



Parent News: Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will now be aware yesterday evening I was alerted to the fact that a member of staff had tested positive for Covid. This is a real blow both for the member of staff and their family and also for us as a community. Taking the decision to direct Year 8 and 9 to work from home was an incredibly difficult one that was the last thing I wanted to do, however, with so many staff having to self-isolate I was left with no alternative. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those parents who have sent messages of support, it really does go a long way when I know that as a community you are behind us and can understand that none of this is easy for anyone. Could I please ask that you avoid posting negative comments on social media because they made the start of the day today even more challenging. I am always happy to talk through individual concerns and answer your questions so please come to me. Learning continues at a pace and I have had the pleasure of observing a number of lessons this week and have seen some really innovative teaching practice and fully focused learners.

Year 9 students this week looked pristine for their photographs, many of them were very pleased that the Year 7 photo on the system would now be replaced with a more grown up one. Many thanks to Mrs Theal who organised the students superbly and in record time!

This month is 'Black History Month' and Mr Potter and Miss Bunkell have been putting together lots of lessons and resources to celebrate so many influential contributions. Year 8 this week has focused on equality and diversity both in their PSHE lesson and in their Head of Year assembly. This has created lots of conversation amongst students and as a result we will be setting up an Equality and Diversity group within school. Jada Richardson and Olivia Can have already contributed some great ideas and I am really excited about the future of this group. #teambrokenhale is a community made up of so many diverse cultures with so much to offer and recognising this and promoting them all is hugely important.

Student of the week:

[Annesha Ali in Post 16](#). Annesha baked the Sixth Formers some delicious looking cakes, leaving them with a note to wish her fellow students good luck in their PPEs (mock exams) this week.



Fab:

- I was delighted to receive a phone call home this week about how well my son has settled into Year 10 and made a great start to his studies - it really made my day. Thank You.
- Thank you for the notification. I just wanted to take this opportunity to show you my sincere gratitude! I would recommend this school to anyone, your passion for your school and dedication is outstanding! I hope my younger 2 children will be able to attend your wonderful school in the future.
- I want you to know that as a parent I completely trust whatever you put in place to keep my son and the other students and staff as safe as possible while at school. This most recent case where my son needs to work from home tomorrow I imagine was a really tough decision to make but know you have no other choice.
- I hope in time you can have a VERY well earned holiday.
- Thank you again and want you to know I completely support you all the way.
- Many thanks for your fast response, I appreciate how difficult this is for you as a school as it is for us as parents.

- Thank you for the incredible work you and your staff are doing at such a tough time. You should all be very proud of the amazing work you are doing and of yourselves.
- Thank you very much Ms Coley for letting us know. I think you and the school have handled this amazingly and we, as a family, appreciate all the hard work Brakenhale has done to keep everyone safe! Ignore the negativity, and keep doing what you are all doing!
- You're all doing a fantastic job I hope all staff and children are ok.
- My son will be incredibly sad to not be allowed in school. We understand however that decisions like this need to be made in these difficult times. We are incredibly happy with Brakenhale as a school and feel very lucky that he is a part of it. We send our best wishes and please don't pay any attention to the negative comments you refer to. Some people are just too quick to criticise. You all do an outstanding job.
- I just wanted to thank you and the staff for all the correspondence at this challenging time to keep us up to date with the situation. In particular the lovely phone call I had from Miss Manning - it was much appreciated.
- Thank you for your email. I feel that the school's handling of this situation has been excellent. You've put student and staff safety first, communication has been thorough and the quality of home learning was very good over lock down. I'm sorry to hear you have received negative comments but please be assured those views are not shared by all.

Drab:

The pleated skirts are difficult to iron the pleats correctly. I have noticed that girls' skirts are either creased or the pleats are not straight which ruins the appearance of an otherwise smart uniform.

I am sorry to hear this, maybe the skirt is faulty. Please bring it in for us to look at.

Staff member of the week:

Mr Radcliffe Took time to offer reassurance and extra resources to help with the transition to 6th form, replying to an email over the weekend. It is much appreciated.

Mr Collins He is a very kind and funny person always willing to help.

Quote of the week:

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."

Finally, thank you for bearing with me with regard to the large volume of school communications you will have received over the past couple of weeks. I hope you understand that this is as a result of us dealing with an ever changing landscape and is always in the best interests of our community.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes *Jane Coley, Headteacher*

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 12 th October	Wayz/Berkshire Youth in school, 12.30-1.00
Tuesday 13 th October	CCF, 3.30-5.30pm

Advance Warning – Pedestrian Site Access after Half Term

We would like to advise that after half-term the pedestrian walkway entrance to Main Reception will no longer be accessible via Coningsby. Access will be via Rectory Lane through the gate next to the Open Learning Centre.

The student gates by PE will be open until 8.35am. For students who arrive later than 8.35am, when the student gates by PE will be locked, they will need to walk round to Rectory Lane to enter via the pedestrian entrance to Reception where they will be issued with a late mark and detention.

All visitors will be required to access Reception via Rectory Lane.

We thank you for your continued support in the final stages of the Brakenhale rebuild.

Applying for Secondary School 2021

As you are most likely aware the process to apply for secondary school for Year 7 in September 2021 is now open until Saturday 31st October 2020.

Please see the useful links below:

Applying for Secondary School:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

www.facebook.com/bracknellforestcouncil/

School Admissions, Bracknell Forest Council:

school.admissions@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Phone lines are open weekdays between 8.30am - 12.00pm



Open Evening Virtual Information

- ▶ [Headteacher's Live Stream](#)
- ▶ [Department Information Video](#)
- ▶ [Virtual School Tour](#)



Face Masks

Thank you for ensuring that your child has a face mask with them at school as it is compulsory they are worn in all school corridors.

Students must bring their own mask into school but in the event that a student forgets their mask, single use masks are available to purchase for 50p from Mrs Theal in the LRC on the first floor or from Main Reception.

Your continued support at this challenging time is much appreciated.



Entering School Before 8.35am

In order to maintain year group bubbles we kindly ask that students do not enter the school building before 8.35am unless they are going to the canteen to purchase food and sit down and eat it.

The LRC is open from 7.30am for students to complete homework and they must wear a mask. Students are then expected to exit the building and rejoin their year group bubble.

Black History Month

Throughout October, across the curriculum and in all key stages, students will be learning about Black History. During lockdown, racial tensions rose and so the History Department wanted to increase awareness and try to get all students to embrace our shared history. We believe this is something that should be celebrated. Students will have the opportunity to get involved in discussions focused around key historical figures linked to each subject, discuss things that have been in the news recently and can partake in the weekly tutor quiz which will focus on Black History Month for the entirety of October. This will help the students to become global citizens that are constantly striving for a better future.



Ms Bunkell, Head of History

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Brakenhale School is proud to have its own team of dedicated Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who have been trained by the Diana Award.

There have been many challenges this past year; including moving into a new building, the school lockdown and living in a pandemic. This has brought difficulties for the Anti-Bullying team supporting our young people with any concerns.

Following discussions with students we have developed a way for them to share any concerns virtually as well as face to face. From Monday 12th October we will be launching our **four steps to support**; an online tool which will allow students to report any concerns of bullying behaviours which have a negative impact on the emotional, physical, and/or mental well-being of any student.

Details of how to access this tool can be found in the poster below. The poster will also be posted on tutor notice boards.

Each week in parent news you will get to meet a member of the Anti-Bullying team. We hope this will allow students to be able to identify them as a safe peer to speak with and share any bullying concerns.

If anyone would like any further information on our Anti-Bullying initiative, you can email Mrs Palmer, our Anti-Bullying staff lead on ppalmer@brakenhale.co.uk

Meet The Brakenhale Anti-Bullying Team

Hi, my name is Daisy and I wanted to become an Anti-Bullying Ambassador because I know how hard it is to go through something as difficult as bullying.

As a Brakenhale student, I want to do everything I can to make sure I help those feeling the same as I did, when I was previously bullied.

I like to think of myself as a very warm and welcoming person. I want to put these traits to good use, by giving students a kind and friendly person to come and talk to if they need help.

My aim is to make sure that everyone knows they have somewhere safe to come and talk, where they can feel able to share what is happening to them, with me or the other Anti-bullying Ambassadors.





We are here to help

Step one...

The first step to asking for help is always the hardest. Our team of dedicated Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are waiting to help you, so if you have any concerns with bullying please click on the 'Confide' icon on your Brakenhale Homepage.



Well done on taking that first step!



Step two...

Next you will see this message which gives you some more information on the support the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors can offer.



Step Three...

Then you just have to complete the form with the details of what is concerning you. You can tell us as much or as little as you would like. Please ensure you click 'submit'.



Step four...

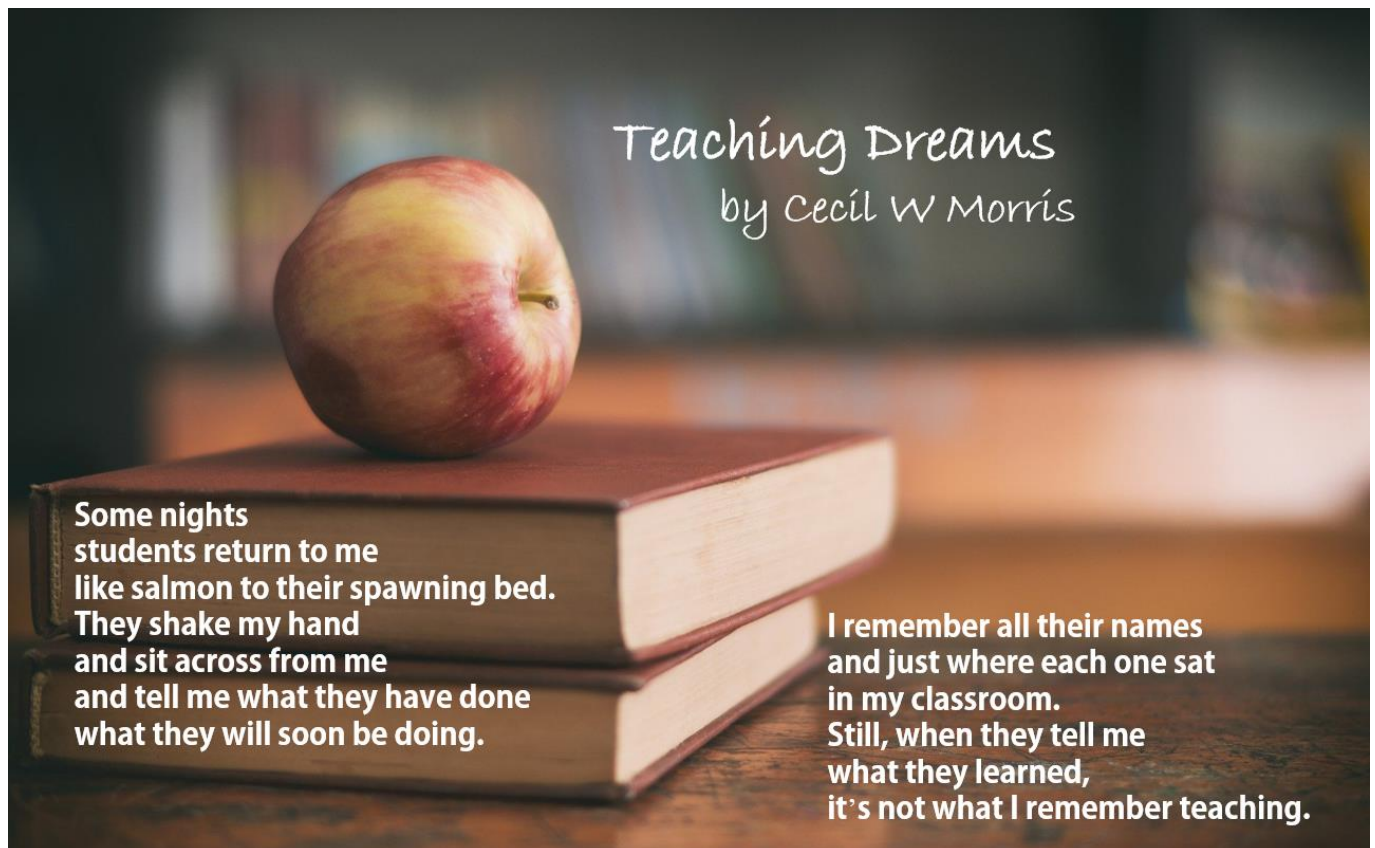
You have been incredibly brave in taking these four steps. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will get back to you to give you all the help and support you need.

World Teachers' Day

Established in 1994 by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation), World Teachers' Day is an international day held annually on the 5th October.

In 2020, World Teachers' Day celebrated teachers with the theme "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future". The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, take stock of achievements, and draw attention to the voices of teachers, who are at the heart of efforts to attain the global education target of leaving no one behind.

Mrs Cresswell suggested this poem by Cecil B Morris, posted on the 'We are Teachers' website:



A plea from the Photography Department



Did you know that the first phone camera was only capable of taking 25 black and white photographs, each sized 350 kilobytes of data - if you printed them out, they would have been 3cm in width!

Nowadays, nearly all of us have amazing cameras on our phones but once upon a time, we used to use digital compact cameras instead, given the poor quality of our phone cameras.

With the increasing numbers of students choosing photography, we are in need of growing our camera stock. If you have an unwanted, but still working, compact digital camera that you would like to

donate to us, it would be greatly appreciated. I am happy to come and collect from you (please email me twilhelmy@brakenhale.co.uk) or you could drop it in to our Main Reception.

In addition, our Sixth Form students are taught old-school, analogue photography so if you have any film cameras that you no longer want, we would love them too!

Miss T Wilhelmy, Second in Art, Design & Technology

Hegarty / Sparxs Maths Leaderboard

Well done to everyone for really applying themselves during their Hegarty and Sparx lessons.

Congratulations to the following Hegarty and Sparx heroes who have really gone above and beyond this week.

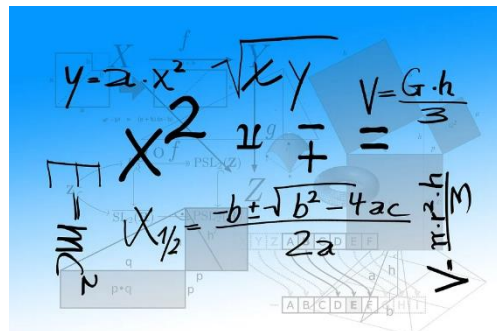
Could all students please be reminded to be doing the working out in the back of their maths books; these will be checked in class.

Mrs Turner, Maths

Key Stage 3

Year 7

Place	Name	Total XP points
1	Paige Greenwood	3032
2	Ellie Looker	2895
3	Hannah Gray-Shanahan	2163



Year 8

Place	Name	Correct MemRI Questions
1	Shaurya Joshi	129
2	Dana Locmele	63
3	Jack Johnstone	52

Year 9

Place	Name	Correct MemRI Questions
1	Raul Dan	63
2	Macey Clark	58
3	Callum Cobb	53

Key Stage 4

Year 10

Place	Name	Correct MemRI Questions
1	Joshua Rudge	28
2	Valentina Holod	27
3	Daisy Benson	23

Year 11

Place	Name	Correct MemRI Questions
1	Kaliyah Teideman	20
2	Emilia Birsan	16
3	Keisha Ruff	9



NB: XP is the name of the points that Year 7 can achieve in Sparx, and MemRI is a recall quiz on Hegarty Maths that the students take part in.

PE Update

REMINDERS!!!!

- Please bring a signed and dated note from parents/carers if you cannot do PE. Sick or fit, still **BRING** your kit.
- Label your kit (name tags, sew or write initials).
- Get changed in your own space with your own kit.
- Do not bring in valuables, we do not take responsibility for them. Jewellery and watches are NOT to be worn.

If you have any questions please email Mr Potter: mpotter@brakenhale.co.uk

 BRAKENHALE PE CLUBS Half Term 1 2020-2021 						
MON	TUE (3:15-4:30)		WED	THURS (3:15-4:30)		FRI (3:05-4:00)
STAFF MEETINGS - NO CLUBS RUN (ALL PE staff)	Y7	Y8	CLEANING AND STOCK CHECK OF ALL PE KIT/EQUIPMENT (ALL PE staff)	Y9	Y10	EXAM PE REVISION CLASSES AND END OF WEEK STOCK CHECK AND CLEAN OF PE KIT (ALL PE staff)
	Boys: Activity - football Staff - JBO Location - astro 1 Changing - sports hall boys	Boys: Activity - football Staff - MPO Location - astro 2 Changing - dance boys		Boys: Activity - netball Staff - LWI Location - sports hall Changing - sports hall girls	Girls: Activity - netball Staff - LRU Location - courts Changing - dance girls	

Clubs may be cancelled due to staff meetings or calendared events. We will send a schools comms home to inform parents.

Follow @brakenhalepe - on twitter and instagram!



Girls Active is back!



We need your help!

Have your say!

YOUTH SPORT TRUST
GIRLS ACTIVE



#GirlsActive @YouthSportTrust

Change the opinion of girls and sport!

Wednesday Week A
3.10-3.30pm
Sports Hall



Assessment: ME in PE


Your son/daughter will be assessed in 4 major areas, 2 per term, each known as a 'ME in PE'. These are:

- Physical ME (assessed every term, all throughout out the year)
- Social ME (assessed term 1 - September to December)
- Thinking ME (assessed term 2 - January to March)
- Leading ME (assessed term 3 - April to July)

Assessment criteria

'ME in PE'		'ME in PE'	
PHYSICAL		SOCIAL	
1	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in an isolated situation	1	Independently gets changed in the changing rooms and takes care of personal belongings
2	Works in lesson to show effects of short term exercise on the body	2	Communicates effectively with class teacher
3	Takes part in a tactical scenario set up and delivered by the teacher	3	Communicates effectively with a single peer (verbally)
4	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in an isolated situation	4	Communicates effectively with a small group of peers (verbally)
5	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a conditioned situation	5	Works well on a 1-2-1 basis with others
6	Works in lesson to show effects of steady state exercise on the body	6	Works well in a small group
7	Takes part in a tactical scenario taught by the teacher	7	Works well as part of the whole PE group
8	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a conditioned situation	8	Communicates effectively with the whole class (verbally)
9	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a fully competitive situation	9	Engages and participates in situations with familiar peers
10	Works in lesson to show the effects of long term exercise on the body	10	Deals with and manages situations with familiar peers
11	Sets up and takes part in a tactical scenario on own	11	Engages and participates in situations with non-familiar peers
12	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a fully competitive situation	12	Can deal with and manage situations with non-familiar peers

Mr M Potter, Head of PE





PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

Week of: 5/10/20



	Staff	Student	Tutor
	Mr Potter	Thomas Edwards	8H
	Miss Willimott	Mya Denny	9R
	Mr Maye	Ebony Austin Walker	10E
	Mr Boucher	Jamie Mollon	10N
	Miss Rushby	Madison Riley	10E
	Ms Wilson	Gracie May	10A
	Miss Butler	Eleonora Kryekurti Chinigo	8A
Well done!			
#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe			

@BRAKENHALEPE

On Twitter & Instagram: @brakenhalepe

#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe #bekind

Curriculum Support Reminders



Lost Property

Please can we kindly remind all parents and students to name all items, including uniform, PE kits, water bottles, pencil cases, other tools for learning - EVERYTHING.

We have a member of staff dedicated to reuniting lost property with owners and she endeavours to return items daily. However, she is unable to return items to students without a name and items will be disposed of at regular intervals.

Email: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

All items of unnamed lost property will be given to charity at the end of term unless they have been collected.

Chewing Gum

We would like to remind you that chewing gum is not permitted on the school site, sanctions will be issued if this is not adhered to.

Mobile Phone Policy

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.

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

Tools for Learning

Student Tools for Learning are sold by Mrs McCrorie from the Head of Year office on the first floor.

Tools for Learning are available to purchase for cash before school from 8.20am to 8.35am and then during tutor time until 8.55am. Please note that they will not be available from the Head of Year office during the staggered break times for the time being. Emergency pencil cases to borrow for the day will also be available from the Head of Year office during morning tutor time.

Tools for Learning that have been purchased online via parentpay should be collected from main reception.

Used Pen Recycling

We are continuing our pen recycling initiative and there is collection point in the Head of Year office. Thank you to all the students that used this collection point last term.

Stamp Collection

Mrs McCrorie still continues to collect used stamps for guide dogs. If you could kindly save all used stamps we have a box provided in the Head of Year office where students can place them. Many thanks.

Face Masks, Social Distancing and Hand Cleanliness

Thank you for ensuring that your child has a face mask with them at school as it is compulsory they are worn in all school corridors. We need to keep protecting each other with this, together with frequent hand washing and sanitising and maintaining a social distance.

Your continued support at this challenging time is much appreciated.

Water Bottles

The weather may be turning but it is still important that students stay hydrated throughout the day. You can buy Brakenhale water bottles from school or bring in a reuseable bottle from home. Single use plastic cups are no longer available in school.

Drink Bottle SOS: if students have lost a drink bottle since our return to school could they **PLEASE** come and claim them by Friday 16th October. Any left over after this date will have to be disposed of as so many un-named ones have been accumulated and we do not have the space to store them. Thank you!



PE Kit and other items

Students should remember to bring their PE kit and any other items needed for the day, including timetables and subject specific items. Getting into the habit of preparing uniform and school bag the night before is a really good idea to keep students organised.

School Uniform

Please remember that bright coloured hair bands, rolled skirts or blazers, frilly and non-black socks are not permitted.

Mrs McCrorie, Midday Supervisor, Curriculum Support Assistant, Lost Property Link

House Points this Week:

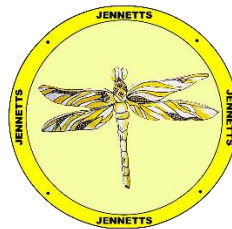
We continue to recognise the hard work that our students are doing through our House System by issuing House Points. Our House system remains very competitive so please check our communications for the latest placements of each house!

Keep up the Hard work!

Congratulations to everyone who has gained house points this week:

Achievement Points this week: 2-8.10.20								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Point	307	270	329	223	118	3	0	1250
Academic Point (x2)	116	94	48	92	46	0	0	396
Academic Point (x3)	51	42	51	54	0	0	0	198
Aspiration Points	0	1	0	26	0	0	0	27
Aspiration Points (3)	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Community Point	57	18	39	43	2	2	4	165
Community Point (x3)	3	9	6	0	0	0	0	18
Community Points (x2)	12	2	2	6	0	0	0	22
Culture Points	0	28	23	14	0	0	0	65
Culture Points (X3)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Culture Points (x2)	60	0	0	10	0	0	0	70
Leadership Points	0	13	13	9	0	0	0	35
Leadership Points (X2)	0	0	10	0	2	0	0	12
Physical	13	87	16	6	15	0	0	137
Physical Points (x2)	0	84	2	8	50	0	0	144
Physical Points (x3)	99	3	0	3	0	0	0	105
Total	718	651	542	497	233	5	4	2650

House Points this week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Farley (BLUE)	188	138	125	121	56	3	3	634
Jennetts (YELLOW)	174	174	165	120	58	0	0	691
Swinley (RED)	167	157	109	141	71	1	0	646
Temple (GREEN)	189	182	143	115	48	1	1	679
Total	718	651	542	497	233	5	4	2650





House
Winners
Jennetts

Clubs and Activities

P16 Dance Company

Mondays : 3:05pm to 4:05pm Movement Studio
Year 12 and 13 students

 Brakenhale Performing Arts 

Clubs and Activities

**Year 7
Drama
Club**




**Thursdays
3.05pm to 4pm
in the Drama Studio**




Brakenhale School High Expectation and Challenge

**Year 8
Drama
Club**





**Tuesdays
3.05pm to 4pm
in the Drama Studio**



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Identity

Everyone is welcome

A space to be free and be you.



What do we do?

- Discuss recent issues – locally and globally
- Task Master
- Quizzes
- Speed friending
- Film nights
- Competitions

**We meet every Friday in F10
3.05-3.35**

With Mrs Lewis and Miss Bunkell

Young Interpreters Club

The diversity of students and staff at Brakenhale School enable the EAL department to help and support our new arrivals who come with different languages with little or no English.

Because we know the importance of the first language, the EAL department is going to run a lunch time club for Year 7 students who speak different languages to prepare them to be Young Interpreters for our school.

Time: 1-1.30pm every Friday

Venue: F05

Non-Sporting Clubs: Autumn Term 2020

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	TEACHER IN CHARGE
Monday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Brakenhale Explorers [Starting after half term]	Year 7 only	Astro	Mr Bury
	3.05 – 4.05	P16 Dance Company	Sixth Form	Movement Studio	Mrs Duffy
Tuesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Year 8 Drama Club [Starting after half term]	Year 8 only	Drama Studio	Miss Cullip
	3.30 – 5.30	Combined Cadet Force (CCF)	Invite only	Astro	Mr Bury
Wednesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Thursday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	BTEC Clinic [NEW]	Y10-13	B16	Miss Ioannidis
	3.05 – 4.00	Year 7 Drama Club [Starting after half term]	Year 7 only	Drama Studio	Miss Cullip
Friday	1.00 – 1.30	EAL Young Interpreters Club [NEW]	Year 7 only	F05	Miss Fandi
	3.05 - 3.35	Identity Club	All Years	F10	Miss Bunkell / Mrs Lewis
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels

Students should check with the Teacher in Charge to sign up to clubs

School Dining Hall

The School Dining Hall is open daily for all students as follows:

7.45 - 8.30 Breakfast which includes:

Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt bar / Cereals / Bacon or Sausage Rolls / Danish Pastries / Hot Chocolate

10.00 – 11.30 Break-time (staggered)

12.30 – 2.00 Lunch-time (staggered)



3.05: Any unsold food may be purchased at half price by cash or account

Our in-house caterers have a fresh approach to food and we have a number of different meal deals and a hot school meal, which includes either a drink or a pudding.

A selection of sandwiches, pizza slices, salad and pasta are also available.

More information and sample menus are available on www.brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/parent-zone/

There is a 3 week menu rotation, please see below. Next week will be week 1

 Brakenhale School Autumn Menu 2020/21 										
Week 1	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1	BFA * Chinese Pork Stir-fry	Containing Gluten, Soybeans	BFA * Chicken Korma, Mango Chutney	Cereal Containing Gluten, Dairy	BFA * Roast Chicken Breast, Gravy	N/A	Beef Chilli Con Carne & Tortilla Chips	Containing Gluten	MSC * Battered Baked Fish Chicken Nuggets Sausage	Containing Gluten, Egg, Fish
Option 2	Vegetable Stir-fry & Spring rolls	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Vegetable Korma Naan Bread	Dairy Gluten	Three Beans Casserole	Gluten	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Margarita Pizza	Containing Gluten, Dairy
Carbohydrates	Noodles	Gluten, Egg	Basmati Rice	N/A	New Potatoes	N/A	Steamed Rice	N/A	Oven Chunky Chips	Containing gluten
Vegetables Of the day	Sweetcorn Carrots	N/A	Broccoli Cauliflower	N/A	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	N/A	Herby Courgettes & Sweetcorn	N/A	Garden Peas Baked Beans	N/A
Dessert	Syrup Sponge & Vanilla Custard	Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Apple Crumble & Cream	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Cocoa Muffins	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Fresh Fruit Salad	N/A

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

 * All Menu Nut Free

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

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

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. Parents of all years and students in Year 8 and above can keep track of their attendance on their school gateway account.

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.

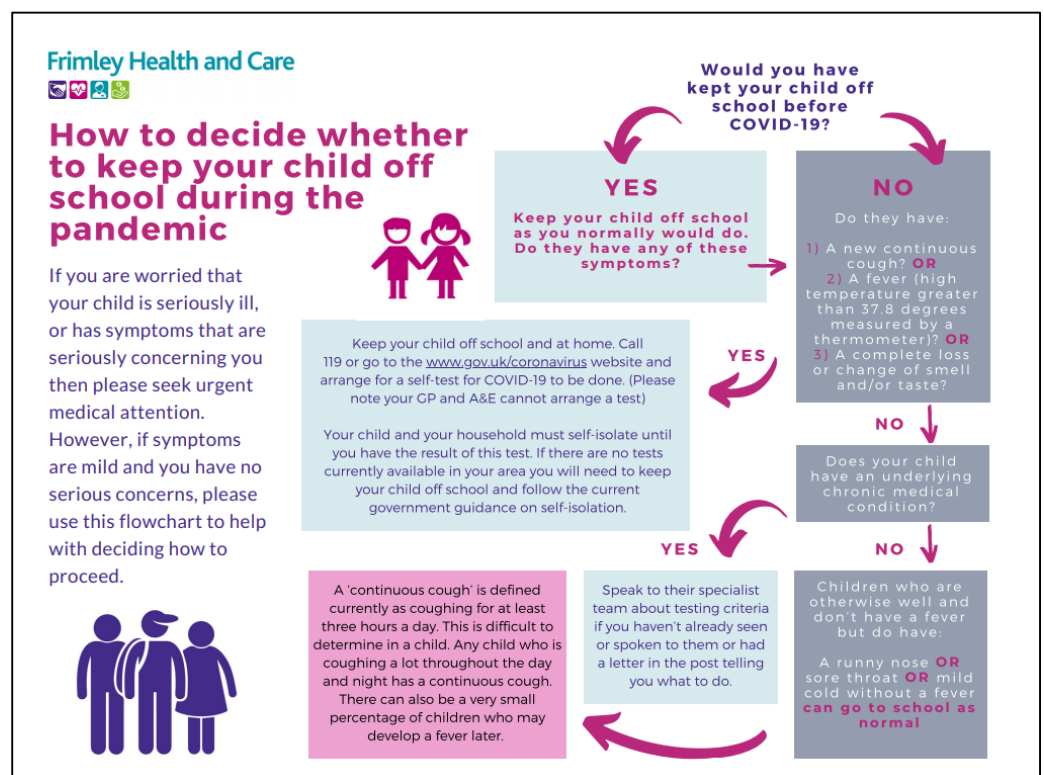
With this in mind it, I would like to reiterate the expectations that we have regarding attendance:

- Students are expected to be in school in their designated area by 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.
- Should you need to arrange a medical or dental appointment can I encourage you where possible to arrange these after 12:30pm as this will reduce the disruption to your child's learning.

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/>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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

Literacy: Hammer that Grammar

Hammer that Grammar: Issue 5

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!

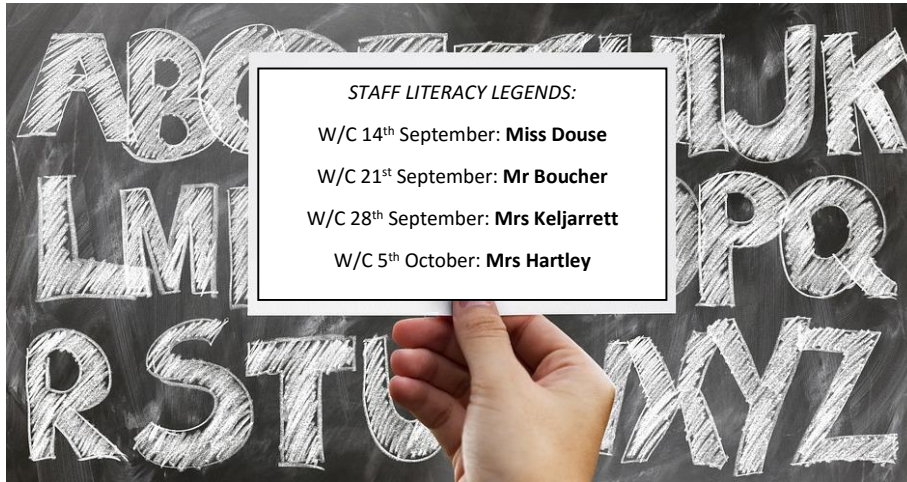
This week's focus: the semi-colon



Semi-colon ;

The rules:	
The don'ts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Do not use it willy-nilly.
The dos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use it to separate detailed items in a list. When there is a group of items in a list, explanations given in connection to the items in a list or additional details added to the items in a list, the semi-colon is used to differentiate between the different groups of ideas. EG: My day had been tiring: I woke up late, which meant I was stressed; missed the 9 o' clock bus, that really annoyed me; realised, when I got to work, that I had forgotten my phone; and I promised to watch a film round my Sister's tonight! Another example: You must bring all of your equipment this weekend: your pyjamas, nail varnishes and face masks for the spa evening; your water bottle, waterproofs and boots for the walk in the morning; and your swimsuit for when we get to the river. ➤ Use it to join two relative clauses where one doesn't necessarily explain the other. For example: The shop was closed; the Post office was open. Another example: Daisy loves coffee; Nescafe Gold is her favourite. Note: The relative clauses (parts of a sentence) do not need to be main clauses like when we use the colon (a main clause makes sense on its own and consists of a subject and a verb). ➤ The semi-colon can be used instead of a conjunction (linking word) and a cheat way of using it can be as a 'posh because'. EG: He walked across the street; he saw his old school friend.

Mrs D Lewis, Literacy Coordinator



Literacy: New Initiative Key Word of the Week



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 you 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?

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    graph LR
        subgraph Stimuli
            I((Information))
        end
        subgraph Brain
            WM[Working memory]
            LT[Long-term memory]
        end
        I -- Processing --> WM
        WM -- Encoding --> LT
        LT -- Retrieval --> WM
    
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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!

Clothes Recycling

Here at Brakenhale we collect in your unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and other household linen items for recycling to help raise money for the school.

We have special Bag2School bags to put your unwanted items in (normally available from main reception) or you can just use a normal bin liner. Please ensure that your bags are not overfilled and are tied firmly to prevent water ingress as wet items will not be accepted by the collectors.

We have 2 big red bins for you to deposit your bags in at any time and they are located at the Coningsby entrance by the bike compound.

Brakenhale School

CLOTHES RECYCLING!

**Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...
The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.**

The following 'good quality' items are accepted for RE-USE:

- ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (tied together/elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags, Hats, Bags and Belts
- ✓ Scarves and Ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie and Socks
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen, Curtains and Towels
- ✓ Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Put your items in a black bin bag.

Please note that the following are not accepted:

- ✓ Duvets and Blankets
- ✓ Pillows and cushions
- ✓ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- ✓ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- ✓ School uniforms with and without logo
- ✓ Corporate clothing and workwear
- ✓ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Thank you for supporting the school!

Please see the poster to find out which items are accepted and the short list of items not collected.

<https://bag2school.com/>

Bag2School is one of the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity. Since we started our clothes collections we have raised over £1600 for the school which is fantastic.

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/>

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](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

You have to be in it to win it.

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

**NEW SCHOOL YEAR
NEW CHANCES TO WIN**

BOOST School Funds & WIN up to £25,000

- Help raise vital school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Cash prize winner every week
- You've got to be in it to win it!

To start supporting, visit:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
and search for: Brakenhale

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

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!

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Harry Potter Studio Tour

Win a family ticket for 4 people

- Help boost our school fundraising
- Tickets cost just £1 per week
- Cash prize winner every week
- You could even win our £25,000 jackpot

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **Brakenhale**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Entries close on 15th Dec 2020. T&Cs apply, see website for details

Bracknell Forest Council

More families needed to foster

Allowances from c.£13,000-£20,000 per year, per child fostered (based on a child in placement 52 weeks of the year). Additional payments available dependent on skills and for the care of a child with a disability. Allowances are usually tax-free.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we continue to seek people to provide regular care for local children. We have several types of fostering opportunities available ranging part-time respite and emergency placements to caring for a young person full-time. You are able to state a preference on age of child or children you foster and you can be in a couple or single.

To be successful, you'll need to be a caring, empathetic and patient person, be committed to developing as a carer and have time to devote to one or more children. Moreover, you'll need a flexible approach and willingness to undergo an assessment process lasting approximately six months.

In return, we offer generous allowances plus a huge amount of training and support including:

- monthly visits from an experienced supervising social worker and guidance from family workers
- 24 hour telephone support
- excellent training and development opportunities
- respite relief/holiday cover when needed
- benefits and discounts for carers including free use of Coral Reef, leisure centres and the Look Out Discovery Centre

In addition, you must:

- have a spare bedroom (unfortunately we cannot support with finding larger accommodation)
- have some experience of caring for, parenting or working with children
- be in good general health
- have good spoken and written English language

For more details, please contact Sarah Crawforth (Recruitment and Publicity Officer) on fostering@bracknell-forest.gov.uk quoting where you saw this ad. Alternatively complete our online enquiry form at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/fostering

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.co.uk/BFFostering

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!



Action for Happiness

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/>: Optimistic October 2020

Daily actions to help you focus on what really matters:



ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY: "Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama

TUESDAY: 6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

WEDNESDAY: 7 Remember that things can change for the better

THURSDAY: 1 Write down your most important goals for this month

FRIDAY: 2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times

SATURDAY: 3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you

SUNDAY: 4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list

8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward

10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week

11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society

12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today

13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous

14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing

15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

17 Share your most important goals with people you trust

18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to

19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters

22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague

23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently

24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life

31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Vacancies



- IT with Computer Science Teacher
- Computer Science Graduate
- SENCo
- Deputy SENCo
- Health & Social Care / PE Teacher
- Assistant Caretaker (Part time)
- PE Technician
- Senior Science Technician (maternity)

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.

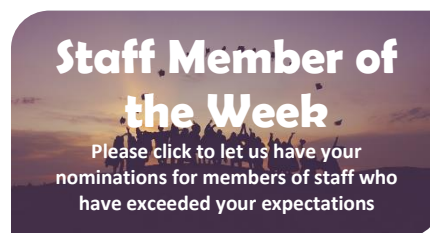
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Future Diary Dates

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

W/C 16 th November	Year 11 PPEs start
26 th to 30 th October	Half Term
3 rd November	CCF Cleaning War Graves at St Michael's Easthampstead
Thursday 5 th November	Sixth Form Open Evening TBC
Thursday 12 th November	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
W/C 16 th November	Year 11 PPEs start

Term Dates

Term Dates 2020-21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December 2020

Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

(Friday 1st January Bank Holiday)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

Spring Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

(Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July 2021

Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET Days Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 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>



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