition 2020**



Mr Kingston would like to invite all Year 9 to 12 parents in to school to hear about a great opportunity in partnership with World Challenge for an expedition travelling to Morocco in 2020.

After two successful expeditions with World Challenge we are very excited to be working with them again to offer a once in a lifetime trip that will not only be an adventure but will teach them many fantastic life skills from leadership to perseverance. We will be holding a parent information evening with a representative from World Challenge on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the main hall.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Kingston directly (mkignston@brakenhale.co.uk)

## Year 11 Easter Revision Programme

Date	Subject	Time	Room
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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	1pm - 3.45pm	S21
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Product Design	9am - 12pm	T04/Workshop
	BTEC Sport	9am - 3.45pm	B11
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	GCSE Drama	10am - 12pm	L01
	Photography	1pm - 3.45pm	B17
	Art	1pm - 3.45pm	A02
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	IT	9am - 3.45pm	B12
	Computing	9am - 3.45pm	B11
	GCSE Business	10am - 12pm	B15
	BTEC Business	12.30pm - 2pm	B15
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	BTEC Dance	9am - 3.45pm	Movement Studio
	GCSE Dance		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Geography	9am - 12pm	G01

Mr R Corry, Deputy Headteacher

### Combined Cadet Force Brakenhale



**Combined  
Cadet Force**



**ARMY  
CADETS**

#### CCF (Army) at The Brakenhale School

Brakenhale is proud to announce the launch of its very own Combined Cadet Force (CCF). Brakenhale staff under the guidance of Mr Beukes and the support of School Staff Instructor (SSI) Colour Sergeant Briggs, have been working behind the scenes to ensure that everything is in place and ready for the school to facilitate its own cadet training. Most of the staff volunteers are close to being fully commissioned officers and have been doing the necessary preparation and qualifications. The staff volunteering are known as Cadet Force Adults Volunteers (CFAVs). At Brakenhale we are pleased to announce Mr Kingston, Miss Manning and Miss Burrows as our CFAVs.

### What is the purpose of the CCF?

*The CCF (Army) aims to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness and a sense of service to the community. Activities include drill, skill at arms, shooting, fieldcraft and first aid and up to 40% of a cadet's time is spent on adventurous training activities. By joining the CCF (Army) cadets also have the opportunity to get involved with volunteer and charitable work in the community and to gain nationally recognised qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh's award and BTECs.*

*Joining the CCF (Army) provides a wonderful opportunity to take part in Army themed activities and events, all of which focus on building self-disciplined individuals with self-courage and a sense of worth. As a youth organisation, the CCF (Army) strives to give cadets a fun and safe experience. There is no commitment or expectation on cadets to join the regular Armed Forces when they have completed their schooling.*

### Important information and key dates:

Students will be given a presentation in their assemblies during the **week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> May**.

An information evening for Parents and students will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 18:00 – 19:00** in the Main hall.

The deadline for applications will be the **18<sup>th</sup> May**.

A selection process will be held and all students and parents will be informed by the **21<sup>st</sup> May** of their place. (In our first year we are limited to 40 cadets)

Brakenhale's training day/parade day will be on a **TUESDAY**.

The first pre-training day will be on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** and every Tuesday after that until we break up for the summer.

CCF will then officially commence on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**.

### For more information follows these links:

<https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk/>

<https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk/videos>

For more information please email

Contingent Commander Mr Beukes [rbeukes@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:rbeukes@brakenhale.co.uk)


or

School Staff Instructor – Colour Sergeant Briggs [cbriggs@brakehale.co.uk](mailto:cbriggs@brakehale.co.uk)



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

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




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

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

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

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

**Bawdsey Manor**  
 Suffolk, England



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


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

**BAWDSEY MANOR**  
 Woodbridge, Suffolk  
 Friday 5th July to Sunday 7th July 2019

- Activity Centre with purpose-built accommodation blocks around outdoor courtyards
- En-suite rooms (sleeping 4-6 people) (stepping out 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](mailto: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 Mann	• Danielle Habutin
• Nicky Penn	• Georgina Harbinton
• Luano Palmer	• Asha Murtisi
• Callum Harding	• Jade Daniel
• Phoebe Willett	• Chloe Hawkins
• Niletta Amar Okupur	• Amy Cogdon
• Jade Simpson	• Mia Rose Hawthorne

Available every day in the SSC at lunchtime

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

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


Even if you're unsure if something is bullying, it's always better to ask for help!

1 out of 3 people suffer from bullying, and every single one of them needs help.




**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!

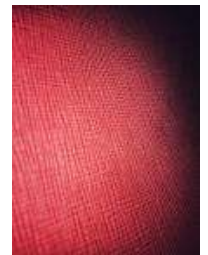
**When?** Monday Lunchtimes 1.28 - 1.55pm  
**Where?** B17  
**Who?** Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 15

## Camera Club Update

We had a HUGE turnout this week at Camera Club which was absolutely brilliant and lots of photographic responses to the theme of texture. We had images of cushions, carpets, leaves, bark, bricks, clouds etc. from Year 7 students: Izzie C, Oliver M, Emily A and Bethia P; and from Year 9 students: Honey B, Rishyal B and Ellie M. The range of subject matter showed the imagination and creativity of the Camera Club members.



Next week's challenge is REFLECTIONS. These could be actual reflections in mirrors, windows, reflective surfaces, water etc. or they could take on a slightly more conceptual approach with an image that reflects your inner state of mind. I look forward to seeing your photographs in the next meeting, which is on Monday lunchtime in B17.



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



## Building Site Visit

Staff have been given the exciting opportunity to visit the building site to see how the new school is progressing. With birds-eye views over Bracknell from the roof and windows appearing floor by floor it is very impressive to get an insight into what is to come.



## Dance Update

A massive congratulations to our Year 9 Boys Dance Company - Dark Matter (Zac, Ciaran, Teddy, Jack and Ethan) who performed as part of the Woking Dance Platform on Monday evening. Students were invited to the event as guests and performed their new dance piece 'Tribes'. They even had a mini photo shoot before the performance!!



The technical team at the event commented on how professional the group were throughout the evening, they were incredibly impressed with their independence and focus.

It was fantastic to see the reactions of the Primary school students in the audience who were gasping at the "big boys" and bouncing in their seats. The group received lots of congratulations from the organisers and other schools for such a fantastic performance.

*Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts*

## Health & Social Care

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 12 Health and Social Care students attended the first 'Your future in health and care – which way to go and how do you get there?' careers event.

It was a successful day and the event was a different approach to a usual careers event, with both the traditional stalls where you can speak to professionals and the addition of workshops throughout the day based on different jobs. The students choose Nursing and Midwifery, Ambulance Crew and Mental Health workshops. The workshops were really interactive and gave the students a chance to experience what the jobs are, rather than just sitting and listening to someone speak.



The day was very beneficial, and has helped some of the students decide which career path to pursue and others now have a choice about which direction in the health care service they would like to go and they are interested in a number of different pathways.

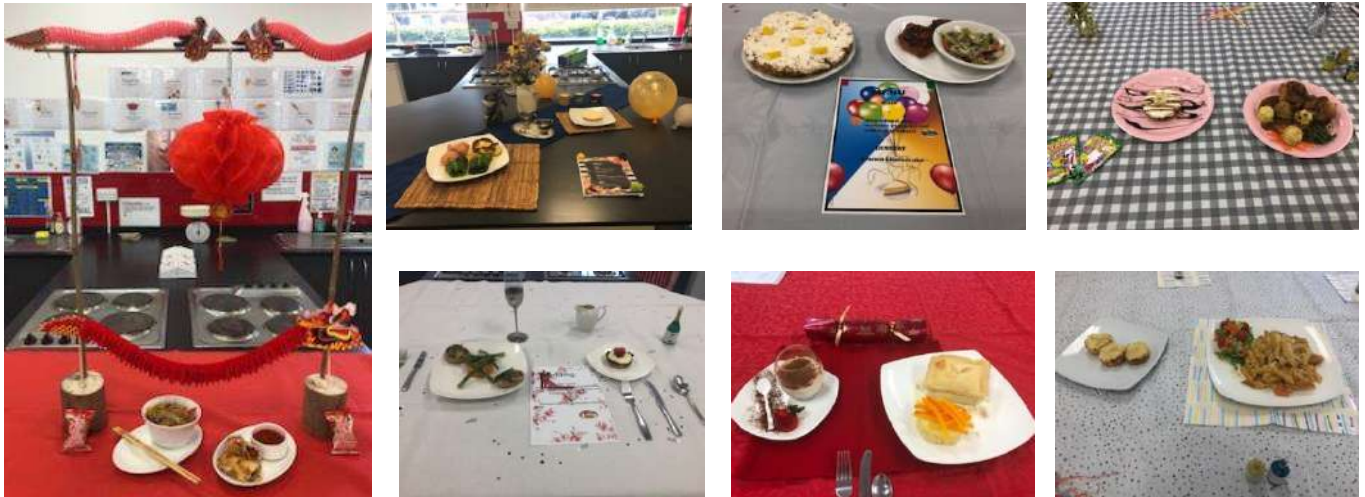
*Miss L Willimott, Health & Social Care*

## Year 11 Food and Cookery Practical Exam

To say I am super proud of our 11 chefs is an understatement. The quality of the planning and the creation of such amazing dishes, as well as the way they were displayed was absolutely incredible over the two days. These students have really challenged themselves over the months and really shown their resilience and dedication to their studies. Congratulations must be passed to the following students, Rhiannon Price, Poppy Richardson, Maizie Fitzpatrick-Burke, Olivia Henly, Daniel Bertoux, Megan Cobb, Louise Reynolds, Aminah Mehmood and Andreja Penikaite.




*Mrs S Higham, Head of Technology*



## Maths Puzzle

**This week's puzzle – Question 63**


<b>This week's puzzle 63</b>	<b>Last week's answer 62</b>
<p>Q63</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">It takes a tap 12 minutes to fill a bath. It takes a second tap 6 minutes to fill the bath. With the plug removed the bath empties in 8 minutes. The plug has been left out and both taps are fully open. Will the bath fill ?</p>	<p>A62</p> <p>The largest answer is given by :-</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><u><u>742 x 6531 = 4846002</u></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:




**Brakenhale does**

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**#2**

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ANSWERS

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This Week's Questions:




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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.

Attendance Matters...

**Week Ending 15th March**  
*Last Week*

Year Group	%
Year 7	95.6
Year 8	95.3
Year 9	93.1
Year 10	95.7
Year 11	93.4
<b>Brakenhale Attendance</b>	<b>94.7</b>

Attendance Matters...

**Week Ending 15th March**  
*Year to Date*

Year Group	%
Year 7	96.5
Year 8	94.7
Year 9	94
Year 10	94.6
Year 11	94.9
<b>Brakenhale Attendance</b>	<b>95</b>

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

*Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer*

## School Dining Hall

Please see the menu for next week.

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING : 4 March, 25 March					
Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Hot Main Meal</i>	Beef Chilli con Carne served with Rice or Tortillas Chips	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
<i>Hot Vegetarian Meal</i>	Quorn Vegetable Chilli with Rice or Tortillas Chips (V)	Vegetable Biryani (V)	Veggie Wrap (V)	Vegetarian Paella (V)	Cheese & Tomato Omelette (V)
<i>Carbohydrate</i>	Pilaf Rice	Coriander & Lemon Rice	Roast Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes Garlic Bread	Chips
<i>Vegetables</i>	Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Roasted Root Vegetables	Peas or Mixed Salad	Baked Beans or Peas
<i>Pudding</i>	Waffles & Toffee Sauce	Vanilla Cheese Cake	Fruit Crumble & 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](mailto:kitchen@brakenhale.co.uk)

## PE Update

This week saw the staff v Sixth Form Netball Charity match. The event was organised by Asha and myself. The staff came in fancy dress, we had a range of characters from Flintstones and Where's Wally to a wolf. The Sixth Formers were smartly dressed in matching red shirts that they made especially.

The game was a very close from the beginning. By half time the students were 2 goals up on the teachers. A change of tactics for the teachers and some of the rules being explained again meant we came out fighting for the third quarter. There was some lovely play going down the court and some more interesting approaches to netball from Mrs Cresswell, some of which were very unconventional.

The teachers managed to take the lead. The Sixth Formers continued to work hard and had several chances to score however they did not succeed due to the strong defence of Mr Potter and Miss Lewis.

The final score was 7-6 to the staff. Players of the match were awarded to Taylor Radcliffe and Miss Manning.

A massive thank you to everyone who played and came to support. It was a really good game.

The next charity event of staff v students in on Friday 5th April. Can the staff come out on top again? More detail on this in this next couple of weeks.

## Year 8 Football Lost 7-1

So Year 8 boys arrived in a lively, confident mood, however, a very early goal for Edgbarrow caught them cold and they didn't really recover from that, conceding 3 more in a short space of time. They rallied and worked hard none the less despite the score and limited the opposition to only 1 more in the half meaning 5-0 down at half time. The boys regrouped, a few instructions from Mr Maye and the challenge was set go and win the second half! They started brilliantly as Josh B volleyed a great goal in the first few minutes! We then created chance after chance but no second goal and as fatigue set in from hard work this let Edgbarrow in and a goal against the run of play made it 6-1. Not put off by this set back the game opened up and both teams had chances to add to their tally with Harvey W in goal having plenty to do keeping them out. Sadly with the last kick of the game Edgbarrow added 1 more making it 7-1 but our boys can hold their heads up with a spirited second half performance! The game against Cox Green scheduled for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> has been cancelled and awarded to us, so onto next season boys!!!

## Fixtures for Next Week

At this moment in time there are no fixtures for next week. However it is the football play-off week!

At the time of writing we do not have confirmation of who has made it through to playoffs. A separate email will be sent out to those students involved, with details of the fixture.

The PE department would like to wish all the teams luck in the play offs.

## Red Nose Day - Netball Photos



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

**Easter Raffle:** Please remember that tickets are still available from main reception of the Head of Year Office for 50p per ticket for the lovely Easter Raffle basket which was kindly donated by Bracknell Forest Lions.

Dawn Godwin, a parent of one of our Year 9 students, is going to run the Lexicon Half-Marathon to raise money to equip our new building. You can sponsor her by clicking the following link

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/sponsordawn/489864?>

If you would like to join Dawn or as part of a group that would run for us, please e-mail me at [fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk)

**A group of parents are doing a walk/run/cycle event for our charity on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019. You can sponsor them if you follow this link**

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

Please don't forget to visit our MyDonate page:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/iwanttobuysomefurniture/472468>



I look forward to hearing from you.

*Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body*



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

## Reading FC Discounted Tickets

Discounted Reading FC Tickets plus fantastic prizes to be won!

- Reading FC v Brentford on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 3pm Kick Off.
- Reading FC v Birmingham City on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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

## 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.

### NON-SPORTING EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS - SPRING TERM 2018-19

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	TEACHER IN CHARGE
Monday	1.25 - 2.00	Camera Club	All Years	B17	Miss Wilhelmy
	1.25 - 2.00	BBE (Brakenhale Brains Explore) Club	KS3 (invite only)	M14	Mrs Masson
	1.25 - 2.00	PE Exam Club	Year 11	tbc	Mr Potter
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.10 – 4.15	Tech Club (21/1/19 – 1/4/19)	Year 11	T05	Mr Esling
Tuesday	1.25 - 2.00	“Identity” LGBT+ Group	All Years	T03/4	Mrs Gibbons/ Mrs Lewis
	1.25 – 2.00	“We Will Rock You” Singing Rehearsal	Cast only	Drama Studio	Mrs Duffy/Mrs Raby/ Mrs Hope
	1.30 - 2.00	Brakenhale Bugle (Student Newsletter)	All Years	C14	Mrs Keljarrett
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Textiles Club	All Years	C06	Mrs Faluyi
	3.05 – 4.30	“We Will Rock You” Drama Rehearsal	Cast only	Drama Studio	Mrs Duffy/Mrs Raby/ Mrs Hope
Wednesday	1.25 – 2.00	“We Will Rock You” Singing Rehearsal	Cast only	Drama Studio	Mrs Duffy/Mrs Raby/ Mrs Hope
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.15 - 4.00	French Club	Years 7/8/9	C03	Miss Appleton
	3.05 – 4.30	“We Will Rock You” Drama Rehearsal	Cast only	Drama Studio	Mrs Duffy/Mrs Raby/ Mrs Hope
Thursday	1.25 – 2.00	“We Will Rock You” Singing Rehearsal	Cast only	Drama Studio	Mrs Duffy/Mrs Raby/ Mrs Hope
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 - 4.05	Dungeons and Dragons	All Years	C11	Mrs Cresswell
	3.05 - 4.05	Vocal Group	All Years	LS1	Mrs Hope
	3.10 – 4.00	Art Club	All Years	AO2	Mr Budden/Mrs Faluyi
	3.05 – 4.30	“We Will Rock You” Drama Rehearsal	Cast only	Drama Studio	Mrs Duffy/Mrs Raby/ Mrs Hope
Friday	1.25 - 2.00	BBE (Brakenhale Brains Explore) Club	KS3 (invite only)	M14	Mrs Masson
	1.25 – 2.00	Drama Group	Year 9	Drama Studio	Mrs Raby
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels

**Students should check with the Teacher in Charge to sign up to clubs**

## PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - SPRING TERM Part 2 2018-19

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
Half Term 4 - 2018-2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b> (0710 – 0800) Full kit needed to participate	<b>Fitness</b> <b>***Staff only***</b> Gym LRU	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 only Gym RBE	<b>Fitness</b> <b>***Staff only***</b> Gym LWI	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 Only Gym CMY	<b>Fitness</b> <b>***Staff only***</b> Gym JBO
<b>LUNCH</b> (1330-1355)	<b>***Sports Hall Closed***</b>  <b>GCSE PE Study Sessions</b> PE Office	<b>***Sports Hall Closed***</b>	<b>***Sports Hall Closed***</b>  <b>Y12 A level PE Revision</b> C21 MPO	<b>***Sports Hall Closed***</b>	<b>***Sports Hall Closed***</b>  <b>Y10 GCSE PE Revision</b> C21 MPO
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate <b>***4pm for Trampoline***</b>	<b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 only Gym RBE	<b>Netball (Girls)</b> All years Courts LWI/LRU  <b>Football</b> Year 7 and 8 Field/Astro MPO/CMY	<b>Football</b> Year 9 and 11 (Senior) Field/Astro EJA/JBO  <b>Badminton (Mixed)</b> All years Sports Hall LRU	<b>Football (Girls)</b> All years Field/Astro CMY  <b>Football</b> Year 10 Field/Astro RBE  <b>Trampoline (Mixed)</b> All years Trampoline Centre JBO/MPO <b>***4pm Finish***</b>	<b>P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions</b>  GCSE PE Revision (Year 11)  BTEC L2 and L3 catch up (Years 10-13)  <b>Fitness (Mixed)</b> Y10-13 only Gym RBE

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

## DANCE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - SPRING TERM 2018-19

**Extra-Curricular Dance Timetable**

Starting from Monday 14th January



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Break time</b>	Year 10 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Open for rehearsals all years	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 10 -13 rehearsals
<b>Lunch time</b>	Year 10 -13 rehearsals	<b>DARKMATTER</b>	Open for rehearsals all years	<b>We Will Rock You Dance Rehearsals</b>	Year 10 -13 rehearsals
<b>After School</b> 3:05 MS	<b>Year 9 Dance Club (MS)</b> Kiera Open to all of Year 9  STARTS 21/01/19	<b>Year 11 BTEC Dance Rehearsals (MS)</b> Mrs Duffy	<b>We Will Rock You Dance Rehearsals (MS)</b> Mrs Duffy Cast only	DARK MATTER Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 9 Boys	<b>Lift Off Rehearsals (MS)</b> Mrs Duffy Invited group only
<b>After School</b> 3:05 JNS	Year 7 & 8 Dance Club (JNS) Jess & Mrs Duffy Open to all of Year 7 & 8	Year 11 Choreography Rehearsal (JNS) Charley GCSE group	Year 11 Choreography Rehearsal (JNS) Ellie GCSE group	Year 11 Choreography Rehearsal (JNS) Emily and Caitlin GCSE groups	

**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**  
 BERRYSHIRE - RG12 7BA

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AROUND THE SURROUNDING AREAS  
[WWW.OPERATINGTHEATRELIVE.CO.UK/PUBLICEVENTS](http://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. ALIGN WITH THEIR INTERESTS. SOMEWHERE THEY FEEL THEY WON'T TALK TO YOU ABOUT THEM. THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICES. DISCUSS HOW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED. BECAUSE ONLY IF IT IS IMPORTANT TO WANT THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN 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 AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY FOR THEM AND 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. WHAT ARE THEY PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM? BY ASKING THEM ABOUT QUESTIONS THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO ANSWER TO THEM. THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU. DISCUSS THEM.
- Do you have any online friends?**  
 CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE. AND THIS ALSO BECOMES MORE COMPLICATED TO THEM AS THEY GET OLDER. BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE DISTINCTION FROM OFFLINE TO ONLINE. ASK THEM HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THIS AND HOW THEY WANT TO PLAY GAMES WITH THEM. THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU. AS ALWAYS, TRY TO TEACH THEM ABOUT SAFE ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS.
- Do you know where to go for help?**  
 ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ABLE, THEY FIRST THE MOST. SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING ONLINE WITH A PARENT OR ANOTHER ADULT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO APPROACH THE RIGHT PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP. SUCH AS YOURSELF, OR A TEACHER. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU ABOUT ONLINE HELPERS. THEY CAN GO TO HELP 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 KNOW ABOUT HOW TO SHARE IT. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW TO SHARE IT. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW TO SHARE IT. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW TO SHARE IT. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW TO SHARE IT.
- Do you know your limits?**  
 CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BEING ON GAMES ALL THE TIME. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW TO SHARE IT. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW TO SHARE IT. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW TO SHARE IT.

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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 [roy.ac/youngartists](http://roy.ac/youngartists) #youngartists

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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

And Search For: **Brakenhale**

## Easy Fundraising

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

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

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

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

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



## 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
- Food Technician
- Head of Humanities

## Future Diary Dates

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

W/C 1<sup>st</sup> April

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

**House Assemblies**

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

**Year 11 Revision Information Evening, 6pm**

**Year 8 Girls HPV Injections**

## Term Dates

### Term Dates 2018-19

#### SPRING TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Spring Half Term – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February)

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

#### SUMMER TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

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

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

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

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

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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