



Headteacher's Newsletter



Momentum, Focus and Opportunity

As we move into the final week of this half term, there is a real sense of momentum around Brownhills Ormiston Academy. Classrooms remain purposeful, corridors calm and positive, and our students continue to show that they are ready, respectful and safe in the way they approach school life.

This part of the term is always important. It is where consistency and focus really begin to compound. Every lesson remains an opportunity to learn, to improve and to take one more step towards future success. We often remind our students that you get one chance at your education, and we all have a duty to make it count. I am delighted to see them living this message each day in our great school.

Alongside strong academic focus, this week has also been rich in enrichment, community and personal development. It is a pleasure to share some of those highlights with you.



Lights Up on Footloose!

Our first rehearsal for this year's production of Footloose took place this week, and it was a fantastic start. From the very first session, students threw themselves into the process with enthusiasm and commitment.

Early character work, confident line delivery and even convincing accents are already beginning to shine through. It is always inspiring to see how quickly a production starts to take shape when students bring energy and focus into the room.

School productions are about far more than performance. They build confidence, teamwork, resilience and pride. They also remind students that stepping outside their comfort zone can be incredibly rewarding. There is already a real buzz around this show, and we are excited to see it grow. I have no doubt this will be a performance to remember for our community.

The Mercians: Music, & Mental Health

We were thrilled to welcome The Mercians, a talented band from Leicester, to perform for Years 7–10 in our Lecture Theatre. Their musicianship was exceptional, featuring original material and a memorable Arctic Monkeys cover that had students fully engaged.

What made the visit particularly powerful, however, was the message behind the music. The band spoke openly about mental health, sharing personal experiences and reinforcing the importance of speaking up and looking out for one another.



These conversations align closely with our PSHE and Personal Development curriculum and with our value of being safe. Not just physically, but emotionally too. Creating a culture where students feel able to talk and be heard is essential. The Mercians helped bring this message to life in a way that truly resonated. We thank them for an unforgettable and meaningful visit, and we wish them every success with their new record deal and upcoming tour.



Golden Tickets for Golden Attitudes

This week we celebrated another group of students who received Golden Tickets for their excellent work and attitudes in lessons. These awards recognise those who consistently demonstrate our values and who take their learning seriously.

I enjoyed a celebratory early lunch with the winning students, complete with pizza generously prepared by Naomi and our catering team, who always help make these moments special.

Recognition matters. Celebrating effort and commitment reinforces the message that positive choices lead to positive outcomes. These students are showing that they understand the importance of making their education count. We are so proud of each of them.

Sporting Spirit and Last-Minute Drama

Our Year 9 basketball team demonstrated outstanding determination and resilience in their fixture against Barr Beacon. The match was closely contested, with the score tied at the end of every quarter. A true test of teamwork and composure.

Going into overtime required confidence and collective belief. The team showed both in abundance. Player of the Match Melvin secured victory with a composed lay-up under pressure, sealing a 10–8 win.

Sport plays a key role in developing discipline and teamwork. This match was a wonderful example of students representing the academy with pride and respect.



Partnerships that Power Progress

Thank you to all Year 10 parents and carers who attended this week's Parents' Evening. The conversations taking place between home and school were purposeful, supportive and focused on the future.

When families and school work together, students benefit enormously. Our shared goal is to ensure every young person gains the skills, attributes and qualifications they need to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity. Your engagement and support make a real difference, and we value the partnership we have with you.



Future Stars in Action

We were delighted to host our Primary Sports Festival, welcoming Year 5 pupils from Brownhills West, Watling Street, Millfield and St. James'. The day comprised of Athletics, Endball and Dodgeball, with students demonstrating teamwork, resilience and excellent sportsmanship.

It was wonderful to see parents and carers supporting from the sidelines, creating a warm and encouraging atmosphere. Congratulations to Brownhills West for securing victory by just one point in a thrilling finish.

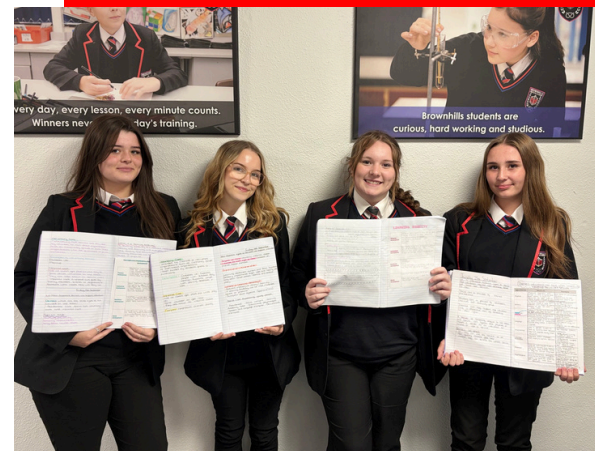
Events like this highlight the strength of our community links. For many pupils, this is their first experience of our academy, and we are always proud to show them that they are welcome here, they belong here, and we are proud to be part of the Brownhills community.

Year 11: Your Time to Shine

Finally, we wish our Year 11 students the very best as they begin the first week of their final round of mock examinations. These mocks are an important milestone and an opportunity to demonstrate everything they have learned.

The focus and maturity they have shown in recent weeks has been excellent. We are incredibly proud of their attitude. The entire Brownhills community stands behind them. Every member of staff is committed to supporting them to succeed.

This is their moment to show what they can do, and we have every confidence in them.



Looking Ahead

In our whole school assembly on Friday this week, we reminded ourselves of the fantastic successes and achievements that are happening each and every day in our community. Every day of attendance at our great school is worth celebrating and provides an opportunity to do great things. Every house point marks a moment where you have done something to be proud of. Thank you for sharing that with me on Friday and supporting your peers and teachers so perfectly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we will keep ensuring that every student at Brownhills Ormiston Academy feels connected, supported and inspired to succeed.

With very best wishes,

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