

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

"If we love others, we live in the light."



BROWNEDGE ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
'Let your light shine'

At Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School, we believe every pupil should **let their light shine**, achieve their best and grow into respectful, confident and kind young people. We want you to succeed, feel proud of who you are, and learn in a calm, safe and happy environment.

Our school is built on our Gospel Values: **Kindness, Hope, Courage, Justice and Patience**. These values guide how we behave, learn and treat one another.

What We Expect from Everyone

1. **Respect and dignity:** Treat everyone with kindness and remember that every person has equal value.
2. **Positive choices:** Use your words and actions to create a safe, peaceful school and never prevent someone else from learning.
3. **Pride:** Wear your uniform correctly and with pride. How you present yourself shows that you belong to our school family.
4. **Preparedness:** Arrive on time, ready to learn, with the books and equipment you need.
5. **Responsibility:** Follow school expectations in lessons, around school, online, on trips and on the journey to and from school.

Rewards for Positive Behaviour

We want to notice what goes well. When you work hard, make good choices and live out our Gospel Values, this may be recognised through:

- Positive Gospel Value points and spot rewards.
- Positive emails or phone calls home, praise postcards and letters.
- Zero Hero, Weekly Wonders and attendance rewards.
- Certificates, badges, celebration assemblies and rewards trips.
- Positive report cards, the Shine Award, the Brownedge Beacon Award and Annual Prize Night.

When Things Go Wrong

We challenge the behaviour, not the person. Mistakes can be learned from, but they also need to be put right. You may be asked to reflect, take part in a restorative conversation, apologise, repair a relationship, complete intervention work or receive an appropriate sanction.

Sanctions are there to protect everyone's right to feel safe and learn. They are not a fixed tariff: staff consider the seriousness of what happened, the circumstances, your previous behaviour and any relevant SEND, disability, safeguarding or other needs. If a sanction is not completed, a further sanction may follow.

School Rules 2026–27

These rules help everyone feel safe, respected and ready to learn:

1. **Be respectful:** Be kind to pupils, staff and visitors. Bullying, discriminatory, abusive or sexualised language is not acceptable.
2. **Follow instructions:** Listen to adults and follow reasonable instructions first time.
3. **Protect learning:** Try your best and do not disrupt other people's lessons.
4. **Wear the uniform correctly:** Full uniform is expected in school and on the journey to and from school.
5. **Be punctual and equipped:** Arrive at school, Form Time and lessons on time with the correct equipment.
6. **Keep phones secured:** If you bring a mobile phone, it must be switched off and secured in your Yondr Pouch for the whole school day.
7. **Use wearable technology appropriately:** Smart watches must not be used for messaging, calls, photos, recording, internet, social media, gaming or to get around the Yondr system.
8. **Move safely:** Walk calmly and quietly, follow the one-way system when it is in use, and use the Pedestrian and Zebra Crossings on Station Road.
9. **Look after our environment:** Put litter in bins and eat only in the dining room, hall or canopy unless staff say otherwise.
10. **Be responsible online and outside school:** Behaviour that harms members of our school family or affects the school can still be dealt with, even when it happens online or outside the school day.

Uniform and Appearance - Key Reminders

- School trousers must be straight/tailored. Leggings, jeggings, stretch-fashion, flared/bell-bottom, sportswear-style or elasticated-waist trousers are not permitted.
- Coats should be plain and dark and are not worn inside the building. Hoodies, denim/leather jackets and coats with prominent logos are not permitted.
- Follow the published hair rules. Extreme colours/styles, extensions, braiding, tramlines, shapes cut into hair or hair shaved to the scalp are not permitted.
- Extreme makeup, false eyelashes, false nails, nail art and nail varnish are not permitted.
- No jewellery is worn in school. Year 11 may wear one plain stud in the lobe of the ear only; clear retainers/studs are also not permitted.

Your Yondr Routine

- **At the start of the day:** Bring your Pouch every day. On arrival unlock it, switch your phone off, place it inside, walk through the Canopy and secure it in front of staff, put it in your school bag and show it at Form Time/equipment checks.
- **At the end of the day:** Use the school Unlocking Stations, remove your phone, close the Pouch to protect the pin and keep the Pouch in your school bag overnight.
- **Late arrival / early departure:** Pouch or unpouch your phone in Pupil Reception with the Attendance Team

Phones, Sanctions and Support

If the Yondr Rules Are Not Followed

Issue	What happens
Forgotten Pouch	Your phone is handed to staff, stored securely in a see-through case and collected at the end of the day. Repeated forgetting may be treated as a lost Pouch.
Damaged or lost Pouch	A sanction will be applied (most likely three days' internal isolation) and the Pouch must be replaced at a charge of £20. Report accidental damage straight away.
Phone seen / not secured	First offence: three school days' confiscation. Second offence: three school days' confiscation plus three days in the PoD. A third offence may result in suspension.
Trying to bypass Yondr	Possessing or using equipment to unlock or defeat the system is a serious offence and may result in suspension.

Respect, Safety and Growing Together

Bullying, “Banter” and Child-on-Child Abuse

Abuse is abuse. Serious bullying, cyberbullying, discriminatory bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, coercive behaviour, sharing nude or semi-nude images, upskirting and other harmful behaviour between young people will be challenged. It will not be dismissed as “banter” or “part of growing up”. If something happens to you or someone else, tell a trusted adult.

Behaviour Outside School and Online

School expectations can apply when you are travelling to or from school, on a trip or activity, in uniform, identifiable as a Brownedge pupil, or when behaviour outside school affects another member of our school family or the orderly running of school. This includes harmful online behaviour and social media use.

Searching and Confiscation

To keep everyone safe, authorised staff may search a pupil or their possessions when there are reasonable grounds to suspect a prohibited item. The policy includes items such as weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, vapes/tobacco, fireworks, pornographic images, replica weapons, energy/fizzy drinks, an unsecured mobile phone and equipment used to get around the Yondr system. Parents/carers are informed when a search has taken place.

Why do we have school rules and a behaviour policy?

Because we care. We are bothered about you. We care about helping you on your way to a successful life post Brownedge. We care about your lifelong learning, helping you become good citizens participating in the adult world.

Our aim is always to help you learn, repair and move forward. After a sanction, you should be able to start again and show through your next choices that you can do better.

10 Key Pupil-Friendly Points

1. **Let your light shine:** Aim high, work hard and grow into the best version of yourself.
2. **Live our Gospel Values:** Show Kindness, Hope, Courage, Justice and Patience in what you say and do. Use these to guide you in how you act and treat others.
3. **Respect everyone's dignity:** Be kind, reject bullying and abusive "banter", and protect everyone's right to learn.
4. **Be ready to learn:** Be punctual, prepared and equipped for every lesson.
5. **Wear your uniform with pride:** Follow the school's uniform and appearance expectations every day.
6. **Keep your phone secured:** Bring your Yondr Pouch, switch your phone off and keep it secured for the whole day.
7. **Use technology responsibly:** Smart watches and online behaviour must never distract, harm others or get around school rules.
8. **Put things right:** Reflect, apologise and take part in restorative work when your choices affect other people.
9. **Accept fair consequences and support:** Complete sanctions and engage with the help offered so that you can make better choices next time.
10. **Help keep our school family safe:** Do not bring prohibited items, speak up when something is wrong, and make choices that allow everyone to shine.

Let's shine our light together