



Headteacher's Newsletter



Welcome Back To Brownhills!

Dear families, friends and our wider community,

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year.

It is always a pleasure to welcome our students back to Brownhills Ormiston Academy. From the arrival of our new Year 7 students to the return of Years 8, 9, 10 and 11, the academy has been filled with energy, enthusiasm and determination.

I visit lessons every day and I have already been impressed by the focus and positive attitudes shown by our students.

I have particularly enjoyed seeing purposeful discussions as students 'turn and talk' before giving thoughtful answers. There is a real focus on the quality of work in books, so I have been pleased to see high standards of presentation and students ensuring 'loved books' across the school. It would not be Brownhills without a focus on sports and the arts, so I must mention the singing I have heard and the excellent teamwork on the sports field.

Our students have returned ready to learn, respectful of one another and committed to keeping our academy safe. You have all my heard view that our students get only one chance at their education and we all have a duty to make that chance count. Well done to everyone in Team Brownhills for a great start at our great school.



A Brilliant Start For Our New Year 7

The Class of 2031 have begun their Brownhills journey and what an impressive start they have made!

Our new Year 7 students were greeted by a guard of honour from all the Brownhills staff before walking into their first Headteacher's Assembly as Year 7. It was a fitting welcome for a group of ambitious young people taking their first steps towards a life of choice and opportunity.

Throughout their induction, students spent time with their Personal Tutors, were introduced to The Brownhills Way and began reading 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief', the first book in their Read Aloud curriculum.

They then had the opportunity to demonstrate everything they had learned at their wonderful primary schools. In PE, they were competitive and respectful in equal measure. In Maths and English, classrooms were electric with Turn and Talk, Mini Whiteboards, Choral Response and some fantastic writing.

Their induction finished in true Brownhills fashion with a massed sing in the theatre. They sounded brilliant and showed that our proud tradition as a singing school is in very safe hands!

Year 7 already know our values of ready, respect and safe. I am looking forward to seeing their hard work and commitment to their studies over the coming weeks. Well done, Year 7!



A Warm Welcome To Year 8-11

It was wonderful to welcome our Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students back to the academy on Friday. As I met with each year group in turn, it was great to see the maturity as each year group progresses to the next stage in their school journey.

As students returned to lessons, there was an impressive attitude to learning across the school. I was very pleased to see the number of House Points being issued to students to recognise their efforts and their academic endeavour. A particular highlight from Friday was the Year 8 singing in our theatre. The year group were in fine voice and our legacy as a singing school is clearly in good hands for the future.

Each new academic year is another important stage in a student's life. For some, it brings new subjects and fresh opportunities. For others, it marks the beginning of important choices or the final push towards examinations. Whatever the year group, every lesson and every day matters.

The Brownhills staff know what our students are capable of, and they will continue to challenge, encourage and support them. When our students attend school every day, work hard and live out our values of ready, respect and safe, they will continue moving towards the futures they deserve.



Outstanding Results for the Class of 2026

Before the new term began, we had the enormous privilege of welcoming the Class of 2026 back to Brownhills as they collected their record-breaking examination results.

Results day was a wonderful celebration of years of hard work and commitment. It was fantastic to see students sharing their achievements with proud families, friends, members of staff and the wider community who had supported them throughout their time at the academy.

Every set of results represented an individual journey. Hard work in lessons, overcoming challenges, acting on feedback and countless hours of preparation. Our Brownhills alumni should be immensely proud of what they achieved. Their results have opened doors to exciting next steps, including sixth form, college, apprenticeships and further training. We are delighted to see our former students leave us with the qualifications, skills and attributes they need to pursue lives of choice and opportunity. We are very proud of you all.



A Message for Year 11

Our new Brownhills Year 11, now it is your turn. You are now the 'Senior Year' and the journey towards your GCSE examinations must now step up a gear.

There is no need to feel overwhelmed, but there is a need to act. Success is built through the small decisions you make every day. Attending school, arriving on time, listening carefully, completing home learning, revisiting difficult topics and asking for help when you need it will all stand you in good stead.

Do not wait for mock examinations or the final few weeks before deciding to give your best. Begin now. Build strong habits, use your time wisely, put in the hours now and make every lesson count. The work you complete today will give you greater knowledge and confidence when the summer arrives.

You are capable of achieving incredible things, and every member of staff is ready to support you. We believe in you and we know you will show the effort, determination and consistency needed to make it count this year.

Looking Ahead

Full timetables began on Monday and the week started in the right way. I am very pleased to see students wearing our uniform with pride and arriving on time, fully equipped for learning. Every student should aim for 100% attendance and should make the most of every opportunity available to them at Brownhills.

Preparations for our House competitions will also begin straightaway, with our annual House Cross Country in just a few weeks. There will be many opportunities to represent your House, support your teammates and earn valuable House Points throughout the year. Remember that academic house points can also be earned every day through hard work in lessons and character house points can be earned by demonstrating our values of ready, respect and safe.

Our full programme of clubs begins on Monday 14th September. Whether your interests are in sport, music, performance, science, maths, geography or something completely different, make sure you get involved. Clubs are a brilliant way to develop your talents, build friendships and contribute to academy life. I strongly recommend that every student participates in an enrichment activity.

This has been an exceptional start, but it is only the beginning. The hard work of academic study must be every student's priority.

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

With very best wishes,
Mr R T Doodson
Headteacher

