



Dear Parents/Carers

We are now fully into the swing of the Autumn term with the summer holiday a far distant memory! The very positive atmosphere in the school is still very much evident and students are being so incredibly polite and respectful.

This week we have started our programme of information events for parents with a presentation by the Year 11 team and the Directors of English, Maths and Science. This was for Year 11 parents to gain a better understanding of the year ahead and was very well received. Next Tuesday we will be hosting a similar evening for Year 10 parents. Tuesday saw the annual photographs for Years 7, 9, 11 and Sixth Form. This was a very well organised operation and the students all looked their very best.

We have spent many hours this week and will continue to do so next week planning the final preparations for our Open Evening on Thursday. So many students have volunteered to help out on the evening and there is a real desire from them to support their school and show it off – more evidence of the #teambrokenhale spirit. The evening runs from 6pm to 8.30pm with a talk from myself at 6pm which is repeated at 8.30pm. We will also have a presentation across the evening from the building contractors who will be sharing up to date plans of the building project. Please do spread the word to those in the community who may be looking for a school place for a current Year 6 or even Year 5 student if they are planning ahead!

Please can I ask for your support in impressing upon students the importance of not going into local businesses to use the toilets or to sit around at tables without buying food/drink. In particular this applies to KFC and The Harvester. Many thanks.

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed to our 'fab and drab' pages this week and the 'staff member of the week', comments are as follows;

'Fab'

"Dear Ms Coley - Over the summer holidays, I visited Bracknell Leisure Centre with my 3 young children. My eldest boy was trying his hardest to learn how to dive, however was finding this difficult as was I trying to help him whilst I had my youngest boy in my arms and older daughter lane swimming. There was a gentleman there called John who was spending time with his son, teaching him how to swim and just having fun, he came over to us and offered to help a bit. He explained to my son where he was going wrong and what to do. He even stayed there with us and helped him practice until he had achieved it, alongside dealing with his own little boy. Wow, the smile that was on my son's face lasted all day, he couldn't wait to go home and tell his daddy that he could now dive properly like the big boys.

He mentioned he works in your school in PE, I therefore felt that I wanted to send this email to you to say what an excellent member of staff you have on your team, friendly, polite, helpful, understanding and very patient. He spoke about Brakenhale and what a great school it is, and my son, who is only 10, tells everyone 'I'm going to the school where that teacher is who taught me to dive'.

I honestly couldn't thank him enough that day, but wanted to put in writing to you what a great asset he must be to your school and if all the teachers are like that then I wouldn't hesitate in sending my children to your school."

'Drab'

A lack of table space for my daughter to eat her lunch

I have spent sometime in the dinner hall this week and whilst it is busy there have always been seats – if a young person is struggling to find a seat they must ask a lunchtime supervisor who, I promise, will find them somewhere to sit. I totally accept that anyone wanting to eat at a table must have a space.

Staff member of the week

Miss Burrows – “She has been so positive with our class and has made the Year 7 group feel so welcome”

Student of the week goes to:

Stephanie Brown and Lilly Snape – Year 7

Stephanie and Lilly found a purse with a significant amount of money in it in the corridor, they brought the purse straight to reception and were very keen to make sure that it was given back to its rightful owner. Great community spirit girls – well done!

Students of the week will all be given a Brakenhale Mug from myself.

Motivational quote of the week is: “Aspire not to be the best ON the team but the best FOR the team”

Kind regards

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Tuesday 18 th September	Year 10 Information Evening
Thursday 20 th September	Year 6 Open Evening, school closes at 1pm for students
Friday 21 st September	School starts at 9.40am for students
	Non-uniform day for Jeans for Genes - £1

Non-uniform Day - Friday 21st September 2018

On Friday 21st September, we will be holding a non-school uniform day to raise money for the Jeans for Genes day appeal.

Jeans for Genes is a national charity, which raises money for the care of children and families who are affected by genetic disorders. They hope to raise essential funds for projects that provide nursing care, equipment, activity weekends, support and counselling to those in need. For more information on this great charity, please click on the link below:

<https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/>

Please note students may wear their jeans with trainers, all other uniform and bags must be worn as usual. Students should bring all books and tools for learning for the day.

The cost for the non-uniform privilege is £1.00 and will be collected by tutors.

Many thanks for your support.

School Office

Medicines in School

Can we please remind parents and students that in school students should only carry medication with them that has been authorised by the school's medical room.

Medical consent forms are available on the school website and in main reception and need to be completed when students are taking medication in school.

Mrs Ball, Health Coordinator



School Uniform and Equipment : Lost Property

Thank you to all parents who have donated no-longer-needed school uniform for our stock of spare items.

Can we please remind parents that all items of uniform and other equipment should be clearly labelled with student names so that they can be returned to the relevant student. We have already received a number of un-named items in the Head of Year office lost property.



Please remind students to bring in reusable water bottles to keep hydrated during the day. We have several water fountains around the site to fill them up. You can use your own or school water bottles are also available to purchase from main reception and the printroom or via parent pay for £2. We would like to completely eliminate our consumption of single use plastic cups in the near future.

Supporting Thames Valley Air Ambulance

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



If you would like to help this cause, please send in your milk bottle tops (any colour, but please only clean **milk** bottle tops) and used stamps.

Bottle tops and stamps are being collected in the Heads of Year Office or Main Reception. Many thanks.

Mrs McCroire, Curriculum Support Assistant

BRACKNELL BEES SCHOOL ZONE

Welcome to the Bracknell Bees school zone season.

We are very pleased that our school has decided to partner with the Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey Team this season giving you our parents, an exclusive offer to watch this great sport.

As part of the Programme you can purchase tickets to School Zone game on **Saturday 15th of September at 6pm** by calling **01344 789000** and quoting the School Zone Voucher. The voucher attached, can then be shown on any mobile device or printed out upon collecting your tickets at the reception desk. The voucher can also be shown by purchasing your tickets on the night and doors open at 5.15pm

The attached voucher is for **£10 per adult with 2 kids going free in the School Zone(Block 4 downstairs)** and is the promotional rate for School Zone Games only. It also includes a free public skate for all after the game!

It is going to be a wonderful launch evening, the team are training hard and playing well, we have over 32 schools attending and the rink will be a Buzz of activity. Each child will receive a set of thunder sticks free of charge encouraging them to cheer on the team.

The dates for the schools zone games with the voucher promotion available are:

- 15th September vs Romford
- 29th September vs Streatham
- 20th October Peterborough
- 28th October vs Basingstoke – This is a Halloween themed fancy dress competition for the schools zone
- 10th November vs Streatham
- 8th December vs Invicta
- 23rd December vs Swindon – This is a Christmas themed fancy dress competition for the schools zone
- 2nd January vs Swindon
- 5th January vs Peterborough
- 17th February vs Milton Keynes- This is a Black and Gold themed fancy dress competition for the schools zone
- 3rd March vs Streatham

The Bracknell Bees play at John Nike Leisuresport Complex, John Nike Way, Bracknell, RG12 8TN.

SCHOOLS@BRACKNELLBEES.COM
BOX OFFICE - 01344 789000

BEE PART OF THE BUZZ
BRACKNELL BEES SCHOOL ZONE

BEES VS RAIDERS
SAT 15TH SEPT - FACEOFF 6:00PM
JOHN NIKE LEISURESPORT COMPLEX

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 £12.50 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

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PE News

May I provide some clarification on the PE kit information given to students over the past week. The standard items of kit apply, as per the student planner, this is as normal and will be accepted. The only items of kit that have been questioned are the following:

- **Socks** - we have made the decision to allow white sports socks (if students have them) to be worn to ensure students have a clear change of socks for the lesson. This then further stops students wearing their black school socks for PE and also ensures adequate levels of foot hygiene.
- **Gum shield** - students taking part in hockey and/or rugby will need a gum shield. This is to protect the mouth area due to any unforeseen collisions, but also to act as a dampener in the event of a head collision, protecting the brain from impact.
- **Shin pads** - again these are for students when taking part in hockey and/or football. They are designed to be worn with studded boots and provide protection for the lower half front of the leg.

Gum shields and shin pads have not been compulsory for girls in previous years. However, hockey has now been introduced as part of the PE curriculum for girls and boys and will therefore be required.

Gum shields (£4) and Shin guards (£10) can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or alternatively any other shop of your choice is acceptable.

Staff who teach lessons and run extra-curricular clubs will always ensure the safety of your child, this means doing a kit check before the lesson/session starts. They also ensure the full safety of your children within the lesson/session by strictly enforcing all rules, which are set by the sport/activities National Governing Body.

If there are any issues with kit, please provide a note, signed and dated, addressed to the class/PE teacher to ensure kit issues are dealt with appropriately or email me direct.

Many thanks.

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

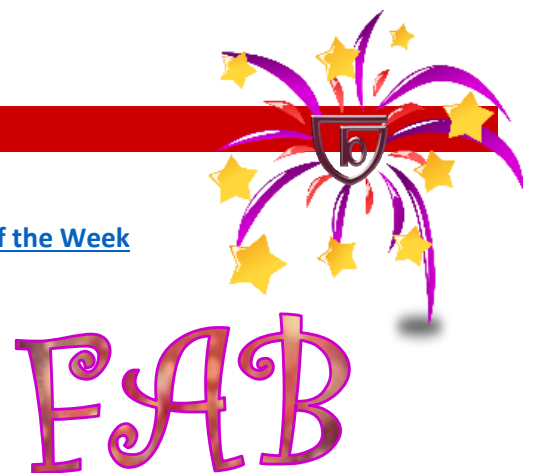
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Feedback Initiative

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



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.

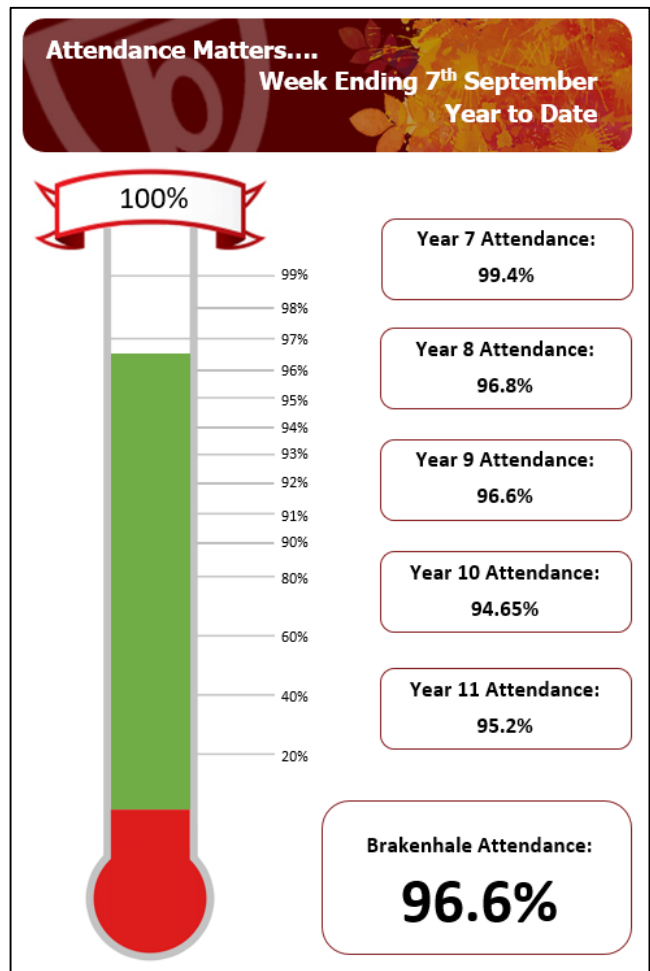
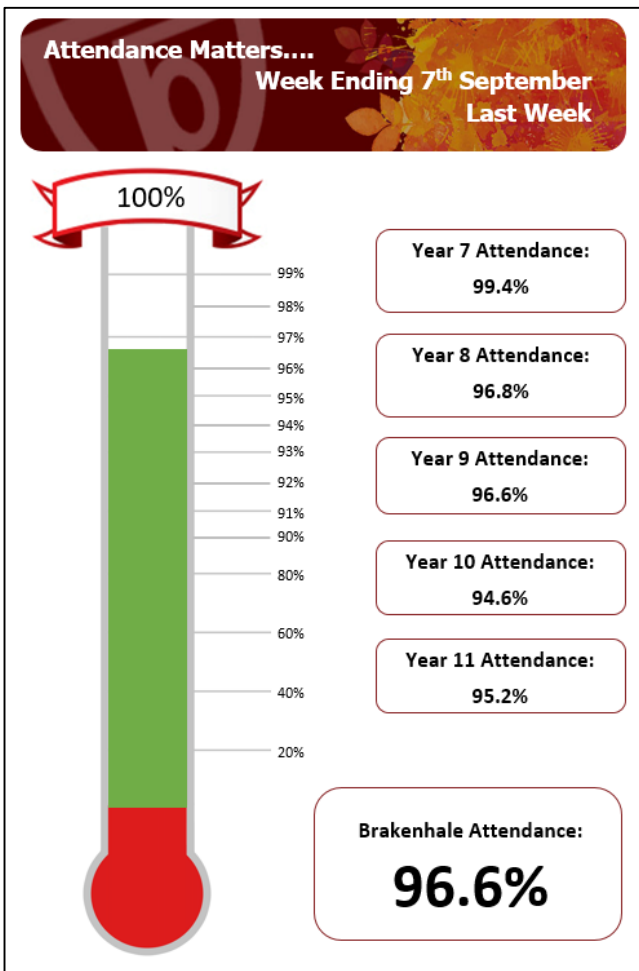
Click on the link today and join up: [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.

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



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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) 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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) 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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) 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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) 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.

- Deputy Headteacher
- Senior Science Technician

<http://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

Future Diary Dates

** Please note that all events may be subject to change*

Tuesday 18 th September	Year 10 Information Evening
Thursday 20 th September	Year 6 Open Evening, school closes at 12.05pm for students
Monday 24 th September	Year 11 Drugs Workshop
	School Tours start
Tuesday 25 th September	PTA Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 26 th September	European Day of Languages
	Welcome to the Sixth Form Evening for Year 12 Parents
Thursday 27 th September	Year 11 Cause for Concern Parents' Evening

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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