



Dear Parents/Carers

All those who are not involved in working in schools believe that we are now in a honeymoon period as we get towards the end of term. However, nothing can be further from the truth, it is busier now than ever!

Year 9 exams have been on-going throughout the week with the students showing what they have learnt this term. We are hoping that this will really help them decide which options will be the most appropriate for them moving into Key Stage 4. The Dance show on Wednesday night was truly brilliant, we had an amazing turn out and the hall was packed to the rafters. The students performed beautifully and I would like to say a big thanks to all the parents for supporting them and to the Performing Arts team for all their hard work in putting together the production.

On Thursday we held the much anticipated Christmas market. We had a range of stall holders selling an array of wonderful Christmas goodies and it really helped to put us all in the festive spirit! Our new PTA chair, Mrs Anne-Marie Lategan, coordinated the event to perfection, supported by our school team led by Mrs Forde, Mrs Hartley and Mrs Theal.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Oaktree Garden Centre who very kindly donated the most spectacular tree that currently resides in our reception area. On top of this they also donated all the decorations as well. What great supporters of #teambrokenhale.

We have recently been running our annual Christmas card competition which gives all students the opportunity to submit an entry for me to use as our School Christmas card. A big congratulations to Sophie Hart for her lovely winning entry which will now be distributed to staff, governors and members of the local community. Well done to all the students who took part.

This week we have also been able to begin some incredibly powerful mentoring schemes including 'Captain of my Ship', a scheme for Year 8 and 9 students involving leaders in the local business community working alongside them to support them in achieving their very best. We have also had students involved in the national 'unlocking potential scheme', who are being visited by a national athlete next week alongside students working at Wellington College.

Next week we are having a singer presenter visiting us on Wednesday. Sapphire will be addressing the issues of mental health, online safety and cyber bullying. All of our students will have the opportunity to view this and we are looking forward to the feedback.

On Thursday we will be having our Christmas dinner during the day. If your child wishes to take part in this please sign up on parentpay.

Students of the week:

- Julia Haigh in Year 9 – she had a fall ice skating at the weekend and badly bruised her hips. She was not due to attend school as she was unable to walk unassisted. However, despite being in a lot of pain, as she had exams she insisted on coming in to school.
- Victoria Thompson in Year 8 – always approaches school positively and helps out whenever she can. This week she found some money on the floor and went to great lengths to find the Sixth Form student she had seen drop it.

FAB feedback this week:

- *Always an honour to help out younger years, especially PE.*
- *The amount of effort that Mr Duffy, Mr Hartley and the rest of the Sixth Form teachers put in to Year 11's taster day was amazing! Thank you so much, it's been such a positive step forward for next year!*
- *The level of difficulty.*
- *I think Miss Coley is the best Headteacher and should be nominated for teacher of the year.*

DRAB feedback this week:

There should be more videos about the school posted on social media, especially YouTube. During the year, in some sort of sense, it would be nice to shoot together a promo video.

What a lovely idea, I will speak to the media team

Drab from last week: More trips. The only ever trip you'll expect in the school is the costly PGL trip in the summer or sports tournaments in general. There should be more opportunities of purposeful and less expensive curricular trips during the school year.

I am currently looking into how we can improve this and we are analysing the trips that we do run to see where we can add more into the curriculum. I will update as soon as I can.

UPDATE: Please see the section below with a summary of all the trips that have taken place so far this year and those planned going forwards – I do accept that we are doing more trips for Key Stage 4 so we are now looking at what we can do for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Staff member of the week:

- Mrs Gibbons She is fantastic.
- Miss Byers Always helpful and supportive, gives the best advice :)
- Mrs Duddy Really lovely and a great teacher.
- Mr Bell Being the best teacher and always fun and makes his subject enjoyable.
- Mr George He's always there to help!
- Mr Cooper He makes sure at least once a month we are doing something fun.

Motivational quote for next week is:

"Be kind for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle".

Have a lovely weekend.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

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School Trips 2018-19

During October students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 went on trips to the following:

- 'An Inspector Calls' at the New Wimbledon Theatre
- The Annual Headboy/Girl Conference at Wellington College
- An Anti-Bullying Training Day at the Cleeve School in Cheltenham
- The Bracknell Forest Careers Event at the Coppid Beech Hotel
- A 'What Careers' Event at Olympia
- A Healthcare Insight Day at Johnson & Johnson in Pinewood
- The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park
- An Oxbridge Maths Support Day at Wellington College

During November students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 went on trips to the following:

- A Dance Insight Day at Chichester University
- A revision weekend at Liddington, Swindon
- The Safe Drive Stay Alive presentation by Thames Valley Police at the Hexagon, Reading
- A Health & Social Care trip to Astbury Manor Care Home in Bracknell
- A dance performance of 'The Knot' at South Hill Park
- 'Taking Maths Further' day at Wellington College

- The Creative Quarter Festival at the Design Museum in London
- An A Level Business Workshop in London

So far during December students from Years 12 and 13 went on trips to the following:

- A careers options visit to Syngenta in Bracknell

And a further 2 trips are planned for the rest of the month:

- A tour of parliament and a visit with Dr Phillip Lee
- A GCSE Geography field trip to Windsor

Next year a variety of further trips are planned, including:

- An outwards bound adventure for Year 8 students in Aberdovey
- A theatre trip for Years 10 and 11 to see Blood Brothers in High Wycombe
- A Year 12 and 13 Geography field trip week
- Another Year 11 revision weekend to Liddington
- A Student Voice trip to the Houses of Parliament for Years 7 to 10
- A 'Late Tudors' History trip for Sixth Form
- Another GCSE Geography field trip to Highcliffe
- Romeo and Juliet at The Globe Theatre for Sixth Form
- A GCSE PE Conference in London
- A Year 9 reward trip to the cinema
- A Year 7, 8 and 9 Adventure Weekend at Bawdsey Manor
- A World Challenge trip for Years 10, 11 and 12
- A Sixth Form Art and Photography trip to the Sculpture Park

What's on next week

Tuesday 11th December

Year 11 PPE Results Assembly
Parents' Coffee Afternoon, 1-3pm

Thursday 13th December


STOP Parenting Course

End of Term Arrangements

We would like to confirm our end of term arrangements for the last day of this term, Thursday 20th December, 2018, when school will finish for students at 12:05pm. On this last day of term we will be supporting the Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Donations will be £1.00 and students may wear their Christmas Jumpers in place of their school blazers - all other school uniform should be worn.

We return to school on Monday 7th January, 2019 at 8.30am.

Thank you to Oaktree Garden Centre

We would like to say  and a huge THANK YOU to our local garden centre Oaktree for their generous donation of this fantastic Christmas Tree and decorations.

It has really made our reception area look most festive and welcoming.

Thank you.



Standards Week

Standards week has been another great success with over 3,000 golden tickets being issued across the year groups. Uniform has been looking very sharp, students have been even keener than usual to open doors and greet teachers as they arrive to lessons. As parents can we please make sure we are supporting uniform and tools for learning all the way until the end of term as it makes such a difference to the school in terms of appearance and the smooth running of lessons. Thank you once again for your support.

House Competitions are go!

Students have their PE inter-house competitions the week of 10th December 2018 - next week!

Year 7, 8 and 9 will be taking part in this whole year group event which sees us celebrate elements of sporting prowess and school competition. House competitions and intra-school sport dates back hundreds of years, to some of the most famous schools and colleges in the country where the tradition first began. We are proud at Brakenhale that we can offer our young people the chance to participate in our very own house competition based on the house system the school operates.

- For Year 7, this will take place on: Thursday 13th December - Period 5 - change into kit at lunchtime.
- For Year 8, this will take place on: Tuesday 11th December - Period 3 – change into kit at break time.
- For Year 9, this will take place on: Friday 14th December - Period 5 - change into kit at lunchtime.

Half of the year group have PE in this specific lesson and the other half will join them to battle it out in the chosen sports for this first round of competition. Some students will have a timetabled lesson in the specific period chosen, but all students will need to bring in their PE kit for the event on their day.

The boys will take part in rugby (10s) and girls in netball. The girls will need their PE kit as normal, but the boys will need studded boots and gum shields to take part. We recognise that it has been several week since rugby, but gumshields and studded boots are a requirement of PE kit so boys should still have access to them. We kindly ask if you can ensure they bring them.

All abilities will be catered for in inter-house competitions with a variety of matches being played to ensure full participation by each member of each house, both girls and boys events. The events will be supported by Sixth Form members of the school along with staff; it promises to be a fantastic session of sport for all.

Please can I ask once again that you ensure your child's kit is packed for this day. If they have PE on another day during this week, it will be PE lessons as normal.

Lastly, if the weather is due to be poor, we will let parents know via schoolcomms the day before of any cancellations. However students must still bring in their PE kit to participate in their PE lesson as normal.

Many thanks and please check out the PE department and school twitter accounts for all the latest photos and news on the day.

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

Visit to Syngenta



On Monday we were very fortunate to have the fantastic opportunity to visit Syngenta for our students to experience career options based on their current studies.

Throughout the day we had a talk and tour showing us the facilities where Syngenta carry out research into diseases and pests to support a growing global population. The students were able to listen to and witness first hand science based professionals who work to support organisations from South America, Asia and Europe. Some students are now looking to establish work experience links with Syngenta. A massive thank you must go to Miss Young in Science for organising the logistics for the trip.

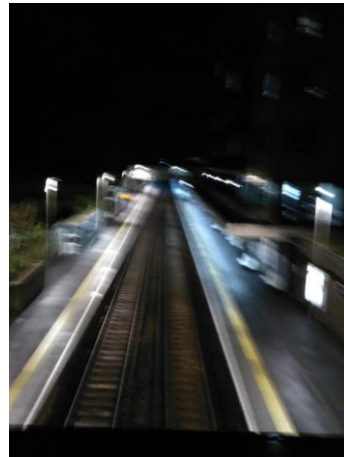
Mr Radcliffe, Director of Science

Camera Club

With Christmas on the horizon, this week's Kinetic photography exercise featured a lot of Christmas trees and lights. This included these from Bethia P (Year 7) and Daisy B (Year 8) and have influenced the last Camera Club exercise of 2018: Christmas. We also had this beautiful image from Rachel S (Year 10) of Bracknell's train station.

Camera Club runs on a Monday lunchtime in B17 and all years are welcome. We spend the lunchtime looking at each other's photographs, giving some advice and tips on how to take better photographs and agreeing a photographic subject for the following week. Camera Club members also get involved in taking photographs for school events, such as Sports Day and supporting the school newspaper.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art and Photography



Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Following our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors completing further training on safeguarding on Tuesday, they are now ready and fully prepared to meet and support our students.

Our wonderful team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors volunteer to be available each lunchtime in the back of the SSC to listen to those students who feel they may be experiencing bullying. The Ambassadors will be such a valuable resource for our students and will also aid parental anxieties around bullying in our school.

We would also like to encourage students to enter our Anti-Bullying poster competition. This competition was launched in assemblies last week to increase the awareness of students to the Ambassadors. The final deadline for entries has been extended until Monday 10th December and all those who enter will have the opportunity to win a week's pass to the dining hall... so no queuing for their chips on Friday! All entries can be handed in to Mrs Palmer in the SSC.

The Anti-Bullying Team

Geography Fieldtrip

On Thursday 13th December the GCSE Geographers will be completing a fieldwork trip to Windsor.

The students will be leaving Brakenhale at 9am and returning at the end of the school day. The students must be in full school uniform with a warm/waterproof coat depending on the weather as they will be outside all day. They should also bring a packed lunch and have the necessary equipment such as pencil, pen and clipboard.

Miss Kelly, on behalf of the Geography Department



Fundraising

You will see that our total donated has increased to £4,104.28 this week and that is without the additional £1500 we will have made through the selling of the Easthampstead Rotary Club Christmas Draw being added.

Thank you to the anonymous person, who donated £1875.00 (including gift aid) through our MyDonate page. If you would like to make yourself known to me, in confidence, we will be able to invite you to our doners' celebration events. 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.

Thank you to the parents who so kindly sold draw tickets for us. Although our closing date was 3rd December, we have until 10th December to submit to the Rotary Club. If you have collected any further money or have not yet returned unsold tickets, please send them in on Monday. It is extremely important that all unsold tickets are returned.

The winning tutor groups in Year 7 and Year 8, who sold most tickets and therefore will be the first to tour the new building will be announced before the end of term. Pupils who have returned everything (money if collected, counterfoils and unsold tickets) will be awarded house points that will contribute towards the house cup at the end of term.

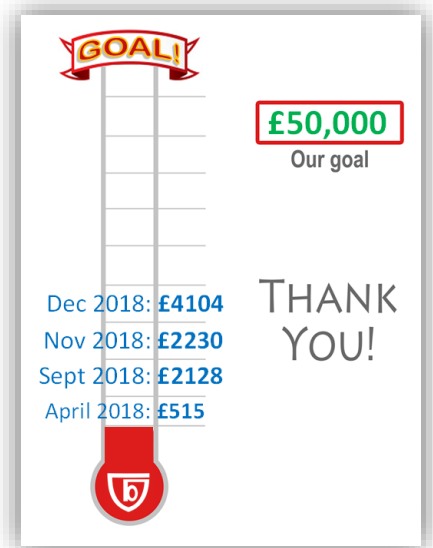
I must also thank the staff and governors for the parts they have played in this. In particular, the admin staff not only bought and sold tickets but they have distributed tickets and kept a very close check on the money being returned. It has been a mammoth task.

With many thanks,

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

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



Clothes Recycling

After Christmas we will once again be collecting in your unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and other household linen items for recycling. Please start collecting together any unwanted items and we will give you more information about bringing them into school after the festive holiday.

Brakenhale School

CLOTHES RECYCLING!

**Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...
The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.**

The following 'good quality' items are accepted for RE-USE:

- ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (tied together/elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags, Hats, Bags and Belts
- ✓ Scarves and Ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie and Socks
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen, Curtains and Towels
- ✓ Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Put your items in a black bin bag. ✓

Please note that the following are not accepted:

- ✓ Duvets and Blankets
- ✓ Pillows and cushions
- ✓ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- ✓ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- ✓ School uniforms with and without logo
- ✓ Corporate clothing and workwear
- ✓ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

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Thank you for supporting the school!

Update from Curriculum Support

Lost Property, Uniform and Equipment: Named and Un-named items

Thank you for all the parents that have named all their student's items. We still unfortunately have many items arriving daily in lost property UN NAMED so please remember that for us to be able to return your child's clothing and items to them they do need to be named.

We have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property. We have set up an email address lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk for all queries and through this we have been able to track items and reunite both named and un-named items with our students.

Clean Plastic Milk bottle tops

Thank you to all staff and students who continue to regularly bring in clean plastic milk bottles tops (please, only clean MILK lids) to support TVAA – Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Drop off points are situated in main reception, the Head of Year office and for staff in the staff room and this is an on-going initiative.

Used Stamps for Charity

We are also collecting used postage stamps for charity. As the busy festive seasons gets underway, with hundreds of Christmas cards coming through the doors, please remember that we also collect these for charity. The collection box for these is in the main reception.

With Thanks

Thank you for last week's staff member of the week nomination. It is lovely to know that students feel they are able to come to the Head of Year office anytime if they require our help.

Standards Week

Well done to the many students who have received a gold positive recognition ticket this week.

Mobile Phone Use (in school but after the bell)

Please can we remind students that they should not have their phone out until they leave the school site. This is a safeguarding issue and it is very important that they follow this directive.

Thank you

Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support

Book of the Month Competition!

The Prize
A £10 book voucher

How do I win it?
Read this month's book of the month and write a review.
Reviews should be emailed to Mrs Duddy before December 20th 2018. All entrants will receive house points. Winners will also be printed in The Brakenhale Bugle!

This Month's Book:
Running on the Roof of the World, by Jess Butterworth

There are two words that are banned in Tibet. Two words that can get you locked in prison without a second thought. I watch the soldiers tramping away and call the words after them. 'Dalai Lama.'

Tash has to follow many rules to survive in Tibet, a country occupied by Chinese soldiers. But when a man sets himself on fire in protest and soldiers seize Tash's parents, she and her best friend Sam must break the rules. They are determined to escape Tibet - and seek the help of the Dalai Lama himself in India. And so, with a backpack of Tash's father's mysterious papers and two trusty yaks by their side, their extraordinary journey across the mountains begins.



PE Department Weekly Bulletin

This week was a quiet one for the PE department with only one fixture! However it was our first ever Sixth Form netball match! Which is a great achievement and I am hoping we can have more in the future.

Sixth Form Netball Match Report

As a PE teacher I am often very proud of the teams that represent Brakenhale. The match on Wednesday evening was a particularly proud moment for myself and Miss Willimott. The girls playing in the Sixth form match have been representing Brakenhale since Year 7 and without fail they commit and step up to any fixture we have.

Our Sixth Form team played exceptionally well against a very strong side from Ranelagh. For all of the girls this was their first match since Year 10 or 11. It was great to see the girls having a great time playing in the fixture and demonstrating that they have not lost their fight for a win! All of them deserve player of the match for their sportsmanship, sporting prowess and determination. On the night Taylor received the accolade as awarded by the Ranelagh team.

Miss Rushby, Head of Year 10, PE Teacher

Star Athlete of the Week



Our star athlete this week is Taylor Radcliffe for her outstanding performance in the netball match and being awarded player of the match.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Fixtures

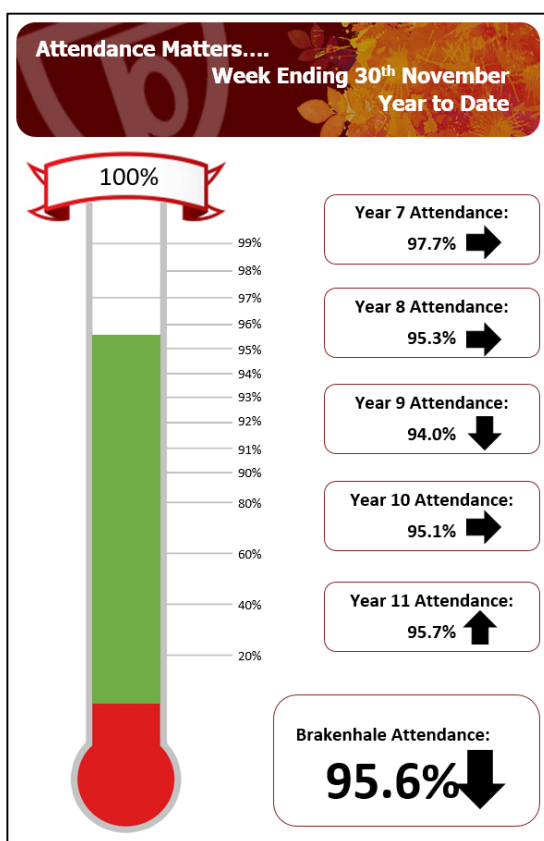
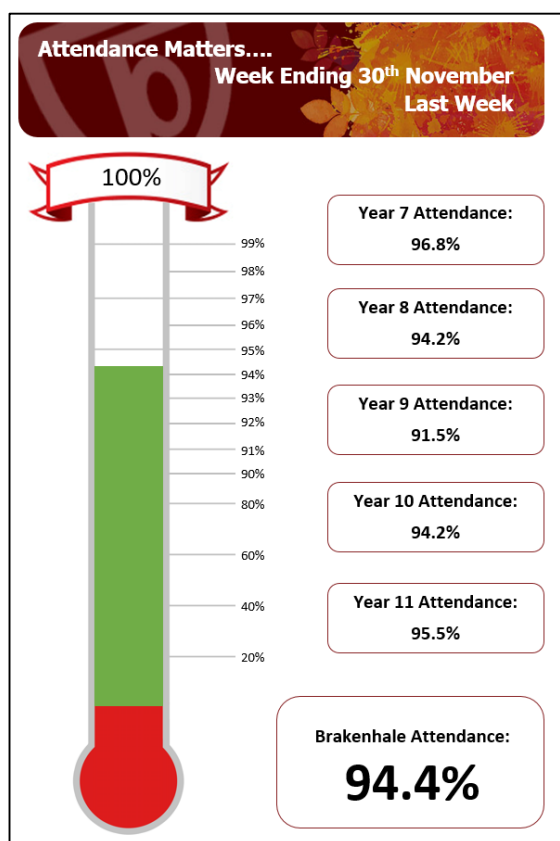
Next week we will not have any extra-curricular clubs or fixtures due to this being staff well-being week.

As well as the new year, we will also have a new extra-curricular timetable will be starting in January. It is in the process of being finalised and will be a feature in next week's PE bulletin.

Miss L Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE and Teacher in Charge of Health and Social Care and The PE Team

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



Ticketing Scheme

Discounted Reading FC Tickets plus fantastic prizes to be won!

Brakenhale School are delighted to announce that we have teamed up with Reading Football Club and signed up to their School and Grassroots Ticketing Scheme. We are giving you the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for the following fixtures

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

THE ROYALS GROUPS & EVENTS

Be Part of the Action!
Your school or group will be entered in to our new Incentive Scheme and compete against other local schools and groups to win the following prizes:
- Chance to meet Reading FC players
- Opportunity to play on the pitch at Madejski Stadium
- £50 bonus towards your fundraising
- Free Family Tickets
- Signed items and much more!

PICK FROM READING VS

ROTHAMHAM UNITED Sat 23 rd Feb, 3pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 21 st Feb	NOTTINGHAM FOREST Sat 12 th Jan, 3pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 10 th Jan
LEEDS UNITED Tue 12 th Mar, 8pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 8 th Mar	BIRMINGHAM CITY Sat 13 th Apr, 3pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 11 th Apr
BRENTFORD Sat 13 th Apr, 3pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 11 th Apr	LEEDS UNITED Sat 27 th May, 12.30pm Booking deadline: 3pm on 24 th May

Ticket Price	Amount donated to YOUR team or group	To book please call the Ticket Office on 0118 968 1313 and quote Brakenhale School. Please ensure you call before the booking deadline. Make us a school group. Tickets are subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.
Adults £15	£5	
65 and over £10	£4	
18-24 £8	£3	
17 and under £5	£2	
12 and under £2	50p	

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65 and over	£10	£4
18-24	£8	£3
17 and under	£5	£2
12 and under	£2	50p

Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey

Don't forget the next Bracknell Bees School Zone game is on Saturday 8th December and with your ticket there is included an exclusive 'Skating with the Bees' after the game. Exclusive to School Zone ticket holders is FREE skating and FREE skate hire if required.

There is a 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.

BEE PART OF THE BUZZ

BRACKNELL BEES SCHOOL ZONE

BEES VS DYNAMOS
SAT 8th DECEMBER - KICK OFF 6:00PM
JOHN NIKE LEISURESPORT COMPLEX

PLUS - SKATE WITH THE BEES AFTER THE GAME!

KIDS GO FREE

2 FREE KIDS TICKETS WITH EVERY PAYING ADULT

THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES FREE ENTRY FOR UP TO TWO CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT PAYING JUST £10 PLUS FREE PUBLIC SKATING AFTER THE GAME. REGULAR PRICE - ADULTS £2.50 KIDS £4.00

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


10% OFF

BEES MERCHANDISE - IN STORE

THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO 10% OFF BEES MERCHANDISE IN OUR SHOP. MATCH NIGHTS ONLY

WWW.BRACKNELLBEES.COM BOX OFFICE - 01344 789000

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.



We are here to help!

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

- Ethan Nunn
- Molly Penn
- Leanne Palmer
- Callum Harding
- Pixie Willett
- Nileeta Amar Dhuvar
- Jodie Simpson
- Danielle Rabulan
- Georgina Harrington
- Azha Mardisi
- Jasle Darial
- Chloe Hawkins
- Amy Cogdon
- Mia Rose Howthorne

ANTI-BULLYING

We Look forward to telling you more about how and where you can access help and support in our Anti-Bullying assemblies.

FIND OUT MORE IN YOUR ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY!

1 out of 5 people suffer from bullying, and a significant one of them needs help.

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

We are here to help!!!

Even the smallest of ANYTHING. Try to be a friend to be safe from BULLYING.

Parent Support Group at Brakenhale

Tuesday 11th December

1pm to 3pm

Please come and meet our Family Support Worker and other parents to discuss all aspects of living with teenagers.

Please come to main reception where Tracey Gosling, our Family Support Advisor will meet you.



Brakenhale School
Rectory Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 7BA
01344 423041 | fgosling@brakenhale.co.uk

High Expectations and Challenge for All



The Brakenhale Concert

Rockin' around the Christmas Tree

17th December Main Hall
Adults - £2 Child - £1

Sign up sheets are located by both music departments




The Brakenhale Vocal Group

Thursday 3:05 - 4:05

LS1

ESTEEM



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

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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



7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#VoiceUpWednesday

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?
- Do you have any online friends?
- Do you know where to go for help?
- Do you know what your personal information is?
- Do you know your limits?

www.nationalonlinesafety.com | Twitter - @nationalonlinesafety | Facebook - /nationalonlinesafety | Phone - 0800 368 8061

Christmas Lunch

at Brakenhale School

- Roast Turkey served with Chipolata Sausage, Stuffins and Gravy or Roasted Vegetable Puff
- Roast Potatoes
- Carrots, Garden Peas and Brussel Sprouts
- Chocolate Fudge Cake and Cream
- Christmas Cracker

Tuesday 18th December




GO BIG. GO BOLD. GO BAUBLYANTLERKNIT.

Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

JOIN US ON 20 DECEMBER!

Get your most fabulous festive knits on (all other uniform remains as usual)
Give £1 to help children around the world. That's all there is to it.
GO ON. MAKE THE WORLD BETTER WITH A SWEATER!

Get your most fabulous festive knit on. Give £1. Go on. Make the world better with a sweater.

christmasjumperday.org

Brakenhale PTA School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners this week.

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

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

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

Click on the link today and join up:

[Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.



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



your school lottery supporting

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 Harry Potter Studio Tour

- Join our weekly online lottery. Tickets cost £1 a week.
- 40% of all tickets go to our school, with another 30% 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**

5 prizes to £25,000 - 100% of the support goes to our school

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!



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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/>

- Invigilator
- Intervention Coordinator
- IT Technician
- Performing Arts Technician

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Monday 17th December
 Tuesday 18th December
 Thursday 20th December

Music Concert
Christmas Dinner Day
Last day of term for students
Christmas Jumper Day

Term Dates

Term Dates 2018-19

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

(Inset Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September)

Wednesday 5th September to Thursday 20th December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October)

(Inset Day: Friday 21st December)

Christmas Holiday for students – Friday 21st December to Friday 4th January 2019

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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