



Headteacher's Newsletter



Commitment to Excellence

Another fantastic week draws to a close at Brownhills Ormiston Academy, and I want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our students for their continued hard work and commitment to excellence. When visiting classrooms, I see Brownhills students applying themselves with focus and ambition so that they make every lesson count.

We believe passionately that every child has one chance at their education and we all have a duty to ensure that it leads to a life of choice and opportunity. That sense of purpose has shone through this week, not only in lessons, but in the way our students are engaging with the wider life of the academy.



Brownhills in the Community

This week, we were thrilled to welcome hundreds of prospective families to our Open Evening on Tuesday. It was an absolute joy to speak to so many parents, carers and future students about the values that underpin our school. I shared a clear message: our staff, our facilities, and our vision exist to serve the children of this town. We are proud to be a school rooted in its community, so it was fantastic to speak to so many families who want places at our school because they know about our success.

A huge thank you to all the students and staff who supported the evening - you were outstanding ambassadors for our academy. Your warmth, pride and professionalism left a lasting impression on everyone who visited.

We also held the first of our Open Mornings on Friday, with two more to come next week on Tuesday 30th September and Thursday 2nd October. If you know any families who may be interested, please do encourage them to come and see our wonderful school in action.

What an absolute pleasure it was to walk round your fantastic school last night. Mr Doodson's speech was inspirational! You had all the young Year 6s totally gripped. As we walked round with our daughter we got lost on several occasions; I have to say your students are the most helpful & kind young people who helped us to find our way. Their behaviour was impeccable. My daughter & her friends loved seeing her big brother, who already attends the school, showing off his skills in a science experiment. Thank you all so much for your hard work! NT - Prospective Year 6 Parent



Key Values - READY

Celebrating Culture & Character

We launched the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award this week for students in Years 9 and 10, and I would encourage all eligible students to consider this excellent opportunity. The DofE Award is more than just an enrichment programme - it helps build confidence, resilience, independence and leadership. Whether it's volunteering, learning new skills, physical activity or completing the expedition, students who complete the award develop personal qualities that prepare them for success in school and beyond. It's a brilliant way to grow character while having fun, making memories and pushing personal boundaries. Please speak to your child about whether they would like to get involved. Thank you to Mrs M Moore for her leadership of the DofE Award at Brownhills.

We also celebrated the European Day of Languages, with fantastic enrichment opportunities organised by Mrs Stanley, our Head of French. Language learning broadens cultural understanding, promotes empathy and opens doors to international opportunities. I studied both French and German to A-Level, and I firmly believe that learning a language helps young people see the world in a different way. I'm proud of the strength of our Languages Department and the superb French results achieved by our former Year 11. We continue to encourage all students to consider a GCSE in French as it could be a decision that changes their future.

On Thursday, our Netball teams put in a fantastic performance against QM High School showing real resilience and character in all four matches. Well done girls for being so competitive and representing our school brilliantly.



The Four Brownhills Houses

This week also marked the beginning of our House assemblies, which was another chance to strengthen the spirit of belonging and friendly competition across the academy. Students met their new Heads of House and heard from our House Sports Captains about the exciting year ahead. Our new Heads of House are:

- Knaves – Mrs J Huskisson
- Phineas – Mrs J Mitchell
- Coppice – Mr J Pierce
- Holland – Miss J Greenhough

House Point Leaderboard



Miss J Greenhough - Holland: 32,900 (1st)



Mrs J Mitchell - Phineas: 32,576 (2nd)



Mrs J Huskisson - Knaves: 31,271 (3rd)



Mr J Pierce - Coppice: 28,886 (4th)

House Cross Country

The first major House event, our Cross-Country Competition, will take place on Friday 10th October. Every student will take part, with every finishing place earning valuable points for their House. This will be a celebration of teamwork, determination and school pride. Our stunning location, including the beautiful Brownhills Common, will provide the perfect setting for this flagship event. Whether you finish first or last, what matters is taking part and giving it your all. The race is on – and our Heads of House are already showing their competitive sides!

The buzz around the school after releasing the information about House Cross Country and the student leadership elections has been remarkable. Following last week's first place in the House Points leaderboard, I am certain we are going to carry on our winning ways at House Cross Country! Mrs J Mitchell, Head of Phineas

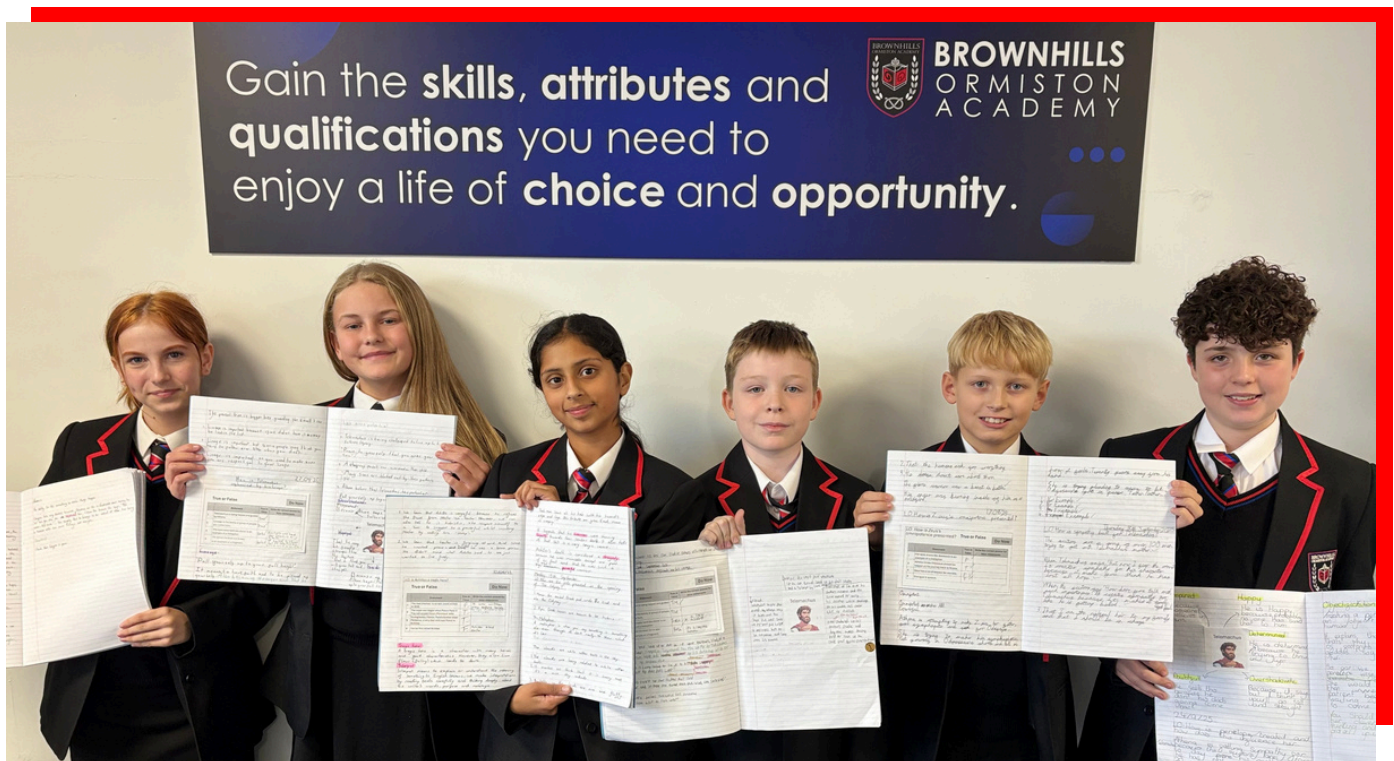


Thank You To Our Families

Finally, I want to say a sincere thank you to our families. Your support in helping your child come to school ready to learn, in full uniform, with a positive mindset, is absolutely vital. When families and school work together, children thrive. Our students look smart, act respectfully, and show the kind of ambition that will take them far and that is a direct result of the high standards being reinforced at home. Thank you for being our partners in this shared mission.

I am incredibly proud of our school community. Our students are rising to every challenge, our staff are giving so much to help them succeed, and our families who are supporting us every day. Together, we are building a school where every child knows that they belong, that they matter, and that we will never stop believing in their potential. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

With very best wishes,
Mr R T Doodson
 Headteacher



Our fabulous Year 7 students have been enjoying their new English curriculum. Here they are showing off their fantastic work from their lesson today with our Head of English, Mrs A Baker. Well done, Year 7!