



# Headteacher's Newsletter



As we approach the final few weeks of the autumn term, it is a privilege to reflect on the incredible achievements and positive spirit that continue to define our school community. This week has been another week of celebration and optimism. We have rewarded students for excellent attendance, launched our community Christmas events, and continued to welcome visitors into school to strengthen our links with the wider Brownhills community.

Every day at Brownhills is an opportunity to learn and grow. Our students are showing resilience, ambition, and pride in their school, and we are proud to see them making the most of every opportunity. I am delighted to share some of the highlights from this week.



## Mastering Maths: Year 10 Prepare for Assessments

On Monday, our Year 10 students participated in a bespoke Maths Masterclass day, designed to prepare them for the important assessments starting this week. These assessments are a vital milestone in their journey toward GCSE success, and the day focused on building confidence and mastery of key skills. Students engaged in challenging activities and focused on techniques for answering exam-style questions to mirror the rigour of GCSE examinations.

Thank you to our dedicated Maths team for planning such an inspiring day. Their commitment ensures that our students are not only prepared for assessments but also equipped with the resilience and strategies needed for success. We are so lucky to have a team of teachers dedicated to support our students to gain the skills, attributes and qualifications they need to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity.

Well done and thank you to Year 10 for making the most of this opportunity and working so hard throughout the day.

## Personal Development & PSHE: Building Skills for Life

At Brownhills, we believe education is about growing the whole person. Our Personal Development curriculum plays a vital role in shaping confident, informed, and responsible young people. This week, we welcomed parents into school for a PSHE curriculum consultation. Your thoughtful feedback has been invaluable in shaping how we deliver these topics, ensuring they reflect the needs and values of our community. Thank you for your insight and support.



We also hosted two local police officers who delivered a powerful session to Year 10 on knife crime and its dangers. This was an incredibly engaging and thought-provoking experience, giving students a real-world perspective on issues that affect young people today. Hearing stories from individuals who have lived through these challenges made the session even more impactful.

Meanwhile, Year 8 enjoyed a theatre-in-education performance focused on healthy lifestyles and positive decision-making. The performance was followed by an interactive workshop that encouraged students to think critically about their choices and wellbeing. Thank you to Dr Caldwell and Mrs Mitchell for organising these events, Walsall Council for their support, and Year 8 for listening so attentively and engaging so positively.



## Celebrating Success Together

This week, we came together as a whole school for our third celebration assembly of the year. It was inspiring to see every member of our community united in one space, supporting and celebrating each other's successes. During the assembly, we awarded attendance rewards and golden tickets, and shared achievements from across the school.

Congratulations to Year 7 for leading the attendance race and to Holland House for maintaining their position at the top of the house points leaderboard. A special thank you to our choir for their excellent rendition of *Survive* by Lewis Capaldi, and an extra well done to Thomas and Jeremiah for their outstanding solos. These moments of celebration remind us how lucky we are to belong to such a fantastic community.

## Preparing for Your Futures

This week, students in Years 9, 10, and 11 attended careers workshops, meeting local further education providers and businesses to explore future pathways. These sessions were a fantastic opportunity for students to ask questions, gain insights, and understand what steps they need to take to achieve their ambitions. It was particularly inspiring to see Brownhills alumni representing these organisations – true role models who demonstrate the life of choice and opportunity that can be achieved through hard work and determination.

Alongside this, we are proud of the students completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in Years 9 and 10. This prestigious qualification demands resilience, commitment, and independence, and our students have already begun their volunteering and skill development work. Well done to all involved – your efforts will open doors to exciting opportunities in the future.



## Sporting and Artistic Triumphs

Our students continue to excel in sport and the arts. This week, our Year 9 and 10 netball teams played against Shire Oak, with Year 9 securing a fantastic 14–4 victory and Year 10 narrowly missing out. Special mentions go to Kaci-Mai and Olivia for being named players of the match, and to Kimora in Year 8 for stepping up to play in the Year 9 team with maturity and skill beyond her years.

In Performing Arts, rehearsals for the Christmas Concert are in full swing, and we were thrilled to launch the Year 7 & 8 play *Fairy Tale Courtroom*, with 50 students attending auditions. Thank you to Ms Carter and Mr Windsor for their leadership and creativity. We also extend our gratitude to the 20 students who sang beautifully at Watling Street Primary School's Christmas Fayre on Friday evening. Thank you for a wonderful contribution to a lovely community event.



## Friday Celebrations

We finished the week with yet more celebrations as we continue to recognise the outstanding levels of effort and commitment shown by our students and their families to ensure every moment at our school counts. Our Friday celebrations included:

- 1. Attendance Reward:** Well done to Alfie for claiming the 100% attendance prize and winning a bluetooth speaker! There will be a prize draw every week for student who attend every day that week. It resets at the beginning of each week so everyone is in with a chance of winning again from tomorrow. Next week's prize...a gaming headset!
- 2. Hot Chocolate Friday - Loved Books:** Thank you to the superb Year 7s who joined Mr Pierce for Hot Chocolate Friday this week. They brought beautifully presented Geography and RE books to the Conference Room and the students were so articulate about their learning.
- 3. Pizza In The Foyer - Golden Tickets:** Our Golden Ticket winners from Wednesday's assembly came to The Foyer for an early lunch with Mr Doodson on Friday to enjoy delicious pizza, prepared by our wonderful caterers. Thank you to the students for showing continued commitment to excellence in every lesson. Be ready, because there are more Golden Tickets to be awarded in the coming weeks!



## Looking Ahead

We have three weeks left of this term, and we must make them count. Every minute of every lesson matters because each one is an opportunity to learn and grow from the expertise of our amazing staff. As we look ahead, we are excited for the upcoming Christmas events, including the Year 5 Carol Concert in our theatre on Monday evening with a live brass quartet, and our Christmas Fayre next Saturday from 10am-1pm. These events are a celebration of our community spirit, and we can't wait to see many of you there.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students make the most of every opportunity. Together, we are building a school where ambition thrives, values matter, and every child knows they belong.

**You are welcome here. You belong here. Proud to be part of the Brownhills community.**

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

