



**Parent News: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers

We have now entered the third week of national lockdown and I would like to thank the students and yourselves in following the government regulations and helping to make a difficult situation much easier. School life continues as close to normal as possible and our Year 11 students have been sitting their Pre-Public Exams this week; they have been an absolute credit taking these exams very seriously and behaving impeccably in the examination hall. They really do seem to understand the heightened importance of in-school assessment this academic year.

Mr Corry presented a Year 10 'virtual' Information evening on Wednesday this week to share with the year group expectations and curriculum information to assist with ensuring that students achieve their full potential during the coming year. This is a further example of our absolute determination to focus on giving our students the very, very best.

Our Year 13s have had their first 'virtual' Parents Evening with appointments being held via video conferencing which was very well attended, with great conversations being had by all those involved. As with Year 11 students our Year 13s are acutely aware of how important it is to provide evidence throughout the year through in-school assessments of their progress.

A big thank you to those parents who have contacted me this week to pass on initiatives that they think may benefit the school; for example the Covid app and the Vodafone IT sponsorship, the latter which we have applied for. I really do appreciate parents passing on any information that they think will benefit the school. The vast majority of communication that we receive and that is posted on social media is incredibly positive and helpful but on a rare occasion this is not so. Please can I ask you all to refrain from referring to any specific child's name or family situation on social media as this can cause real anxiety and upset.

Although exactly how we will be celebrating Christmas this year is unknown, what we do know is our Christmas Card competition is now open and I always look forward to this time of year when I am delighted to say that the standard increases year on year, as does the amount of entries received - closing date this year is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - good luck!

**Student of the week:**

Lewis James in Year 7 - who has written a fabulous letter for Year 6 students moving up to senior school to give them confidence when they join us - what a lovely thing to do!

**Fab:**

- Top school website full of all the updated things we need to know.
- Thank you to each and every one of you, putting yourselves at risk in this current situation to keep the school open and see our children are safe and get an education.
- There are many things that I can say about this school. I love it when the teachers support each student, and sort out situations really nicely. Thank you to every staff member who has put 100% into their role!
- Joining CCF has brought out a great confidence in my otherwise shy young son in Year 8, wearing the uniform for the first time made him stand taller and feel very special, it's a joy to see him embrace this - so a big BIG thank you to the CCF team and Mr Bury for his continued support and passion for CCF.

**Drab:**

We have received some comments in the last couple of weeks with regard to congestion in the corridors. I know that you all understand that the current situation means that we have had to change the school day in many ways and this has led to increased corridor congestion at times. We are going to trial a new system from next

week to try and alleviate this but would encourage students to inform their tutors if there are specific times and places when this is worse.

- I genuinely love our school but I feel like we should do more charity events. For example, a lot of other local schools do non-uniform days and bring in money to support charities. I think doing similar events would really support those charities and also bring up the school spirit.

*This term we have been selling Rotary Club Raffle tickets and supporting the local Food Bank and on Friday 18th December we will be supporting Daisy’s Dream with Christmas Jumper Day. Please do feedback to tutor group reps who will in turn feedback to school council any further ideas.*

**Staff member of the week:**

- Miss Shan For making our tech lessons enjoyable.
- Miss Shan I'd like to nominate Miss Shan because she is an incredible member of staff. Besides her being my awesome tutor, she is remarkably kind. During the half term we had, she was caring enough to phone my Mum and see how I was doing. This means a lot towards me as a person. Not only does it make me feel more comfortable sitting in Year 9, but increases my confidence a lot. Always has been checking to see if I was okay, and I am so pleased that Miss Shan is my tutor. Without her assistance, I wouldn't be the person I was here today. Thank you ever so much, Miss Shan. You are incredible!
- Ms Hodgson Amazing turbo tutor, calmed down a lot of anxious Year 11s and told us how to apply to the sixth forms we want.
- Mrs Harris Thank you for letting me spend some time in the SSC Triage room, when I need some cuddles with Hugo the dog to cheer me up.
- Mr Collins He really is a fantastic tutor and his support for my daughter when she is upset or has any concerns is brilliant. He is always at the end of an email if I need to contact him too.
- Ms Higham For being a fantastic Food Tech teacher. My daughter has loved all her practical lessons and is sad that she now has to do IT. Mrs Higham was so good when Year 7s were off before half term and again when I emailed her she was so quick to reply.
- All the staff at Brakenhale are fantastic and again I can't fault anyone from teachers to receptionist, everyone seems so helpful and polite.

**Quote of the week:**

‘Be kind to others. Be kind to you; nobody knows what each other is going through.’

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

**Advance Notice**

Additional Inset Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**What's on next week**

This year we have a 2 week timetable so there will be a week A and a week B. **Next Week: A**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Year 11 into Sixth Form Taster Day</b>
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## Character@Brakenhale: Character Challenge 2 – Community – Christmas Card

This half term Brakenhale would like you to join us in creating the Brakenhale Christmas Card with our Character Challenge - #community.

Design the Brakenhale Christmas Card and get into the Christmas spirit. 2 Community Points will be awarded for each entry and 10 Community Points for the Overall Winner. The winning entry will also be the official 2020 Brakenhale Christmas Card for Ms Coley to send out.

Students should submit their entries by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Please remember that we will need to scan and print the winning card so the design should be suitable to be scanned in and then printed onto card. For example, large stuck on items may not scan well which will make the design unsuitable.

Please bring your cards to main reception. Please **ensure** that you put **your name** and tutor group on the back of your card so that points can be awarded.

We look forward to seeing all your entries.

*Mr Beukes, Assistant Headteacher*

**Character@Brakenhale**

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High Expectations and Challenge

**Character Challenge #2**

**#community**

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## Standards Week – the TOTALS

Standards Week was a great success with 4619 Gold Tickets being given out, showing how amazing our students are. The Form Winners for each Year Group are shown below and the overall Year Group winner is Year 8 with 1249 points - well done Year 8, this is a huge win as usually Year 7 clinch the deal!!

Golden Tickets by Year Group	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total
Overall Winner = <b>Year 8</b>	1129	1249	820	938	483	<b>4619</b>
Tutor Winner	<b>7A</b>	<b>8N</b>	<b>9E</b>	<b>10H</b>	<b>11C</b>	

These standards are in part due to the students themselves but also to you as parents and carers who have ensured they have everything they need and are dressed appropriately for school - thank you for your continued support.

Total Achievement Points	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total
Overall Winner = <b>Year 7</b>	1453	1367	948	946	560	<b>5266</b>
Tutor Winner	<b>7A</b>	<b>8A</b>	<b>9N</b>	<b>10E</b>	<b>11A</b>	

NB. Achievement point totals include all golden tickets and other house and achievement points.

*Ms Whitaker, Deputy Headteacher*

## Hugo the Trainee Therapy Dog

Hello Everyone

My name is Hugo and I am Brakenhale's trainee Therapy dog. I am 1½ years old which means I am a teenager in your human years.

I wanted to introduce myself so when you see me around school you know who I am, and what I am being trained as. I am training to be a therapy dog, which means I am a pet who improves your health by giving emotional support. I will be trained to be gentle and friendly and to accept hugging and petting.

I am hoping you will see me in assemblies, in classrooms, and around the school with my handler.



## Rotary Club Raffle - Reminder

Please remember to return raffle money and ticket stubs to tutors at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you very much for your support and we hope that you will be among the lucky winners.

**BRAKENHALE FUNDRAISING**

**Community Christmas Draw 2020**

WE ARE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW.  
ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE GIVEN BACK TO US.

## #thewall @ Brakenhale

We are delighted to share that **from Monday**, students will be able to challenge their inner Spiderman on our brand **NEW Traversing Wall**.

The wall is designed to challenge not just the thinking brain but of course the physical dexterity of students. We recognise that whilst we maintain year group bubbles and access across the site is limited during social times, there is the real desire from students to have something else available to 'let off some steam' - this is ideal! In order to ensure that year bubbles are maintained, whenever possible, access to the traversing wall will be limited, as detailed below. We will continue to review this alongside the school's Covid-19 procedures and there is a hand-sanitiser next to the traversing wall for students to use before and after. The feedback, from those that have already tested it, has been extremely positive and as the students grow the challenges on the wall become greater - indicated by the different coloured holds.

### Who and When:


Year 7, 8 and 10 - during their break and lunch times

Year 9 - after school (3.05pm-4.00pm)

Year 11 - after Period 6

Sixth Form – whenever the wall is free





## #thewall

### Brakenhale Traversing Wall

**The AIM – to get from one end to the other.**

**EXPECTATIONS of use:**

- **Do NOT push** other students off the wall
- **Do NOT pull** students off the wall
- **ALLOW space** between climbers
- **Be sensible** and **supportive** of each other



**MAROON Challenge**  
For those who think they can!



**Push yourself BLUE**  
Not as easy as you think.



**Give it a go GREEN!**  
Be confident, be successful.

**Or, MIX IT UP!** For example:  
**Hands** only use **BLUE holds**, **feet** only use **GREEN holds**.  
 Create your own combinations and challenges – ENJOY!

**#teambrokenhale**

Mr B Coley, Assistant Headteacher

## Christmas Lunch

We will be serving Christmas Lunch for students across 2 days this year. Dining will be by ticket only and tickets are now available to purchase via ParentPay.

Years 7, 10 and 11 will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Years 8, 9 and Sixth Form on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Please ensure you purchase your lunch by **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.



*Year 7, 10 & 11 : Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December*  
*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December : Year 8, 9 & P16*

# *Christmas Lunch Menu*



Roast Turkey served with Pigs in Blankets,  
Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Gravy  
or  
Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni  
served with Salad  
Each of the above served with Roast  
Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Brussel Sprouts  
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Mince Pies or  
Double Chocolate Fudge Cake  
Served with Cream  
(A bottle of water is included)

**£3.75**  
*Dining by ticket only*

 Brakenhale School *High Expectations and Challenge*

## School Dining Hall

Next week's menu (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November) will be week 3:

 <b>Brakenhale School Autumn Menu 2020/21</b> 										
Week 3	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1	BAF * Meatballs In Rich Tomato Sauce	Containing Gluten	BFA * Chicken Tikka Masala	Containing Gluten, Celery, Mustard	BFA * Roast Turkey  Yorkshire Pudding	Gluten, Dairy, Egg	BFA * Beef Lasagne	Containing Gluten, Dairy	MSC * Battered Baked Fish & Chicken Nuggets, Sausage	Cereal Containing Gluten, Egg, Fish
Option 2	Feta Cheese Roasted Pepper Frittata	Containing Gluten, Dairy, Egg	Chickpea Curry, Naan Bread	Gluten, Celery, Mustard	Vegetarian Sausage & Mash Potatoes	Gluten, Soya, Dairy	Tex Mexican Vegetarian Burrito	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Broccoli & Tomato Quiche	Cereal Containing Gluten, Dairy, Egg
Carbohydrates	Penne, Spirals Pasta	Gluten	Basmati Rice	N/A	Roast Potatoes	N/A	Spicy Wedges	Containing Gluten	Chunky Oven Chips	Cereal containing gluten, soya
Vegetables Of the day	Green Salad Green Beans	N/A	Cauliflower & Broccoli	N/A	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	N/A	Sweetcorn Courgettes	N/A	Garden Peas Baked Beans	N/A
Dessert	Cocoa Cake & Custard	Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy	Carrot Cake & Cream	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Banana Cake Cocoa Sauce	Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy	Fruit Jelly	N/A	Warm Waffles & Syrup	Containing Gluten, Egg

- BFA (British Farm Assured)
- MSC (Marine Stewardship Council)

Catering provided by school is cooked fresh on the school site each day. Please contact the school office for more information or to discuss any dietary requirements.

The daily offer includes: Wholemeal bread, fresh homemade salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts, jacket potatoes with a choice of toppings including Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Baked Beans.

The Admissions Department of Bracknell Forest Council handles the authorisation and administration of Free School Meals. If you think your son/daughter may qualify, please complete the Bracknell Forest Council application form via the link below.

[www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/.../how-do-i-apply-free-school-meals](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/.../how-do-i-apply-free-school-meals)

It is worthwhile applying for Free School Meals entitlement even if your child does not require a school lunch because your son/daughter may receive financial assistance with other school related expenses.

*Taz Asran, Chef Manager*

## Meet the Anti-Bullying Team

Hi, my name is Sam and I am one of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors that represent Brakenhale School.

I wanted to become an Anti-Bullying Ambassador so I can help and support students who may be uncomfortable talking to others about how they are feeling.





My goal as an Ambassador is to be able to help as many of my peers as possible, particularly anyone who finds themselves in situations where they need support to stand up to bullying.



*Mrs P Palmer, Behaviour Support Manager*

**PE Update**

**PE Champions of Week**

   <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>@BRAKENHALEPE</b></p>	<b>PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK</b>		
	<b>Week of; 16/11/20</b>		
			
	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Tutor</b>
	Mr Potter	Logan Knapp	9K
	Miss Willimott	Malika Fabris	9K
	Mr Maye	Henry Fattore	7B
	Mr Boucher	Finley Debley	10B
	Miss Rushby	Scarlett Taylor	8H
	Ms Wilson	Olivia O'Connor	10K
Miss Butler	Danielle Sullivan	7N	
<b>Well done!</b>			
<b>#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe</b>			

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

On Twitter & Instagram: @brakenhalepe

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**Sonder Dance Company**

Local collaboration Sonder Dance Company have put together this Dance Film project which explores their company members' transition out of lockdown and their personal struggles with returning to 'normal'.

[Sonder Dance - When Things Go Back To Normal](#)

The work was filmed in local locations throughout August and September 2020 and was premiered as part of JUMP! Reading Dance Showcase in November. Past students involved include Kieran West, Jade Ackuaku, Kiera Hopkins, Freya Harris, Michael Charlton and Grace Key, alongside past staff member Alison Raby. Current students performing include Lauren Williams (Year 13) and Ariana Koskela-Reyes (Year 11).

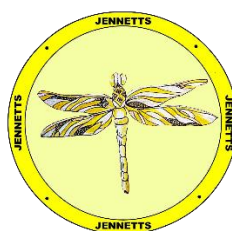
Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

## House Points this Week:

We continue to recognise the hard work that our students are doing through our House System by issuing House Points. Our House system remains very competitive so please check our communications for the latest placements of each house!

Keep up the Hard work! Congratulations to everyone who has gained house points this week:

Achievement Points this week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Point	776	490	406	191	18	5	0	1886
Academic Point (x2)	299	108	108	46	2	0	0	563
Academic Point (x3)	39	9	0	15	6	0	6	75
Aspiration Points	28	8	4	19	12	3	5	79
Aspiration Points (3)	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	12
Aspiration Points 2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Community Point	53	71	23	10	28	0	0	185
Community Point (x3)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Community Points (x2)	0	0	50	0	2	0	0	52
Culture Points	48	108	4	60	0	0	0	220
Culture Points (X3)	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	27
Culture Points (x2)	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Leadership Points	9	8	17	3	3	0	0	40
Leadership Points (X2)	4	4	0	32	4	0	0	44
Leadership Points (x3)	0	84	105	126	96	6	0	417
Physical	8	68	4	38	4	0	0	122
Physical Points (x2)	16	12	24	6	0	0	0	58
Physical Points (x3)	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1292</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3804</b>



House  
Winners  
**Jennetts**

## Book of the Week

**Book : Split**

**Author : Muhammad Khan**

A World Book Day 2020 exclusive story about standing up and being heard, from the Branford Boase Award-winning author of 'I Am Thunder', Muhammad Khan.

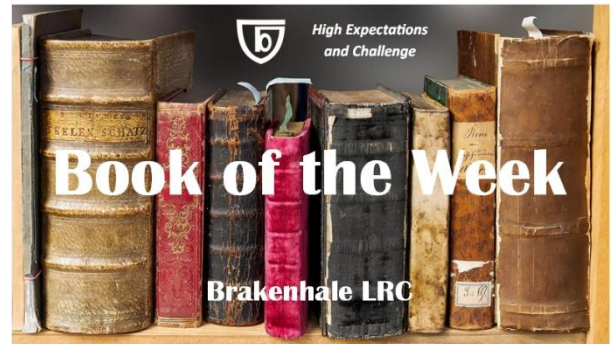
### A Day can change everything

Fifteen year old Salma Hashmi has been caught with her boyfriend in a totally humiliating misunderstanding. She is shunned by everyone at school, shamed by her community and worst of all has disappointed her mum.

Enough is enough and Salma decides to fight back against the prejudice and rumours and audition for the role of her dreams. But on the hottest day of the year and with everything against her, can Salma make it in time to show the world who she really is?

A powerful story of standing up and standing out.

*Mrs Daniels, LRC Manager*



## Literacy: Hammer that Grammar

### Hammer that Grammar: Issue 10

It's time to hammer our grammar skills.

Now, no one is perfect and it is OK not to know something but, together, we can improve, develop and become experts!

### This week's focus: a simple sentence

#### What is it?

A main clause makes sense on its own and makes a simple sentence. But don't let the name fool you: it doesn't have to be 'simple' in language or detail or effect. Simple sentences can be used for effect in creative writing, especially after a longer sentence or sandwiched in between longer sentences. This may be to create a change in tone or atmosphere or to build tension. In more formal writing, it can be used to make a point or state an opinion/perspective clearly and effectively. Sometimes, simple sentences are referred to as short sentences but this is not technically accurate.

#### Must have

- A subject
- A verb

EG: I am. The day was hot. The dog ate his bone. She swam.

#### Can have

- Adjectives (describe the noun)
- Adverbs (describe the verb)
- Devices (verb choice can create a metaphor and a series of adjectives can create alliteration for example)
- Punctuation at the end for effect

EG: The beautiful day was a wickedly warm one. The small, silky, shy canine greedily devoured his much-needed supper. She swam to her heart's content! He flew to school.



Cannot have

- Co-ordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS = for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)
- Sub-ordinating conjunctions (ONAWHITEBUS + many, many more = only, nevertheless, although, whilst, however, if, therefore, even though, because, until, since)
- Prepositions (shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun to a verb or adjective in a sentence – direction words) = above, below, after, with, behind, besides, off, on, against)

Top tip

When adding adjectives, we can be really descriptive by adding more than one. However, we cannot just add willy-nilly, we must follow this order: quantity (determiner or number), quality or opinion, size, age, shape, colour, origin, material, purpose or qualifier.

- EG: An awesome, small, muscular, young, British swimmer won the race!
- The great, enormous, ancient, wide Oak tree stood undoubtedly alone.

Mrs D Lewis, Literacy Coordinator



### The what...

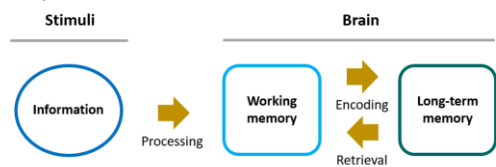
A key word will be selected from a scheme of work from each half term per subject. These key words will have been used in lessons and students will have seen them on knowledge organisers.



### The Why...

We want to test students' memory.

- Can they remember which key words were used in which subject?
- Can they remember which teacher introduced it/used it/praised them for it?



### How it works

In lessons:

Staff will have introduced key words in lessons. Students may have had a chance to pronounce the key word correctly themselves in lessons and may have even been rewarded for using it!

Each half term, students will be sent a Google Form. Their job is to match the key words with the correct subject.

We will collate results and measure the impact that the key words are having on students' learning.

### What we need from you

Please encourage Students to complete and send back the Google Form when they receive it.

If they have been successful, they will receive achievement points and a certificate.

Good luck!



## Attendance

If the absence is in relation to coronavirus do not attend school if you have any of the following:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

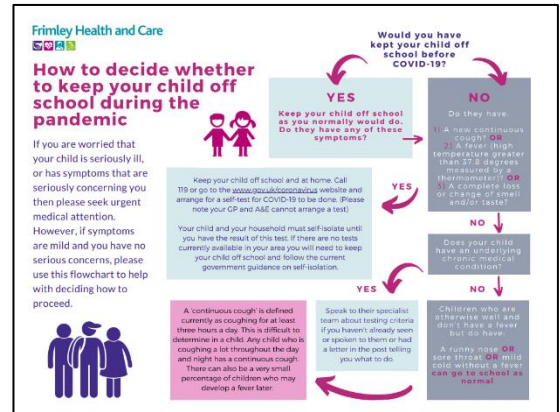
To find further guidance and advice you should take reference from relevant government and NHS guidance available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

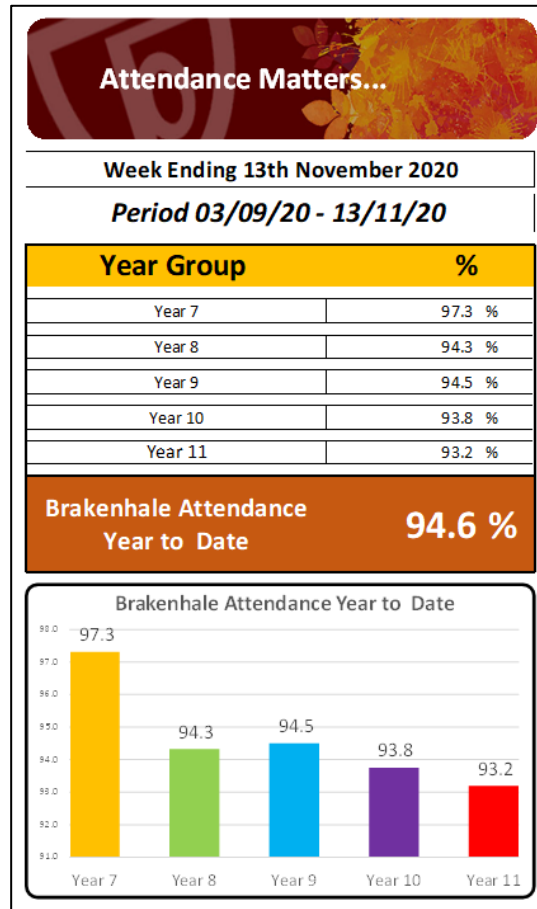
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Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer



Attendance Matters...	
Week Ending 13th November 2020	
Period 09/11/20 - 13/11/20	
Year Group	%
Year 7	97.5 %
Year 8	94.5 %
Year 9	95.9 %
Year 10	95.3 %
Year 11	92.7 %
<b>Brakenhale's Overall Attendance for Period: 09/11/20 - 13/11/20</b>	<b>95.2 %</b>
<b>Brakenhale's Overall Attendance Year to Date 03/09/20 - 13/11/20</b>	<b>94.6 %</b>



## Curriculum Support Reminders



**Lost Property**  
**Tools for Learning**  
**Face Masks**

These are now temporarily available from the Book Room in the LRC on the first floor.  
If you require anything else please do not hesitate to ask.  
Thank you.  
Mrs McCrorie





## Easy Fundraising

With [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



## Action for Happiness

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/>: New Ways November 2020

Daily actions to help you focus on what really matters:

**ACTION CALENDAR: NEW WAYS NOVEMBER 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Make a list of new things you want to do this month	<b>2</b> Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	<b>3</b> Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	<b>4</b> Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	<b>5</b> Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	<b>6</b> Give yourself a boost. Try a new way of being physically active	<b>7</b> Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
<b>8</b> Find out something new about someone you care about	<b>9</b> Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	<b>10</b> When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	<b>11</b> Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	<b>12</b> Overcome a frustration by trying out a new approach	<b>13</b> Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	<b>14</b> Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
<b>15</b> Go outside and do something playful - walk, run, explore, relax	<b>16</b> Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	<b>17</b> Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	<b>18</b> Connect with someone from a different generation	<b>19</b> Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	<b>20</b> Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	<b>21</b> Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
<b>22</b> Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	<b>23</b> Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	<b>24</b> Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	<b>25</b> Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	<b>26</b> Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel	<b>27</b> Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	<b>28</b> Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
<b>29</b> Discover your artistic side. Design your own greeting cards	<b>30</b> Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times					

**"You never know what you can do until you try" ~ C. S. Lewis**

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november)

**Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind**

## Brakenhale School Lottery

**Congratulations to the most recent 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.

**Win a Nintendo Switch MEGA BUNDLE**

Includes: Nintendo Switch Console, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Super Mario Odyssey, Double Pack (Mario + Luigi), 2 Games, Super Mario Bros 2, and Nintendo Switch console and accessories pack. Mario and Luigi hats.

- Help raise essential school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000
- Cash prize every week

To start supporting your school, go to: [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk) and search for: The Brakenhale School

**PTA BRAKENHALE SCHOOL Parent Teacher Association**

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

## Vacancies



- Maths / Economics Teacher
- Maths / Economics Graduate

Please visit our website for more details:  
<https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

## Feedback Initiative

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

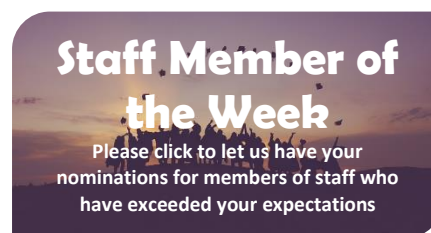
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[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

## Future Diary Dates

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

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 12 Virtual Parents' Evening, -7pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7, 10 and 11 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8, 9 and Sixth Form Christmas Lunch Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening, 4-8pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Flu Vaccinations
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December*	Christmas Jumper Day raising money for Daisy's Dream
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Additional Inset Day

\* Revised date

## Term Dates

### Term Dates 2020-21

#### AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Autumn Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

*(Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January Bank Holiday)*

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 **Additional Inset Day**

#### SPRING TERM 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Spring Half Term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Spring Holiday: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

*(Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April)*

#### SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Summer Half Term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 **Inset Days**

**Summer Holiday: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**INSET Days** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**Additional INSET Day** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

*Please check the school website regularly for current information.*

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

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



**#challengeforall**

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