



Day 1

Summer School

NEWSLETTER

Back To Brownhills: Summer School Begins

Dear families, friends and our wider community,

The Summer School has begun with a fantastic day filled with top quality Maths, English, Geography, Science and PE. The students have been able to showcase their incredible knowledge and skills through a range of activities and learning opportunities.

We have also been building friendships and strengthening our Brownhills community through our shared time at break and lunch. The students have enjoyed football, netball and talking in the beautiful sunshine while getting to know one another.

Today has shown us some of the great behaviour, attitude and effort we can expect to see next year. We can't wait to see more of it as the week continues.



Percy Jackson & Problem Solving

The day started with English and Maths sessions that really got these brilliant young people thinking creatively. English and Maths are so important for the futures of these young people and they are showing already that they have what it takes to be excellent students in these subjects.

In English, the students began to look at Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief, exploring the links to Greek Mythology and the way Rick Riordan achieves his ambition of bringing these amazing Ancient Greek stories to modern teenagers. They read the first chapter with Miss Taylor who brought the story to life for them, and discussed how Riordan grabs the reader in the first chapter. Percy speaks directly to the reader in this chapter and the students commented how it helped them to connect with the story.

In Maths, their problem-solving skills were tested with a series of different challenges that made them think hard to find solutions. One of these challenges was to make every number between 1 and 100 using only 'Four Fours'. After the first few numbers it is incredibly difficult, but the students showed their ability to think outside the box. A very challenging task set for them by Mr Windsor!

Lunchtime Netball



A Word From Our Students...



Oliver

I am starting Brownhills in September after being at Castlefort Academy for the last seven years. I am excited (and a bit nervous at the same time) about joining Brownhills because it's a bigger school and that means there will be more opportunities. I had a great time at Castlefort because of the lovely teachers and how well they got to know me. Ever since the Transition Days I feel as if many of the staff and students at Brownhills have really got to know me as well so I feel happy and ready for my new start.

I have been at Summer School today and it's been amazing! All of the teachers here are really welcoming and I have been tested already, especially in Maths. I really enjoyed Geography. We were given an island and we had to plan where things like houses, hospital, emergency shelter, power generators, schools, shops etc. would go. We had to think about how accessible it is and factors such as avoiding the volcano! It was great because we had a budget and had to think really creatively and carefully about how to spend it.

I am having a great time and really looking forward to sharing my work with my parents on Wednesday and Friday.

Survival Island and Life on Mars

Through their Geography and Science work, the students have explored how to make decisions and take accountability for issues that arise as a result of their choices. They have explored the real world problems faced by society today and have looked at how, through understanding and knowledge, choices can be made that benefit humanity.

In our superb Geography sessions, the students have used a range of map reading skills to plan their survival on a desert island. By working as a team, they have made decisions on where to settle, how to best use the resources of the island and overcome challenges that the environment may bring them.

Their work in science has pushed the students to understand the challenges that face the scientific community of tomorrow. The students have examined how the colonisation of Mars by humans could be achieved and have planned their own Mars colonies. Students have looked at the materials, resources and potential difficulties faced by leading space agencies as they look to the stars and the future of mankind.



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I am starting Brownhills in September after being at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School. I am excited to start my journey at Brownhills because of the opportunities available such as sports clubs, music clubs and more! I am a little bit nervous for the challenge of new work. I loved my time at St Bernadette's because of my friends in my class and also the leadership roles that were available leading to me becoming head girl!

I have been at summer school today and it has been really fun! Especially playing netball at break and lunch and getting to meet new people. Another part of the day that has been amazing was English, learning about Percy Jackson and Greek mythology. All the teachers are really nice and supportive making sure we are doing okay and challenging us with work.

I am having lots of fun and really excited for the rest of the week. It is going to be really enjoyable getting ready for the showcases and presentation days later in the week. I'm looking forward to finding out what the project is on Wednesday!

A Word From Our Students...



Evie

Brownhills Sport - Rugby & Netball

After a busy day in the classroom, thinking carefully, sharing ideas and putting pen to paper, the students spent the final part of the afternoon working just as hard on the sports field. Through a combination of Netball and Rugby, they developed their physical skills while also learning about the importance of teamwork, communication and respect.

During their excellent sports sessions, the students worked alongside our fantastic PE team to improve their handling, movement and passing. They explored how to move effectively into space, support their teammates and communicate clearly during competitive activities. In both sports, the students were encouraged to make quick decisions, respond positively to challenges and consider how their individual actions could contribute to the success of the whole team.

The sessions also gave the students an opportunity to demonstrate determination, resilience and sportsmanship. They approached each activity with enthusiasm and worked hard to develop their confidence, accuracy and understanding of the games. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, listening carefully to instructions and showing respect towards both their teammates and opponents.

The students were outstanding throughout the afternoon and demonstrated that they are excellent sportspeople in the making. Their hard work, positive attitudes and willingness to learn provided a brilliant end to a superb first day at Summer School.



A Word From Our Staff...

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It has been fantastic to see students settling into Brownhills well and being so engaged and positive about their learning - Miss G Taylor

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Yet again, the Brownhills students have exceeded our every expectation, a future cohort already brimming with pride. Continue this trend and you will continue to excel - Mr S McAleenan-Marks

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Looking Ahead

With one incredible day done, the students should be looking forward to the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow. They will continue to use their Maths skills to solve reasoning problems. They will also be able to showcase their writing skills as they create a fantastic piece of creative writing in preparation for our celebration on Friday. We will continue to use Geography and History skills and explore the local history of Brownhills. Students will also enjoy a session of Music which will allow us to see the talents some of these incredible students have. Well done Team Summer School!

With very best wishes,

Mr A Cox

Head of Year 7

