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Headteacher's Newsletter



A Fantastic Week at Brownhills

What an outstanding week it has been. From the moment students arrived on Monday morning to the end of the day on Friday, the energy, enthusiasm, and ambition shown by our young people has been remarkable. Once again, I am extremely proud as I reflect on all that we have achieved together in just two weeks.

At Brownhills Ormiston Academy, we talk often about the importance of culture and belonging. This week, those words have come to life. Our students know that they are welcome here, they belong here, and that we are all proud to be part of the Brownhills community. That sense of shared purpose and unity has been evident in every corridor, every classroom, and every conversation.



One Chance: Making It Count

We believe that every child has one chance at their education. That belief continues to drive everything we do. This week, we've seen our students taking that message to heart. In lessons across the academy, students have shown real focus and determination.



Our Senior Leadership Team has been visiting lessons every day, and we have been so impressed by how students have been applying themselves. Students have been rewarded for working hard, engaging with curiosity, and meeting our high expectations for learning. From academic effort to respectful conduct, our students are living our values of ready, respect and safe.

A special mention must go to Year 11, who have returned this term with a fierce determination to succeed. They know that mock exams are fast approaching, and the momentum they are building already is inspiring. The energy in their lessons is palpable, and I have no doubt they are setting themselves up for great success.



After the first two weeks back at Brownhills there is a palpable sense of positivity and engagement from both staff and students. I've always felt that what makes the school unique is the sense of community and togetherness and this has developed even further during my time at the school. Students are approaching the year with a renewed sense of academic rigour and are (deservedly) receiving acclaim and praise for their undeniable excellence. Mr C Hadley



Assemblies: Strengthening Our Culture

This week's assemblies focused on culture and belonging. Every Head of Year and Pastoral Support Leader (PSL) has now formally welcomed their year group back to school, setting out a clear, ambitious vision for the year ahead. These moments are important. They remind us of who we are, what we stand for, and where we're going – together.

It was particularly powerful to see Year 8 spend time with their new Head of Year, Mr Queensborough. His message to the year group was one of pride and purpose. He has been thoroughly impressed by their respectful conduct, ambition and positive attitudes so far. Well done, Year 8.

Brownhills is a brilliant school. I have loved Music and Maths particularly because I have had lots of success in those lessons. Brownhills has made it really easy for me to move from primary to secondary. I can't wait to get started with rugby now! Niall, Year 7 (Phineas)



Pride in Our Presentation

This week we also held academy photographs for Years 7, 9 and 11. Our students were smart, professional, and represented the academy superbly. It has been fantastic to see the pride students are taking in their appearance and uniform. I would like to thank our families for supporting us in maintaining these high standards. When our students look the part, they feel the part and that self-respect carries through into their learning.

Belgium Bound

Next week brings an unforgettable opportunity for a group of our talented students as they head to Belgium on a Music Tour. They will be performing at multiple venues, including the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate – an honour and a privilege that will no doubt stay with them for life.

We are so grateful to Mr Pierce, Associate Assistant Headteacher, for organising this phenomenal tour, and to the dedicated staff who will accompany our musicians on the trip. Their commitment to our students' enrichment is extraordinary. We can't wait to hear about their travels, performances, and the friendships they will build along the way.



Together, We Aim High

I want to thank everyone for the role they've played in making the start to this year so successful. The bar is high – and that's exactly where it should be. We will continue to support, challenge and uplift every child so that they can leave us with the skills, attributes, and qualifications to live a life full of choice and opportunity. Let's keep up the momentum. Let's make every day count.

With very best wishes,

Mr R T Doodson
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This Week: 38,875
Total: 59,785