

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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*Let your
light shine*

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Dear Parents

As the sun continues to shine, so too do our amazing pupils. Here is an update on what is going on at Brownedge this final half term.

The Secretary of State for Education has written [an open letter to parents](#) encouraging continued regular testing, to support all the hard work schools and colleges have been doing to increase participation. With up to 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 not displaying any symptoms, rapid testing remains a vital tool to help us stay ahead of the virus and avoid disruption to education. It is crucial that staff and students continue to test twice weekly in order to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and prevent the spread of the virus. The routine for our staff and pupils is to use the Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) to test on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Please use the link on our school website to inform us of results, both positive and negative. Please also inform school of any positive result on info@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk or Mr McCreesh on mccreeshc@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk as soon as possible. If you need additional tests, these can be collected from the Pupil Reception at any break time.

We have celebrated our pupils' great attitude to learning, progress and involvement in living out our Gospel Values this week. Over 120 pupils have been praised for the number of COURAGE positive they have been awarded. Furthermore, over 100 pupils have been awarded prizes in our forthcoming annual Prize Giving ceremony. Ordinarily, we would celebrate our pupils receiving prizes in a special evening in our beautiful parish church. As you can appreciate, this is not currently possible. However, as with so many things this year, we will not let COVID defeat our energies or passion to provide the best for our pupils. Therefore, we are planning to go ahead, in a safe and appropriate manner, to record a prize giving ceremony and then stream it on our website for you to watch and celebrate with us. This may even be better as it allows us to share with so many more people that wouldn't normally fit into our church on the evening. Something that the whole family can watch and celebrate with us.

Next week sees the start to our End of Year exams for Years 7, 8 and 9. Year 10 have already started their exam programme on Thursday, and I would like to congratulate them on how they behaved and approached this period with maturity and energy. I wish all pupils the very best of luck, knowing they have been well prepared by staff over the year, both in school and remotely.

On Friday, 25th June we will celebrate Diversity Day. Mrs McDonagh and the Equality Group will communicate early next week with the plans for the day. It is a great opportunity to mark the importance of our rich community and I look forward to seeing some great activities taking place.

Kind regards

Mrs N Oddie
Headteacher