

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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light shine

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Happy New Year! We are at the end of our second week back to school and it already seems a while ago since Christmas. I hope that you all had a wonderful time with families and loved ones. Whether your break was restful or busy, we look forward to 2024 and all that the new year brings. This week has been particularly cold, and the evenings are still dark but, over the coming half term, we look forward to watching the days getting longer and brighter. The New Year provides so many opportunities for pupils to try something different and set new goals, so I look forward to seeing their achievements in the next edition of Shining Lights newsletter, which will be circulated at Easter time.

Admissions Consultation for 2025/26 - We are currently in the process of consulting on admissions arrangements for students applying for places for the academic year beginning September 2025. The consultation started on 19th December 2023 and will run for 6 weeks, ending on 30th January 2024 at noon. Further information can be found on the school website [here](#). We would welcome your views and you can respond by emailing admissions@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk. Our admissions are ever-growing, and we are oversubscribed in all 7, 8 and 9 Year groups. This is fantastic to see and a true reflection of how our school is becoming the first-choice school for parents in the area.

Governor vacancy - We currently have a vacancy for a foundation governor on our Governing Body. For this particular position, the successful candidate must be a practising Catholic. If you are interested in applying for the vacancy please send an email to chesterv@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk and we will send out the necessary application form.

Appointment Pickup for Pupils - Please can I remind parents that if they are collecting their child to attend an appointment, please can you pick up and drop off children using the Collins Road entrance. There is an intercom system for you to notify the attendance team that you are there. Pupils will sign in and out from the pupil reception, where the attendance team is resident.

Careers Fair – Thursday 25 January 4pm to 7pm - We are hosting a Careers Fair next Thursday in school, and a huge array of colleges, training providers and employers will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome so please come along with your son/daughter and have a look at the fantastic stalls full of information.

Calendar of forthcoming school events

Thursday 25 January	Careers Fair 4pm to 7pm
Wednesday 31 January	Bosco House Feast Day
Wednesday 7 February	Y11 GCSE preparation evening 7pm
8-16 February	Ski Trip - America
Friday 9 February	Finish for half term at 3pm
Monday 19 February	INSET DAY (please note school will be closed for pupils)
Tuesday 20 February	Return to school at 8.30am

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you in the year ahead. To further our parent partnerships, after half term we will be convening a parent forum for any interested parties who may want to get involved in our school improvement journey. As always, please do not hesitate to contact info@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk, if you have any questions.

Kindest regards

Mrs N Oddie
Headteacher