

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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light shine*

Dear Parents/Carers

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What a busy start to this final half term of 2022! Last week we welcomed into school Mr Logue and Mr Frost, Catholic Schools Inspectors. We are not able to share the result of their visit just yet as it needs to be verified by the authorities, but rest assured we will do so as soon as we are able to. Our pupils were amazing! I am very proud of them and how they engaged in their learning, showed their great behaviour, and spoke about our fantastic school with such enthusiasm and passion. I would also like to thank all parents who completed the parents survey; your time is greatly appreciated.

Since returning in November, we have also held two successful Information Evenings for Year 7 and 11 parents, a school Remembrance Service and Humanotopia for Year 9 pupils, a programme aimed at improving mental health and wellbeing by empowering pupils to make positive changes in their life. If you would like more information on these events, please look out for our Autumn edition of our Shining Lights newsletter which will be published in December 2022.

School Environment

For those parents who have visited school recently, you will have seen how great it looks. Our front entrance, gender neutral toilets and new wall art are now completed, and we have now moved to developing a new multi-functional area on the ground floor of our ELC building. This space will be used as an additional dining area, but will also be available for meetings, assemblies and for potential hire to external organisations.

Operation Christmas Child

Parents will be aware that we are once more supporting Operation Christmas Child, run by Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for all items that have already been sent into school. We have extended our collection deadline to Wednesday 16th November. If you have toothbrushes, face cloths, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, gloves or socks to support our efforts, please send them into school and we will pack shoeboxes ready for collection later in the week.

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPE)

Our Year 11 pupils start their journey to preparing for their final GCSEs with their first PPEs this week. We wish them good luck and hope that they remain focused, calm and confident in the revision they have done and in their ability to do themselves justice. Results from these assessments will be published prior to Christmas.

Advent Joy

As we move towards the Christmas period, we will begin our Advent celebrations. At this time of year, we aim to support those people less fortunate than ourselves, both locally, nationally and across the globe. I realise that it is also going to be a challenging time financially for many families and therefore we will ensure that any charitable work will be done with careful consideration of the current climate. A save the date announcement is **Monday 12th December**. This is our Annual Carol Service, that will be taking place in our beautiful Parish Church at 7pm. All our families and school community are invited to join us in worship at this special time of year.

Good luck to our school in the forthcoming South Ribble Cross Country Championships. I hope the weather is as kind to our athletes as it was this glorious weekend. I will see you all at Hutton Grammar School on Saturday morning, shouting from the side-lines!

Kindest regards
Mrs N Oddie - Headteacher