



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has ended really illustrating what fantastic young people Brakenhale students are and how amazingly supportive and talented our parent bakers are! Today the students in Year 9 sold hundreds of cakes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised almost £350. This is an amazing achievement and the sellers and bakers were rightfully very proud of what they achieved. It was really heart-warming seeing some students donating money and not even having the cake! Well done to Ms Douse who organised the event.

As a school we have also been supported by others this week. Stuart Kingsley an ex Brakenhale student who now works as a senior partner for St James Place Finance, delivered a seminar to Post 16 students and has pledged to offer this support on a monthly basis. He was amazed at the incredibly positive and engaging attitude he saw from students across all year groups on his tour and is very much looking forward to returning next month.

Year 11 students have had assemblies delivered by various people this week including Will Smith – the Chief Executive of Greenshaw Learning Trust. He was very impressed with the focus of Year 11 and I know how much they enjoyed his energetic presentation.

This week we held interviews for Deputy Headteacher and I am delighted to announce that Mr Richard Corry who is currently Assistant Headteacher at Windsor Boys School will be joining us in January. Richard has a real depth of knowledge and understanding about school improvement, high expectations and outstanding outcomes and I have no doubt he will be an excellent addition to our already very strong team.

School tours have been continuing this week with almost 200 people visiting us this week with the same numbers booked on for the next 2 weeks. The feedback has been amazing and yet again the notion of engagement and community has shone through as we have walked around. Our staff and students absolutely showing what #teambrakenhale is like on a day to day basis. One parent commented that she is has her house on the market as she is so determined to move into the catchment area!

Nominations for '**Student of the Week**' have been incredibly difficult this week as I have received so many worthwhile recommendations so this week we have 3.

Alex Elsey – Alex has been incredibly kind and thoughtful in looking out for a student in key stage 3, noticing she was struggling and then offering to her mentor that she would support her.

Larissa Bolog – Larissa has recently joined the school and has immediately shown what a real asset she is to the community. She has shown real resilience and resourcefulness to get up to speed with the curriculum. She has ordered all her own English translation texts, has been going on YouTube every night to catch up with key work and improve her English and she creates beautiful, additional mind maps that she shares with others. Mrs Clarke describes her as being; "Always, always a ray of sunshine!"

Alice Sandlin – For overcoming her nerves to be an amazing tour guide and ambassador for the school for all visitors. She has shown real confidence and an amazingly positive attitude – just superb to see. Our Fab and Drab comments continue to come in which is so incredibly helpful, please keep them coming (link below in the newsletter)

Fab - you think we are doing great at the following things at Brakenhale:

- A big thank you for checking the bicycles and asking the children to ensure that any parts that needed to be replaced were and for tyres to be pumped up etc. We certainly appreciate the health and safety concern taken in the welfare of children travelling to school.
- My child started year 7 and often gets lost as I'm sure many of the students do. I love the fact he has never been told the way but always shown the way. Thank you to all the staff.

Drab – things you would like us to consider changing

- May the parent evening system be different this year? I feel like last year I didn't have enough knowledge of my child's progress as there was only one parents' evening per year for each year group. How about one parents' evening per term.

We wouldn't have the capacity to do 1 term I'm afraid however, we are extending parents evening in Key Stage 3 across 2 nights to give more opportunity to see more teachers on the night – this was based on feedback from last year. You are always welcome to contact staff and make appointments to see them outside of parent's evenings.

- The new 1 way system on the stair in C block

We have reviewed the 1 way system across the start of term and due to the number of children in the corridor at once we have decided to run a 1 way system which means children exit both staircases to the left and go through the dining hall. This has led to a very safe system of movement with no child reporting any pushing. It is a slightly longer way round but this is preferable to stay safe.

- Although it is Fab my children get achievement points it very rarely it states for what reason.

I will have a look into how we can add more detail to the system.

- It's a bit upsetting when the teacher puts your name on the board for house points, just to "encourage" you to do the right thing, but they never end up recording it. My child then sees the achievement as "pointless" and "meaningless". Why not record house points (on board) for each class every lesson? Then achievements are more accessible to both parents and children.

I will speak to staff to ensure all house points are recorded

Staff Member of the Week

This week it goes to **Ms Douse** – this is for her super organisation of the Macmillan fundraising – nominations included comments such as:

- “Thanks Miss Douse for helping us to get together our cake stall and encouraging us”
- “Miss Douse you are a star you have been really encouraging and helped us to raise our understanding of this great charity”

Motivational Quote of the Week

“The grass is greener where you water it”

Mrs Powell will be delivering assemblies to all year groups next week around this idea.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Thursday 4 th October	Year 13 Microsoft Interviews STOP Parenting Course
Friday 5 th October	Year 9 Psychology Trip Staff v Wates Charity Football Match

STOP: A Supportive Programme for Parents of Teens

STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 10 to 16. It is a step-by-step programme that gives parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage situations which often occur during the 'teens'.

The programme will be run on the following dates and be located in school. Please contact the school if you are interested.

1. Thursday 4th October 13.00 to 15.00
2. Thursday 11th October 13.00 to 15.00
3. Thursday 18th October 13.00 to 15.00
Thursday 25th October - Half-term no meeting
4. Thursday 1st November 13.00 to 15.00
5. Thursday 8th November 13.00 to 15.00
6. Thursday 15th November 13.00 to 15.00
7. Thursday 22nd November 13.00 to 15.00
8. Thursday 29th November 13.00 to 15.00
9. Thursday 6th December 13.00 to 15.00
10. Thursday 13th December 13.00 to 15.00

Miss Manisier, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
jmanisier@brakenhale.co.uk

The PTA AGM will be taking place on Tuesday 30th October
– please join us

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 PTA AGM

Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 7pm

The Brakenhale PTA currently has the following Committee Roles:

Chair

Vice Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

We also currently have 2 non-committee roles:

Marketing and Public Relations

Facilities and Catering

Please complete a nomination form if you are interested in joining our PTA committee and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 30th October.



Lost Property

Please remember to name all items of uniform, tools for learning and other equipment. Any named items that are found are returned to the student as soon as possible.

If a student has lost anything they should visit the Heads of Year office where all items are kept – water bottles, keys, jewellery, un-named uniform etc.

Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support Assistant

Macmillan Coffee Morning

When I decided to sell cakes for Macmillan on Friday, the idea started small but wow did it change!

'Thank you' somehow doesn't feel enough to convey my gratitude for the overwhelming support you've given today. It wasn't a year team effort, and it wasn't a school community initiative. It felt more like a family effort. So to ALL the Brakenhale family, a heartfelt thank you.



We have made a fantastic £320 so far, with more money coming in as we go to print.

Ms Douse, Head of Year 9

European Day of Languages

On Thursday 26th September, across the school, we marked the European Day of Languages, a time to celebrate the 6000 plus languages spoken around the world, promote language learning and have multilingual fun!

At least half of the world's population is bilingual or plurilingual and in London alone 300 languages are spoken. However it is estimated that 75% of the world do not speak English.

Many languages have 50,000 words or more but speakers only use the same few hundred words, and languages are always influencing each other – for example 30% of English comes from the French language: boutique, chauffeur, déjà vu, entrepreneur, RSVP, souvenir, faux!

A number of scientists agree that learning another language can boost your brain power and can help slow down the ageing process of your brain.

Apart from French and Spanish, a number of teachers at Brakenhale speak a wide range of different languages, including: Greek, Welsh, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, German, Polish and Russian.

Students interested in pushing themselves in languages could consider French Club for Key Stage 3 students.

The Languages Department

French Club

Wednesdays 15:15 – 16:05

Room C03

In French Club we will be looking at French films, music, culture and food as well as other fun activities. This is an ideal opportunity to improve your French skills and learn more about France!

French Club is for KS3.



Student Support

A free support group

Eating Disorder Support Group for Parents & Carers



A free support group for all parents and carers of children and teenagers living with an eating disorder (run by parents of a teenager with an eating disorder!)

Whether you are newly diagnosed, fighting a battle or winning the war,
No one should feel they are on their own.

Free flowing tea, coffee and biscuits

Please note, this is not a medical group, there will be no NHS trained staff in attendance – it's just an opportunity to chat to others, share our thoughts and experiences, hopefully we can help each other and ultimately our children.

Dates:
Wednesday 3rd & 17th October 2018
Wednesday 7th & 21st November 2018
Wednesday 5th & 19th December 2018

Venue:
Maidenhead Squadron Air Training Corps
Holmanleaze, Maidenhead, Berkshire
SL6 8AW

For more details
please contact
edparentmeetings1@gmail.com

If you can't make the dates above but want someone to talk to, please do feel free to get in touch.

7:00pm – 8:30pm



Could you care for one of us?

Bracknell Forest Fostering is urgently seeking foster carers for local children.

There is no experience needed however you will need a spare bedroom, time to devote to a young person and a caring nature. In return, we offer up to £425 per week (per child), specialist training and a huge amount of support.

Could you give a child a loving home?

For more information contact our Recruitment Officer, Sarah Crawforth:
Email: fostering@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/fostering



Childline #listentoyourselfie campaign

Childline has released new figures which show a 29% rise in reports of peer on peer sexual abuse. In response to this Childline has relaunched its #listentoyourselfie campaign about healthy and unhealthy relationships. The campaign is promoting an online tool 'Looking out for Lottie' to help young people recognise when a relationship doesn't feel right. Parents and students can access the online tool by clicking on this link:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/friends-relationships-sex/sex-relationships/healthy-unhealthy-relationships>

Lottie is a character in a fictional story about an unhealthy relationship. Lottie begins a relationship with Jake and things start to go wrong. You can browse her social media posts, videos, messages from her friends, see her moods and private messages from Jake.

For teenagers being in a new relationship can make them feel excited, happy and in control. It's normal that they enjoy getting compliments, feel special and safe or gain in confidence. However, relationships can sometimes change and it can be hard to know when things are starting to go wrong.

There is guidance on making sense of how they feel, being pressured into sex, what to do if they feel unsafe, and what to do if they are worried about someone's relationship and how to make a safety plan. This is a great resource for young people and grown ups to explore together.

If you would like any further guidance or support on this issue please do not hesitate to contact the Student Support Team.

Miss Gill, Director of Safeguarding

Performing Arts News

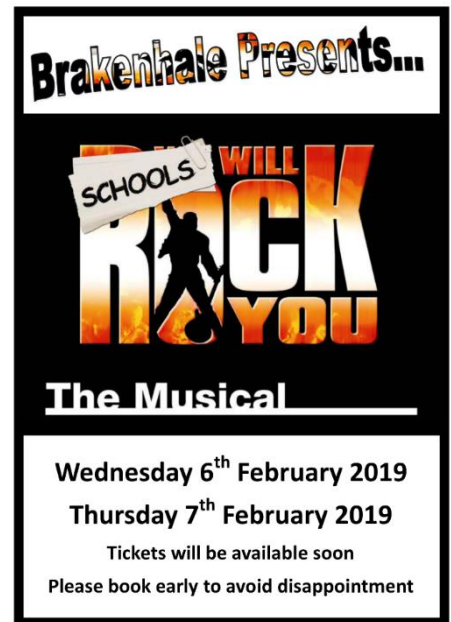
We Will Rock You – Additional Audition

There will be a final audition for Year 7s and anyone who missed the first round on

Thursday 4th October, between 3.15 and 4.30pm in the Drama studio.

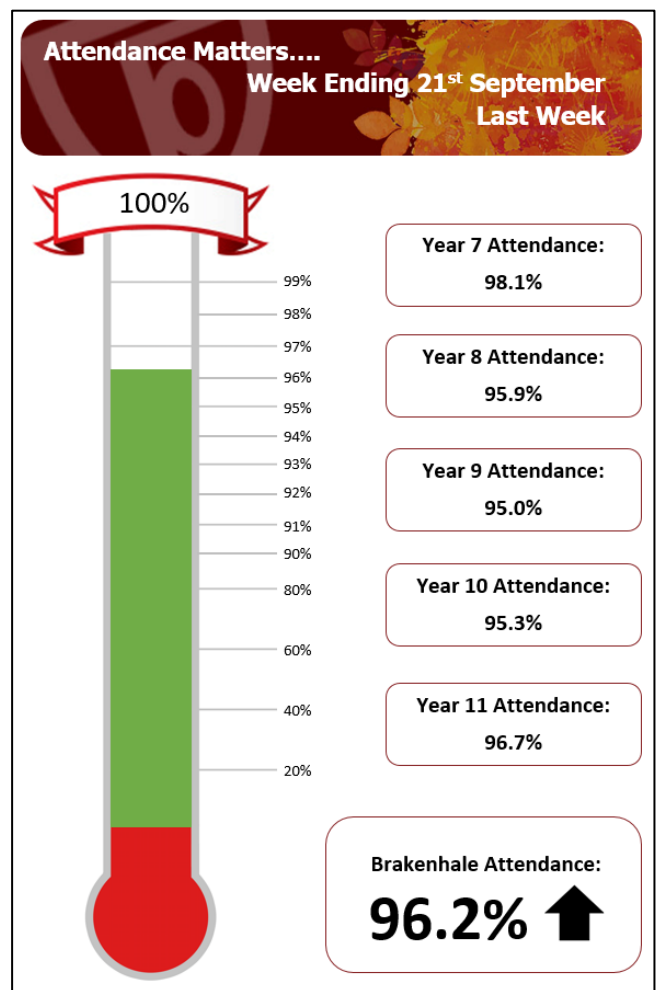
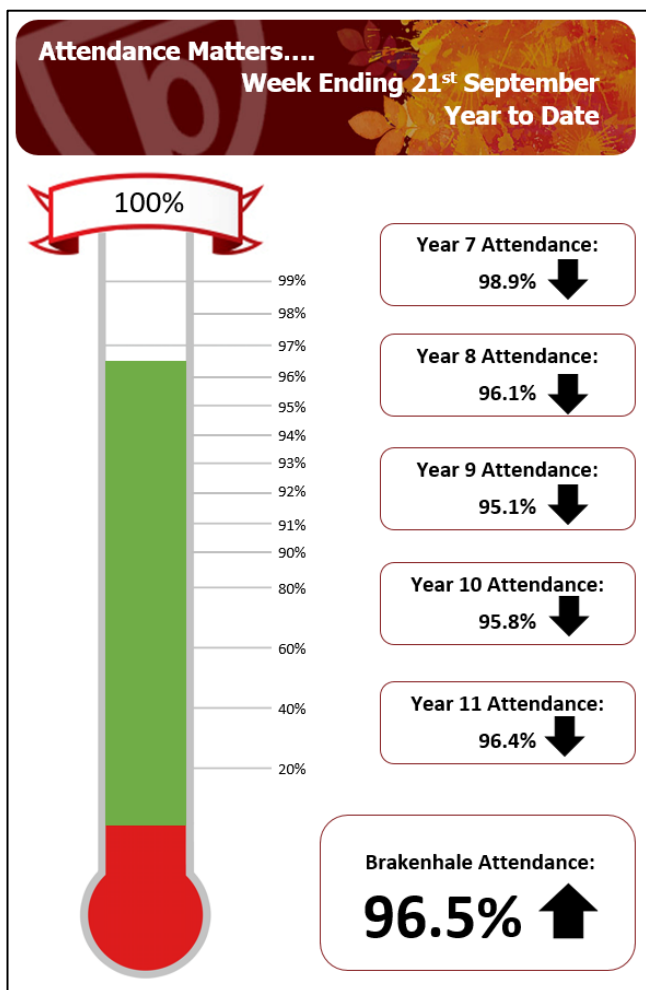
Just turn up!

Mrs Raby, Drama & Dance



Attendance

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

New Build

Building work is continuing a pace... The first structure is up and we have floors starting to appear!



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



PE News

PE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY BULLETIN						
SPORTS RESULTS	WEEK OF 24/09/18					
<i>Year</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Versus</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>PoTM</i>
Boys	Cross Country	COMP 1				Ewan Coyle
Girls	Cross Country	COMP 1				Becky Warner
9	No Fixtures This Week					
10	Rugby	Tournament			3rd	George Hicks
11	No Fixtures This Week					
12/13	No Fixtures This Week					
SPORTS REPORTS	WEEK OF 24/09/18					
Boys Cross Country	A valiant effort from the 4 boys entered Ewan C and William H from Year 8 and Mark and Reece from Year 7. A strong field of athletes from lots of schools saw our runners well placed in the pack at half way but we tired towards the end The boys all gave it their best and were discussing how to improve ready for the next race! Great attitude boys!					
Girls Cross Country	On Tuesday, 6 students ranging from Year 7 to 10 competed at the first cross country competition of the year. We had two very excited Year 7s looking forward to their first Brakenhale fixture (Jodie H and Chloe S). Along with some experienced Year 8s (Becky W, Ellie Y and Scarlett H) and a Year 10 student (Lucy N). The first four students get points for the team and at the moment we have 178 points for Brakenhale. Good luck for competition 2 girls.					
Year 10 Rugby	Year 10 played their first tournament of the year away at Edgbarrow. Overall the boys came 3 rd having grafted and played some good flowing rugby at times. There were outstanding performances from Callum L and George H, who received Player of The Match. We also had Lewis and Jay from Year 9 playing up a year to support the team as some of the Year 10s did not turn up, letting their fellow team mates down. A huge thanks, credit and well done to the 2 Year 9s. With a little more organisation, hard work and communication this team will go places. Well done boys, plenty more to come!					
SPORTS FIXTURES	WEEK OF 01/10/18					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Versus</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Start/Finish</i>	<i>Staff</i>
02/10/18	8	Rugby	Tournament	Edgbarrow	3.15 - 5.30	JBO
02/10/18	7 and 8	Netball	Garth	Brakenhale	3.15 - 5.00	LWI/LRU
02/10/18	7 to 10	Cross Country	COMP 2	Bulmershe	3.15 - 5.30	MPO
03/10/18	7	Rugby	Tournament	Edgbarrow	3.15 - 5.30	MKI
04/10/18	7 to 10	Cross Country	COMP 2	Reading Blue Coat	3.15 - 5.30	MPO
BEST TUTOR	WEEK OF 24/09/18					
YEAR	7	8	9	10	11	12/13
TUTOR	K	K	A	R	R	-
SPORTS STAR	WEEK OF 24/09/18					
NAME/ TUTOR	Tia Johnson 8N					
REASON	Tia made it through to the 2 nd round of trials after battling it out against over 50 girls for the U14 Berkshire Girls football squad. We wish her luck as her 2 nd trial comes up this week along with a squash selection game the following week! A huge well done to Tia.					

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.



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Parent Teacher Association

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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- Start the New School Year by joining our lottery & be part of our community!
- Tickets cost just £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school.
- Guaranteed Cash Prizes every week.
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- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online.
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www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

And Search For:
The Brakenhale School

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Don't forget to shop through
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 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/>

- Assistant Caretaker

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Thursday 11th October

Friday 12th October

Friday 19th October

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

Tuesday 30th October

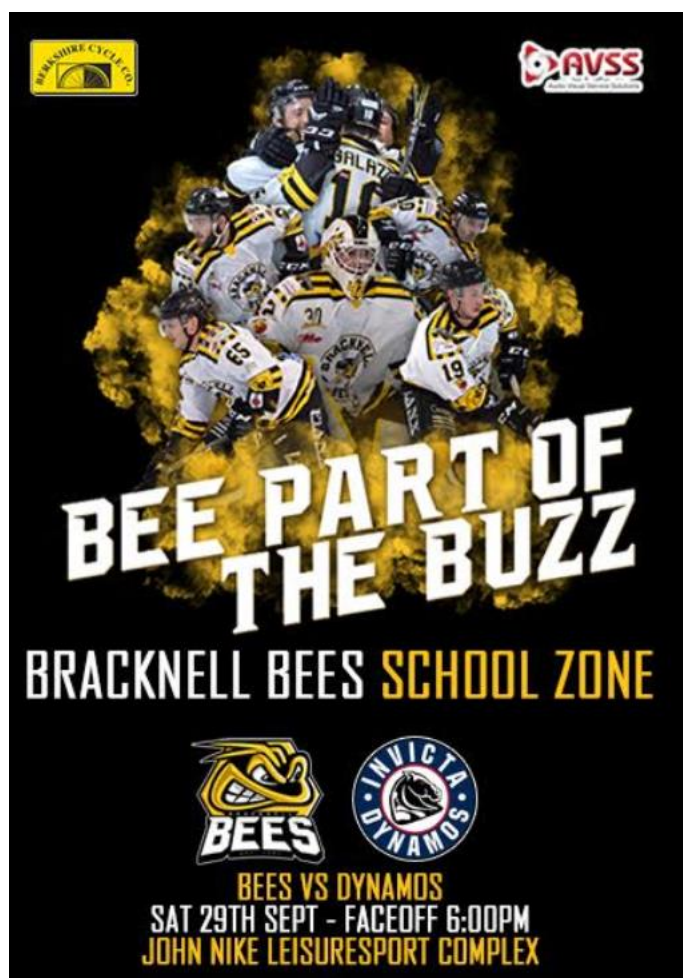
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening, 4-7pm

Year 11 Bracknell Forest Careers Event

Liddington Revision Trip

Half Term Break

PTA AGM



BRACKNELL BEES SCHOOL ZONE

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BEES VS DYNAMOS
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JOHN NIKE LEISURESPOORT COMPLEX

BRACKNELL BEES

INVICTA DYNAMOS

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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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