

Brownhills Ormiston Academy Newsletter

September 2023



Principal's Welcome- Mrs A Lloyd

'A very positive start for students to academic year 2023-24'

Dear Parents/carers and families

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year. I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer in some form. It is wonderful to have the children back with us after a six-week break and the term so far has felt 'right and proper' with a very positive buzz around the academy.

Behaviour and uniform have both been good and we all feel a great sense of pride as staff. The students have all had back to school live assemblies from senior colleagues during which they have been given information about how to be successful this year. Mr McGlynn and Mr Doodson have led assemblies in the hall with each year group to inform about how to have a successful lesson.

We are completing some vital assessments with Year 7s, especially to support their literacy development. We have held study skills and GCSE ready assemblies with year 10 and 11, and will continue to weekly, so students are supported on their journey to exam success. More information will follow. Parents of year 10 and 11 students can access helpful information on our website.

Welcome Year 7 Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our new Year 7 parents/carers as we start this academic year together. Many congratulations to our new students for their truly excellent start to term. It is so lovely to see them all finally with us! In fact, the students have been an absolute pleasure to work with this month. Please take time to navigate our website on which you will find information about the academy including the range of enrichment opportunities available for your child.

Clubs, Enrichment, and Following Us on Social Media Platforms

*Mrs L Best,
Assistant Principal*

Keeping up to date – all or exciting enrichment events this term on X (formerly Twitter) and our website

We also have a Facebook account that you can follow to keep up to date with life at Brownhills Ormiston

Visit [Brownhills Ormiston Academy \(brownhillsoa.co.uk\)](https://www.brownhillsoa.co.uk) to see out full wider curriculum opportunities offer for 2023-2024

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newsletter'**

GCSE Results Day 24th August 2023

On 24th August 2023 everyone came together to mark the achievements of all the former year 11 students, who worked exceptionally hard over the past couple of years to secure their grades. Our young people should be proud of these examination results. Their success rewards them for the commitment, hard work, and motivation they have shown throughout the academic year. Everyone at the academy worked tirelessly to give our students the greatest chance of success. Thank yous extend to the entire academy community, including staff and the parents and carers of our students, and Ormiston Academies Trust for their continued support, and we all look forward to seeing our students progress onto the next stage of their education.

Individual highlights include:

- Isobel Fowling achieved grade 9 in English Language and Literature, grade 7s in Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, History, and a Distinction* in Animal Care
- Georgia Pemberton, Alexcia Higgins-Franks, Ellie Faulkner achieved four subjects at grade 7 or above.
- Many students - including Riley Penn, Tony Perks, Jamie Roberts and Adam Shelton have achieved results that has placed them well above the national progress expectations (P8 scores over +1)
- The academy is particularly proud of the examination results in the following subjects: Food and Nutrition, Animal Care, Physical Education, Music, Art and Performing Arts. These subjects continue to produce superb results.
- Our students will continue their post- 16 courses at a range of sixth forms and colleges and through enrolment on apprenticeships.



Summer activities 2023

Sports day



Race for Life



Brownhills Ormiston Academy are extremely proud of the whole school effort that goes into both our annual sports day and Race for Life event!

Every year, Brownhills students take part in National school sports week where students can sign up to multiple activities across the week to experience different sports they may not have tried before. Race for life is our final event of the week which every student in the school can sign up for to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. This year was the race for life's 30th anniversary and we showed our support by running 5k of our field. Students set themselves off to see who could complete the challenge. Marley Roberts of year 11 was our fastest finisher and could have done it again with his fantastic energy levels!

All students pulled together and cheered each other on to complete the event. Students raised a staggering £1200, which was happily donated.

Following this success, our sports day arrived just weeks later in July. All students represented their house and their year and competed in a variety of activities. Each house was in competition to win the overall cup and throughout the day, the points got closer and closer. Team Simmonds took the trophy, but all students were exceptional! The day finished with a very competitive teacher competition which finished in a tie between Teams Thomas and Simmonds.

These events are a big highlight of our school ethos and is something we look forward to every year! Roll on summer 2024!

Year 11 Prom - Calderfields Golf and Country Club- June 2023



A brilliant evening was had for all who attended to celebrate the end of the exam season and the end of secondary school education, and time at Brownhill's Ormiston Academy. The students looked very smart and grown up in their beautiful dresses and dapper suits.

Euro Disneyland and Paris Trip July 2023

In July 2023 50 students in years 8, 9 and 10 participated in a 4 day trip to Disneyland Paris and visited the centre of Paris. Great fun was had! On s'est bien amuse!



Breakfast Club- Free Breakfast for Students

Join us daily 8.25-8.40am in the dining room for a free breakfast to ensure you are ready for the school day ahead. Have a bowl of porridge or cereal, toast and glass of squash. Meet up with friends and our City Year Team while you are there.

The importance of eating breakfast before school.

You've no doubt read and heard somewhere that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. That's not only true for adults, but for children as well – and even more so!

Eating well in the morning allows us to literally “break” the “fast” we've been maintaining since the day before. It also gives us the fuel we need to carry out our day-to-day activities –especially during the first hours of the day.

While it's true that no one should skip breakfast, when it comes to school-aged children, breakfast is even more important. This is because going to school on an empty stomach can affect their health and their cognitive performance.

Eating breakfast before school allows children to concentrate more on their work, be more open to learning, and even behave better. With a full stomach, they'll be in a better mood at school and have more energy to play, run, exercise, and do everything else the day demands.

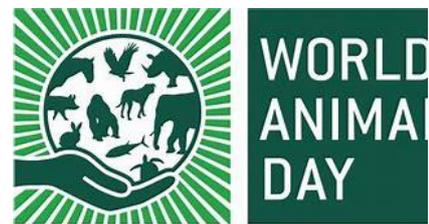
On the other hand, not eating breakfast has negative consequences. These include irritation, sensitivity, tiredness, lack of attention and apathy.

Open Evening

Open evening on 12th September was attended by over 300 visitors that came to look round our Academy. Our own student ambassadors supported the event, by acting as guides, cooking for visitors and welcoming families. All departments across the academy presented interactive activities for visitors to engage with and were there to answer any questions. A special thank you to our student leaders, Head Boy, George Poynton, and Deputy Head Girl, Emily Moore, for their amazing speeches to a packed lecture theatre. The feedback from all our visitors was very positive about the manners of our students and interaction with staff at the Open Evening.

We are celebrating world animal day - 4th October.....

with a visit from the animal man. 200 students will have the opportunity to see and hold a variety of animals throughout the day.



Wider opportunities up Coming events

Our wider enrichment time table can be found here [Brownhills Ormiston Academy - Enrichment Autumn Term 1 \(brownhillsoa.co.uk\)](https://www.brownhillsoa.co.uk)

Brownhills Ormiston Academy
will be celebrating the European Day of Languages on the 26th September



We will be hosting MacMillan coffee morning- 29th September 2023. The link is for the schools just giving MacMillan account. I am hoping we can go beyond the target they set for this great cause.

Where does your money go?

The money we raise with the cakes you and students bake will support Macmillan's vital work. It helps them fund amazing Macmillan nurses, answer calls their Support Line, give financial support, and more.

We are holding a competition for the best cake and tray bake.

We would like to raise as much money for this wonderful cause would be grateful if your family could support the cause by either donating via just giving page <https://coffeefundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm23013871> or by baking a cake / tray bake to be sold in school during the event. (50p per cake suggested donation)

If you need some baking inspiration visit <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/baking-recipes/> scan the QR code to go direct to our just giving page.

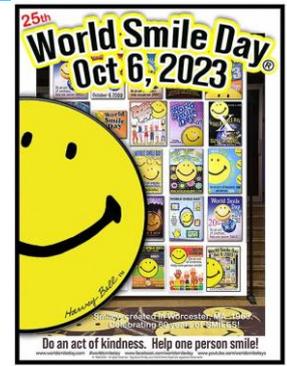


World Smile Day – 6th October

World Smile Day

World Smile Day® is Coming!

Well known by now throughout the world Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts created the smiley face in 1963. That image went on to become the most recognizable symbol of good will and good cheer on the planet.



As the years passed Harvey Ball became concerned about the over-commercialization of his symbol, and how its original meaning and intent had become lost in the constant repetition of the marketplace. Out of that concern came his idea for World Smile Day®. He thought that we, all of us, should devote one day each year to smiles and kind acts throughout the world. The smiley face knows no politics, no geography, and no religion. Harvey's idea was that for at least one day each year, neither should we. He declared that the first Friday in October each year would henceforth be World Smile Day®. Ever since that first World Smile Day® held in 1999, it has continued every year in Smiley's hometown of Worcester, MA and around the world.

After Harvey died in 2001, the Harvey Ball World Smile Foundation was created to honour his name and memory. The Foundation continues as the official sponsor of World Smile Day® each year.

This website was created to provide information about World Smile Day®, Harvey Ball and Smiley. Browse the archives to learn more about past World Smile Day® events, Smiley and his creator - Harvey Ball. And be sure to join the celebration this year on Friday, October 6th, 2023, and "Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile"!

This year Brownhills Ormiston Academy will be raising money for the Smile Train during world Smile Day. Smile Train works with local medical partners around the world to bring free cleft treatments and lifesaving care to children in need 365 days a year. for more information on clefts and the work the charity do click her [What Are Clefts? | Smile Train](#)

Student's will be able to purchase charity wrist bands for £1, take part in charity sponsorship or make a small charity donation doesn't matter how small every penny counts.

Guinness World Record - 19th October

Our year 11 food BTEC group will be participating in a Trust record attempt of having the most students cooking in a lesson at any one time. We will keep you updated on our school website and social media accounts as the event unfolds.

