

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Half term six is already well underway and as we get into the busyness of this final half term, I would like to update you on a few school matters.

Celebrating our Catholic Mission

This half term, we continue our work to ensure that our pupils understand that our faith and Christian values shape our lives and behaviours. On Wednesday, we celebrated our Vocations Day, with pupils being visited by guest speakers to share how their faith has influenced their lives. Later this month, week beginning 27th June, we will be holding a Refugee Week. As an element of the week, we will be hosting the Escape to Safety immersive experience that supports our understanding the journey of refugees and how we as a school community can support those less fortunate than ourselves. We will also be visited during the week by guest speakers and fundraise for refugee charities. More information will be sent out nearer the time detailing the week's events. As always, we will finish our school academic year with our Gospel Values day. On this day we will celebrate again our mission and guide our pupils understanding as to how important it is to live as Christ tells us to.

Prize Giving

Congratulations to those pupils who have been recognised for their hard work and achievements in Form time and in their subject areas. We will celebrate our Prize Night on Thursday, 23rd June at our beautiful parish church of St Mary's, Brownedge at 7pm. We look forward to seeing our pupils and their parents on this joyous event. It is important to recognise that many pupils may not be recognised; we could double the length of this evening if we awarded prizes to all who are eligible. We do, however, award prizes all through the year and hope we catch every deserving case. I am sorry for any we have missed.

Prefects

In keeping with an established tradition, Year 10 students have applied and now have been selected to be our main school leaders. Those selected can wear a white shirt next week signalling their new status as the senior student group in school. Many have started their apprenticeships as prefects and at Prize Night on 23rd June many of them will be awarded Senior Prefects status. Congratulations to those selected and good luck in your new role in school.

Holidays in Term Time

I still receive too many requests for holidays in term time and hope you understand why I cannot approve the vast majority of them. Governors have asked me to tighten up on this even more, so I am afraid it is unlikely that any request will be granted.

Summer Examinations

Our summer examinations have begun for Year 10. Years 7 to 9 will be sitting their summer examinations starting on Monday next week. These examinations are very important as they test what your child knows and understands from their work this year. We have issued you a revision booklet so you can support your son/daughter with their revision. With GCSEs now more demanding, this is an important way of preparing them for their futures. Please support us by ensuring your child brings revision materials to school to use during their identified revision sessions. Your child has been issued with a timetable for the week.

Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child wears their full uniform properly and smartly. We keep a bank of school shoes in school and will issue these to pupils who come in wearing inappropriate footwear. Even in the summer, the blazer is a part of the uniform and must be brought to school. In very hot weather we allow students to take blazers off and put them in their bags. Before we break for the summer in July, I will write to you again illustrating which shoes are allowed, including rules on hair and jewellery.

Many thanks for your continuing support. I wish you a restful, and hopefully not too muggy, weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Oddie
Headteacher