

# Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

Headteacher: Mrs N Oddie BA(Hons) NPQH



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January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! As we begin this new decade, we look forward to an exciting time in Brownedge St Mary's journey. This year will be an important one for the school with anticipated Ofsted and Diocesan visits to validate the superb work that we carry out to ensure that our pupils are placed at the heart of all we do. As part of the inspection process, parents are invited to share their views through Parent View, an online questionnaire. The Ofsted Parent View website gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about our school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. If you would like to complete the questionnaire, please complete the short questionnaire at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

As we start a new year, I would like to update you on some key information about school since my Christmas letter.

## Holiday Pattern 2020-21

Details of school holidays for 2020-21 have now been published on the school website. A summary appears on the back of this letter. With children from many feeder primary schools, it is not always easy to ensure our holiday pattern fits in with all other schools. However, next year we have followed closely the Lancashire pattern. I hope this will help reduce the number of requests for holidays to be taken in term time, which as you will know, I can only approve in **exceptional circumstances**.

## E-Safety

I cannot stress more highly the important role you play as parents in monitoring your child's use of social media networks such as *Instagram* and *Snapchat*. Some children, even after our repeated educational messages, are putting themselves in danger by sharing information with strangers posing as "friends". On top of this, some pupils still use social media to spread malicious gossip about others or to post offensive images. When this happens, the fallout almost always spills into school. When this happens, it becomes a school matter and school sanctions will be used to address it. As I often say to our pupils, "think before you post as once posted it can NEVER be taken back. Even if deleted, it is still out there, often already passed on or copied by others." We will be spending the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February to carry on our continued education in keeping our children safe online.

## Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring high standards of uniform are maintained. Hooded tops are not part of the school uniform. In the recent cold weather, more than a few students chose to wear a hooded top under their blazers like a jumper. School jumpers can be purchased as an optional part of the school uniform otherwise a suitable coat (not hooded top) is required.

## Dates for your Diary

Year 11 Mocks Exam Day	20/01/20
Year 11 Reports home to parents	03/02/20
Year 11 Parents' Evening	05/02/20
INSET 4	24/02/20
Year 11 GCSE Information Evening	27/02/20
Review 2 for Years 7,8, 9 and 11	Week beginning 18/03/20
Year 10 reports home to parents	Week beginning 18/03/20
Year 8 Parents' Evening	19/03/20
Year 9 Parents' Evening	24/03/20
Pupil Voice - House Council Meeting	Week beginning 23/03/20
Charity Afternoon	02/04/20

Yours sincerely

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Autumn Term 2020	
INSET DAY	Tuesday 1st September 2020
INSET DAY	Wednesday 2nd September 2020
School Reopens	Thursday 3rd September 2020
Last Day of school	Friday 23rd October 2020
School Re opens	Monday 2nd November 2020
INSET DAY	Friday 6th November 2020
Last Day of School	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 2021	
School re-opens	Monday 4th January 2021
Last day of school	Friday 12th February 2021
School re-opens	Monday 22nd February 2021
Last day of school	Friday 26th March 2021
Summer Term 2021	
School re opens	Monday 12th April 2021
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Last day of school	Friday 28th May 2021
School re-opens	Monday 7th June 2021
Last day of school	Friday 16th July 2021
INSET DAYS	Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July 2021