

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

NEWSLETTER 10

As we are quickly approaching the end of the Summer half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support; it has been a very busy time in school and the pupils have been working really hard.

Building work

You will have seen or heard that our building work has commenced to facilitate an improved reception area, school corridors and enhanced toilet provision. This is going extremely well at present, both in terms of the speed of build and how it is not impacting on school business. Our temporary reception area is located through the gates at the side of Greenhalgh's bakery. I will continue to keep you updated with our progress.

Year 11 Exams

GCSE exams have started and our Year 11 pupils have put a huge amount of effort into their revision and preparation. We are very proud of each and every one of them and wish them all the very best over the next few weeks; please do keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Mission Week

During the week beginning 25th April, we celebrated our School Mission Week. During this week, there were lots of activities held in school, including a visit from Chip Kendall – Ministry of Music, which reinvigorated and enlivened our Catholic mission as a school. The week was a huge success and each day we looked at aspects linked to our mission, where we remembered that when we love others, we are living as we have been called to by Christ. Have a look at our school Chaplaincy Instagram and Facebook pages for photos of some of the activities which took place. Thank you to all our community who supported us; it was truly great to welcome you back into school for our celebrations.

Mary Day - Friday 27th May

On Friday the Year 7 to 10 pupils will participate in a day of House-based sessions on Mary, our patron saint. The theme of the day will be 'Journeying with Mary' where pupils will look at the different stages of her life and learn more about our fantastic role model. The day will be fun-filled and give pupils an opportunity to work and learn together, participate in team building activities and tasks developed to enable them to explore their own spiritual journey. **Pupils will finish school at 2pm; should this time be an issue or if any pupil has difficulty in getting home at that time, please inform school and we can make arrangements for them to stay in school until the end of the normal school day.**

Whole School Exams – commencing June 16th for Year 10 and June 20th for Years 7, 8 and 9

Summer examinations will take place beginning on 16th June for Year 10 and 20th June for Years 7,8 and 9 and will finish on 23rd June. Summer exams are a test of how much pupils know and understand from the work they have done all year. It is vital that pupils learn to revise well. To support pupils and to support you in helping your child prepare for these exams, a revision booklet for each year group has been produced. This booklet includes topic lists for all subjects, the exam week timetable and tips and strategies for effective revision. In preparation for this, all regular written homework will cease after half term to allow your child to consolidate their learning through revision.

Rewards Trips and Prize Giving

Heads of House are currently planning rewards trips for the end of the Summer term to ensure that pupils are rewarded for their hard work. Heads of Faculty and Subject Teachers are also deciding who will receive prizes at our annual Prize Giving. This event will be held in Church on Thursday 23 June and will celebrate those pupils who have shown resilience, determination and commitment.

Confirmation

Some of our pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 are currently taking part in the Sacrament of Confirmation programme at Brownedge St Mary's church. During Confirmation, candidates receive the power of the Holy Spirit. This happens

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through the anointing with chrism oil and the laying on of hands. With the Holy Spirit at their side, they are strengthened to be witnesses of Christ in the world and gifted with comfort, hope, inspiration, and peace.

Uniform

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring our uniform standards remain high. It is usually during the final term that uniform standards begin to dip and, whilst I appreciate that pupils are ever growing, this must not impact on our high expectations. We have recently become concerned that a number of pupils have started adding graffiti to their school ties; this goes against our uniform expectations and is unacceptable. Please can you examine your child's school tie to ensure that it conforms to the standard we expect and free from unnecessary marks. We will continue to provide uniform to any pupil who does not wear their uniform correctly. Should any parent require financial support in ensuring that their child's uniform meets our high standards, please get in touch and we will do all we can to support you.

FSM Vouchers – May Half Term

We can confirm that approval has been granted for schools to utilise the LCC Edenred account to order May half term vouchers for benefits-eligible FSM pupils. Each eligible pupil will be issued with a £15 voucher to cover the one-week holiday period. Please contact Mr Burrows, our school Business Manager if you have any questions.

School Production of 'Matilda'

We are very excited to invite you to our School Production of 'Matilda'. Our pupils have been busy rehearsing for the last few months and performances will be held on Thursday 7 July, Friday 8 July and Saturday 9 July. Tickets will be available to purchase nearer the time so please don't miss out as I'm sure, as usual, it will be a fantastic show!

Key dates

For your information, I have outlined below some key events taking place next half term.

Event	Time and Date
Vocations Day	Weds 15 th June
Whole School Exam Week	Weds 16 th June to Thurs 23 rd June
Prize Night	Thurs 23 rd June
Refugee Week	w/c Mon 27 th June
Sports Day	Tues 28 th June
Year 10 Reviews home	Tues 28 th June
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Weds 29 th June 4pm-6.30pm,
Year 11 Valedictory Dinner	Weds 6 th July
'Matilda' School Production	Thurs 7 th , Fri 8 th and Sat 9 th July
Trip Week	w/c Mon 11 th July
Y10 Work experience week	w/c Mon 11 th July
Reports home for Years 7-9	Fri 15 th July
Finish for Summer	Weds 20 th July at 1.30pm

Many thanks again for your ongoing support.

Mrs N Oddie
Headteacher