

Headteacher's Newsletter



In a departure from our newsletters that celebrate the achievements of our school, I thought that we should take a moment to see what our school community has to look forward to over the four weeks leading to the Christmas holiday. Our staff and student leaders are busy preparing a series of events to develop the experience of every student. Whilst it is true that our students have one chance at their education and we all have a duty to make it count, it's also true that you only get one chance at childhood, so it is important that our school provides rich opportunities that ensure school is a fun and exciting place to be. I am encouraging every student to ensure they attend all of the next twenty school days and make the most of every opportunity at Brownhills Ormiston Academy.



Coming Soon at Brownhills...

Attendance Matters: December To Remember

Attendance is the foundation of success. Every lesson missed is a learning opportunity lost, and we remind our students daily that you have to be here to gain the skills, attributes and qualifications you need. To encourage excellent attendance, we have got more attendance prizes coming soon. Students who attend every day will be entered into exciting prize draws. The message is simple: be here, every day, ready to learn. Make sure you're here to be in with a chance of winning.

Careers Fair: Inspiring Futures

On Thursday 27th November, we are thrilled to host our Careers Fair for Years 9 to 11. Local businesses and further education providers will join us to inspire students about the world beyond Brownhills. This is a vital opportunity for students to explore pathways that will give them a life of choice and opportunity. We encourage families to talk to their children about the event and help them think about the skills and qualifications they will need for their future.



Golden Tickets: Celebrating Excellence

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be on the lookout for students demonstrating consistently excellent learning behaviours. Those who go above and beyond will receive Golden Tickets, which will earn them an early lunch with cookies and cake in The Foyer. This initiative is all about rewarding students who show commitment and positivity in every lesson.

Hot Chocolate Fridays & Proud Tables: Four To Go!

There are four more Hot Chocolate Fridays before the end of term for students who are nominated for Loved Books, and four more Proud Tables open to students. Bring your achievements to the Proud Table to be in with a chance to win an iPad in our prize draw. These events celebrate effort and achievement, reminding students that hard work and pride in learning are key to success.

Headteacher's Brunch

We will soon host another Headteacher's Brunch for students who have shown sustained effort and progress across the curriculum. This is not about one-off success, but about consistent commitment. Living out our mission to make every day count. Invitations will go to those who embody our values and demonstrate resilience and ambition.

Music & Performing Arts: A Season of Song

Christmas at Brownhills is always filled with music, and this year is no exception. Our Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday 16th December, showcasing the incredible talent of our musicians. We will also host Community Carols at The Crown and Brownhills Community Centre, bringing festive cheer to our wider community. Next week, we welcome Year 5 students from local primary schools for our Countdown to Christmas Carol Concert. Music is at the heart of Brownhills. As a proud singing school, we believe that singing brings joy and confidence to our students.



Brownhills Christmas Fayre

Join us on Saturday 6th December for our Christmas Fayre, from 10am to 1pm. Expect exciting stalls, delicious food and drink, and live entertainment. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the festive season. We look forward to seeing families, friends, and local businesses supporting this event.

House Winter Sports Competition

Our second House Trophy of the year is up for grabs in the Winter Sports Competition. This is another chance for students to showcase their sporting prowess and teamwork. Sport teaches resilience and determination which are attributes that prepare students for success both in and beyond school.

Charity Fundraising

As part of our commitment to community values, we will hold a Christmas Jumper Day and a Non-Uniform Day to raise funds for charity. Giving back is an essential part of being a Brownhills student. It reflects our value of respect and reminds us that education is not just about qualifications, but about character.

A Special Visitor...

Rumour has it that The Grinch may be returning to Brownhills! Keep your eyes peeled – you never know where he might appear...

Approaching the Festive Season

As we approach the festive season, let us remember what makes Brownhills special: a community where every student is welcome, belongs, and is proud to be part of something bigger. The next four weeks are packed with opportunities to learn, grow, and celebrate together. Our mission is clear: You get one chance at your education; make it count. By embracing these events, showing up every day, and living our values of ready, respect, safe, we ensure that Brownhills is not just a school, but a place of choice, opportunity, and joy.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make these next twenty days count.

With very best wishes,
Mr R T Doodson
 Headteacher

