



Headteacher's Newsletter



Aspirations, Ambition & Achievement

Dear families, friends and our wider community,

This week has been truly inspiring. We have enjoyed celebration and recognition of outstanding achievement and effort at our annual Awards Evening. We have also looked forward at our Careers Fayre, asking all of our students to have high aspirations and to think about their futures.

Success comes in many forms at Brownhills, and I am clear that at our school, everybody has the chance to make their one chance at their education count. The reason it matters to me, and our brilliant staff team, is that we know exciting futures lie ahead for all those who choose to work hard. We want our pupils to be able to thrive in the modern world, beyond our academy gates.



Holland - House Cross Country Champions!

We started the week with a whole school assembly. When I became Headteacher, introducing whole school assemblies was one of my first decisions. Celebration and recognition of effort and hard work is so important for the growth of our school community and for every pupil to see the achievements of their peers.

Bringing every student and staff member together regularly in the Sports Hall gives us chance to recognise success as a whole community. Simply being in the same space reminds us what we are a part of and how proud we are to be part of this community.

In Monday's assembly, I spoke to students about House Points, attendance, the exceptional GCSE results this summer, and my expectations for their hard work every day. We heard a superb performance from Victoria, who sang in front of our whole community, less than six weeks into her journey at our great school. Well done, Victoria!

We also released the much anticipated results of House Cross Country 2026. The winners are...**Holland!** Congratulations to Holland, their Head of House Miss Greenhough and their House Captain, Tom, for a brilliant victory. It was incredibly close. Well done to everyone involved in our first house event of the year.





Awards Evening 2026 - Outstanding Achievement

On Thursday evening, we celebrated the work and achievements of our students over the last twelve months. The Awards Evening is always an incredibly special event in our calendar. It allows us to recognise the success of students across every aspect of school life. Every department selects award winners to celebrate students who excel in their subject. We also have awards for extra-curricular commitment and some awards that are purely driven by values: determination, courage, endeavour and character.

It was a joyous evening of celebration. We were delighted to be joined by guest speaker, Heidi Long. Heidi is a GB rower, an Olympic bronze medalist and was part of the first crew of Oxford rowers to win the women's Boat Race in over a decade. Her story of determination and resilience was extremely inspiring as we celebrated the work of students who share those same values.

Every department in school has awards for KS3 and KS4 students. These are given for exceptional attitude and aptitude in lessons. They recognise the great work happening in classrooms every day.

We then have our Trophy Awards which are the highest accolades available at our Awards Evening. They recognise exceptional effort, resilience, determination, courage, respect and the personal values that are important to all of us. This year, these awards included three new awards that reflect the importance of Sports, the Arts and Character at our school.

A particular well done must go to Head Student, Thomas, for receiving the Headteacher's Award. This award recognises Thomas' consistent effort across every aspect of school life, alongside the personal values he has shown since he joined BOA in Year 7. Thomas leads by example and is a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award.



A Word From Our Parents

Myself and my husband are delighted with our children's achievements. For Thomas to win the Headteacher's Award is testament to the brilliant staff who have brought out his confidence in a way we could have never imagined. The Awards Evening summed up how positive Brownhills is and what an amazing place it is to be. The guest speaker was inspirational for children and families. We could not be more proud and delighted with this great school and what it has done for our children.

Laura Whittaker, Year 11 Parent



Careers Fayre

On Friday, we hosted our annual Careers Fayre for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. It was a brilliant event with sixth forms, colleges, apprenticeships, universities and local businesses all in attendance to talk to our students about their next steps.

Students had the opportunity to speak to local professionals and representatives from different establishments to discuss the courses they have on offer. It was fantastic to hear our students asking such interesting questions about different courses, where they might lead, and what they needed to be doing now to secure the offers they want.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Thompson-Giles, Mr Liggins and Mrs Adams for organising the event for our students. Thank you for inviting such a variety of different post-16 providers and preparing the day to inspire our pupils.

Thank you to everyone who came to speak to our students. It is of vital importance that our students are looking ahead and thinking about their future, choices and opportunities.





A Word From Our Staff

As a Brownhills alumnus myself, it is a pleasure to be back at the school I attended supporting our young people with their futures. As a local person, I am completely committed to finding the right pathways for our students to go out and enjoy lives of choice and opportunity in the Midlands and beyond. The Careers Fayre this Friday has provided a fantastic insight into post-16 studies and informed pupils clearly about their next steps. It has been a complete pleasure.

Mr A Liggins, Careers Advisor



A Word From Our Students

I've always had a passion for my education. I love being a student at Brownhills and my love of learning will remain true in Further Education. The Careers Fayre I have attended has only increased my excitement for my life to continue in education and I was thrilled with the variety of sixth forms and universities on offer which is the pathway I personally can see for my future. However, it was also brilliant to see the range of unique college and apprenticeships available in the local area. There really is something for everyone and I am so grateful for this opportunity from Brownhills.

Jake, Year 10 Student



Life Of Choice & Opportunity

The future is bright at Brownhills Ormiston Academy, both for our whole school and for each individual student in our community. It may seem a daunting prospect for a Year 7 or 8 student to think about the GCSE options, A-Levels, degree or career choices they may wish to pursue. I encourage every Brownhills student to be highly ambitious about their future, and to do everything they can to obtain the attributes, skills and academic qualifications that will enable them to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity.

Well done for another fantastic week of hard work and celebration of excellence at our great school!

With very best wishes,
Mr R T Doodson
Headteacher

