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**Brownhills
Ormiston Academy**





Welcome to Brownhills Ormiston Academy

We are exceptionally proud of our school and our community. At Brownhills, we have a clear and unwavering mission: we know that every student who walks through our doors has only one chance at their education. One single, precious opportunity to build the foundations to enjoy a life filled with choice and opportunity.

We understand that the five years at secondary school are not just a phase, but a defining chapter in your child's story, one that will shape their futures in ways that you cannot imagine yet. Our commitment is simple but powerful. We will work tirelessly to create an environment where every student feels safe, valued, and inspired to push beyond their limits. There are no limits for a Brownhills student who chooses to work hard.

Our three values are the drivers for the work of our school: ready, respect and safe. They are embedded in our culture of learning and the behaviours of our academy community.

Our broad and ambitious curriculum enables students to acquire and retain the knowledge and skills required to meet their full academic potential and to be prepared for post-16 pathways. We offer a wide range of subjects that will give our students rich experiences at school.

We are a school that is very well known for our sports, music and drama. Beyond our ambitious curriculum, our students have access to a range of wider opportunities, competitions, events, trips, and clubs.

Our students must and will leave us with skills, attributes and academic qualifications to enable them to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity.

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions you will make. I ask you to place your trust in us: in our staff, our values, and our vision. Brownhills Ormiston Academy is a school that cares deeply, aims high, and delivers results.

I invite you to make a choice that will begin our partnership to ensure the future that your child deserves. I invite your child to join a school where they will belong, they will be challenged, they will succeed, and those successes will be recognised and rewarded.

Prospective students and their families are welcome to contact the academy to arrange a visit during or after the school day. I look forward to meeting you and your child.

Finally, I am completely clear: our students have one chance at their education. Let us make it count - together.



Mr R T Doodson Headteacher

'Pupils speak highly about the school's high expectations for their behaviour which are clear and consistent. There is a calm and orderly atmosphere in the school.'

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'Pupils know that they can talk to an adult if they have a concern, and this will be dealt with.'

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'Pupils appreciate the many clubs and trips which the school organises for them. They speak especially highly of the many performing arts opportunities and the school choir. They also enjoy the trips abroad and to the theatre, as well as the many clubs the school organises for a wide range of interests.'

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Culture, Belonging and Ambition



Everything we do at Brownhills is rooted in a belief that every child matters, every child belongs, and every child deserves the best.

We have remarkable students with extraordinary potential. Leadership opportunities are a cornerstone of life at Brownhills. Beyond academic excellence, our personal development programme is designed to support the growth of every student. From wellbeing workshops to leadership opportunities, we nurture qualities such as empathy, responsibility, and resilience. A crucial part of our personal development programme is our enrichment and wider opportunities calendar.

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do; our dedicated pastoral team works tirelessly to ensure that every student feels secure, supported, and respected. This is a school where safeguarding isn't an add-on; it is a strength embedded in our culture. We are a smaller than average school by design, so we can offer personalised care and guidance that ensures no student is overlooked. Our exceptional pastoral team prioritises providing the support for every student to be in every lesson, every day.



Opportunities at Brownhills

'Brownhills is a real family school, staff and students appreciate each other and work together to get excellent results. The friends I have met here will be my friends for the rest of my life.'

Layla Year 10

'The school has worked with external providers to ensure all pupils are well prepared for their next steps.'

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Sport, health and competition are extremely important to us at Brownhills. All students are encouraged to play sport, and, among other individual and team games, the academy successfully competes in:

- Football
- Swimming
- Netball
- Rugby
- Rounders
- Gymnastics

Other extracurricular activities include:

- STEM
- Computing
- Art
- Social Action
- Eco Club

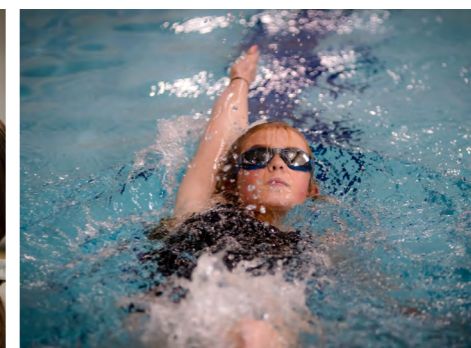
Brownhills Ormiston Academy is home to the largest and best school choir in Walsall, creating a vibrant community where students come together to create extraordinary music. Uniquely in the Walsall and surrounding area, we offer free musical instrument and vocal tuition, also providing instruments at no cost to families. We do so because we believe in the power of the arts to transform lives.

Our school productions are an amazing showcase of talent, creativity, and hard work, celebrated by students, families, and the wider community alike. Under expert, professional industry standard teaching, our students really do reach the highest standards in the arts.

Regular trips to Europe and beyond are an important and stimulating part of the Brownhills experience. Recently, students have visited London, Paris and Belgium as part of their wider development.

'The teachers at Brownhills work to help you succeed. You get lots of support. They don't just tell you what to do, they help you to make the right choices.'

Thomas YR 11



'The school is rightly proud of its provision to improve pupils' personal development. There is a wide range of activities available. The school monitors pupils' engagement carefully to ensure that all pupils benefit from the offer.' OFSTED – 2024



Beyond the academy, partnerships are important too. Our educational programme and excellent sports facilities are strong. Brownhills Ormiston is at the centre of a happy and vibrant local community.

Brownhills is a community academy in the broadest sense. Visitors often comment on the warm and friendly atmosphere in the school and the buzz of activity that greets them. Many other schools regularly use our 20 metre indoor pool, and local children can experience new activities via our popular after-school clubs.

Pupils are rightly proud of their fund-raising activities for local and national charities. We are brilliantly served by local Governors who support and challenge the work of the school effectively.

Our Community



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Another source of our strength is our membership of the Ormiston Academies Trust. Being part of a family of over 40 schools across the country means we are not alone in our ambition; we collaborate, share best practice, and support each other to serve our communities better every day. This partnership enriches our provision and ensures that Brownhills benefits from the expertise and resources of a strong, forward-thinking trust.

'Pupils are aware of a full range of ambitious destinations open to them. These include local sixth forms, as well as employers and apprenticeships.'

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'Staff at Brownhills let you have the freedom to be the person you want to be. You are treated as an individual and allowed to express yourself in whatever way works for you.'

Sam YR9



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