



Dear Parents/Carers

Although this week has seen a decline in the temperatures, there has certainly been no decline in the very positive focus of all staff and students. A group of Year 8 students have spent the week in Wales with Miss Manning and Mr Maye and the daily updates and photos illustrate what a fantastic time they have had. Miss Manning will return with the students at approximately 3.30pm today and at 4pm she sets off again to embark on a weekend training course towards her qualification to lead in our Combined Cadet Force (CCF). Now that's what I call dedication! She will be joined by Mr Beukes, Miss Rushby, Mr Kingston and Mr Briggs, so a thank you in advance to them for giving up their weekend in order to acquire the necessary training to lead our very exciting CCF initiative.

On Thursday, all our Year 10 Business Studies students spent the day with leaders in industry, known as the Mosaic project, engaging in activities and lessons which has promoted their understanding of this subject area. The feedback, from the leaders was outstanding, they commented on how our students were some of the best that they had ever worked with. Although we know this to be the case it is lovely for it to be validated by those from outside the school.

I would like to ask for your support in nominating the school in any category that you feel is relevant in the Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards taking place in March. The deadline for nominations is Sunday 10th February. We receive so much amazing feedback from you and this would be a formal way for you to acknowledge this.

Next week, we have Year 8 parents' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday, please log on to book your appointments if you haven't already done so.

Students of the week:

Ellis Hopkins in Year 11 – who has been selected to try out for the under 18 Great Britain handball team, this is a huge achievement and we wish him all the very best.

Ella Axton in Year 11 – For being part of the team that has been selected to take part in the British Synchronised Ice Skating Championships this weekend.

Isabelle Bennett in Year 7 – For producing an outstanding anti-bullying piece of work which went well above and beyond what was required.

FAB feedback this week:

- Good management with bullying and dealing with worries.
- The Student Support Centre is very helpful and welcoming and the staff are really nice.
- EVERYDAY at Brakenhale there are a large number of teachers including the Headteacher standing outside and around the school even as far down as KFC and The Parks to make sure the kids are safe and acting in a well behaved manner on their way home.
- Brakenhale remove the privilege of riding your bike to school if you don't wear the helmet. I think it's paramount for safety, especially if there is already a traffic problem....
- They get my vote. Tricky getting your teen to 'spoil' their hair to wear a cycle helmet, so Brakenhale School's rule is great.

DRAB feedback this week:

- Having to do the same parent consent form for every trip - surely once a school year at the start of Autumn term would be a better solution?

As a parent in the same position myself, I fully understand the frustration! This year we have moved to an electronic system through parent pay and after discussions, I myself have realised it is still requiring you to repeat the completion of the OHA2 for every trip. I have asked my trip coordinator to contact parent pay to see if there is a way around this.

- There is nowhere to sit at lunch and break inside.

There is always space in the dinner hall, so there is no need for anybody to have to be outside. However, due to the extreme cold that we are currently experiencing and which is forecast for many weeks, we will now be opening all 'wet rooms' every lunch time so students have specific rooms to be in.

- I do not understand when teachers set homework for the holidays and it takes my daughter a significant amount of time to do. Then they do not even ask for it to be handed in so it is not even looked at. Basically she has wasted her holiday time.

This is the kind of feedback that I need to be receiving, I fully understand why you would feel upset about this and I will speak to all staff.

- Never receiving a call back when a message is left with reception.

I am very sorry to hear this, if this happens again, please email the office manager.

- Still no reasons when receiving achievement points on the school gateway.

I am sorry that this is happening and I will remind staff to add a reason.

- The way in which things are handled like putting someone in isolation for a haircut.

Whilst I understand that being out of main school lessons can be difficult for students, we have a very clear policy on uniform and appearance. If young people are in contravention of this, then they will face the associated sanction. Students are reminded on a very regular basis of the rules.

Staff member of the week:

Mrs Palmer:	For being her usual smiling happy self and helping the children whilst being in a lot of personal pain and discomfort at the end of 2018.
Mrs Raby, Mrs Duffy, Miss Hope	Helping with the school play. They are not getting paid for it yet they are taking time out of their own lives to help make this the best show possible. They are even giving up Saturdays as well as after school.
Miss Willimott	For being really helpful and supportive during the build-up to exams when it gets tricky. Plenty of revision and always does her best to help with everything :))
Miss Manisier	Always reassures that things will be ok and is always open for a nice chat.
Mr Bell	Being the best teacher and always encouraging people to do their best.
Mrs Duffy	Always tries her best and is very helpful.

Motivational quote for next week: *'I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday.'* Eleanor Roosevelt.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Wednesday 23 rd January	:	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm to 6.30pm (B, R, A, K)
Thursday 24 th January	:	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30pm to 6.30pm (E, N, H)
Friday 25 th January	:	Parent Coffee Morning Drop-in, 10am to 11.30pm

February Learn a Word Day

Friday 1st February 2019

Word of the Day

Challenge for all years:
Use this word during the day, verbally or in your writing in a full sentence and you will be gifted a token. Hand all the tokens that you collect in to Main Reception and the student with the most tokens will receive a prize.

KS3 only:
Make a note of all new words learned on this day, hand in to Mrs. Lewis and the student with the most words will also receive a prize.
Good Luck and I hope you learn lots of new words today :)

Liberation
[NOUN] The action of setting someone or something free from imprisonment, slavery or oppression; release.
Freedom from limits on thought or behaviour.

Word Day

Top 6 spoken languages at Brakenhale:

- Polish - oswobodzenie
- Akan - ahofoadie / faahodie
- Filipino - pagpapalaya
- Italian - liberazione
- Romanian - eliberare
- Portuguese - libertação

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

Available every day in the SSC at lunchtime

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

We are here to help!!!

Even if you're unsure of anything it's always better to say than sorry.

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

STOP! BULLYING

Brakenhale Presents...

SCHOOLS WILL ROCK YOU

The Musical

Wednesday 27th February 2019
Thursday 28th February 2019

Tickets will be available soon
Please book early to avoid disappointment

Please note change of date

The Brakenhale Vocal Group

Thursday 3:05 - 4:05

LS1

ESTEEM

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

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

Talk is cheap, but the rewards are priceless!

EVERY THURSDAY @ 1.30PM LUNCHTIMES

LS1

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

ART CLUB IS FOR YOU

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

All Students are welcome!

Location: A02

Camera Club

Do you like taking photographs? Do you want to be part of an elite photographic team? Then you should join CAMERA CLUB!

When? Monday lunchtimes 1.25 - 1.55pm

Where? B17

Who? Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 13

Maths Puzzle of the Week

We are introducing a weekly maths puzzle for students to solve. There will be a house point given for each reasonable attempt, and 2 for a right answer.

Please see the question to the right here:

Answers to Mrs Harbour in M13 please before the end of next Thursday please. The solutions will follow in next week's newsletter.

Ms L Harbour, Maths Teacher

Q52

Arrange :-

(a) three 1s (b) three 2s (c) three 4s

without using any Mathematical signs

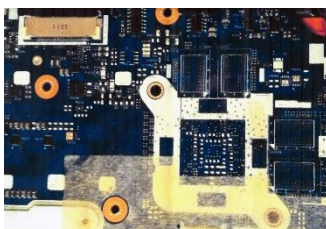
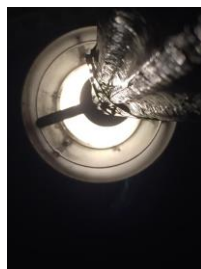
(e.g. =, -, x or ÷)

so that they represent

the highest possible number in each case.

Camera Club Update

It was lovely to see 5 new faces joining Camera Club this week and resulted in one of the best attended sessions we have had this academic year. This week's topic was Urban Architecture and we had some fantastic images of buildings taken from a variety of angles and viewpoints. This really showed all of us how changing the direction of your camera can create a really interesting photograph and we had great fun trying to guess whether we were looking up or down! The following images were taken by Joshua M (Year 10), Emily A (Year 9), Bethia P and Izzie C (Year 7), as well as images from myself and Mrs Singleton.



Oliver M (Year 7) took this amazing photograph of a circuit board which looks just like an aerial view of urban architecture - I am so impressed with his creativity.

Next week's challenge is to try and capture an emotion or a feeling in a photograph. This doesn't mean you need to photograph a person, it could be of something that makes you happy or sad, or a colour that represents an emotion, like red for anger. The key is being creative and trying to photograph a concept rather than taking the task too literally. In next week's meeting, we shall try and guess the emotion or feeling.

Camera Club is every Monday lunchtime in B17 and all students are welcome.

Miss Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography

School Reminders

Student Contact Information

Please ensure that you keep the school updated with any changes to your contact details, **especially** email addresses and mobile phone numbers.



We use schoolcomms messages to keep you updated on information regarding your students, if for any reason you are not receiving our messages, please call the school office and we will be happy help.

If we do not hold any email contacts for you this will result in a delay to you receiving messages as paper copies will need to be sent home by post.

School Gateway App

This App provides you with the opportunity to be able to view your child's achievements and check their weekly timetable.



If you have any problems accessing information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Biometric Data

We use fingerprint scanning at school as a safe a secure way for students to take their books from the library and also to purchase their food from the canteen. If your child has not had their fingerprint taken, they can do this take by going to the Library during break or lunchtimes. The will need to have the attached consent form completed and signed before the fingerprints can be taken.



Please contact the school office for more information.

ParentPay

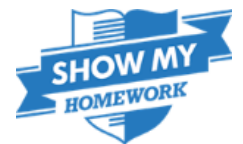
ParentPay is the easiest way to make payments for your son/daughter's lunch money and any trips your child will be attending. If you do not currently have a login for ParentPay, please contact the school office who will be able issue you with details. If you are experiencing any problems with your account, please contact us.



Please ensure that sufficient money is added to your child's dinner money account to enable them to purchase their food.

Showmyhomework

ShowMyHomework.co.uk is used by teachers to add detail and resources to work set. All students have a log in to make finding their homework much easier. Once they have logged in for the first time we, as a school, are unable to change or reset their passwords for them, as per GDPR restrictions, so any account holders must use the 'Forgotten Password' button on the log in page to gain access if they forget their password.



Please remember that it is not necessary to log in to see the details of the homework - this can be seen by viewing the Brakenhale Homework Calendar on Show My Homework and filtering by subject, teacher and/or year group.

Key Stage 3 students should expect to receive a minimum of 3 hours of homework per week, which should increase as they move up the years from Year 7 to Year 9. Key Stage 4 should expect to receive a minimum of 5 hours a week.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Dining Hall

The School Dining Hall is open daily for all students from 7.45-8.30am for breakfast food which includes:

Fresh Fruit / Yogurt Bar with Oats and Fruit Flavored Crunches / Cereals / Bacon or Sausage Baps / Danish Pastries

Other opening times include:

- 11.00 – 11.25am Break-time
- 1.25pm Lunchtime
- 3.05pm Any food left over can be purchased at half price

The cost of a hot school meal is £2.40 which includes either a drink or a pudding. A selection of jacket potatoes, sandwiches, pizza slices, paninis, fresh salad bar and pasta bar are also available daily.

During breakfast, break and lunch students can only pay using their ParentPay accounts can you please ensure that these accounts have funds available.

After school service students can pay with cash or their ParentPay account.

Should you have any questions regarding the Catering, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mobile Phones

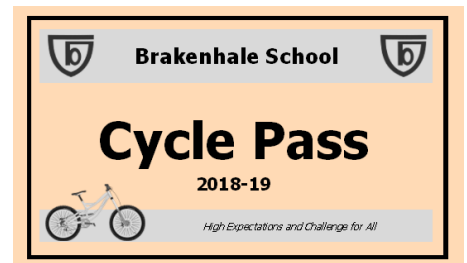
Can we please remind you that students must not use a mobile phone or any other mobile device anywhere on the school site (this includes when they are still on site at the end of the school day) or on any off-site school activity with one exception. The one exception is where a teacher tells the students they have permission to use a mobile device in the classroom as part of the planned learning activity in the lesson then mobile devices will be allowed provided the student follows the teacher instructions.

Mobile devices must not be visible at any time and must be switched off (ensuring all alerts and alarms are inactive), out of sight and kept safely in the student's school bag at all times.

Cycling to School

Can we please remind parents that to cycle or scooter to school students need a permit and helmet.

Could parents please keep reinforcing the message; reminding students that the helmet must be worn securely and has to be put on before they leave the bike area at the end of the school day.



Tools for Learning

Remember to encourage your son/daughter to check their Tools for Learning regularly. Having the right tools makes school work neater and helps lessons start quicker. Tools for Learning items can be purchased from the printroom in school.

If students get into the good habit of putting out their uniform, checking their timetable and packing their bag the night before then they will be ready in the morning to arrive at school with the correct uniform, tools for learning and equipment such as PE kit, Food Technology ingredients, completed homework and other necessary items to make sure they are ready to learn as soon as the school day begins.



If your child has lost any of their Tools for Learning please send them to see Mrs McCrorie in the Head of Year office as she has several unnamed full sets waiting to be claimed by the rightful owners.

Lost Property

Lost property is collected by Mrs McCrorie in the Head of Year office and any named items are reunited with their owners as soon as possible. Please ensure that all student uniform, PE kit, tools for learning, water bottles and any other items are clearly named to help us return them. Thank you to all those parents who already have named all equipment.

If your child has lost any uniform or other items could they please check with Mrs McCrorie in the Head of Year office as any unnamed belongings will be collected there. You can also email directly at using the following email address: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk.

Aberdovey Trip

This week 12 Year 8 students have been on an outward bound trip to Aberdovey in Wales.

The aim of the trip is for the students to be able to use the lessons learned as they progress through school over the next few years. Trying different things, facing challenge and trepidation, and most importantly developing the inner resourcefulness required to push through any initial caution and subsequently succeed are vital skills for life.

The journey begins!

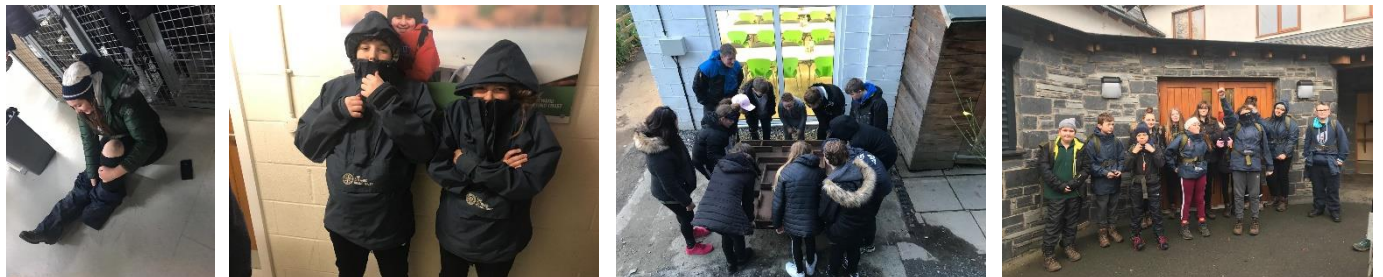
Students arrived at school (with some a little anxious) as we set off on the long trip to Wales.



At 3.30pm we arrived at the Outward Bound Centre where rooms were allocated and students were eager to unpack cases and sort out bunks.

Day 1 – Up the mountain we go!

An early start and the team get kitted out with walking gear for a mountain trek – It was great; we took 12 students up that mountain but then a few tears, and lots of “I can’t do this” later, 12 better-all-round students came back down the mountain having overcome their fears and so many challenges. We were so proud to have been part of seeing them all grow up, up there, mostly without our input and working together!



Day 2 – Setting off to sea!

We took to the sea today! A lot of organisation packing a number of different bags for different tasks was our first challenge! But after that, with bags packed, we boarded the bus to the water sports centre. In 2 teams we set about carrying 4 canoes each to make a big team raft in which we then set off for a 2 hour paddle along the estuary coast line. With the wind at our backs we had a go at improvised sailing with the use of an emergency tent (!!) which helped save time and paddle power! It was Mr Maye’s team boat that arrived on shore first!!!



We then ate lunch, changed and picked up our expedition ruck sacks... some were bigger than the students carrying them! They struggled with the climb to start with but using willpower alone kept going with the odd moan along the way, passing the time with amazing views the higher up we went.



Camping out overnight

We finally arrived some 5km later to probably our biggest challenge of the week – camping out! The students started well in their ‘tent teams’ as they set about putting up their tents.... no sooner had they got the outer tent up Mother Nature unleashed a hail storm, followed by snow... and if we were not cold and wet enough by then she hit us with a heavy rain downpour for practically the rest of the night, only interrupted by a smaller hail shower! Not to be put off everyone finished their tents, got comfortable for the night and waited for Mr Maye, Miss Manning and the amazing Craig (our instructor) to brave the weather to cook the dinners and deliver them

to the tent doors!! Finally after all were fed everyone tried to snuggle up and see out the night by going to bed at around 8:15!!!!



Day 3

Hiked back to the centre today after a very tough couple of days but completed with breathtaking views (and weather!) each one overcame tears, blisters, aches and pains - you name it! The kids did well too 😊!

We trekked back over the hills, unpacked (missing some items!), enjoyed a well-deserved meal and phones were given back after a day and a half without them 😊 📱!

Content and happy we rested and cleaned up!



Last get-together tonight before leaving... with all the moans of physical hard work we will be bringing 12 mentally and physically stronger students back! Fab night under the stars and round the camp fire – so many heart felt nominations brought tears to our eyes! (or was that the fire smoke Mr Maye? 😊), students all opened up about themselves and each other about, what they had faced and achieved, leaving two amazingly proud teachers!

Homeward Bound

Another early start and we set off back to Bracknell with aching limbs, lots of dirty washing (sorry!) but some fantastic memories and experiences had by all!!

Mr Maye and Miss Manning – Trip Leaders

Supporting Thames Valley Air Ambulance

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who have been collecting clean plastic milk bottle tops over the years to help raise money for the TVAA Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Unfortunately, as from the end of February, we will no longer be collecting the tops, so it would be much appreciated if you could please send in any you have saved before the end of February. The huge amount of sackfuls that have been collected from Brakenhale have been invaluable in helping save lives.

Many thanks.

Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support Assistant

THAMES VALLEY
AIR AMBULANCE



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 2018-19

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Half Term 3 - 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) TRAINERS only needed to participate	***Sports Hall Closed*** GCSE PE Study Sessions PE Office	Table Tennis KS4 Sports Hall LWI	Cricket KS4 Sports Hall MPO	Table Tennis KS3 Sports Hall RBE	Basketball KS3 and KS4 Sports Hall CMY Y10 GCSE PE Revision PE Office MPO
AFTER SCHOOL (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm for Trampolining***	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 Field/Astro EJA/JBO Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall LRU	Football (Girls) All years Field/Astro CMY Football Year 10 Field/Astro RBE Trampolining (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	

PE

We have had a busy week for PE with our extra-curricular clubs in full swing and the start of the football season.

Year 11 Football Cup Game against Langley Academy

Brakenhale 2 - 1 Langley Academy: Louis Huntley assisted with a looped left footed cross from the byline for a Joe J tap in, 1-0. Langley Academy central midfielder hits a world class shot from 25 yards, arrowing the ball into the top corner and over our goalkeeper for 1-1. Clancy O receives the ball in the channel and runs down the goal line before scoring near post from an impossible angle, 2-1.

Man of the match: Owen G, Captain: Ethan B

Year 7 and 8 Netball against Ranelagh

On Thursday we had our first netball game of the season against Ranelagh. It was a cold night so Ranelagh decided to play it in doors - the games were played one after the other with the Year 7s and starting followed by Year 8s.

In the Year 7 team both Ranelagh and Brakenhale used this quarter to get back into netball. The game was very end-to-end and there was some lovely interceptions. They then took advantage of watching how the Year 8s played and were inspired by them.

Then it was the Turn of the Year 8s and they did extremely well with some lovely passes down the court. A massive thank you needs to go to the Year 7s who helped the Year 8s out - otherwise they would not have had a team. The Year 8's game was very close with them drawing each a couple of the quarters. They had a very helpful Year 7 team being their cheerleaders.

The team talks were brilliant and all girls took on feedback and their game improved and the final two quarters were the best I have seen them play.

The final scores: Year 7: 5 - Ranelagh 3 Year 8: 2 - Ranelagh 6

Players of the match were awarded to Becky W and Macy F for their continued effort throughout the whole game and the amount of interceptions they received.

Well done to the following students: Year 7 Team - Maddie J-M, Elizabeth D, Morgan B, Macy F, Gracy M, Odeea B, Sienna W and Astreja. Year 8 Team - Becky W, Kelis C, Olivia B and Gracie M.

Good luck on your matches next week!

Year 8 Football County Cup

Year 8 boys go down fighting in the cup...

The Year 8 boys played against Dedworth Middle School this week in the first round of the county cup. They played a shortened 8-a-side game due to time and light restrictions away over at Dedworth. The team was confident they could come away with a win, if they kept their shape and their heads.

The first half came and went very quickly, with Dedworth scoring within 4 minutes. The Brakenhale boys rallied however and managed to hold off Dedworth's second goal until well into the second half. Brakenhale then came back and with play starting to even out, the first half finished 4-2 to Dedworth. But with a fast start to the second half from Brakenhale, we lost our shape and composure which led to an early goal being scored by the opposition. This meant that there was a lot of work to do. The boys never gave up but after a second goal from the half way line from Dedworth catching our keeper off his line, the final score ended up 7-2 to Dedworth. Our boys were a credit and shook hands with all players and the Dedworth staff with both teams getting a round of applause from the spectating parents.

The cup may be over, but the boys move onto the league now. Player of the match - Harry C, Goal scorers - Alex B and Will J. Well done boys, onwards you go!

Fixtures for next week

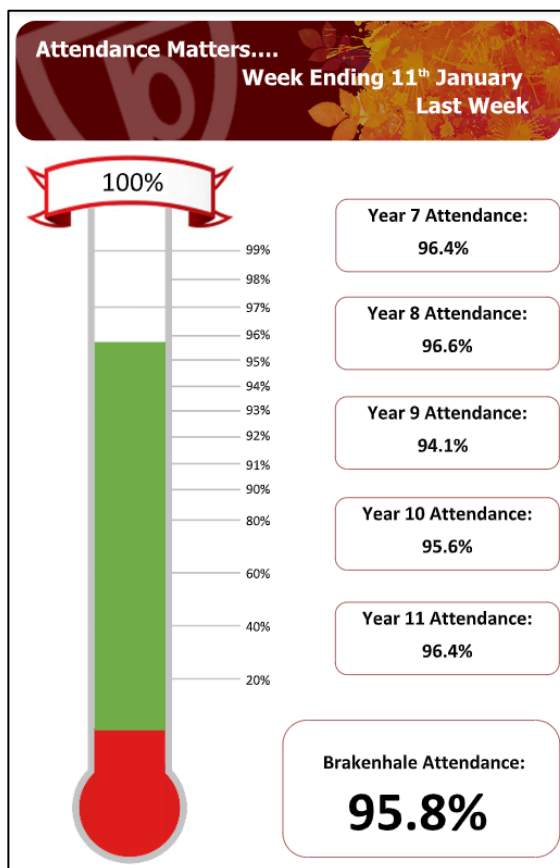
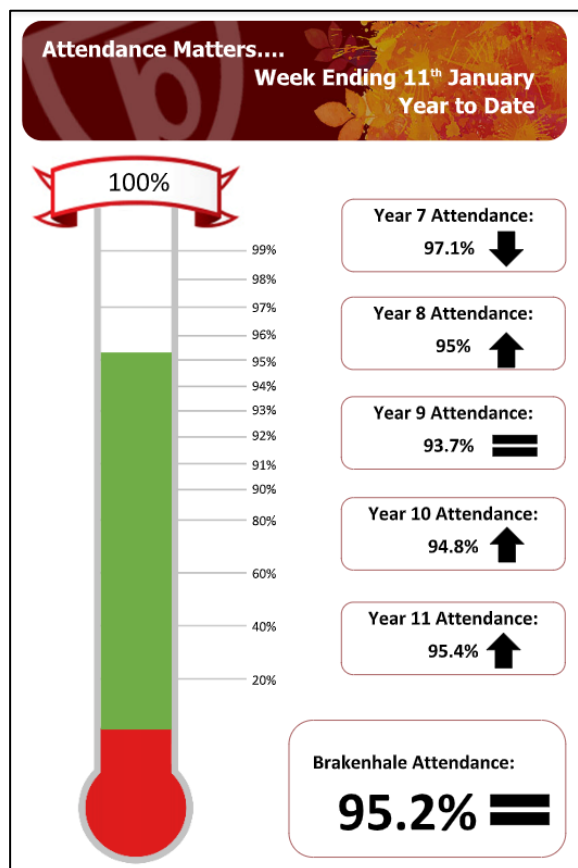
It is another busy week for fixtures, please make sure you check when your games are and if you cannot play please let the PE department know.

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
22/01/19	7 and 8	Netball	Sandhurst	Sandhurst	3.45/5.00	LWI/LRU
22/01/19	11	Football	Maiden Erlegh	Home	TBC	JBO
22/01/19	Young Ambassadors			Garth	1.30/4.00	LWI
24/01/19	7 A + B	Netball	Kings	Kings	3.30/5.00	LWI
24/01/19	6 th Form	Football	Holyport	Home	TBC	EJS
25/01/19	7/8	Indoor Athletics	Tournament	Bracknell Leisure Centre	9.00/12.30	LWI
25/01/19	10	Sports Leaders		Bracknell Leisure Centre	9.00/4.00	LWI

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

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.

Miss Shill, Attendance Officer

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

Thank you so much!

I was invited to a celebration event with the Easthampstead Rotary Club on Monday night to collect the cheque for the money that you raised by selling their Christmas Draw tickets. Not only did I pick up the cheque for £1515.00, but we were also awarded £100 as we were the charity that sold and raised the most. Well done to you all and I understand that one of the tickets sold by Brakenhale was a winner!

We have also been given a £250 donation by a local church. This is a kind and generous donation that the church leaders wanted to make and we are very grateful.

Please remember the Lexicon Bracknell Half Marathon: Sunday 12th May 2019 has been confirmed as the date of the Lexicon Bracknell Half Marathon. If you are entering, please considering raising money for our cause. We can help you by providing T-shirts and managing your sponsorship. Please contact me at fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk for more information.

In addition, we would like as many of you as possible (parents and kids) to join Mrs Coley and I in a fundraising community walk on Sunday 19th May. The walk will start at South Hill Park and is about 5k (I think!) I will be able to give you more information in due course so watch this space.

Please don't forget to visit our MyDonate page:

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

With thanks,

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body

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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. TALKING WITH THEM INTERESTING. SOMEHOW THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO TALK, YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL BY ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICES. BECAUSE NOW YOU ARE BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**
BE IN THE TOP CORNER. 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 ARE NOT INTERESTED, AND THERE IS NO 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 AN ECONOMIC INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING, WHILE YOU GET ALONG IN A GAME OR ONLINE APP WITH THEM, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMIND THEM THAT THEY DON'T NEED TO BE A GAMER TO THEM, IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH THE QUESTION WHY.
- Do you have any online friends?**
CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS CAN BECOME MORE COMMON THAN IN THE REAL WORLD. HOWEVER, NOT EVERYONE WHO MEETS THEM ONLINE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE. FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU WANT TO MEET IN REAL LIFE? YOU SHOULD TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOU, OR ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.
- 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. TO COME FROM AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THEY FEEL, YOU SHOULD ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. IF THEY ARE WORRIED, ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. IF THEY ARE WORRIED, ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. IF THEY ARE WORRIED, ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT.
- Do you know what your personal information is?**
YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MAY NOT KNOW HOW TO PROTECT IT. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. IF THEY ARE WORRIED, ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. IF THEY ARE WORRIED, ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT.
- Do you know your limits?**
CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR DEVICES. ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. IF THEY ARE WORRIED, ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. IF THEY ARE WORRIED, ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT.

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ROCKETS MINIBALLERS CAMP

AGE: 4-9 YEAR OLDS
DAY: MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY
TIME: 12.30-2.30PM
COST: £12

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Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey

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 next Bracknell Bees School Zone game is on Saturday January 19th at 6pm. This is a rearranged league game and your ticket includes FREE skating and FREE skate hire.



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.

All pre-purchased tickets will be available from the Rink Reception and all Complimentary Tickets will be available from the Rink Reception. 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.

Ticketing Scheme

Discounted Reading FC Tickets plus fantastic prizes to be won!

- Reading FC v Rotherham United on Saturday 23rd February 3pm Kick Off.
- Reading FC v Leeds United on Tuesday 12th March 8pm Kick Off.
- 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/Club is successful, then we have the opportunity of winning some of the following prizes: Meet the first team players, Play on the Madejski Stadium pitch, Bonus towards our funding, Free Family Tickets, Signed items and much more!

How to Book: Reading FC sell 4 home league fixtures at a time throughout the season, and anyone wishing to book should check on sale dates via www.readingfc.co.uk. Once one of our chosen fixtures are on sale, phone the Ticket Office on **0118 968 1313** and quote **Brakenhale School**. Tickets must be booked by the chosen deadline for each fixture. This is 3pm on the Thursday before a weekend fixture, or 3pm on a Friday before a Tuesday night fixture. After this time, discounted tickets will not be available through the scheme. Tickets are only available in the Eamonn Dolan Stand including the family Area. Each booking must have at least one child as part of the booking. Madejski Stadium ground regulations and ticketing Terms and Conditions also apply, please visit www.readingfc.co.uk

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

Brakenhale PTA School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners this week.


Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.

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

You have to be in it to win it.



The **School Lottery** is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows maybe you'll be the next winner!



YOUR school lottery

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 26th February 2019
*Terms and Conditions apply. See website

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/>

- Maths Teacher
- Invigilator
- Intervention Coordinator
- Performing Arts Technician

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Thursday 31 st January	:	Year 9 Options Evening, 6-8pm
Tuesday 5 th February	:	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 12 th February	:	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th February	:	Year 9 Parents' Evening

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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