



## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December | Happy Christmas

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I hope this finds you well. We have now come to the end of our first full term of this academic year. For Year 7, they were once new starters but have now completed 14 weeks of learning here at Brakenhale! For Year 11 and 13, they have completed their penultimate full term of learning. With one more to go, their final exams will begin after the Easter break.

There has been an array of events, activities and opportunities throughout this term. I cannot recall one where there has been so much on offer. The next 20 or so pages give you a flavour of this. If you follow our social media pages (for example, Facebook), you will have seen some of this already. Students in every year group have had various chances to participate in these events and activities and this will continue to be the case. This has been amazing to see and we will carry on offering these opportunities throughout the year.

This week, every year group has had a 'Rewards' assembly led by their Head of Year team. It was so pleasing to see students being selected and rewarded for a range of criteria which align with our school values. This week, too, we have had the 'Fun Factor' events and trip. Deserving, students who met the criteria had a cinema experience, a session on the inflatables or a trip to play bowling! Well done to them all. As Mr McKane has relayed in his communication to you today, all points are reset in January so that every student can aim to be part of the next round of 'Fun Factor' events.

I do want to mention our careers provision, under Mrs Allum's (Careers Advisor) determined leadership, which has been recognised as doing exceptionally well this week. This was by an external assessor. We are almost 100% in completing the Gatsby Benchmark which is a national measure for all schools on their careers provision. This is an excellent achievement and one we should be proud of.

As we come to the end of a term, we have a small number of staff moving on. I want to give special mention to Ms Lawry, Head of Year 12 and Teacher of Drama, who is leaving us to join a school closer to home in Berkshire. Ms Lawry has been part of our team driving standards within the Sixth Form. Also, Mrs Lister, Assistant Headteacher and Teacher of Languages, is moving to a school much closer to home in Oxfordshire. Mrs Lister joined us three years ago and has been pivotal in helping us to raise standards in Year 11. We thank them both, and others departing, for their contributions and dedication to our school. I wish them well.

Our Deputy Headteacher, Ms Whitaker Flower, begins her maternity leave today too. We wish her all the best in anticipation of the arrival of her baby! Ms Manlay has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher for one year to cover her remit. There are some slight changes within our structure. A full staffing update will be shared upon our return.

As you may have seen from my communication to you yesterday, I have made the difficult decision to leave our great school in February. Conversations may already have been had at home but I relayed the

### Upcoming Dates

- Christmas Holiday  
*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January (Inset)*
- Start of Term for Students  
**Y11/Y13** *Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January*  
**All Years** *Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January*
- Year 9 Vaccinations  
*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January*
- Sixth Form Taster Day  
*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January*
- Pizza Lunch with Headteacher  
*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January*
- World Religion Day  
*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January*
- Holocaust Memorial Day  
*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January*
- National Storytelling Week  
*w/c Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January*
- International Puzzle Day  
*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January*
- Intermediate Maths Challenge  
*Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January*
- Safer Internet Day  
*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February*
- Addams Family Musical  
*6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> February*
- Pizza Lunch with Headteacher  
*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February*
- Y9 History/RS Residential Trip  
*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February*
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science  
*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February*
- Half Term  
*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February*

*(Please note that dates may be subject to change)*

news in a whole school assembly, to all students, today before we departed. Thank you to some of you for the kind words I received yesterday since my communication. I will miss being here.

As communicated, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January is a teacher training day. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, only Years 11 and 13 are in. All year groups will then come in on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. As before, students will be expected in line-up, for 08.35, in the full and correct uniform.

Finally, may I wish you all a restful and happy Christmas however you spend this. We know that such times vary from family to family and circumstances may make it difficult for some. Please continue to look out for each other and share positivity and good wishes. Reaching out to family and friends who may be having a tougher time this year will go a long way.

Have a lovely break, Merry Christmas and a good beginning to 2024 when it appears.

*Mr Taylor, Headteacher*



## Christmas Card Competition

### Christmas Card Competition

Well done to Ella and Ayan, both in Year 7 and Jasmine in Year 9 – they were the winners of our school Christmas Card design competition this year. We had a large number of entries from students from Year 7 right through to Year 13. They won vouchers and their designs were turned into our school Christmas cards for this year. Well done!



## Rewarding Students

*Mr McKane, Assistant Headteacher*

Our 'Golden Ticket' is given out in every lesson, every day, to recognise and reward students. Furthermore, we regularly hold reward events with the Headteacher. We host this event approximately every three weeks, which means twice per half term.

### Pizza Lunch with the Headteacher!

Well done to all the students - from Year 7 right the way through to Year 13 - who were chosen for gaining the top Golden Tickets this term and for excellence in Sixth Form; they were treated to Domino's Pizza lunch with Mr Taylor. We celebrated Years 7 to 11 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and our Sixth Form students on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, and on both occasions we had a full house with a real buzz of conversation around the table.

These students all fulfil our values of Aim High, Be Kind and Take Responsibility and Mr Taylor is very proud to offer this treat and to meet with them in this way.

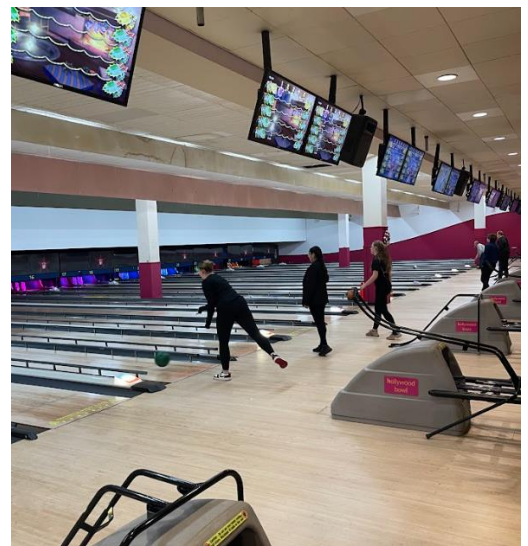




### Fun Factor End of Term Events

Students have been collecting their conduct points all term and were rewarded this last week with their celebration events:

- The top 10% Gold winners went Bowling on Wednesday, walking into town to Hollywood Bowl. Lunch was also included in their reward.
- The Silver winners were treated to a selection of inflatable activities in the sports hall on Monday, including a large bouncy castle, bungee run and assault course.
- On Tuesday the Bronze winning settled down with their popcorn for a cinema experience, watching Thor: Love and Thunder in the main hall.





## Science

*Mr D Woods, Head of Science*

*Ms Malik, Miss Scott, Miss Mert*

We have had an excellent start to the Science Club this term where the students are building rockets of various designs!

They have thoroughly enjoyed successfully launching their space crafts across the Science department. We look forward to next term where they will be exploring different fuel types ready for their maiden voyage in the summer!



## Student Leadership

*Mr L Hilton, Head of Year 7*

At the end of last half term, students from all year groups were given the opportunity to deliver a speech in front of their peers about why they think they would be the best person to sit on the School Council as Tutor Representative. Voting took place over half term. We now have a democratically elected school council consisting of one student from each year group.

The School Council is as follows:

- Year 7: Amelia S
- Year 8: Eniola O
- Year 9: Max B
- Year 10: Connor S
- Year 11: Eleonora K

A massive congratulations to them all. They have also prepared and delivered their first ever assembly to every year group in the penultimate week of this term. The theme was 'volunteering'. They prepared the assembly themselves. It was an absolute pleasure to see them grow in confidence over the week as they shared a very important message about the benefits of volunteering and suggested some things that students could do. In the final week they have had their first School Council meeting discussing ideas from their year groups, and some of these ideas will be shared with senior leaders in the new year.







## Sixth Form Open Evening

*Ms Manlay, Head of Sixth Form*

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November we held our Sixth Form Open Evening. This event provided an overview of our Sixth Form offering, and there is an accompanying dedicated Sixth Form website with complementary information on our offer.

Entry to Sixth Form in September 2024 is now open. We welcome Year 11 applications from both internal and external students. There are three stages to the process:

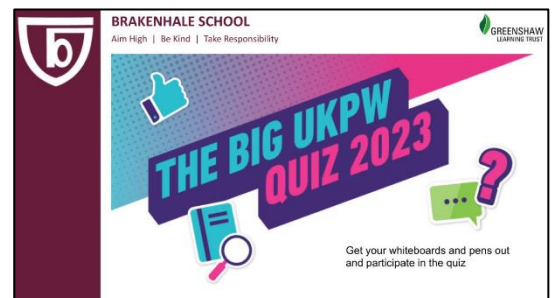
1. Complete an online application form before the deadline on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm.
2. We will then contact you to arrange an interview with a member of the Sixth Form. This is a great opportunity to discuss the courses you have chosen, and why you have picked them.
3. If you are successful, you will be made a conditional offer, which you can confirm once you receive your GCSEs.



## Parliament Week – 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November

*Ms H Ioannidis, PSHE Lead*

UK Parliament Week is an annual event, spreading the word about what Parliament is, what it does and how you can get involved. It's a great way to find out new things about UK Parliament or be reminded of things you might've forgotten! All students participated in The Big UKPW Quiz which had three rounds all about Parliament to enrich their knowledge.





## Humanities: Buddhist Speaker

*Miss D Bunkell, Head of Humanities & Social Sciences*

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December our Year 10 Religious Studies students were extremely fortunate to be in the presence of a Buddhist Guru who shared powerful insights into Buddhist practices and teachings. This learning fits with the students' GCSE curriculum.

We are very grateful to the Buddhist Community Centre UK for providing our students with this opportunity - it was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



## Health & Social Care

*Mrs N Lazurczuk, Head of PE/Health & Social Care*

### Medical Ethics Conference

A selection of our Sixth Form students had an enjoyable morning at St George's School (Ascot) attending the Medical Ethics Conference on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. It was great to meet new people and share ideas through discussion and debate.

Students worked together in mixed groups with other local schools to debate a range of ethical topics such as the contraceptive pill, dental decay, vaccines and fertility treatment. The conference then focused on consent in medical ethics and procedures. It was led by a dental practitioner, Dr J Bennett, who concluded with a fascinating keynote talk. This will really support our students' learning within Health and Social Care in the future and it was an interesting way to learn about new concepts.





## Drop Down Day: Health & Well-Being

*Mrs Lister, Assistant Headteacher*

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Brakenhale celebrated a Health and Wellbeing Drop Down Day. It was a resounding success and each year group had a bespoke set of sessions, launched by our Health and Wellbeing Ambassador, Mika Smith. Over the course of the day, lessons ranged from the effects of cortisol on the brain, rail and road safety, emotional wellbeing, mental health from BRIYM (Building Resilience In Young Minds) and Year 11 benefitted from successful low-stress revision techniques from The Life Skills Company, as well as personal hygiene and health, and the influence and impact of role models.

Years 7 to 10 took part in a joyful Sponsored Skip where both students and staff joined in to 'raise money by raising their heart beats'. A MASSIVE thank you to all those who donated. Every penny counts to this charity and we all really enjoyed the sense of community in doing a good deed for others. Overall, we have raised an impressive £473 on our [JustGiving page for the British Heart Foundation](#). Swinley House's sponsorship far outweighed all other houses, and whilst we were unable to count anonymous donations, Swinley supporters had at least 12 sponsors gifting well over £105 for the cause, all of you received two house points.







## PE and Extra Curricular

*Mrs Lazarczuk, Head of PE, Mr Maye, Second in PE and PE Team*

### PE Fixtures

This half term has seen a lot of **Basketball** played! At the time of writing, we have smashed it from Year 7 to Year 11 winning almost EVERY match we have played!

The squads have shown great teamwork, effort and skills worthy of the NBA! It's been great seeing so many of them competing against other schools and representing Brakenhale with honour!

Our Year 7 and 8 girls were treated to a **rugby taster session** at Bracknell Rugby Club on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. They really got stuck in and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with enthusiasm!



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November our Year 7, 8 and 9 **cross country** participants ran their hearts (and lungs) out for the school and finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of a large number of teams in very challenging conditions. They did the school proud. A very hearty well-done to Oliver W, Emily B, Harrison H, Frances B, Oskar B and Kacie H.





## PE Clubs

This half term has seen a change in the weather meaning some nights have been a reshuffle on what's been on offer. However the students have still been turning up week after week! We have had amazing numbers in the trampoline centre with great progress being made. We have a great Fitness suite crew who have been getting themselves fitter and a special shout out to the girls football who have been braving the weather and showing up and practicing their skills week after week!

We now move into the football season and fixtures will come thick and fast for the boys and girls of KS3. Watch this space for details of squads and match dates!

## Sports Leaders

The Year 10 Sports Leaders were superb earlier this term in leading Year 3 and 4 students from Bracknell Forest Primary Schools.

We received so much praise for them in how they were as students, leaders and organisers, which is brilliant! Many of the primary school teachers praised them on their conduct with the younger children and how fun they made it!

Matt and Claire from Bracknell Forest School Sports, who organised the event, said our students were some of the best they have had! They told us, 'we had to do nothing other than point them at the primary schools at the start and the Brakenhale leaders ran the whole event; from setting up to engaging and motivating joining in!' The younger children loved it and our students impacted over 130 Year 3/4 students from Bracknell Forest. It was cold, but they pushed through, keeping energy and engagement high!





## Premier League Inspires

*Mr A Bissitt, PE/ICT Teacher*

### Anfield Trip – 21.11.23

In mid-November our students, who had taken part in the Premier League Inspires Challenge, were invited to Anfield Stadium in Liverpool as a reward trip for their efforts.

This culminated in them visiting the stadium and participating in team and group building activities. They also got to meet with and look at what other teams, from around the country, had done as part of their challenge. It was a wonderful experience and one we will all treasure.



### Houses of Parliament & Premier League HQ Trip – 29.11.23

Following this, a slightly different selection of students, some of who went to Liverpool, were also then invited to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Premier League Headquarters.

They were part of the winning team out of 35 teams around the country and were representing Reading FC and the school.

This was an amazing achievement by our students! Congratulations to all involved. Thank you to Mr Bissett who worked with the students in achieving this monumental achievement.







## Geography: Fieldwork Trip

*Miss Sandhu and the Geography Department*

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, we took our Year 11 and 13 Geography students to Swanage Bay to take part in some amazing coastal fieldwork. The geographers gained new skills and knowledge that will help them complete either their GCSE Paper 3 or their A-Level Non Examination Assessments. Despite the cold, all students got stuck straight in to their data collection with some wonderful enthusiasm and were a credit to our school.



## Craft Club

*Miss T Wilhelmy, Head of Creative Arts*

**October 2023**

In Craft Club at the end of last half term, in preparation for Halloween, we did pumpkin painting! Students' creativity was to be commended. Well done to everyone who participated.







## Creative Arts

*Miss T Wilhelmy, Head of Creative Arts*

### Hospitality & Catering

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students were making burgers. I am sure you will agree they look most professional and worthy of the Great British Bake-Off's signature dish!

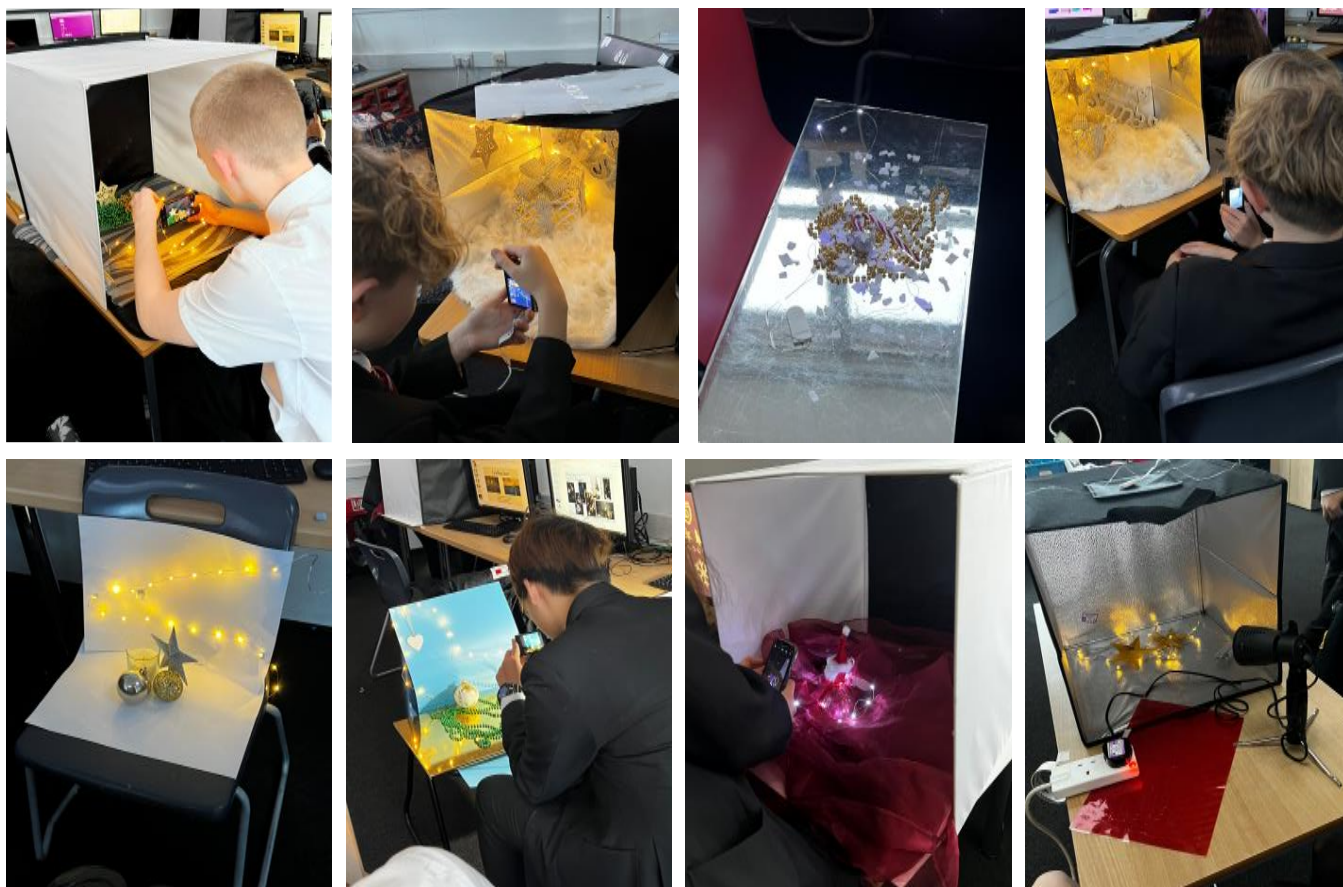




Our Year 11s have made sweet and sour chicken and got creative with their plating... all in preparation for their GCSE. Once again, worthy of GBBO I think!



Finally, our Year 10 photography classes (10B) taking festive themed still life photographs. They were fabulous and so engaged. Here is a selection of them deep in thought and focussing on their learning and creativity!





## Careers @ Brakenhale

*Mrs K Allum, Careers Lead*

This term provided a Careers feast of interactions for students from apprenticeship and educational providers.



Apprenticeships provide a united, combined provision of 80% paid work and 20% study, and we have had the honour of hearing from the Army, AWE, DHL and FSP to introduce their opportunities to chosen year groups. We have also had the University of Reading come to represent the Higher Education option.

At Brakenhale School we want to inspire students with their career choices and then help them work out the path of how to reach that goal. Meeting potential employers and educators can really help connect them to their next opportunities. We have been very proud to deliver 329 career sessions since September. These sessions have enabled the Year 11 and Year 12s to understand their Post-16 and Post-18 options and Labour Market Information as well as formulate their next steps to accessing their chosen career path. We have also rolled out the school careers portal which has a significant wealth of resources for students and families alike. Please take the time to look at this on our school website.



### As a Parent/Carer what can you do to support?

The Brakenhale Careers web page content has been updated. Please take a look as it has lots of helpful and inspirational information and links.

If you have a student in Year 11, please can I implore you to ensure that they have made their Post-16 applications - they should keep their options open by making a minimum of **3 applications**:

- **Option 1: An application made to a course requiring better than expected grades**
- **Option 2: An application made to a course requiring expected grades**
- **Option 3: If they had chickenpox and could not sit the exams - what would their option be then? This is what I call the insurance policy application.**

Wishing you a restful break.



## Remembrance

### History WW1 Presentation

This year, to help celebrate Remembrance, the History department held an online webinar with the National Archives on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. This involved an experienced actor who took on the persona of Private Henry Fairhurst, a soldier during World War One, for whom the National Archives have much of his history and records.

Ahead of the webinar students learnt about Henry from his war office files in their history lessons and were able to come up with questions to ask Henry in the webinar. This gave students a more personal insight into the experiences of World War One as Henry was able to talk about morale during the war, losing friends from his Pals Battalion and some of the horrors he had witnessed. It also provided students an opportunity to think about the type of questions they would ask a soldier if they were to meet one. Some of the questions they came up with were very powerful such as:

- How many deserters did you witness and what happened to them?
- How do you keep on fighting in the war?
- How did you feel about the German soldiers?

This provided students with something to think about and consider during their two-minute silence on Monday and extended students' current historical studies of World War One.



## Two Minute Silence

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November Brakenhale held their two-minute silence in remembrance of all those who have fallen. The whole school gathered together to watch the CCF cadets conduct their remembrance parade, during which two cadets read out their own poems together with the British Legion's Act of Remembrance Exhortation:

*They shall now grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning - We will remember them.*



During the remembrance period, the school raised £173.33 exchanging poppies and other related items for donations which are gratefully received by the British Legion to support their work helping serving and ex-serving Armed Forces personnel.



CCF

*Captain A Bury, Contingent Commander*

## Remembrance

During early November, the cadets gave up their weekends to help sell poppies in town to support the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal. Last year we collected £1,534.00 and this year we have managed to double that amount which was a fantastic achievement. We really do have amazing students at Brakenhale.

Brakenhale School CCF were out on parade again this year in Bracknell Town centre, as part of the Town Council's Remembrance Parade. This year all of the cadets from Brakenhale attended this one parade meaning we had an outstanding 62 cadets in attendance. For 21 cadets, who only joined at the beginning of September, this was their first formal parade and the new cadets had spent many weeks training for this event. The parade had the largest turnout in its history this year and, as always, we are honoured to have been part of it.



## Roadshow

Army Road Show team came into school to visit the CCF cadets at the end of November. A small fleet of army vehicles were brought onto site and students got to experience first-hand what it feels like to sit in and, in some cases, move around the vehicles. The cadets were also given the opportunity to talk to current serving soldiers from across various regiments within the British Army.

I would like to wish all of our cadets a very happy Christmas and a great New Year. I would also like to thank my amazing team of adult volunteers that turn up at Brakenhale to support me in running our cadet unit. To them and their families, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





## Performing Arts

Mrs Millard, Head of Performing Arts



### Lion King trip

The Performing Arts department were thrilled to invite all Year 8 students to attend a performance of Disney's The Lion King on London's West End. Over 100 students were wowed by the award-winning songs, costumes and story. This was an excellent opportunity for students to experience a professional performance showing a wide range of skills, whole body performance and a high level of technical ability. The production also demonstrated overlapping performance and production elements that are focused on in Drama, Dance and Music lessons at Brakenhale. The entire cohort of students and staff attending were overwhelmed with the quality of the performance and greatly appreciated the opportunity.

### Showcase

The Brakenhale School Performing Arts Department ended the year with a 'showcase of student work' across all year groups from Dance, Drama and Music. It was an amazing opportunity for students to develop and build on the skills they have learned through their coursework.

The performance took place in the school's main hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. We were overwhelmed at how many came out to support us. Thank you!





## Extra-curricular clubs at Brakenhale 2023/24 (Personal Development)

Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
<p>Sparx Help Club 13:20-14:00 F18 with DSM</p> <p>MFL Club 13:20-14:00 F02 with CPH</p> <p>Netball Club 15:15-16:15 Courts with NLA &amp; JMN</p> <p>Table tennis Club 15:15-16:15 Sports Hall with AMV</p> <p>Rugby Club 15:15-16:15 Field with ABI &amp; JBO</p> <p>Choir 15:05-16:00 M02 with EHO (Wk A)</p> <p>Band Club 15:05-16:00 M01 (Wk A); M02 (Wk B) with SFU</p> <p>Textiles Club 15:10-16:00 G05 with ARU</p>	<p>Karaoke Club 13:30-14:00 Movement Studio with EHO (2nd Wed of every month)</p> <p>Into Film Club 13:30-14:00 B16 with HIO &amp; MTH</p> <p>Girls Football Club 15:15-16:15 Astro with SAN &amp; GBE</p> <p>Basketball Club 15:15-16:15 Sports Hall with AMV</p> <p>Boys Football Club 15:15-16:15 Field/Astro with ABI &amp; CMY</p> <p>The Addams Family 15:05-16:30 Main Hall with GMI, SFU &amp; KTO</p> <p>STEM Club 15:20-16:20 S07 with LSC, NMA &amp; SME</p>	<p>Production Club 13:30-14:00 M02 with CCH</p> <p>Badminton Club 15:15-16:15 Sports Hall with LHI &amp; SCO</p> <p>Trampolining Club 15:15-16:15 Trampolining Centre with JBO</p> <p>The Addams Family 15:05-16:30 Main Hall with GMI, SFU &amp; KTO</p> <p>Nerd Space 15:20-16:20 S12 with DWO</p> <p>Art Club 15:05-16:00 A02 with JBR &amp; EFA</p>	<p>Keyboard Club 13:30-14:00 M02 with SFU</p> <p>GCSE Further Maths (Y11 only) 15:00-16:40 F17 with VMO</p> <p>Craft Club 15:05-16:00 A02 with DPA &amp; SWI</p> <p>Design and Technology and 3D Design Club 15:15-16:15 G03 with JBU &amp; HHE</p> <div> <p><b>Every Day</b></p> <p>Homework Club 15:05-16:00 LRC with TAs</p> </div> <div> <p><b>Open to All Years</b></p> <p><i>Just turn up!</i></p> </div>



## Support over Christmas

### Safeguarding Team

How you can keep young people safer online over the Christmas period ... and beyond!



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/how-you-can-keep-young-people-safer-online-over-the-christmas-period/>

### How to support your mental health over the Christmas period

#### ➤ Young person



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/looking-after-your-mental-health-at-christmas/>

#### ➤ Parents



<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-and-mental-health/>





With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, children are looking forward to receiving gifts. For many, this may be devices that allow you to go online. Even with the best intentions, many parents have a false sense of how to keep their child secure, or think their child is more secure than they actually are.

The information in the poster below is on keeping children safe online this Christmas. It is a great timely reminder of the key Safety Net messages.

**It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online**

# It's Christmas Time!



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**It's always best to be prepared**

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

**Scan the QR code to find out more.**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

**Skips Educational** Email: [info@skipsed.com](mailto:info@skipsed.com) Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with







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



## Disabled Parking Spaces

*School Office*

We would like to remind all school site users that the disabled bays at the front of the school are for blue badge holders only, or those with temporary discretionary permission from the Headteacher.

Please ensure that these spaces are kept clear and avoid parking in or blocking them so that they can be used by those in need.

There are visitor parking bays along the service road.



## Cycling to School

*School Office*

We would like to remind all students that the pathways in the school site are for pedestrians only. Cyclists should dismount at the gates and push their bicycles along the paths.

Thank you for your consideration.







## Our Vision and Values

### AIM HIGH

Good attendance plays a direct part in how students do in school. Let's AIM HIGH to ensure great attendance for all!



### BE KIND

Let's take action to be Happier and Kinder Together: <https://actionforhappiness.org/>

#### Do Good December



### TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Please take responsibility and avoid parking in or blocking disabled bays in the car park.



## Term Dates 2023/24

### AUTUMN TERM 2023

Christmas Holiday: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

### SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Inset Day  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
 Spring Half Term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
 Spring Holiday: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
 (Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April)

#### INSET Days

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April Inset Day  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
 Summer Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024  
 (May Bank Holidays Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May)  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 Inset Days  
 Summer Holiday: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### INSET Days

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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>



Brakenhale School, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 7BA

☎ 01344 423041 ~ 📧 [mainreception@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:mainreception@brakenhale.co.uk) ~ 🌐 [www.brakenhale.co.uk](http://www.brakenhale.co.uk)

Part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust

