

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER 7

We are already into our second week after the half term break and moving very quickly towards Easter! As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, we are busy celebrating the season of Lent and as a Catholic school it is a special time where we focus on three pillars: Prayer, Fasting and Giving. The pinnacle of our almsgiving will take place at our annual Charity Afternoon and our House forms are busy preparing activities to raise money for various charities during this hectic, but fun filled afternoon. Watch out for photos in our Spring edition of Shining Lights newsletter!

Lancashire County Council School Bus Service Survey

Lancashire County Council are conducting a survey to help the council understand what pupils/parents may want from services in the future. The survey is open from 21st February 2024 and 28th March 2024 and the results will help the county council better understand service user needs and wants. You can access the survey via the link: [School Transport Review Survey - February 2024](#)

Primary School Visits

We are excited to say that this half term we welcome our primary schools into Brownedge for Year 5 Taster Days. Over the next few weeks our primary families will join us to support their transition to high school and provide them with some exciting opportunities. It's lovely to get to know the future members of our ever-growing family and our young pupil leaders really enjoy helping and supporting the programme.

Year 11

Over the next 12 weeks our Year 11 pupils begin their final work towards their GCSE examinations. We wish them, and their families, all the very best over the forthcoming months and please do keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Easter Food Vouchers

We can confirm that approval has been granted for schools to utilise the LCC Edenred account to order vouchers for benefits-eligible FSM pupils for over the Easter holidays. Each eligible pupil will be issued with a £30 voucher to cover the two-week holiday period. Please contact [Mr Burrows](#), our school Business Manager if you have any questions.

WHAY app

Information has been shared with pupils about a new FREE app, available on Apple and Android, called **WHAY** (What's Happening Around You). This has been created using the funding from the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network (LVRN) and is aimed at 11-18 year olds. The app provides information on clubs, activities and events and also has a very useful 'Support' section which directs young people to different services in their time of need. I have attached a copy of the poster we have received from the community development officer at South Ribble Borough Council.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

One of our parishioners, Dave G, is taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. If you would like to sponsor him or follow his progress please click on the link, <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/daves-big-lent-walk-cafod-fundraiser>

Kindest regards

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