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Gain the skills, attributes and qualifications you need, to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity.

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



A Message From **Mr Doodson** To **Year 11** & Our Wider Community

Dear all,

2nd May 2026

We have arrived at a crucial moment in our school calendar as our brilliant Year 11s have now begun their GCSE examinations. This means that thirteen years of education from Nursery to Year 11 is coming to an end and they are preparing to move into a new stage of their lives as confident young adults ready for the opportunities and challenges ahead of them.

Our Year 11 arrived at Brownhills Ormiston Academy in September 2021 having experienced the disruption of the pandemic throughout Year 5 and 6. When they arrived to us, we were clear with them about our belief that they could do amazing things if they were kind and worked hard.

From September until now, they have been living out our clear mission that they only have one chance at their education, and they have a duty to make it count. More than that, they know that attending BOA, working hard at school and at home, and having ambitious aspirations for their future means that they will leave our school with the skills, attributes and academic qualifications to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity.

When I met Year 11 for assembly this week, I reminded them of something I have repeatedly told them: every single one of them, without exception, has the potential to do well and to go on to success.

For every young person in our school, success will look different. It is right that success comes in many forms and should be celebrated as equal. That is what an inclusive school looks like – one that allows every child to work towards their next goal. Success might be making it into school after a difficult week or joining a new club for the first time. Success might be practising your reading, learning your French vocabulary, or it might be finally cracking your performance of a difficult song that has been challenging to rehearse. All of these successes should be celebrated.

Success might be moving from a grade 3 to a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, which should be applauded as a real achievement for those who are not quite there yet but have been working hard in class, attending intervention and revising at home. For others, it might be striving to get that grade 9 in GCSE History by improving your knowledge and understanding of the Crime and Punishment unit which you studied at the start of the course in Year 10 because you have identified that is your area for improvement.



It is precisely because all success should be celebrated that we have House Points, Golden Tickets, Personal Tutor Awards, Subject Awards, Head of Year Awards, the Proud Table, Hot Chocolate Friday for Loved Books, Headteacher Awards, the Headteacher's Brunch, half termly Rewards Assemblies and our Annual Awards Ceremony. The Brownhills staff are proud to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our hard-working students who are making progress towards their next personal goal. However, it does not take a certificate to celebrate success. Those individual moments of recognition are often even more powerful.

I encourage you to find the successes in those around you and to celebrate them richly. If your friend has answered a question in class and they are not normally confident to do so, make sure you say 'well done' to them. If your younger sister or brother is showing resilience, support them and show them that you care. If your child has achieved House Points this week, find the time to reflect on that and celebrate their success with them. We are a team and we are all in this together, so support for each other is vital for success.

I remain grateful to our entire community for their support. Our already great community school will continue to flourish when we all work together. On behalf of our entire community, I wish Year 11 all the very best for their examination season. We all look forward to celebrating with you later this year. Whatever the outcome, you can go into the next two months with your heads held high, knowing that you have worked hard, done your best and that we are all very proud of you.

To be very clear to our Year 11 – I am extremely proud of you all. Keep going!

With my very best wishes to all our families, and with thanks for your continued support,

Mr R T Doodson
Headteacher

