



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first parent news of the academic year 2018/19. It has been an absolutely fantastic start with students immediately engaging with the ethos of high expectations across all areas of the school. There is a really positive atmosphere everywhere with staff and students alike genuinely excited to be back or in the case of Year 7s to join us.



I delivered assemblies to all year groups on Monday morning, the annual 'assembly marathon' which I thoroughly enjoyed. It was lovely to be able to see all of our students and to deliver to each of them the same message. I talked to them about how lucky they are to be at Brakenhale and about the opportunities that the school will give them. I shared with them the outstanding GCSE and Post 16 results and used this as an example of how incredibly well they too can do. I also discussed with them the importance of positive relationships because without these it is much harder to gain good results. Our quote of the week this week is a real example of how vital this is to us: 'See the light in others and treat them as if that is all you see'. I played to them a song from Zootropolis - 'Try Everything', which highlights the importance of having a go even if you find it difficult because we all learn by making mistakes.

Over the summer holidays the building work continued at a pace, our new Student Support Centre was completed and looks amazing. It is such a positive space and I know that so many students will benefit from this positive learning environment. The foundations are being completed for the main block and very soon this will start to take shape. Exciting times! We also learnt over the holiday that we were runners up in the national 'Considerate Constructors Hoarding Competition' with our Brakenhale graffiti entry. We will be having an awards ceremony on Friday 21st September, photographs to follow.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Joe Organ from Brasenose College, Oxford University. He spent considerable time talking to a number of our students in Year 12 and 13 who are interested in applying to Oxford. He was incredibly impressed with them so watch this space for news later in the year regarding successful applications.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our 'Fab and Drab' initiative and our Teacher of the week. We set this up last year and it was incredibly successful, we received hundreds of comments from parents and students which enabled us to improve on areas identified as being a little 'drab' and build on those seen as 'fab'. I would encourage everybody to engage in this and give feedback when you can. The submission forms can be accessed via the links here: [Fab](#) [Drab](#) [Staff Member of the Week](#)

Student of the week goes to:

Jade Ackuaku - Year 13

Jade has gained a place in the prestigious National Youth Dance Company England - she was selected at a taster workshop earlier in the year to audition and successfully gained a place this Summer. Her place is a fully funded scholarship that will allow her to travel to and attend classes, workshops and performances at Sadler's Wells Theatre in London. She will work with the associated artists at Sadler's who are all world renowned choreographers.

Motivational quote for next week is: 'You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.' – Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh.

Congratulations to Mr Gibson who has gained a promotion to Headship at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, a post he will take up in January 2019. This is a fantastic achievement and we know he will be a great success. We will be interviewing for a replacement this month and we have already had a number of very high calibre applications.

Kind regards

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 10 th September	Duke of Edinburgh Parents' Evening, 6-7pm Bronze, 7-8pm Silver
Tuesday 11 th September	School Photos – Years 7/9/11/Sixth Form Year 11 Information Evening, 6-7pm, main hall
Wednesday 12 th September	Year 13 University Application Evening, 7-8pm

GCE and GCSE Results

A-Level and BTEC

Brakenhale's A-Level and Level 3 BTEC results have once again demonstrated the strong position the school has established within the local education market. In every single measure there has been an increase in attainment and progress on previous years, which means there has been three years of continued improvement at Post 16 in all measures.

At A*-B it was at 60% in 2018 compared to 43% in 2015, 53% in 2016 and 59% in 2017 including BTEC equivalents. A 17% increase in the last two years!

At A*-C it was 88% in 2018 compared to 60% in 2015, 73% in 2016 and 87% in 2017 including BTEC equivalents. A 28% increase.

The A*-E pass rate for A Level and BTEC is 100% for the fourth year in succession.

I am incredibly proud of our students who have achieved another set of extremely strong results. These outcomes demonstrate how the hard work of students and staff and the support of parents have really paid off. It is also evidence of how the curriculum that we have put in place across the last 3 years, alongside strong support systems, have created an academic environment within which our students can achieve their potential and thrive. The Sixth Form team and the student body have responded so positively to our very high expectations and these results bear testimony to this.

It has been a huge team effort and I am so grateful to the teaching staff, tutors and parents who have all pulled together, endured the stress and provided the support and encouragement necessary to make these fabulous results a reality.

GCSE

We are absolutely delighted to report our outstanding 2018 GCSE results, the best in the history of Brakenhale School! Improvements have been made this year across ALL performance measures with many significantly higher than previous years.

The percentage of students achieving a Grade 4 (equivalent to an old C grade) in English and Maths has risen by 12% to 60% and those achieving a Grade 5 in English and Maths has increased by 11%.

In English, 71% of students achieved the Grade 4 and above – 11% higher than last year and in Maths it was 68%, a 14% increase on last year. In addition, following our constant focus on 'High Expectations and Challenge', almost 25% of the year group gained the equivalent of an A/A* in English; a phenomenal achievement.

Due to the changing nature of qualifications no school is able to publish an accurate and official progress 8 figure until the Department of Education releases this in December. However, we have seen a significant improvement in the initial figure that has been calculated on last year's data. This gives us a positive score which equates to a third of a grade more progress for all students compared with 2017. Our Attainment 8 grade demonstrates an improvement of almost half a grade per student in comparison with last year.

These results are absolute evidence of the impact that Brakenhale School has on the outcomes and life chances of its students.

Ms Coley, Headteacher

Be Prepared!

Remember to check your Tools for Learning.

Get into the good habit of putting out your uniform, checking your timetable and packing your bag the night before.

This will help you arrive at school with the correct uniform, tools for learning and equipment such as PE kit, Food Technology ingredients, completed homework and other necessary items to make sure you are ready to learn as soon as the school day begins.

Having the right tools makes the work neater and lessons start quicker.



The Brakenhale School
High Expectations and Challenge for All

Tools for Learning

TOOLS and EQUIPMENT for LEARNING

- Filled Pencil Case
- Scientific Calculator
- Brakenhale Art Book for Key Stage 3
- Subject Specific items for Key Stage 4
- Student Planner
- Brakenhale School Bag and Exercise Books

TOOLS FOR LEARNING PENCIL CASE

- Large Transparent Pencil Case
- 30cm Ruler
- 3 Black or Blue Pens
- HB Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Glue Stick
- Highlighter
- Protractor
- Coloured Pencils (or Pens)

Using the Roads Safely

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that as a school, we always want to maintain positive relations with all residents in our local community and would be really grateful if this can be considered when dropping/collecting students from the school. In particular could I ask that driveways and roads are not blocked so that residents can still access their homes and vehicles; please take extra care in and around Coningsby. Please remember that the zigzag lines in Coningsby opposite Rectory Close are there to keep the area clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and children wanting to cross the road. All road users have a responsibility to each other and pedestrians to drive and park with consideration for others. Bracknell Forest have advised us that enforcement action will be taken against illegally parked vehicles outside schools.

Please also ensure that you park and drive courteously around the school site including not obstructing the gateways as this gets particularly busy during school drop off and pick up times.

Wherever possible we would encourage students to walk or cycle to school. We have a safety Cycle Pass scheme, so students require a permit and a helmet if they cycle or scooter to school.

Your support in these matters is much appreciated as always

Considerate Car Use

The wellbeing of children is of prime concern and your cooperation and consideration when driving will help us create a safe environment around our schools.

Park and Stride

Consider parking further away from the school and walking part of your journey - this dispenses the cars and reduces the number in any one location to a safer level. It is also an opportunity to talk to your child, teach them road safety skills and for them to learn about their surroundings.

Avoid the pavement

Do not drive or park on the pavement - children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be. Blocking the pavement, even if only half-in, makes it difficult for those who do want to walk. Especially for parents walking with buggies.

Junctions

Do not park within 10 metres of a junction in any direction - this allows motorists the safe visibility they need to see approaching traffic (the police have the power to enforce this restriction). You don't want to be involved in an accident, and you don't want to face a fine.

Reversing

Try to avoid reversing manoeuvres near a school. It can be very hard to see small children directly behind you. If you must reverse, please take extra care.

General inconvenience

Please park so that you do not cause inconvenience to anyone else - this includes double parking, blocking residents' driveways, and parking right outside someone's window. None of us would like it if we were prevented from getting out of our driveway.

Parking restrictions

Do not park where you are prevented from doing so by restrictions - single yellow lines with time restrictions, double yellow lines and school keep clear zig-zags. These restrictions are often deliberately placed to allow safe crossing of the road. You may be glad of them when crossing to your car.

Dropped kerbs

Dropped kerbs are there to assist people with pushchairs and wheelchairs to cross the road. Although it may be tempting if they provide a convenient space, please don't park so that you block them. You are depriving someone of an accessible place to cross the road. At some schools the limit is only 20mph.

Verges

Do not park on the verges - the damage caused to these areas is both ugly and costly to repair. They are usually cleared part of the highway so any parking restrictions apply to the verge also.

Speed

Please drive slowly at school times, children may suddenly step out into the road. Research shows that if you hit a child at 40 mph there's an 80% chance they'll be killed, but if you hit them at 30mph there's a 50% chance they'll survive. At some schools the limit is only 20mph.

Car doors

For safety reasons it is advisable when picking up or dropping off children to park your car such that children can get in or out on the kerb side of the car. In this way they are not getting out straight into traffic. However, please be aware of other pedestrians using the footway before opening your doors, as you may hit or obstruct them.

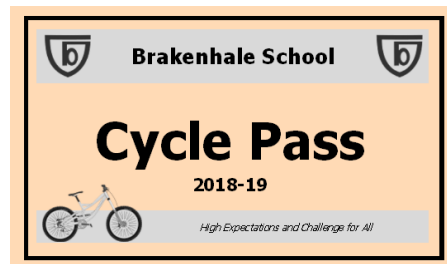
Further information

For details about more sustainable travel to school visit the School Travel Plans page on the Council's web site at www.bracknell.gov.uk or contact the Council on 01344 382000. © Design and Print Services, BSN

Cycling to School

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

We had a very good start to the compulsory helmet scheme last year, can parents please keep reinforcing the message. Remind students that the helmet must be worn securely and has to be put on before they leave the bike area at the end of the school day.



Cycle safety

Cycling needs to be encouraged – it's green, healthy and fun and it helps children to become independent.

However, in 2014, 85 cyclists aged 8-11 were killed or seriously injured on Britain's roads, so it's vital that 8-11 year olds learn how to stay safe on a bike.

Helping your child stay safe

- Ask your school or Local Authority about cycle training in your area. Your child shouldn't cycle on roads until they have been trained.
- Check your child's bike to see if it's roadworthy: look at brakes, tyres and lights/reflectors (when riding at dusk or at night you must have white front lights and red back lights and reflector)
- Make sure the bike is the right size for your child
- When out driving, teach your child about roundabouts, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings
- Find out where local cycle paths and lanes are
- Make sure your child wears a helmet which fits and is worn correctly, it should not be pushed too far back on the head
- Ensure your child wears some high-visibility clothing when cycling
- When out and about with your child look at cyclists and talk about how easy they are to see

Remember that if you cycle yourself you should set a good example!

The basics of cycling safety

These are all covered in detail in the Tales of the Road booklet which your child should have a copy of.

- Look behind before you turn, overtake or stop
- Use arm signals before you turn right or left
- Obey traffic lights and road signs
- Do not ride on the pavement unless there is a sign saying that you can
- On busy or narrow roads do not cycle next to another person
- When overtaking parked cars, watch out for car doors opening suddenly
- Do not listen to a personal stereo while cycling

These are just some of the rules children who ride on roads should know. Young cyclists need to learn what road signs mean, how to deal with roundabouts and understand when to give way. If you have time, read through the Tales of the Road booklet with your child.

Find out if **cycle training** is available at your child's school – this is the best way to learn the skills and knowledge needed to stay safe on the road. You can learn more about cycle training in your area at www.bikeability.org.uk - [new window](#) or contact your local Road Safety Officer through the Local Authority.

Please be aware that the police have alerted us to local cycle thefts:

Cycle Thefts in Bracknell area

This is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Thames Valley Police

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Message sent by
Jon Morris (Police, Administrator, Bracknell)

There have been several reported thefts of cycles from across bracknell during the last week, with the thieves targeting bike shelters at the Leisure Centre, local supermarkets and at private apartment blocks. CCTV recordings and witness accounts confirm that the thieves are equipped with bolt croppers that they use to cut the cycle lock chains. Thefts have occurred in broad daylight in reasonably busy areas as well as in the middle of the night. The thieves are not fussy with how expensive the bike is, its colour or whether its a gents or ladies model, they appear to simply attack bikes that were only secured with a weak lock or chain.

To prevent your bike been targeted,

- Secure it to a solid post with a decent cycle lock, preferably a solid "D" lock plus a robust cable threaded through both wheels.
- Remove quick release front wheel and padlock to the frame (thieves want to be able to make a quick get away rather than having to rebuild a bike before they can ride off)
- Remove the saddle if it is quick release.
- Have your bike's details registered.

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance of students at school is both a legal requirement and crucial to a student's success - there is a clear link between a high rate of attendance and high achievement. I am sure that you are already aware of the 95% attendance target that we are working towards. If students are not in lessons they cannot learn! Every lesson really does count! Statistics show missing 8.5 days or 5% of school in any school year can reduce the success level of a student by 1 GCSE grade.

With this in mind it, I would like to reiterate the expectations that we have with regards to attendance:

- Students are expected to be in school and in registration or assembly at 8:35am.
- Should your child be unwell please call the attendance line on 01344 465050 or email attendance@brakenhale.co.uk to inform us of the illness and the expected date of return.
- Should you need to arrange a medical or dental appointment can I encourage you where possible to arrange these after 1:30pm as this will reduce the disruption to your child's learning (they will only miss one lesson).

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

Oxford University and Year 12

Year 12 hit the ground running last Wednesday. On the first day of term a lunch was held for all those students who had achieved very high grades in their GCSEs. Presenting to the students during this lunch was Joe Organ from Brasenose College, Oxford who helped the students to understand how they could use the next two years to maximise their chances of a great university or apprenticeship application. The 15 students listened with focus and it will be great to see how their futures unfold over the next 24 months. Watch this space!

Mr Hartley, Deputy Headteacher

Concerning App

We have been made aware of an app that is currently causing significant concern. The App is called YuBo after changing the name from Yellow. It is widely being labelled as 'Tinder for Kids!'

YuBo encourages on line relationships and is an app that allows children to connect and chat to new people. Users can swipe right on someone else's profile to 'like' them, and swipe left to pass on to view other users' profiles. You can video chat and/or watch other people's live videos.

The NSPCC consider this to be high risk for the risk areas of Sex, Drugs, Alcohol and Crime.

Please see the following link for more information:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/yubo/>

Dance News

The Performing Arts Faculty would like to congratulate Jade Ackuaku, Year 13, who has gained a place in the prestigious National Youth Dance Company England. She was selected to audition after being spotted at a taster workshop earlier in the year and successful gained a place through an audition over the Summer. Her place is a fully funded scholarship that will allow her to travel to and attend classes, workshops and performances at Sadler's Wells' in London. She will work with the associate artists at Sadler's who are world renowned choreographers and perform at the famous venue as part of the company.



Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

PE News

Here are the Extra Curricular activities in PE for this first half term

Mr Potter, Head of PE

PE. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Half Term 1 - 2018-2019					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL (0710 - 0800) Full kit needed to participate	Fitness Staff only Gym LRU	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 only Gym RBE	Fitness Staff only Gym LWI	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 Only Gym CMY	Fitness Staff only Gym JBO
LUNCH (1300-1330 1315-1345) Trainers only needed to participate	Table Tennis KS4 Sports Hall LRU	Table Tennis KS4 Sports Hall LWI	Table Tennis KS4 Sports Hall RBE	Table Tennis KS4 Sports Hall MPO	Table Tennis KS4 Sports Hall CMY
AFTER SCHOOL (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate	No clubs due to staff meetings	Rugby (Boys) All years Field RBE JBO CMY MKI Netball (Girls) All years Sports hall/courts LWI/LRU	Rugby (Girls) All years Field FMA Hockey (Mixed) All years Astro turf MPO Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall LRU	Handball (mixed) All years Sports hall CMY Trampolining (Mixed) All years Trampoline Centre JBO/MPO	P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions GCSE PE Revision (Y10/11) BTEC L2 and L3 catch up (Y10-13) A Level PE Revision (Y12) Your PE teacher/s will confirm these sessions, if they apply to you.

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.
AM Sessions are only for certain students (KS4&5) and only certain mornings – please draw this to their attention

New Build Fundraising Project

We need your help to raise £48,119.00 by September 2019!!!!

Thank you so much to those who have donated on our MyDonate page.

You will see that our total has increased during the summer holiday, thanks to those of you who have made donations. Some of you have made reference to the amount being small – please do not apologise. We know that it is a big ask to request money of you and any amount, however small, is very gratefully received.

To those of you who have not yet donated and would like to, please go to our fundraising page at:

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

We still have a long way to go, so to remind you and for the new parents, our fundraising is to buy furniture and equipment for our new building. The funding provided by the government is very tightly regulated and can be used for the building only, not including furniture or equipment. The theory is that we should take with us furniture and equipment from the existing building and we will do so if it is functional. However, much of the furniture is old because the school has not had funding to regularly maintain and/or replace. In addition, the projectors and interactive whiteboards that we currently have in every classroom will not work with the new systems in the new building because technology has advanced considerably since Brakenhale was built in the 1950s!

In our December meeting, the governors committed to raising the money needed and we are depending on your support to help us.

I am sure that you can think of ways to raise money and we will support you but just to get your creative juices running, some ideas that have been suggested include gaining sponsorship to run in local marathons, bike rides or other events; pledge auctions, clothing sales, car washing events, pamper evenings, bingo, cabaret evenings, sponsored slims, etc. Get your friends, relatives, neighbours and colleagues to take part with you.

We know that some of the larger national and global companies that you may work for will match any money that employees are able to raise for charities. Brakenhale is a charity, under the umbrella of the Greenshaw Learning Trust. We will offer incentives to companies that support you/the school in this way with publicity in the school and beyond. We will also invite those of you who are involved in raising £1,000+ to a special opening event and you, with your sons/daughters will be the first to see the new facilities.

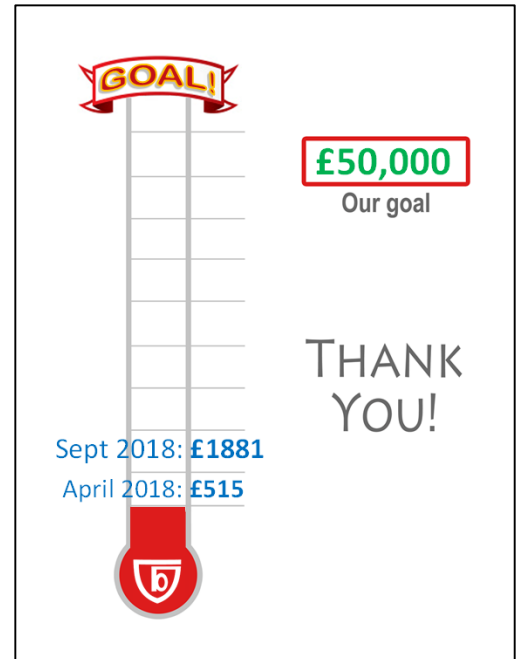
We are about to invite companies to advertise on the hoarding around our site. Please contact me if you know of any organisations that may be interested.

Please contact me if you are prepared to run an event. We will support you in a range of ways and find others to work with you if you want to work in groups.

The Reading half-marathon will take place on Sunday 17th March – if any of you are planning to enter, please consider running for your school. The date of the Lexicon Bracknell half-marathon is yet to be published but please keep us in mind if you are intending to enter.

We have a dedicated e-mail address for our fundraising. Please e-mail me to discuss any ideas that you have on fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body



New Build Update

The building project has progressed significantly over the summer break.

We have a newly refurbished and relocated Student Support Centre. This includes the Bridge for those students in Year 7 who may struggle with the transition into secondary school, Boost (a special educational needs classroom) and a further teaching classroom.

With brand new, high-tech toilet facilities, it has given us a taste of things to come!

Behind the school, pilings have gone in ready for the foundations, so we are starting to see what the footprint of the new school will look like, exciting times!



Student Support includes the Bridge, Boost and a teaching classroom, with brand new, high-tech facilities.



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



FAB

School Reminders

Student Contact Information

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

Schoolcomms
all together, smarter

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

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

School Gateway App

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

Schoolgateway

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

Biometric

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



Please contact the school office for more information.

ParentPay

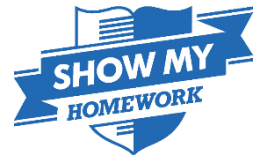
ParentPay is the easiest way to make payments for your son/daughter’s lunch money and any trips your child will be attending. If you do not currently have a login for ParentPay, please contact the school office who will be able issue you with details. If you are experiencing any problems with your account,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



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

Showmyhomework

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



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

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

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

Mrs Powell, Assistant Headteacher

School Dining Hall

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

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

Other opening times include:

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs Silvey, Catering & Enrichment Manager
csilvey@brakenhale.co.uk

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING : 3 Sept, 24 Sept, 15 Oct					
Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	Southern Fried Chicken Burger	British Farm Assured Chicken Karma Curry	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Beef Bolognaise	Hot Main Meal (Vegetarian) Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Burger	Vegetable Korma	Tuna Pasta Bake	Vegetable Stir Fry Spring Rolls	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate	Herby Diced Potatoes	Lemon Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Spaghetti Penne	Chips
Vegetables	Salads	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Hot Pudding	Cherry and Coconut Cake	Lemon Cake Custard	Sultana Muffins Custard	Beef's Pudding Vanilla Custard	Banana Cake Custard

We have available every day
 • Salad bar where you build your own salad
 • Homemade bread

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in most cases exceed The School Food Standards

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING : 10 Sept, 1 Oct, 29 Oct					
Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Cumberland Sausage	British Farm Assured Butter Chicken Curry	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Beef Chili Con Carne	Hot Main Meal (Vegetarian) Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread	Vegetable Biryani	Chili Beans Casserole	Mexican Veggie Burrito	Cheese Omelette
Carbohydrate	Creamy Mashed Potato	Naan Bread Lemon Rice	Roast Potatoes	Rice	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Chocolate and Banana Cake	Orange Cake Custard	Drop Pancakes served with Maple Syrup	Carrot Cake and Custard	Fruit Jelly

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The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING : 17 Sept, 8 Oct, 5 Nov					
Week 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Sweet Chili Chicken	British Farm Assured Chicken Tikka Curry	British Farm Assured Roast Chicken	British Farm Assured Pork Meat Balls in Rich Tomato Sauce	Hot Main Meal (Vegetarian) Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetable Samosa Sweet Chili Sauce	Chicken and Lentil Curry	Vegetarian Risotto	Spinach and Ricotta Cannellini	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate	Egg Noodles	Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta Garlic Bread	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Chocolate Fudge Cake and Custard	Apple and Cinnamon Slice	Strawberry Jam Sponge	Double Chocolate Muffin

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Mobile Phones

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

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

Brakenhale PTA School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners over the summer holiday. Even though we weren't in school, the lottery winners kept winning!

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.

Easy Fundraising

With easyfundraising.org.uk you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny!

When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website easyfundraising.org.uk - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to shop through www.easyfundraising.org.uk to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



Current Vacancies

We have the following exciting opportunities at Brakenhale. Please see the website for more details.

- 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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Term Dates – 2019/2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019 **Inset Days**

Wednesday 4th September – Thursday 19th December 2019

Autumn Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

Christmas Holiday: Friday 20th December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January – Friday 3rd April 2020

Spring Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020

Spring Holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020

(Good Friday 10th April, Easter Monday 13th April)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April – Friday 17th July 2020

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2020 **Inset Days**

Summer Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020

Summer Holiday: starts on Friday 17th July 2020

INSET Days

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2020

1 Inset Day to be confirmed



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