



Headteacher's Newsletter



Brownhills Turns Yellow

It has been another fantastic week at Brownhills Ormiston Academy – a week full of achievement, ambition, community spirit and celebration. As always, I want to start by recognising the brilliant work of our students, the commitment of our staff, and the unwavering support of our families. It is this powerful partnership that enables our young people to thrive.

You may notice a change in our newsletter design this week. Yellow is the colour of the moment, as will become clear when you read about the highlight of the week – House Cross Country 2025.

At Brownhills, we believe that every student has one chance at their education, and we are determined to make it count.



Reading: A Gateway to Knowledge

On Tuesday, 14 of our Year 7 students accompanied Mr Pierce on a walk down to Brownhills Library – an incredible community resource just five minutes from our school gates. Students were given a library induction by Jill, one of the librarians, and explored the excellent children and teen sections, packed with quality fiction and non-fiction books.

They learned about free book requests for under 18s, access to computers, WiFi, printers, and a range of events that happen throughout the year. It was a great opportunity to connect with a wider culture of reading in our local area, and to embed our belief that the more you read, the more you know.

We also visited the Brownhills Community Centre for squash and biscuits, and were warmly welcomed by Jan, Nigel and Kerry, who gave students the chance to talk with members of our local community over lunch. It was a fantastic reminder of how our school sits at the heart of Brownhills.



Celebration: Recognising Effort and Pride

Every week, we take time to celebrate the hard work and pride that students show in their learning. One of the highlights is Hot Chocolate Friday, where students are nominated for showing real excellence in their classwork and Loved Books, our expectation that students take pride in the presentation and quality of their work.

This week, congratulations go to Marcus, Will, Jeremiah, Maisie A, Maisie H and Jordan, who met with Mrs Chaplin, Senior Deputy Headteacher, to talk through their books and achievements. A brilliant effort from all!



We also hosted another successful PROUD Wednesday, where students brought work, achievements and talents to share in the Foyer during breaktime. From academic work to medals, projects, and personal accomplishments, we love to see it all. Our thanks to Mrs Huskisson, Assistant Headteacher, for championing this event. Students can earn PROUD stamps for a prize draw, so please do get involved next week!



Academic Focus: Year 11 Rising to the Challenge



Year 11 are now in full preparation mode for their November mock examinations, and we could not be prouder of their efforts. Last week, we welcomed students and families to our Prepare to Perform evening, which was a fantastic opportunity to share revision strategies, wellbeing support, and subject-specific advice in English, Maths and Science.

This week also saw the launch of Lesson 6, our extended day sessions for Year 11. Attendance was exceptional, with students showing real focus and resilience. A special mention to Miss Gilbert's 11L2 Maths group and Mr Hadley's 11L2 English group for their record turnout. The aim is 100% attendance across all subjects, and we know this additional effort will make all the difference.

Well done to our brilliant Year 11s – your hard work now will lead to the future you deserve.

Sport: Pride, Participation and Team Spirit

Sport is the lifeblood of Brownhills, and this week has been nothing short of exceptional in our PE department. Over 100 students participated in enrichment sport this week, showing the fantastic Brownhills spirit of joining in and getting involved.

A huge congratulations to our Year 10 netball team, who stormed to a 21-4 victory against Blue Coat. Miss Greenhough was full of praise for the performance and the positive attitudes shown throughout.

And then...what a way to end the week!

On Friday afternoon, we held our first House Cross Country event, and it was phenomenal. This was the first major competition since relaunching our House system, and the atmosphere across the school was electric. The course saw students run across Holland Park, The Parade, Brownhills Common, and finish to cheering crowds supporting their houses on the school field.

The event was marshalled by Brownhills staff, our friends at the Brownhills Community Association, local PCSOs and Police Officers and other friends of the school. I am grateful to all those who supported and all students who participated.

The House Cross Country Cup was awarded to COPPICE house, with Karla (Coppice Sports Captain) and Izzie (Coppice House Captain) collecting the trophy alongside a very relieved Mr Pierce, Head of Coppice – who may have taken the yellow House colours to a whole new level of commitment!

This was Brownhills at its very best.



Thank You: Our Whole School Community

As always, I want to close by thanking you, our families, for your constant support – whether that's making sure your child is in school on time, in perfect uniform, or encouraging them to read, revise or get involved in enrichment. Your role is vital in helping students be ready to succeed.

The positive behaviour, ambition, and effort we are seeing in lessons and around the academy is something we should all celebrate this weekend. Take a moment to ask your child about their House Points – and celebrate their success together.





I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for another brilliant week of learning, enrichment and achievement.

With very best wishes,

Mr R T Doodson
Headteacher



House Point Leaderboard

 <p>HOLLAND</p> <p>51,120 (1st)</p>	 <p>PHINEAS</p> <p>50,272 (2nd)</p>
 <p>KNAVES</p> <p>47,445 (3rd)</p>	 <p>COPPICE</p> <p>43,845 (4th)</p>