



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to all the staff and students.

The week has started incredibly well and Christmas seems a distant memory. I have seen all students in assemblies this week and talked to them about 'Reaching for the stars'. Our students have so much potential and I am very excited about the term ahead and watching them all succeed. One truly amazing example of success is Jordan Penn in Year 13, who is also our Head boy; earlier this week he was offered a place at Oxford University to study Physics. This is an outstanding achievement and Jordan is the first ever Brakenhale student to gain a place at one of the world's most prestigious universities. Huge congratulations to him, we are all very proud of his achievements and he is of course our 'Student of the Week'.

This week, we have also welcomed a number of new staff to the school and they are as follows:

- Mr Corry, Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Vegh, Head of RE, Psychology and Criminology
- Mr Swanepoel, Teacher of D&T, IT and Humanities
- Mr Briggs, School Staff Instructor for Cadets and Alternative Curriculum
- Mr Easton, IT Technician

On Wednesday I attended the monthly build progress meeting and during the site inspection I was given the opportunity, along with our Site Manager Mr Elsey, to visit all floors of the new build including standing on the roof! It really is an impressive structure which is coming up so quickly. New photos to follow below.

On Thursday our Post 16 Geography students were accompanied by Mr Cooper on a field trip to Ascot and numerous members of the public commented on their engagement and positive attitude. On Monday, a group of Year 7 students are setting off for Aberdovey, along with Mr Maye and Miss Manning; we look forward to hearing about it on their return. On Thursday we have 56 Year 10 students involved with the Mosaic Enterprise day which is run by local businesses and managers who will be working alongside the students.

FAB feedback this week:

Our fab feedback this week has been taken from applications received for Year 7 places in September. We are absolutely thrilled that 500 families have stated Brakenhale as a preference and we are only sorry that we cannot give everybody a place.

- Brakenhale is within a short distance and meets all of our requirements for a school for my daughter; my older son went to this school and I have watched it improve over the years under the new headteacher and would like my younger son to attend this school too.
- After visiting the school and listening to the teachers, students and headteacher we feel that Brakenhale would provide our son with the best chance to succeed with his education. The feedback from students and the support available for children at all levels would suit him and help him to achieve the results he needs for his future.
- I have only requested Brakenhale School as our preferred school because I feel this is the only school our child will truly flourish in.

DRAB feedback this week:

We have received some feedback about extra-curricular activities and we have published an up to date list of all opportunities including non-sport based clubs below. In addition:

- In our progress reports some grades are over the 'making expected progress' but aren't highlighted - please fix this! But overall amazing results.

We are currently looking at our system of grade reports with the intention of making some changes, we will of course take this feedback into account.

Staff member of the week:

Miss Caiafa - Her lessons are always really engaging and she's a really lovely teacher to be taught by. Always offers her support and just genuinely will do anything in order for us to get the best possible results in French.

Mrs Perryman and Mr Boucher - For going out of their way to plan and prepare an excellent Christmas buffet for the sixth form.

Miss Burrows - For going out of her way and being overall absolutely brilliant this entire term.
- For always pushing me to my limits and dealing with challenging behaviour very well, she is such a great teacher, BEST MATHS TEACHER EVER!

Mrs McCrorie - For being very helpful in the Heads of Year Office.

Motivational quote for next week: *'Four things you can't recover: The **stone** after the throw. The **word** after it is said. The **occasion** after it is missed. The **time** after it is gone.'*

Have a lovely weekend.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next term

Monday 14th January : **Aberdovey Trip leaves**
: **Year 12/13 PPE Exams start**

EAL (English as an Additional Language) Support

We will be running drop-in support sessions for those students taking GCSEs in Heritage Languages (other than French and Spanish) on Thursdays during period 6 (3.05pm to 4.05pm) in the Learning Resources Connexions room.

Miss Cmok, EAL Coordinator

Immunisations

Vaccinations for Year 9 students will be taking place for Tetanus, Diptheria, Polio and Meningitis (Td/IPV & ACWY) on the 11th and 12th Febuary 2019.

Schoolcomms messages have been sent home to parents/carers with an information pack (which you can also find on our school website here: [Meningitis Information Pack](#)) and hard copies will be provided to those parents unable to access this.

Vaccination forms will be sent home via students through tutors this week. Students should return the completed forms to Ms Ball in the medical room as soon as possible.

More information can be found on the school website: <https://brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/health-zone/>

Ms Ball, Health Coordinator



Camera Club Update

Camera Club celebrated the start of a new year with lots of pictures of timepieces and who knew that clocks could be so photogenic or unusual! These photographs from Izzie C, Bethia P and Emily A (Year 7) and Charlotte H (Year 13) definitely prove this.



I even remembered to do my own homework and produced this image of one of my clocks.

This week's photographic challenge is to photograph urban architecture - this means buildings made for a city or town setting. With the new town centre and all of the development that is happening in Bracknell (including on our own school site!) we thought this would make for some interesting photographs, especially if students get creative with angles and viewpoints.

As always, Camera Club is on a Monday lunchtime in B17 and all students are welcome.

Miss Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography



Extra Curricular Clubs

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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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

	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.

Performing Arts

Music: We have our vocal group continuing on Thursdays after school in LS1 from 3:05 to 4:05.

Drama: We have 'We Will Rock You' rehearsals in the Drama Studio Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs Raby, Mrs Duffy and Mrs Hope 3:05 to 4:30.

Drama: We also have Year 9 Drama Group on Friday lunch times in the Drama studio with Mrs Raby.

Congratulations: Christmas-time Performances and more

Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic achievements over the Christmas period:

- Tegan Roberts who performed in the Hayley Otway Theatre Academy version of Hairspray over the Christmas period. Tegan performed as Mrs Pinky and was the understudy of the leading role Tracy!
- Kier Buist, Lauren Williams, Emma Warner and Arianna Koskela-Reyes for their performances in South Hill Park's Christmas pantomime 'Dick Whittington and His Cat' - all four students were involved in the incredibly long run of this sold out production.
- Kiera Hopkins for her successful audition and conditional offer from Bournemouth University to study Dance next year.
- Kier Buist for being recalled to the second round of auditions at both Mountview and Guildford School of Acting. These are both the TOP Acting schools in the UK.

Important reminder

We have our first Saturday rehearsal for the school musical 'We Will Rock You' on the 19th January. All students involved with the music will need to be present for this rehearsal from 10:00 to 15:00.

	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	



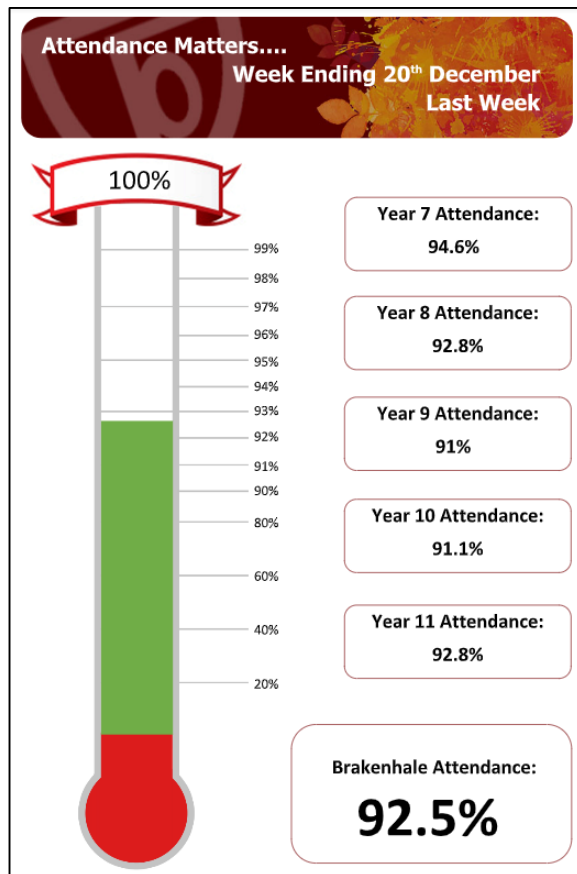
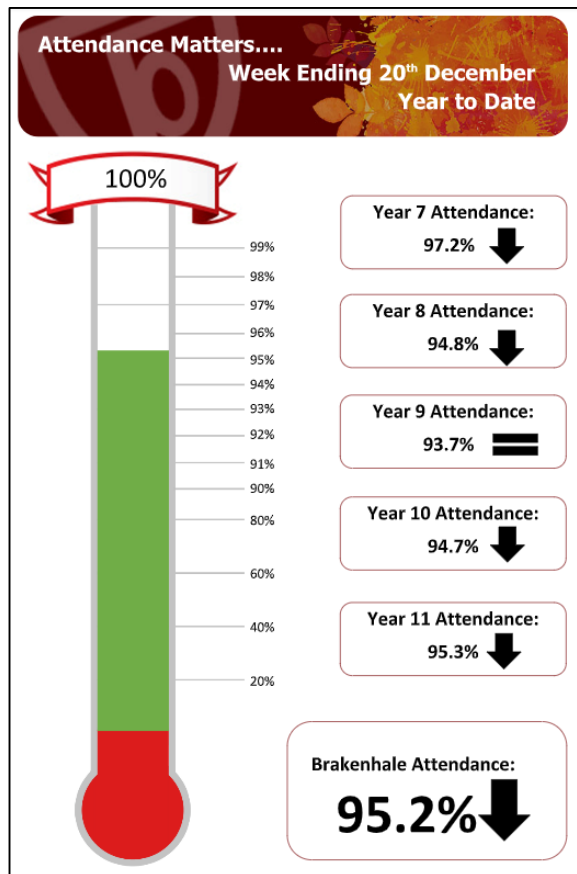
Extra-Curricular Dance Timetable

Starting from Monday 14th January

Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

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:

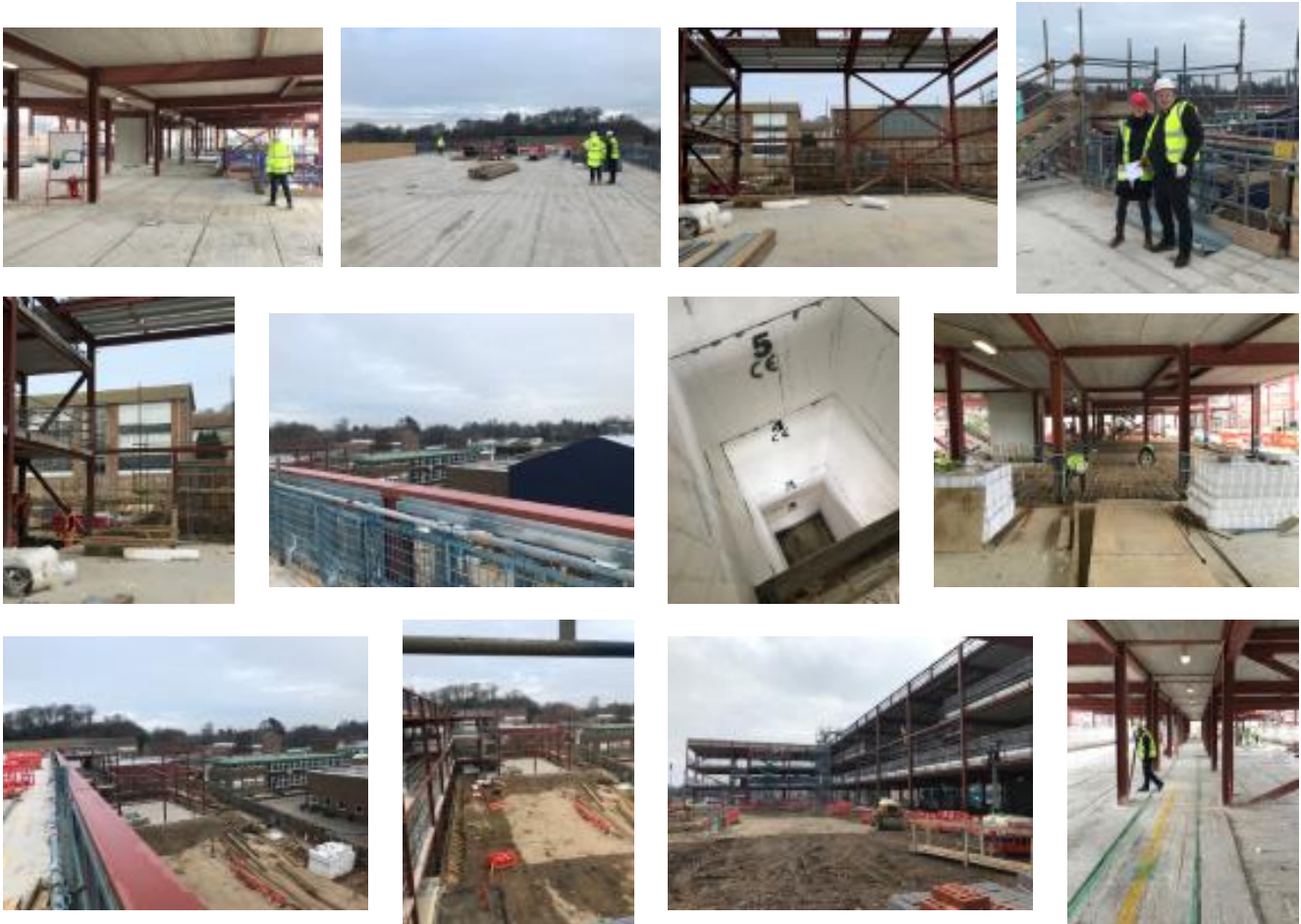
[Fab](#) [Drab](#) [Staff Member of the Week](#)

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

Ms Coley, Headteacher

New Build

The building work has been moving forward at a fantastic rate and we can really see the difference over the Christmas break. Ms Coley visited the build site on Thursday and had a bird's eye view from the roof.



Fundraising

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.

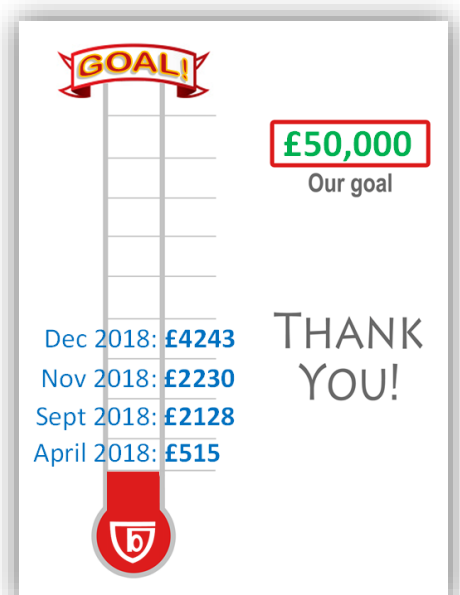
Please remember that any donation you make on our page (<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/iwanttobuysomefurniture/472468>), however large or small, is gratefully accepted and every penny will go towards equipping our new building.

With many thanks,

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body

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BE ON A SHOW

Lion TV is now casting talented young chefs and aspiring restaurant bosses in **school years 5-9** to compete in a **BRAND NEW CBBC** series:

THE RESTAURANT DREAM TEAM (TV)

Fred Sileik and Allegra McEvedy are on the hunt to find a **DREAM TEAM** of six kids who will be able to run their very own restaurant.

We are looking for a group of six friends. Three of the group members will be working on the restaurant floor, coming up with a restaurant theme, welcoming and serving guests, as well as dealing with customer complaints. The other three members will be creating their own menu and cooking to a high standard, under pressure, whilst remaining calm.

Do you have the charisma and confidence to charm a whole host of hungry diners and run a team? Are you bursting with foodie ideas? Or do you think you can cook better than most adults?

If so, we would love to hear from you and your mates who may have what it takes to become the winning Restaurant Dream Team! Please email us for an application form and have your parents or guardians send back to us:
restaurantdreamteam@liontv.co.uk

YOU MUST HAVE PERMISSION FROM YOUR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS TO APPLY.

APPLY ASAP
Application Deadline: Friday 6th Feb 2019

A great opportunity for budding chefs or students who would like to design their own pop up restaurant in a Dream Team with their friends. This is open to students in Years 7 to 9.

Please see Mrs. Higham for further details, preferably before the Christmas holidays, so your Dream Team can get their application in.

Mrs Higham, Head of Design Technology



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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 Nottingham Forest on Saturday 12th January 3pm Kick Off.
- 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!



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WIN £25,000 jackpot every week!

Add Magic to your school this term!

Buy your lottery ticket and you could win a Family Ticket to Warner Brothers *Glarry Potter, Studio & Tour*

- Join our weekly online lottery. Tickets cost £1 a week.
- 40% of all tickets go to our school, with another 36% funding prizes.
- A **GUARANTEED** cash prize to one of our supporters every week.
- Chance to WIN £25,000 jackpot every week!

To start supporting, visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

And Search For: **Brakenhale**

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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/>

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

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Wednesday 23 rd January	:	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30pm to 6.30pm (X band)
Thursday 24 th January	:	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30pm to 6.30pm (Y band)
Friday 25 th January	:	Parent Coffee Morning Drop-in, 10am to 11.30pm
Thursday 31 st January	:	Year 9 Options 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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