



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been filled with trips and more student opportunities.

On Tuesday a group of Year 9 students attended the Shakespeare Schools Festival held at South Hill Park accompanied by Mrs Raby and Miss Lawry. They took part with a number of other schools in giving some performances based on Shakespeare. It was a great learning experience and the feedback has been fantastic. Wednesday saw our Year 13 Business students take a trip to the Mini Factory where they were able to see how the business plan is put into action. Year 10 BTEC Sport students and Sports Leaders played a key role in running the primary school rugby festival at Great Hollands on Wednesday and we had some wonderful feedback on how well our students had supported the younger ones. This is another example of how supportive our older students are to both younger students at Brakenhale and in the wider community. Finally today, 29 of our Year 11 students left school at 7am heading for PGL camp to take part in a series of revision lessons across the weekend. This is the first of a number of initiatives we will be running for Year 11 students in the run up to their final examinations.

We also have some exciting events coming up. These include a clothes sale on Thursday 14th November, 4pm - 8pm. This event is set to be a designer extravaganza as well as an opportunity to pick up some 50p bargains. We will be selling many items of designer clothing that have been donated from a variety of sources. There will be children's clothes and adults' clothes together with accessories such as handbags and shoes. If any parents/carers are able to help either before the sale to sort the clothes or during the event itself please email fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk or contact Main Reception as your support would be gratefully received. All funds raised will be donated to the new build.

Lastly we would like to say a big thank you to Hodges coaches for coming to the rescue and taking our students at very short notice to the Year 10 rugby festival.

Next week we will be ramping up ready for the half term.

Student of the week:

Rubie Jennings and Liberty Garner - Both these young ladies were really helpful demonstrating kindness to a young Year 7 student who was very upset and whom they obviously did not want to ignore and leave alone - well done Ladies.

Ricky Osei in Year 11 for being successfully selected for the final squad for the under 16 Boys County Football Team - congratulations Ricky.

Fab

- Office ladies are always cheerful and efficient
- Pleased to read chewing gum is not permitted on the school site. Twice last term my daughter came home with chewing gum on her skirt.
- Lost property department for answering emails during an evening and not only always finding our items, but returning them to our children too.
- Tutor Reading Programme is a great way to learn, calm and get the most out of valuable tutor time as a whole class.
- Having after school lessons.
- The new behaviour system makes lessons better as there aren't any students disrupting the lesson.
- Shakespeare Schools Festival - what can I say? This was one of the best events we've attended and our daughter hasn't stopped talking about her experience since we got home! Thank you to Ms Lawry for making it possible.
- My son is settling well into Year 7. I would like to thank Ms Robson and all other staff for ensuring a smooth transition into secondary school.
- Great support being put into place for Year 11s, with all the study sessions.

Drab

We realise there were some issues with Hegarty Maths last week which has led to us amending the way we are using it. Mr Dean and Mrs Masson sent out a detailed response to all parents about this but if you still have concerns please contact them directly.

The school canteen: although they do amazing food etc., my son has not eaten for the past 3 days as queues too long. I asked if vending machines were an option and was told also big queues and 9 times out of 10 nothing much left in them because of the demand.

Year 7 have been given an additional 10 minutes at lunch in order to try and reduce the queues for the rest of the year groups. Please contact me directly so that I can investigate what has happened with your son.

Key Stage 4 (including Year 9) students seem to be going into the Year 7 and 8 toilets when they should be using the Year 9, 10 and 11 toilets.

Thank you for this feedback. I will ask staff to be extra vigilant.

No details on school gateway regarding behaviour point. just the category they come under. This is not helpful to parents when discussing with your child why they have got them or how to avoid them in the future.

We have increased the number of categories available for staff to use, the system does not allow further details to be sent home. Please contact via email the class teacher who will be able to give you the full details.

My son is disappointed that the wood-tech class has stopped after school, he enjoyed this class.

I will look into this for you but if this was the club run by Mr Esling, unfortunately he passed away and we are looking at alternative ways to offer this after school provision.

Staff member of the week

Mr Maye	Exceptional brilliant Tutor, always goes above and beyond we are very proud to have him as our son's tutor, he's great!
Ms Polonara	She always gives 100% to the classes she supports. She cares about students and always does it with a smile.
Mr George	He always helps everyone and explains things really well.
Miss Bunkell	Miss Bunkell is always a happy soul and makes me feel happy when I'm around her in history, she is always so positive and shares her positiveness with her class.
Ms Lawry	For taking the time to help our daughter when she was having a meltdown pre-show and a FANTASTIC show.

Quote of the week:

'There is no illusion; success is hard work.' This is summed up by a photograph I saw this week of a cordoned off lift with a caption next to it 'Elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.'

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

w/c Monday 21st October : **House Assemblies**

Fundraising



Please click here to see our fundraising video on YouTube: [Brakenhale Unlocking Potential Fundraising Video](#)

Please click here to see our BBC News film: [Brakenhale School on BBC News](#)

New fundraising page: [Virginmoneygiving](#)

Brakenhale's all-things fundraising/new build webpage:
<https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/new-build/>

Mental Health Day

Well done to our Sixth Form students who wore yellow last Thursday for World Mental Health Day and raised an additional £88 to add to the total reported in last week's parent news.

High Expectations and Challenge
Brakenhale
6th FORM
WHERE FUTURES ARE MADE

Information Evening for Courses 2020-22

Thursday 7th November
6.30pm to 8pm

The continued resurgence of Brakenhale Sixth Form has been confirmed by the most recent A-Level and BTEC results. In every single measure there has been an increase in attainment and progress.

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE
Healthy Schools
GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

Apologies, our Young Chef article last week contained an error. Please find below the correct article.

Rotary Club Young Chef Competition

On Thursday evening the Technology department held the heat to find out who will represent Brakenhale at the Rotary Young Chef Competition at LVS in Ascot. Each participating student produced a 2 course balanced meal (to include a main course and a dessert), to a budget of £15, in an hour and a half.

Our Year 10 chefs were Calum O'Grady, Thomas Minihane and Issy Hogan, three experienced chefs. They selected their own dishes to meet the specification.

The students were judged on their preparation, cooking skills and final presentation.

Oh my goodness what a tough decision Miss Douse and myself had at the end of the cooking and after a thorough tasting of all the dishes.

These are the dishes we tasted:

Chef Thomas created Pork Medallions with Scallion mash accompanied by asparagus and broccoli, with a dessert of lemon cheesecake.

Katsu curry and a dessert of compost pears with cream and nuts was made by Chef Izzy.

Chef Calum presented us with chicken fried in butter and thyme with pea purée, asparagus and duchess potatoes, followed by a dessert of apple and caramel pie.

The competition was very close..... but after much deliberation Chef Calum O'Grady was announced the winner of the Brakenhale Young Chef competition and will go forward to the District round at LVS in November.

I would like to say well done to all three chefs, they really did themselves proud!

Mrs Higham, Head of Technology



Camera Club Update

The challenge for Camera Club this week was 'something weird I found on my way home from school' to test the observation skills of our members. The most creative of those observations goes to Amber W in Year 7, who spotted a 'unicorn' on her way home! Oliver M in Year 8 found these amazing toadstools on his way home and Liam T in Year 7 'found' an owl!



We have already decided that Halloween has to be the half-term holiday challenge so there was quite a bit of discussion about what we should do for the last week of this half-term. The majority vote went to 'Nature' (a favourite genre for a lot of my students) with an element of 'Autumn' thrown in the mix. This time of year the trees are changing colours, there are mushrooms and toadstools dotted around and lots of crunchy dead leaves on the ground; perfect subjects for a 'nature' photo shoot.

Camera Club runs on a Monday lunchtime in B17 and all years are welcome.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography

Languages

MFL Film Club for KS3

FILM
CLUB

Every Tuesday Lunchtime
In CO5
Bring your lunch / popcorn
Any questions see Mrs Hughes

Next film coming soon...

Year 10 and 11 French and Spanish Students...

LEAGUE OF CHAMPIONS
-2019-

We have entered the Vocab Express World Competition...

You must get AS MANY POINTS AS POSSIBLE

between **Wednesday 9th October** (starting at 9:00am)
and **Wednesday 15th October** (closing at 15:00pm)

Brakenhale needs you!

Prizes:

- Provided by Vocab Express at the end of the competition.
- 5 House Points for the top 3 in each year group.
- The person who gains the most points from Year 10 and Year 11 will win a prize in the form of sweets / chocolate from Mrs Hughes as well as 10 House Points.

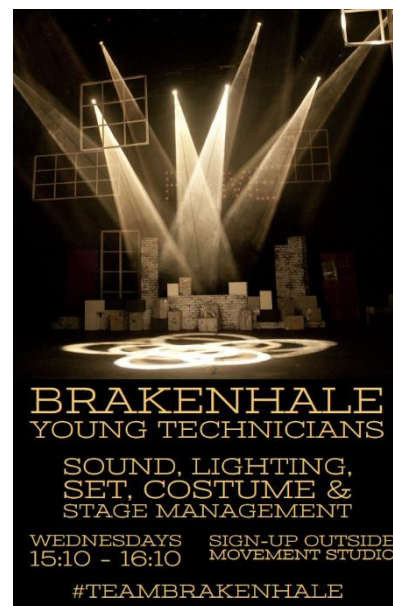
Contact Mrs Hughes for more details..

Performing Arts

Extra Curricular Dance Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Closed
Lunch time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	DARK MATTER
After School 3:05 MS	STREET CO. (MS) Charley, Tiegan, Dani & Macey Open to all years DARK MATTER (JNS) Dance Company & Lauren		EVOLUTION Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy, Jack, Zac, Ethan & Teddy Year 7 Boys <i>Starts 27th of November</i>	AURORA Dance Company (JNS) Mrs Duffy & Ellie Open to Year 9 and invite only Year 8 DANCE CLUB (JNS) Emily Open to Year 7	Free fall Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 10 - 13 Dance <i>Starts 15th of November</i>



Shakespeare Schools Festival

We would like to congratulate all the students involved in the Shakespeare Schools Festival on Tuesday night.

It was the school's first year participating in the festival and we could not be any prouder of our students. Since the start of term students from Years 7 to 13 have been working on the production elements and performance of their very own 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' - it was just brilliant to watch them perform Shakespeare so eloquently!

The project has been organised and led by Miss Lawry, who did a fantastic job of guiding and supporting the students, along with the Performing Arts Team. We would like to congratulate everyone involved.

Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts



THE BRAKENHALE SCHOOL

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Technician	Ethan Nunn
Assistant Director	Leanne Palmer
Assistant Director	Kaitlyn Buchler
Egeus	Kirsty Ruff
Hermia	Lyla Carter
Lysander	Charlie Young
Demetrius	Emmanuel Chilvers
Helena	Sofia Valenzuela Russo
Theseus	Leah Matthews
Attendant to Theseus	Jake Besta
Attendant to Theseus	Francisco Moura
Peter Quince	Logan Knapp
Nick Bottom	Malachi Smith
Francis Flute	Harley Weeks
Tom Snout	Luca Ferrari
Robin Starveling	Millie Cox
Snug	Alice Sandlin
Oberon	Charlotte Duncombe
Oberon	Amelia Duncombe
Titania	Grace McLeod
Puck	Thomas Farr
Fairy (Moth)	Bethia Prior
Fairy (Cobweb)	Scarlett Mazzitelli-Adams
Fairy (Mustardseed)	Victoria Taylor
Fairy (Peasebottom)	Ellen Shaw
Fairy (Brightling)	Megan Bruton
Fairy (Mushroom)	Malika Fabris
Fairy (Fluster)	Beatriz Moura
Fairy (Diana)	Marine Satake
Philostrate	Hannah Lilley
Hippolyta	Hannah Lilley

PE Update

This week has been a busy week for the PE department with a number of fixtures happening. We have had a mixture of Netball, Rugby and Year 10 BTEC Sport students leading a Tag Rugby event for their coursework.

Netball Year 9 and 10 v Garth

Thursday night saw our Year 9 and 10 teams battle it out against Garth in the school netball tournament. The girls played very well throughout the 4 quarters of the match with Monica and Hristina being crowned players of the match at the end by Garth.

The match was a great display of the #teambrokenhale mentality as the girls from both year groups supported each other. A big thank you to Rishyal, Ellie and Agnesca for stepping up to play for the Year 9s. The girls showed great sportsmanship, skill and confidence throughout the game and we thank you for representing Brakenhale.

Year 7 and 8 Netball v Ranelagh

On Tuesday we saw the Year 7 and 8 students play Ranelagh and due to their courts being not playable we played in the sports hall and the girls took it in turns from quarter to quarter. This was good as both teams were able to cheer each other on, something we do not normally see in netball fixtures. Both teams had a number of subs which is good to see.

For the Year 7s it was their first match for a couple of the girls and they worked extremely well as a team, considering some of the girls had not played against each other. Danielle and Maisy were brilliant in defence and had several interceptions. Abigail found some lovely space in the shooting circle and she managed to score against the Ranelagh defence. Olivia S and Aisha were brilliant in attack bringing the ball down the court. Player of the match was awarded to Olivia C. Well done to Olivia and the rest of you and I look forward to watching your next game.

For the Year 8s we had enough players for two teams, which is really nice to see. They were all supportive and encouraging each other. Rangelagh had a strong circle defence and Maddie, Lauren, and Lizzie found it hard to get those rebounds. There was some lovely play from Sophie, Lily, Stephanie and Macey bringing the ball down the court. Well done to Lilly S for getting player of the match.

Netball this year has been a real success at Brakenhale with representatives from all year groups stepping up to train and compete. Each week we have a great turnout to training. If you want to be part of the #teambrokenhale success please attend out netball training every Tuesday 3.05-4.15pm.

The club is open to girls and boys.

Year 10 BTEC Sport

On Wednesday, 29 Year 10 BTEC Sport students took part in the Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival. These students delivered a range of tag rugby drills and skills through games. This forms part of their leadership coursework. The students were brilliant, with a number of them getting down to talk to them at the Year 3/4's level, helping them when they fell over in the very muddy conditions and encouraging them throughout their session.

A number of the students stayed on in the afternoon to help assist the tournament and they were a great asset to the referees, by keeping the score and time keeping. They also got to hand out medals during the day. They were all very positive and they did a good job. We had a number of positive feedback from primary school teachers, parents and the event organisers. So well done to everyone involved.

Year 8 Rugby Tournament

The Year 8 boys took to the fields at Sandhurst on Tuesday to take part in their second rugby tournament of the year. They say all good things come in three's...

The first thing that was excellent was the fact there were 6 secondary schools at the tournament from the Bracknell area. This was fantastic as we saw close to 75 boys playing school rugby.

The second thing that stood out was the amount of parent support, especially from our Brakenhale parents! It is brilliant to see our parents, grandparents and brothers and sisters there cheering and supporting our Brakenhale boys from the sidelines.

So into the rugby, which was the final and most important fantastic thing. The boys played 5 games, winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 2.

The spirit the boys showed across all games was superb, the boys played a lot of physical rugby which led to a few injuries but all boys stepped onto the field and gave it their all.

We drew against Edgbarrow and Sandhurst, beat Kings Academy and lost to Garth and Ranelagh. Taylor C led the boys from the front with a fantastic physical game, with great support play from Charlie H who carried the ball superbly. Lewis J made excellent breaks down the wing and paired up nicely with Jason T who also ran the ball well infield. It was also great to see Bryan R making his debut and having a great first game as well. A huge well done to all the 16 boys.

The boys have training next Tuesday, with a journey to Reading Rugby Club next week (Thursday) to play in the invitational Reading Blue Coat School rugby festival.

Their final Bracknell Schools tournament will be held at Brakenhale on the first Tuesday back after half term.

Next week we see Brakenhale host the last round of Bracknell Secondary School rugby fixtures for Year 9 and 10 on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

Well done to all the Year 8 boys and a BIG thank you to all the superb parents and supporters who travelled to watch and support the boys at Sandhurst.

Year 7 Rugby Tournament at Sandhurst

14 Brakenhale Year 7s participated in their first ever contact rugby tournament yesterday and did a great job in representing the school.

In their first game, with nerves and apprehension still on show the boys battled to a well earned 5-5 draw against Sandhurst. Growing into the competition the boys were unlucky not to snatch a draw, narrowly losing 10-5 against Edgbarrow. The boys were now starting to feel more comfortable in contact and really listened well to feedback and to each other. This was evident in a great draw 10-10 with Ranelagh before rounding off the tournament with a 15-5 win over Garth Hill.

Overall the boys enjoyed their first exposure to competitive rugby, learned a lot and made some good progress and will now look forward to the next tournament at Brakenhale in the near future.

Inter-house Competitions

We are about to go into the final week of half term, which means one thing! Inter House competition time. This is a chance for our newly appointed Sports Captains to shine, as they are coordinating the teams.

We wish all the houses the best of luck and a match reports will be in next weeks parent news.

Fixtures for next week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
10/19	7 + 8	Netball	Sandhurst	Sandhurst	3.15/5.15	LWI
22/10/19	9 + 10	Netball	Sandhurst	Brakenhale	3.15/4.45	LRU
22/10/19	9	Rugby	Tournament	Brakenhale	3.15/6.00	JBO
23/10/19	8 + 9	Netball	Egdbarrow	Egdbarrow	3.15/5.15	LWI
23/10/19	10	Rugby	Tournament	Brakenhale	3.15/6.00	JBO
24/10/19	9 + 11	Netball	Ranelagh	Brakenhale	3.15/4.45	LRU
24/10/19	10	ESFA Cup	Rodborough	Rodborough	2.00/5.00	CMY
24/10/19	8	Rugby	Tournament	Reading Rugby Club	9.00/3.30	MPO

ME in PE Assessment criteria: Autumn Term

‘ME in PE’

PHYSICAL	
1	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in an isolated situation
2	Works in lesson to show effects of short term exercise on the body
3	Takes part in a tactical scenario set up and delivered by the teacher
4	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in an isolated situation
5	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a conditioned situation
6	Works in lesson to show effects of steady state exercise on the body
7	Takes part in a tactical scenario taught by the teacher
8	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a conditioned situation
9	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a fully competitive situation
10	Works in lesson to show the effects of long term exercise on the body
11	Sets up and takes part in a tactical scenario on own
12	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a fully competitive situation

‘ME in PE’

SOCIAL	
1	Independently gets changed in the changing rooms and takes care of personal belongings
2	Communicates effectively with class teacher
3	Communicates effectively with a single peer (verbally)
4	Communicates effectively with a small group of peers (verbally)
5	Works well on a 1-2-1 basis with others
6	Works well in a small group
7	Works well as part of the whole PE group
8	Communicates effectively with the whole class (verbally)
9	Engages and participates in situations with familiar peers
10	Deals with and manages situations with familiar peers
11	Engages and participates in situations with non-familiar peers
12	Can deal with and manage situations with non-familiar peers



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Mr M Potter, Head of PE



P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Half Term 1 - 2019-2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL (0710 – 0800) Full kit needed to participate	Fitness Staff only Gym	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 only Gym	Fitness Staff only Gym	Fitness (Mixed) Y10-13 Only Gym	Fitness Staff only Gym
LUNCH (1300-1330 1315-1345) Trainers only needed to participate	Table Tennis All Years Sports Hall FGR			Indoor Cricket All Years Sports Hall MPO	GCSE PE Revision Year 11 C21 MPO
AFTER SCHOOL (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm for Trampoline***	No clubs due to staff meetings	Rugby (Boys) All years Field JBO MPO CMY Netball (Girls) All years Sports hall/courts LWI/LRU	Rugby (Girls) All years Field FMA Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall CPI 3.30pm start Rugby Fixtures MPO/JBO	Handball (mixed) All years Sports hall MPO Football (Yr 8 and 10 INVITE ONLY) CMY Boxing/Fitness (Boys) All years Gym ABI 3.30pm start	P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions BTEC L2 and L3 catch up (Y10-13) GCSE Revision (YR 10) A Level PE Revision (Y13) 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

Identity

We meet every Friday in CR3

With Mrs. Lewis and Miss Bunkell

Partnership with Bracknell Bees

We are pleased to announce that we have continued to be partners with the Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey team and members of their schools' outreach programme. This programme gives us unique offers and discounts for parents and children to attend the game.

The next Bracknell Bees School Zone games are Half Term Specials.

Please find below the voucher to receive your exclusive school discount.

Please call 01344 789000 and quote 'Schools Zone'. All you then need to do is take a copy of the voucher with you on the night (hard copy or on your mobile device).

All pre purchased tickets and all Complimentary Tickets will be available from The Bees Shop.

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 45 minutes before face off and don't forget they have their own entrance next to the shop.

SCHOOL ZONE

FREE ICE SKATING & SKATE HIRE AFTER THE GAME WITH YOUR SCHOOL ZONE WRISTBAND! SATURDAYS ONLY

BRACKNELL BEES VS TELFORD TIGERS
26.10.19 - FACEOFF 18:15
SKATE WITH THE BEES AFTER THE GAME

BRACKNELL BEES VS RAIDERS
27.10.19 - FACEOFF 17:30
HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

BRACKNELL BEES VS PETERBOROUGH PHANTOMS
02.11.19 - FACEOFF 18:15
BEES SIGNING AFTER THE GAME

KIDS GO FREE!

THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES FREE ENTRY FOR UP TO TWO CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT PAYING JUST £10!

TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED IN PERSON WITH THIS VOUCHER OR BY CONTACTING THE BOX OFFICE AND QUOTING 'SCHOOL ZONE' - TICKETS TO BE BOOKED AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE GAME. THE TICKETS ARE FOR OUR DESIGNATED SCHOOL ZONE (BLOCKS 1 & 2 LOWER) AND ARE FOR SPECIFIC DATES ONLY. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF SCHOOL ZONE FIXTURES. NORMAL TICKET PRICES - ADULTS £13.50, CHILDREN £4.00

WWW.BRACKNELLBEES.COM/SCHOOLS BOX OFFICE - 01344 789000

Lost Property

We would like to remind you that we have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property. They are situated in Head of Year office and we have set up an email address - lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk - for all queries. It is very important that **all items of school uniform are named**. Thank you to those parents who are helping us in this way, as if named items are lost they can instantly be returned to our students.

Lost property currently have a **large amount of un-named and un-claimed** items (clothes, uniform, cycle helmets, water bottles and jewellery) which will need to be collected by the end of this half term. Any unclaimed items will be going into the charity bin after half term.

Students who are missing items should visit lost property regularly to check.

Mobile devices

Could we please ask parents to remind students that **mobile phones must not be used** on the **school site** at all, this goes for before and after the school bell, and is applicable to Sixth Form students too.



Anyone seen using mobile devices contrary to school guidance will be logged.

Attendance

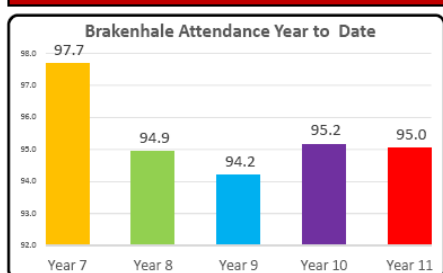
We believe that high attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members of the school community, involved not only in lessons but also in the extra-curricular activities that are so important to their wellbeing. Students can keep track of their attendance in their planner.

Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 11 October 2019
 Period 04/09/19 - 11/10/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	97.7 %
Year 8	94.9 %
Year 9	94.2 %
Year 10	95.2 %
Year 11	95.0 %

Brakenhale Attendance Year to Date 95.4 %



Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 11th October 2019
 Period 07/10/19 to 11/10/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	96.7 %
Year 8	94.9 %
Year 9	92.7 %
Year 10	93.3 %
Year 11	94.4 %

Brakenhale's Overall Attendance for Period: 07/10/19 - 11/10/19 94.4 %

Brakenhale's Overall Attendance Year to Date 04/09/19 - 11/10/19 95.4 %

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.

Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer

Fundraising for our new building

Why are we raising money for our new building?

I know that many of you saw the article on the BBC News but if not, you can watch it by clicking on the link:

[BBC News Video](#)

We have a new fundraising page where you can donate money and/or create a fundraising activity. You can find it by clicking on the following link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/BrakenhaleSchool>

This replaces any of the fundraising pages that we have used previously (eg MyDonate, Just Giving, etc). On the page, you can click on the furniture pictures to donate, or donate any amount by clicking on the 'donors' tab.

Please contact me if you are willing to organise an event or take part in one that is organised by a local/national group (eg sponsored bike ride, running race, car wash, etc). I can help you set up the page, publicise your event, etc. The contact e-mail address has not changed and remains as

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

CLOTHING SALE – Thursday 14th November 4pm – 8pm

We need people to donate clothes and help at the event!!!

Please e-mail me at the fundraising address above if you can help on 14th November (setting up in the afternoon or selling during the sale).

Tell your friends and family to donate and/or come along

We are going to hold a second hand clothes sale, selling several categories of clothing, including:

- Jumble
- School uniform
- Designer items
- Shoes, and
- Home textiles

In order to support us, please could you put aside any clothes, shoes (women's, men's and children's), or home textiles (curtains, bed-linen, cushions, etc.) that you no longer wear or use. The items should be wearable, without holes or broken fastenings – the type that you would donate to a charity shop. You can bring sacks of clothing in to the school reception from Monday 11th November. If you have items that you are willing to donate, but are unable to store until then, please e-mail me and I will arrange to store elsewhere. Similarly, if you have items to donate but cannot bring them in, please e-mail me as we may be able to arrange collection.

I have already been given some evening wear that you will want for Christmas parties.

ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW

We are going to take part in the draw again this year, after being so successful last year. The prizes have increased in value to

1st Prize £500

2nd Prize £250

10 prizes of £100

5 prizes of £50

We will send one book (5 tickets) home with each student in Years 7, 8 and 9 and hope that you will support us by selling to friends and family. If you do not want your child to be issued with the books, please let me know by e-mailing fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk, naming your child and tutor group. If you are a parent of a student in the older year groups and are willing to help, please e-mail me with your child's name and tutor group and the number of books that you think you could sell.

Let's make this run up to the move to the new building very successful with our fundraising!!!

With thanks,

Karen Roche, Chair of Governors

fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk



School Dining Hall

The Brakenhale School					
Autumn Term : WEEK COMMENCING : 9, 30 Sept, 21 Oct					
Week 2	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	Macaroni Cheese	British Farm Assured Beef Madras Curry	British Farm Assured Roast Herb Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	British Farm Assured Beef Chilli Con Carne	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal (V)	Mushroom Risotto	Vegetable Biryani	Veggie Wrap	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cheese and Tomato Omelette
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread	Coriander and Lemon Rice	Roast Potatoes	Pilaf Rice	Chips
Vegetables	Mixed Salad Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli and Cauliflower	Roasted Root Vegetables	Peas or Mixed Salad	Baked Beans or Peas
Pudding	Waffles and Toffee Sauce	Vanilla Cheese Cake	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Cookies	Selection of ice cream tubs

We have available every day:

- Salad bar where you build your own salad
- Chef's Soup of the Day with Homemade bread (F)
- Fruit Jellies, Yoghurt Pots and Fruit Salads (F)

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians
(F) Fresh Produce in our Kitchen

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

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

Taz Asran, Chef Manager - kitchen@brakenhale.co.uk

Brakenhale School		CANTEN PRICE LIST 2019/2020	
		Price	
		Regular	Large
MEALS			
Main Meal		£2.10	
Meal Deal (main meal + drink or pudding)		£2.50	
Soup of the Day		£1.05	
Soup with Bread Roll		£1.25	
Jacket Potato + 1 Filling		£1.25	
Jacket Potato + 2 Filling		£1.60	
Salad Pot		£1.25	£2.00
Pasta King		£1.30	£2.00
Yogurt Bar		£1.25	£2.00
Fruit Salad / Cold Dessert / Jelly Pot		£1.00	
Hot Pudding		£0.75	
SNACKS			
Pizza		£1.20	
Paninis		£1.80	
Beef / Chicken / Veggie Burger		£1.55	
Hot Wraps		£1.55	
Chicken Nuggets / Popcorn		£1.55	
Hot Dogs		£1.55	
Lamb Kebab		£1.55	
Bagels		£1.55	
Chicken Wings Pot		£1.55	
Potato Wedges		£0.80	
Waffles		£0.60	
Cookies		£0.50	
DRINKS			
Cold Drinks Range	From	£0.50	to £0.80
Hot Drinks		£1.00	
Frutina		£0.80	£1.00
Ice Cream / Lollies		£0.50	

Feedback Initiative

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

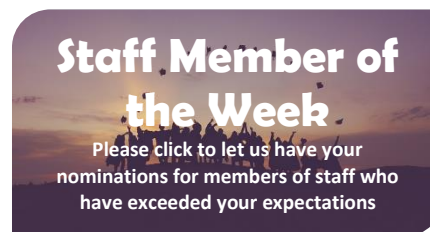
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Lost Property

Have you lost something? Don't forget...



Email us on the address below and we will endeavour to locate the item and return it to you as soon as possible. We have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property and she will do her best to help.

Email : lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

Please make sure your items are named so that we can return them promptly.

Brakenhale School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners.

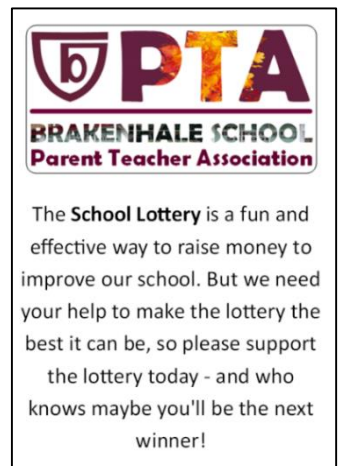
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

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!

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.

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Events and Notices

BRAKENHALE SCHOOL
High Expectations and Challenge



Weekend Astro Pitch Deal



Brakenhale School would like to offer local sports clubs reduced weekend rates on our sand filled astro pitch. We offer Half and Full pitch rentals
Please Contact:
apeacock@brakenhale.co.uk
to find out more!

NOS National Online Safety

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

#WhatsUpWednesday

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

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If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can

text YM to 85258


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YM aim to connect every texter to a trained volunteer in less than 5 minutes to provide support in a crisis. They will listen to you and help you think through how you're feeling, and will aim to help you take the next steps towards feeling better.


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

Term Dates

Term Dates 2019-20

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Wednesday 4th September to Friday 13th December

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

Last day of Autumn Term for students – Friday 13th December

(Inset Day: Monday 16th December)

Christmas Holiday: Tuesday 17th December to Wednesday 8th January 2020 *

**Extra school closure days in December and January for the transition into the new building*

SPRING TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Thursday 9th January to Friday 3rd April

Spring Half Term – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Last day of Spring Term for students – Friday 3rd April

Easter Holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

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

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July

Summer Half Term – Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

(Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 17th July

(Inset Days: Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July)

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>

Future Diary Dates

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

Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	:	Half Term
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