



Dear Parents/Carers

This week was National Science week and many of our students across Key Stage 3 took part in activities related to this. Years 7, 8 and 9 visited Reading University entering some competitions and attended Science workshops alongside many other local schools. Our students behaved in an exemplary manner and I have been reliably informed by the staff that took them and those working at the university that they were the smartest and most polite students there. This is a shining example of the behaviour that we know our students display on a daily basis and we are incredibly proud of them. We also had some students in Key Stage 4 attend a STEM Speed Networking session with Mr Beukes and Mrs Fotheringham. The students themselves commented on how smart and engaged they were compared to other visiting schools #teambrokenhale.

We were very excited last Saturday when some of our students took part in the Mock Trials competition at Reading Magistrates Court and they won third place. As a result they have made it into the next round, beating a number of local schools. Councillor Ingham, from the Mayor's office, proudly delivered our certificates and prize personally and commented on how amazing our students were. Good luck to you all for the next round and a personal thanks to Mr Beukes, Mrs Silvey, Miss Cmok and Miss Lewis for giving up their own time to support this event.

Students in Post 16 had the opportunity to attend Econplusdal revision day on Wednesday with Mrs Masson. As they arrived early they had the extra bonus of having a one to one session with the Econplusdal leader. Mrs Masson has also hosted at school today an Oxford University PGCE student who is mentoring some of our students as part of the 'Brilliant Club' national initiative. Just another example of all the exciting enrichment activities we are involved in.

Thursday also saw the first half of our Parents Evening for Year 7 which was very well attended and we look forward to meeting the remaining parents on Tuesday evening for more focused and positive conversations.

We are honoured to have had the opportunity to send two of our Sixth Form students on the Holocaust Education Trust programme to Auschwitz. Please see the write up below with some moving photos.

Finally, this evening I will be attending the Pride of Bracknell Awards along with Mrs Roche, Chair of Governors as we have been nominated for the School of the Year award. Our competitors for this prize are Ranelagh so please keep your fingers crossed as it would be simply amazing to win this prestigious event!

On Sunday some of our students will be attending the Lift Off Dance Festival at South Hill Park – this is a great opportunity for our students to showcase their talents.

Student of the week:

Roxie Sherratt in Year 12 – she has recently played at the Royal Albert Hall along with the Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra and when playing her solo parts was absolutely outstanding. This just goes to show how perseverance and hard work can really pay off. Well done Roxie!

Drab & Fab feedback this week is as follows:

Fab:

Thank you to Mr O'Donoghue and Mrs Seymour for your prompt resolution to my daughter's concerns about the seating for the upcoming GCSEs. You both replied to my message within minutes and at 10 in the evening! Going well above and beyond the call of duty! True examples of the reason Brakenhale received their great Ofsted grading recently and of the #teambrokenhale spirit.

Drab:

Although posted in the drab box this is more of a request to help make things easier outside of the school. I would appreciate it if everybody could be as considerate as possible:

- When dropping our children off at the school in the mornings it would be great if all the parents could treat the yellow line as a drop-and-go and not park there, sometimes for up to 10 minutes, right outside the school - blocking the cars behind who are dropping their kids off and causing a traffic jam because everybody else dropping their kids off have to pull out around them with cars coming the opposite way. If everybody pulled up, dropped their kids and then moved on the flow would be much better and the kids crossing the road would be much safer.

Staff members of the week:

Mrs Smith (TA) Always so caring and helps me with good knowledge in Maths and is helping me boost my confidence when working out stressful questions.

Mr Rees Always nice and helps me to understand Maths more.

Miss Toofany She's amazing – she's so good at teaching, really good and always helps me when I get stuck on something.

Motivational quote for next week:

'Do everything with a good heart and expect nothing in return and you will never be disappointed'.

Have a great weekend!

Jane Coley, Headteacher



What's on next week

Tuesday 19th March

Year 7 Parents' Evening II, 4.30-6.30pm

Advance Reminder: Year 11 Parents' Evening is taking place on Thursday 28th March from 4pm to 7pm. Please book online or contact the school for more help.

Visit to Auschwitz

The 6th February 2019 was an ordinary day for most students, however for me, I had a life-changing set of experiences in one of the most fascinating yet solemn places, Auschwitz-Birkenau, the most well known concentration camp from the Holocaust. Millions of lives were taken at this site, Jewish, Soviet, homosexual, people of colour, men, women, children; I don't think it's possible to list all of the types of people that were taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau. First arriving at Auschwitz was an odd feeling; it wasn't quiet, there were large groups of tourists walking around on tours, most areas were somewhat crowded, and possibly strangest of all, children were there. When we walked towards the gate however, that was when it became horrifying. "Arbeit Macht Frei", that was what was written on the gate, the cynical message "Work sets you free"; a message telling those who entered that they were capable of leaving if they worked hard enough. The 'freedom' that some experienced was nothing of the sort, it was death through over-exhaustion. This same



sarcasm was seen in many areas of Auschwitz and made it glaringly obvious how little sympathy the Nazis had. The main thing I took away from the Auschwitz site was that so many people were sent to what looked identical to a prison, but rather than cells they were cramped into buildings that looked like genuine housing, all as a ploy to make it seem safer and like a real work camp. But they were trapped, the drawing you see here was the one that had the most effect on me that day, it was drawn by a child and portrays them and their mother being separated from the family's father. While it may be a simple drawing, it conveyed so much emotion and had such a tragic story to tell.



The second site of Birkenau was, to say the least, disturbing. Walking up to the area you could see its front, roughly 5 km in length. After some time trying to prepare for when we entered, I saw the gate and tracks, a sight no preparation would be capable of readying me for. This site was much less busy than that of Auschwitz, there were more opportunities to be in the silence of the area and be at the hands of the nature. The cold, the shuffling of feet, the low grumble of towns nearby. It was easy to become consumed by the area, almost a part of it. The eeriest part, I felt like I was being watched, every step I took drew new eyes upon me, eyes that had hope, as though they didn't realise what had happened to them, eyes that didn't exist. Walking through the barren camp was not enough to understand what those kept there had to go through, we all complained of the cold when we were wrapped up with anywhere from 2 to 6 layers, while those at the camp when it was in use were barefoot and in thin striped pyjamas. By far the most memorable part of the visit we took was the end, where we all came together for a ceremony. We read poetry, listened to one of the most amazing people speak - Rabbi Garcon, and finally lit candles and placed them on the memorial in honour and remembrance of the millions lost due to this one camp and the people who were a part of its function.

I learned so much from this one experience, but there were two main things I took away from it. First, we cannot think of the people lost as a number. They were people, human beings, the same people you see walk past you on the street every day. That is all they were, people trying to live their life. The second is that people chose to participate in the genocide of millions, and it was all driven by hate. The same words repeated in my head "This is what hate can lead to". And it was true, those people who were seen killed, were killed due to an ideology that said they were subhuman and not worthy of life, and it was that hatred that led to their murder.

To finish off, we cannot stop teaching people about what happened at Auschwitz-Birkenau or the Holocaust as a whole. But we also need to tell them about the now, how we said we would stop and never have another genocide again, but we look at ourselves in the current day and there is a genocide occurring at this very moment in Darfur, and we pay no attention until it is too late. So I please urge you, do not hate, learn about where it leads and prevent that from ever happening. Be one of those who stops meaningless harm coming to our planet. Save yourself, and everyone around you.

Declan Macewan, Sixth Form Student



Lost Property and Glasses

Thank you to all parents for your continued support of uniform and for naming items – we are able to reunite far more items of lost property with students when they are named.

You can also email directly at lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

Do any of these glasses belong to you? They are currently in lost property so please claim by the end of term or they will be placed in our glasses charity box.

Please also remind students that after the end of day bell has sounded they should only use mobile phones once they have left the school grounds.

Head of Year Office



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 a 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 27th March at 6pm in the main hall.

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

Adventure AWAITS



Immunisations – Year 8 and Year 9 Girls

HPV vaccinations will be taking place on Wednesday 24th April.


There will be one for Year 8 girls and consent forms will be sent this week via tutors. Could parents/carers please return the forms if you consent or not as soon as possible.

There will also be a second vaccination for Year 9 girls and the immunisation team have these consent forms already.

Ms Ball, First Aider

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

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



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

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

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

Brakenhale School Trips
High Expectations and Challenge

Bawdsey Manor
 Suffolk, England



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

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

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

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

Some of the activities available are:

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



BRAKENHALE SCHOOL
 High Expectations and Challenge



Weekend Astro Pitch Deal



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

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

Anti-Bullying
 at Brakenhale

We are here to help!

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

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

Available every day in the SSC at lunchtime

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

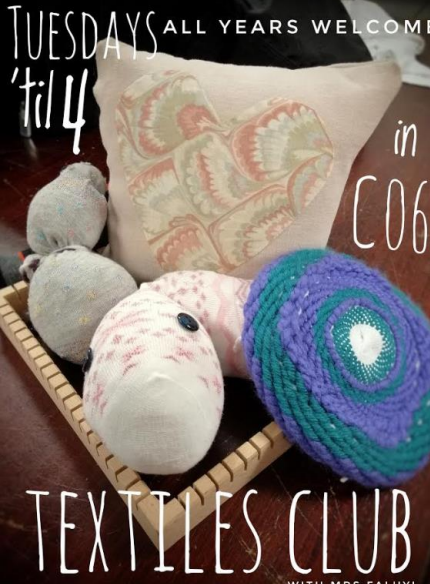
We are here to help!!!

Even if you're unsure if you're being bullied, IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO ASK THAN SORRY

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



TUESDAYS ALL YEARS WELCOME
 'til 4 in C06



TEXTILES CLUB
 WITH MRS FALUYI

The Brakenhale Vocal Group



Thursday 3:05 - 4:05
 L51

ESTEEM

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

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

Talk is cheap, but the rewards are priceless!

EVERY THURSDAY @ 1.30PM
LUNCHTIMES
L51




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

ART CLUB IS FOR YOU

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

All Students are welcome!
 Location: A02

Camera Club



Do you like taking photographs?
 Do you want to be part of an elite photographic team?

Then you should join CAMERA CLUB!

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

Camera Club Update

This week's Camera Club got very technical when we all tried our hand at Double Exposure photography. When photography was first invented and we used film rather than digital, it was actually easier to create double exposures as you could take 2 photographs before winding the film on. Nowadays, we use editing software to create the same effect.



To create the images below, students had to take 2 photographs: a portrait and a landscape. Students then used Snapseed to edit them and combine the 2 images together to create these fabulous photographs - images from Izzie C (Year 7), Honey B (Year 9), Rishyal B (Year 9), Harrison H (Year 12), Charlotte H (Year 13) and Ellie M (Year 9). Gorgeous aren't they?



This week's challenge is to photograph TEXTURE.

Camera Club is open to all years and is in B17 on a Monday lunchtime.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography

Uniform – House Scarves



House Scarves will be available to purchase from Monday 18th March in the Uniform Shop, price £11.

STEM

A group of year 7 students went to Reading University for a STEM Day on Monday, they looked at bugs and created their own super bug with prevention and cures, working as a scientist would in a laboratory to identify characteristics in safeguarding the human existence.

After that students were faced with a zombie apocalypse, to escape they needed to solve puzzles related to healthy eating to unlock combination codes which would eventually lead to them finding the key to freedom, the better their knowledge on how to stay healthy was the faster they escaped!

Finally, students ended the day looking at and handling ancient pottery from archaeological digs. Students learnt how to identify the makers, era and purpose based on a number of clues presented in the pieces.

During this visit students took a tour of the University site and asked lots of questions on University life. Our students were buzzing with excitement thinking of the endless possibilities that are ahead of them.



Mrs Lowe, STEM Coordinator

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
[#royacyoungartists](https://twitter.com/royacyoungartists)

Royal Academy of Arts

BRAKENHALE PTA

MOTHER'S DAY DAFFODIL SALE


Raising funds for tables and chairs for the new school building

£2 for a bunch of Daffodils with a card

Pre order from reception between
25 February - 22 March
Collect on Friday 29/3/19

Brakenhale Does Countdown #1

Last Week's Answers:




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!

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 ☺


Deadline is every Wednesday.



ANSWERS

Literacy	Numeracy
Make the longest word from the anagram below. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> R I K G P A N O </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold;">parking</p>	There were many correct solutions. Here is one: $75 \times 6 = 450,$ $450 - 3 \times 10 = 420$ $420 - 2 = 418$
Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? You keep these in your kitchen cupboards. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> G N E U P N I S </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold;">penguins</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">418</div>

This Week's Questions:



Brakenhale does


#2

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Answers to the box in reception, please.

Deadline is every Wednesday.



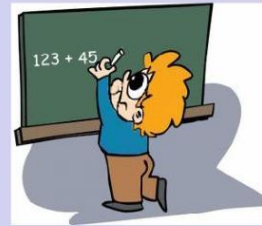
Literacy	Numeracy
Make the longest word from the anagram below. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> T Y H I S R E A </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> 75 25 9 4 3 7 </div>
Can you guess the anagram below from the cryptic clue? It happens quite a bit. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> U G L R R Y A L E </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">224</div>

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

Maths Puzzle

This week's puzzle – Question 62

Q62



Using all of the digits from 1 to 7, many different multiplications can be made up.

e.g. :-

6×325714 , 341×5276 , $21 \times 56 \times 473$

What arrangement gives the biggest answer ?

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

University of Surrey Individual Needs Summer School

Are you in years 9 - 11 and a young carer or in local authority care? University of Surrey free summers schools are a chance to explore the range of subjects and support that university offers and to meet new friends and fellow students from similar backgrounds. They take place between the 16th and 18th July 2019 at Surrey University.

You can book online and the deadline for applications is Friday 22nd March 2019.


surrey.ac.uk/individual-needs

Student Support Centre


Discover university summer school

For young carers | 16 - 18 July 2019


Looking to meet similar students and explore university? Come along to our Discover university summer school!




APPLICATION FORM



INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS



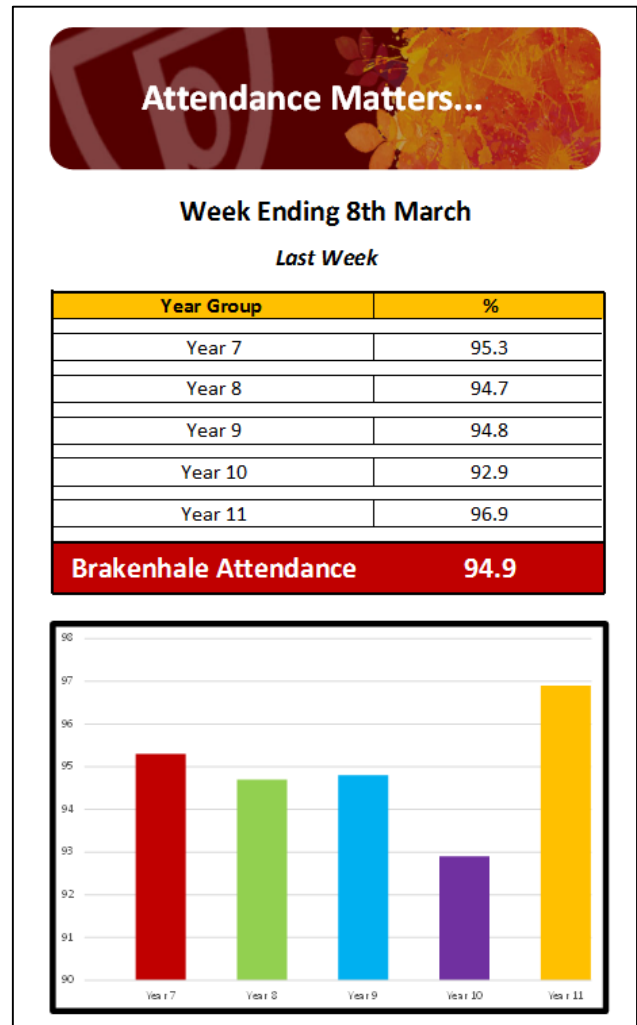
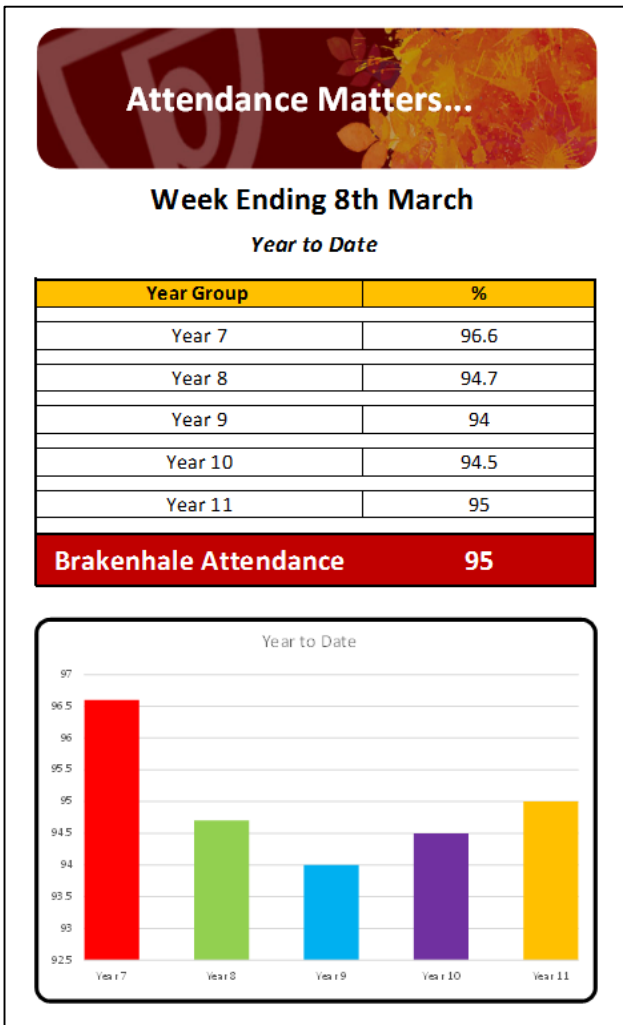
INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

School Dining Hall

Please see the menu for next week.

 					
The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING : 25 Feb, 18 March					
Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Hot Main Meal</i>	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
<i>Hot Vegetarian Meal</i>	Vegetarian Lasagne (V)	Vegetable Korma (V)	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake (V)	Vegetarian Pizza (V)
<i>Carbohydrate</i>	Garlic Bread	Pilaf Rice	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Chips
<i>Vegetables</i>	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
<i>Pudding</i>	Syrup Sponge & Vanilla Custard	Cold Gateaux of the day	Apple Crumble & 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

This week has been a quieter week for the PE department with only a couple of fixtures happening.

The Year 11 Netball game was cancelled due to Garth not being able to get a team together due to exams, which was a real shame as it would have been the Year 11s last game for Brakenhale. If any of the players would like a match to celebrate your last game, I will arrange one - just let me know.

Year 9 Football - write ups will be in next week's parent news.

Girls Rugby

This week we had a group of Year 7 and 8 girls trying their hand at rugby, many for the first time. The girls very quickly took to the wet and muddy conditions and soon were rolling around getting ready to start contact. There was some amazing natural talent showing with some excellent pace and skill shown from Tia J, Year 8. The girls worked really hard and ended the session with a full contact game. With such an excellent start to rugby we can't

wait to see what the girls show in some up coming fixtures. A massive thank you to Miss Manning for organising this.

Next week's fixtures

We are nearing the end of the season for football and netball fixtures with only a couple left. Please note the Year 8 Cox Green Football game is still to be confirmed.

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
TBC	8	Football	Cox Green	Brakenhale	TBC	CMY
19/03/19	11	Football	Ranleigh	Bracknell Town FC	3.30/5.45	EJA
20/03/19	8	Football	Edgbarrow	Egbarrow	2.13/5.45	CMY

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: Tickets are 50p and can be bought from main reception.

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

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

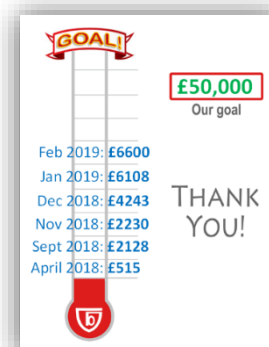
Please don't forget to visit our MyDonate page:

<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



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

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!

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BRENTFORD **BIRMINGHAM CITY**

Sat 13th Apr, 3pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 11th Apr Sun 5th May, 12.30pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 2nd May

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.
Fixtures subject to change. Tickets are subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.

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
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	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
BEFORE SCHOOL (0710 – 0800) Full kit needed to participate	Fitness ***Staff only*** Gym LRU	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 only Gym RBE	Fitness ***Staff only*** Gym LWI	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 Only Gym CMY	Fitness ***Staff only*** Gym JBO
LUNCH (1330-1355)	***Sports Hall Closed*** 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 ***4pm for Trampoline***	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 only Gym RBE	Netball (Girls) All years Courts LWI/LRU Football Year 7 and 8 Field/Astro MPO/CMY	Football Year 9 and 11 (Senior) Field/Astro EJA/JBO Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall LRU	Football (Girls) All years Field/Astro CMY Football Year 10 Field/Astro RBE Trampoline (Mixed) All years Trampoline Centre JBO/MPO ***4pm Finish***	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.

DANCE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - SPRING TERM 2018-19

Extra-Curricular Dance Timetable

Starting from Monday 14th January



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break time	Year 10 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Open for rehearsals all years	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 10 -13 rehearsals
Lunch time	Year 10 -13 rehearsals	DARK MATTER	Open for rehearsals all years	We Will Rock You Dance Rehearsals	Year 10 -13 rehearsals
After School 3:05 MS	Year 9 Dance Club (MS) Kiera Open to all of Year 9 STARTS 21/01/19	Year 11 BTEC Dance Rehearsals (MS) Mrs Duffy	We Will Rock You Dance Rehearsals (MS) Mrs Duffy Cast only	DARK MATTER Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 9 Boys	Lift Off Rehearsals (MS) Mrs Duffy Invited group only
After School 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
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 PHONES. ALSO WITH THEIR INTERESTS, DISCOVER WHAT THEY ARE UP TO AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT THEM. YOU SHOULD ASK THEM HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT USING THEM AND HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT BEING ONLINE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OPEN TO HOW YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**
BE IN THE TOP HORN. ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. FOR TEACHERS WHO USE THE SUBJECTS, AND THEIR INTERESTS 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, WHILE YOU GET ALONG A GAME OR APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A GOOD IDEA TO TRY. IF THEY AREN'T INTERESTED, YOU CAN ASK THEM TO SHOW THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH THE QUESTION WHY.
- Do you have any online friends?**
CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS LIST BECOME MORE COMPLEX THAN TO ONLINE AND TO-PLAYER FRIENDS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO. YOU SHOULD ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR ONLINE FRIENDS, AND ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THEM. YOU SHOULD ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THEM.
- Do you know where to go for help?**
ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ONLY THEY TRUST FOR MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM TO ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU. ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU WHERE THEY GO FOR 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 FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW IT CAN BE USED. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. YOU SHOULD ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT.
- Do you know your limits?**
CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION, TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. YOU SHOULD ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT.

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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!



Supporting **BRAKENHALE** School Lottery

BUY A LOTTERY TICKET & SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

New Year, New Resolution - Buy a lottery ticket to support our school!

- Cash Prizes to be WON every week!
- Match all 6 numbers & WIN £25,000!
- Tickets cost £1 each, per week & 40% of ticket sales goes to our school.
- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm & results posted online.
- Joining is easy, just visit our web page to support us now.

To start supporting, visit:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Search for:
Brakenhale

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before the 31st February 2019.
*Terms and conditions apply. See website.

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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!



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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 Data
- Head of Humanities
- Business & Economics Teacher
- English Teacher
- D&T Technician

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: Wednesday 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

Wednesday 27th March
Thursday 28th March

World Challenge Meeting, 6pm
Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4.00-6.00pm

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>



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