

BRAKENHALE SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS

AIM HIGH | BE KIND | TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

OUR VISION

A school at the heart of the community where we instil the values of aspiration, kindness and responsibility to prepare our students for their individual successes and future careers.

We are a proud member of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, a 'family' of like-minded schools that collaborate to provide mutual support, share their good practice and learn from each other, whilst retaining and developing their own distinctive character.





A WARM WELCOME

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to The Brakenhale School. We are an incredibly caring community, where every child is valued, supported, and inspired to achieve their very best.

At Brakenhale, we believe that success is built not only on academic achievement, but also on personal growth, creativity, and character. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to ensure that each student feels safe, happy, and successful; flourishing both inside and outside the classroom.

We are proud of our strong record of results, with students consistently achieving excellent outcomes and going onto Russell Group Universities and apprenticeships, enabling them to lead lives of choice and opportunity.

We warmly invite you to visit us and experience for yourself the welcoming atmosphere, high standards, and opportunities that make Brakenhale such a special place.

I look forward to meeting you.

Camilla Douglas,
Headteacher



OUR STUDENTS GET GREAT RESULTS

We are incredibly proud that our students receive excellent GCSE outcomes, achieved as a result of their hard work and high-quality teaching. 63% of Year 11 students celebrated securing a grade 4-9 in English and Maths this year, with 46% outperforming their peers across all subjects nationally. 58 grade 9s were awarded across the cohort; an outstanding achievement, representing 9% of the student body. Our English and Maths outcomes were significantly above those nationally. Results continue to improve.

At Brakenhale, our students benefit from us being an 11-18 school, enabling them to continue their journey in an environment where they are known and thrive. At A-Level 15% of students achieved A*-A grades, 28% secured A*-B, and over half of our vocational students attained Distinction* to Distinction. Standout results in subjects such as Chemistry, Maths, Further Maths, Art, and Health & Social Care reflect the incredible teaching across our Sixth Form. Whilst our supportive environment ensures students not only achieve outstanding results but also secure fantastic next destinations at top universities and in competitive fields.

Our Sixth Form is the natural next step for our students to be taking in their educational journey.

Across all year groups our aim is for our students to secure lives of choice and opportunity, developing kind, responsible individuals who are ready to succeed in the wider world.





PUPILS, INCLUDING THOSE STUDENTS IN THE SIXTH FORM, ARE TAUGHT BY TEACHERS WHO ARE EXPERTS IN THEIR SUBJECT. THESE TEACHERS HAVE A STRONG UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO USE LESSON TIME VERY WELL TO SUPPORT PUPILS TO LEARN MORE AND TO ACHIEVE WELL.

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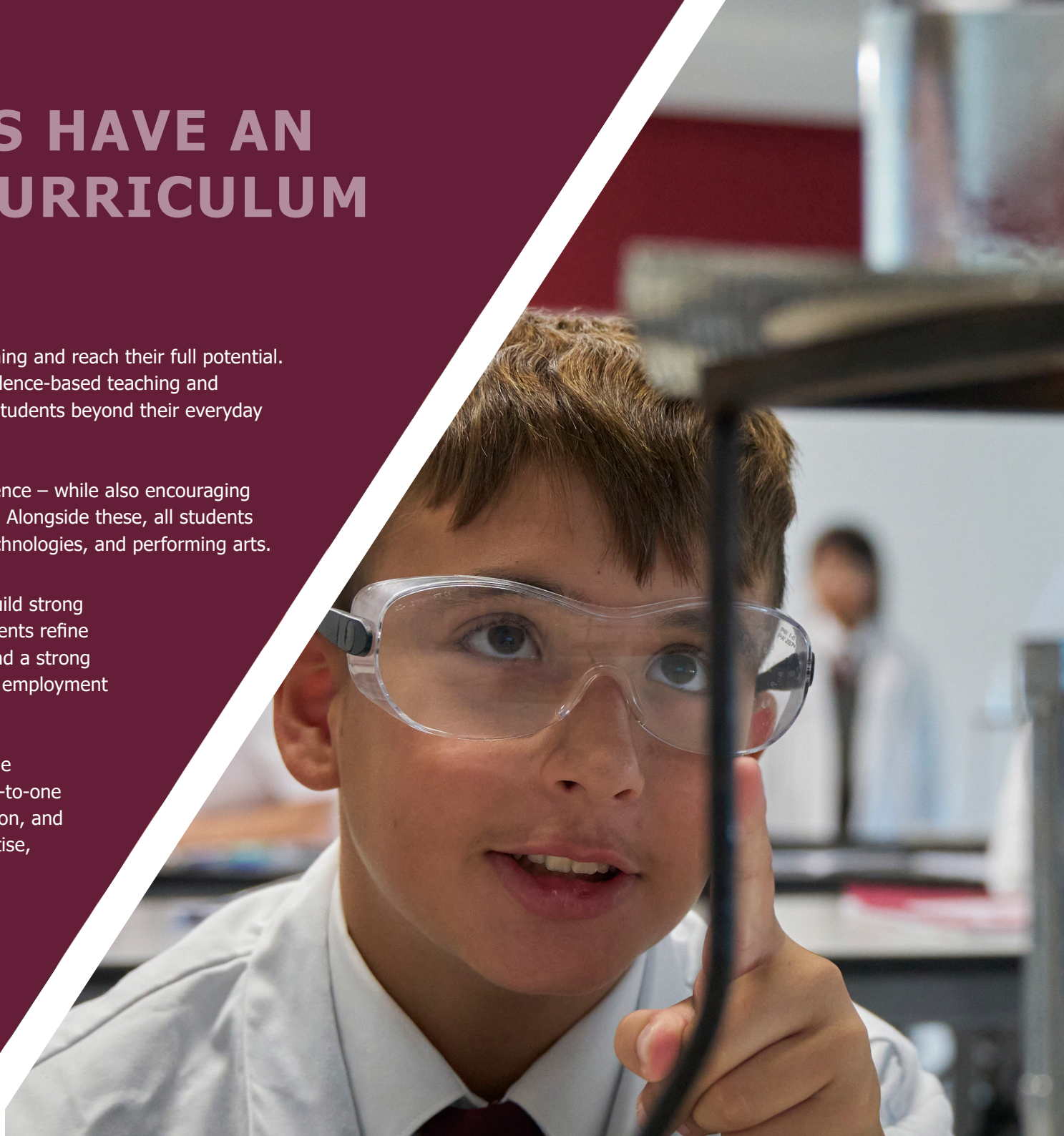
OUR STUDENTS HAVE AN INCREDIBLE CURRICULUM IN...

At Brakenhale, we want every student to enjoy learning and reach their full potential. Our broad and ambitious curriculum is rooted in evidence-based teaching and tailored to meet individual needs, aiming to inspire students beyond their everyday experiences.

We prioritise core subjects – English, maths and science – while also encouraging EBACC subjects like humanities, languages and RSE. Alongside these, all students benefit from high-quality teaching in PE, creative technologies, and performing arts.

Key Stage 3 offers a rich and varied curriculum to build strong foundations for GCSEs and beyond. In Year 10, students refine their subject choices with guidance from teachers and a strong careers programme to support future education and employment decisions.

Our passionate, expert teachers aim high and provide personalised support, including small group and one-to-one coaching when needed. We are committed to inclusion, and our SEND provision is delivered with care and expertise, ensuring every student is supported to succeed.





...AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

At Brakenhale, we are committed to developing confident, respectful, and ambitious young people. Our extensive extra curricular programme plays a vital role in this, offering a wide range of clubs and activities — from sports like rugby and trampolining to performing arts, cooking, science club, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award. These opportunities encourage students to explore their interests, build character, and contribute positively to the school and wider community.

A standout part of our enrichment offer is the Combined Cadet Force (CCF), where students develop leadership, discipline, and resilience through adventurous training, teamwork, and ceremonial duties.

We believe learning extends beyond the classroom. Our varied trips programme includes museum visits, university tours, residentials, and international experiences like our annual ski trip. Outdoor camps and team-building activities help students gain confidence, leadership skills, and a broader world view.

At Brakenhale, we support every student to grow in both skill and character.



OUR STUDENTS LOVE SCHOOL

At Brakenhale, we believe that school should be a place where students not only achieve their best, but also enjoy the journey. We are proud to offer an experience that is both enriching and rewarding — one where every student feels a genuine sense of belonging, purpose, and pride.

We aim to celebrate success in all its forms. Our rewards system recognises positive attitudes and personal progress, encouraging students to aim high and feel valued for their contributions. Regular recognition events, certificates, and termly celebrations ensure that achievement never goes unnoticed.

Our students benefit from a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom. Educational visits, enrichment trips, and residential experiences help to broaden horizons, build confidence, and strengthen friendships. These experiences are carefully chosen to support personal development and enhance learning in real and meaningful ways.

Fridays at Brakenhale bring the week to a close with energy and enthusiasm. Our 'Fun Fridays' offer themed activities, competitions, and opportunities for students to engage with the wider school community in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.





At the heart of the Brakenhale experience is a strong sense of community. Students are supported by a dedicated team of staff and encouraged to work collaboratively with peers and families. There is a real warmth to our school — one that ensures every student feels known, respected, and supported throughout their time with us.

Brakenhale is more than a school — it is a place where students grow, thrive, and take joy in the experience of learning together.



OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED TOGETHER

At Brakenhale School, we believe every student is on a journey — climbing their own personal mountain towards the future they aspire to. Whether that peak leads to a top university, a competitive apprenticeship, or a fulfilling career, we are committed to helping each individual reach their summit.

We consistently emphasise the importance of achieving strong outcomes at Key Stages 4 and 5, as these are the foundations for a life filled with choice and opportunity. However, we also recognise that no two students follow the same path, and there are many routes to success.

Our students benefit from an exceptional core offer as standard:

- High-quality, first-wave teaching in every classroom, delivered by expert subject specialists.
- Outstanding pastoral care, with every student supported by a dedicated form tutor, a Head of Year, and a member of the Senior Leadership Team assigned to their year group.
- A rich programme of extra-curricular activities and clubs to broaden experiences and develop confidence.





For some students, additional support is needed to navigate challenges along the way. Our Re-connect provision offers tailored pathways to ensure that every young person continues their journey with confidence and dignity.

The Bridge provides a “lessons-first” approach and a supportive home base for students with complex learning needs or Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

The Haven is a calm, temporary space for students to regulate, reflect, and refuel before continuing on their way.

The Re-engage Pathway supports those who have experienced extended absence or school avoidance in rejoining their educational journey with care and structure.

The Reset Pathway offers students struggling with behaviour a chance to pause, reflect, and reorient themselves before returning to mainstream learning stronger and more focused.

At Brakenhale School, no child is left behind. We climb together, support one another, and celebrate success — whatever path our students take to reach their personal summit.

OUR STUDENTS SHAPE THEIR FUTURES

At Brakenhale Sixth Form we get to know our students as individuals and academic scholars in order to support them to navigate the pathway to their futures. We are ambitious for our students' futures and want to ensure they are equipped with the academic and personal skills to lead lives of choice and opportunity.

Our Sixth Form offers students the opportunity to thrive. We are committed to academic excellence; as a result our students experience an ambitious curriculum taught by passionate subject experts that bring learning to life. Our staff consistently engage in evidence based professional learning enabling them to facilitate an exceptional learning experience.

We are committed to providing an inclusive community where students are provided with regular opportunities to share their voice. Our sixth formers contribute to shaping their school experience. They have opportunities to debate key issues of social justice and are developed as future leaders, representing the school in events and in the position of head students.

We are committed to supporting the wellbeing of our students and enabling them to build the resilience required to lead successful careers. Students are supported pastorally by expert form tutors who pride themselves in knowing students as individuals and are advocates for their individual needs.

We have extensive knowledge of post sixth form options and experience in supporting students to access competitive university and apprenticeship Opportunities, including supporting students in getting places at Oxford and Cambridge.

Our knowledge and individualised support ensures students make the right decisions for their future and have the skills, attributes and academic qualifications required for success.

Through our commitment to academic excellence and supporting the development of our students as individuals, young people at Brakenhale are prepared for success at A-Level and beyond.





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WELL SUPPORTED TO
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AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

At Brakenhale, we are proud to be at the centre of our local community. We value strong partnerships with families and local organisations, and we work hard to ensure our students benefit from a wide range of opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. From school events and fundraising activities to celebrations that bring everyone together, we believe that a thriving community helps every child to achieve their best.

FRIENDS OF BRAKENHALE

Friends of Brakenhale is our dedicated parent and carer group, working closely with the school to raise funds, support events and build a vibrant, welcoming community.

Through activities such as fairs, bake sales, quiz nights and seasonal celebrations, they make a real difference to school life and help provide those extra touches that enhance the experience for all students.

The success of Friends of Brakenhale depends on the support of our families. Whether giving time, sharing ideas or joining in with events, every contribution is valued and helps strengthen our school community.





GET INVOLVED

Friends of Brakenhale always welcome new ideas and helping hands. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, your support makes a big difference. If you'd like to know more or get involved, please contact the school office.



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