

# Headteacher's Newsletter



## Making It Count at Brownhills

As we complete another excellent week at Brownhills Ormiston Academy, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate the hard work of our students, the role that our academy plays in the life of our town, and the commitment of our families in supporting children to be ready for success every single day.

At Brownhills, we are clear that students have one chance at their education, and we all have a duty to make it count.



## Brownhills in the Community

This week, I held the first of many collaboration meetings with Jan Davies from Brownhills Community Association. The Association is a self-supporting enterprise providing education, leisure, recreation, and support for local families. Their base, the historic Central Schools building (built in 1893) opposite the Brownhills Miner statue, was the original home of our school until we moved to Deakin Avenue in 1972.

It was inspiring to discuss how the academy and community centre can work together to benefit the children and families of Brownhills. Our school sits at the heart of this town, and we want to strengthen those ties further. I encourage you to follow the Community Association on social media and visit their website to see what you can be part of.



## Celebrating Sport

Sport has always been a proud part of life at Brownhills, and I firmly believe it changes lives. This week, our fields and facilities have been alive with competition, teamwork, and determination.

Our Year 7 football team played Walsall Academy at home, supported brilliantly by each other and coached by Mr James, Mr Reed and Mr Cook.

Elsewhere on the field, Mr Smith was coaching our Year 8 football team, while Mr Pierce was coaching rugby.



On The Arena (our new MUGA), Mrs Mitchell, Miss Chapman and Miss Greenhough were courtside with our netballers. It was fantastic to see 38 to training. Are there any more potential netball players out there? It would be great to see 50 at the next training!

It was wonderful to see so many students active, representing their school with pride, and encouraging one another. There is an enrichment activity for everyone, and I strongly encourage every student to join in. You will feel healthier, happier, and part of something special.



## Year 11 Maths Masterclasses

On Wednesday, our Year 11 students took part in their first intensive Maths masterclasses as part of their preparation for GCSE examinations. Our students were outstanding, showing maturity, resilience and determination. They made real progress during the sessions and will now be applying this knowledge both in class and in their homework past-papers.

We are extremely fortunate to have an exceptional team of Maths teachers: Miss Gilbert, Miss Green, Mrs Kumar, Mrs Huskisson, Mr Yates, Mr Queensborough and Mr Windsor, whose dedication and expertise make a huge difference. Graduates in Maths are amongst the most sought-after professionals, and it is a privilege that our team choose to use their skills to shape the futures of Brownhills students.



## House Point Leaderboard



Miss J Greenhough - Holland: 42,654 (1st)



Mrs J Mitchell - Phineas: 41,809 (2nd)



Mrs J Huskisson - Knaves: 39,433 (3rd)



Mr J Pierce - Coppice: 37,112 (4th)

## Family Reading Morning

At Brownhills, we are clear: the more you read, the more you know. Reading is central to our culture, not only because it unlocks the curriculum, but because it opens worlds of imagination and possibility.

This week, we welcomed some Year 7 families into school for a special Family Reading Morning in the library. Students and their families shared books together, enjoyed refreshments and even sampled the students' excellent baking skills! It was a brilliant opportunity to celebrate reading, practise important skills, and show families what makes our school community so special.

From our Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) sessions, to reading aloud in PT time, to the borrowing of books from our library, reading is at the heart of what we do. We look forward to offering more opportunities for families to join us in celebrating this vital part of school life.



## Thank You

None of this would be possible without the continued support of our families. Thank you for ensuring that students arrive on time, in perfect uniform, and ready to learn. These details make all the difference and they show pride, preparation and partnership.

I am particularly impressed with the commitment shown by Year 11. They know that their academic qualifications will open doors to a life of choice and opportunity. With the support of their families, our staff, and the entire community, I know they will succeed.

## Looking Ahead

This week has been a reminder of what makes Brownhills Ormiston Academy so special: ambitious students, dedicated staff, strong family partnerships, and deep roots in the local community. Together, we are ensuring that every student belongs, every student matters, and every student makes their one chance count.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing many of you in and around the academy in the weeks ahead.

With very best wishes,  
**Mr R T Doodson**  
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