



Shining Lights Newsletter

July 2022

Celebrating success

Welcome to our summer edition of Shining Lights. What a brilliant year it has been for Browndedge! It has been wonderful to witness our pupils' light shining bright once again as they excel in all aspects of school life. Throughout the term our pupils have been getting involved in all manner of activities, many of which have been great examples of service to our community.

This publication is a celebration of all that Browndedge is, and for every activity there are hardworking and dedicated members of staff providing rich and engaging experiences for our pupils. Thank you to all in the Browndedge family who make school life so enjoyable.



South Ribble Football Cup Champions

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 Football team, who won their cup final with a 3-0 victory over Balshaws! The boys have had a fantastic season, losing just once and finishing with the lowest Goals Against in the league, while they also reached the fourth round of the National Cup.

Coach Mr Crusham said: "The lads have been a credit all season, and they had a great finish to their school football careers with a very convincing win in the cup final.

Conceding the least goals in the league proved what a solid defence we have, while reaching the fourth round in the National Cup was a really good achievement.

Congratulations all!"



St Peter & St Paul Feast Day

On June 29th the Church celebrates the feast day of Saints Peter & Paul, two incredible heroes of our faith. Some of our Chaplaincy GIFT Team and wider school community went to Mass for this special feast. These two men, with their troubled pasts and great faith, remind us that there is no one who is too far gone for the love of Jesus.



STEM 3D Printing Workshop

In May, our Year 8 pupils took part in a STEM 3D printing workshop in conjunction with BAE Systems and CREATE Education. Our pupils learned how to use Onshape software to create 3D objects and export those designs to the Ultimaker 3D printer!



The JJ Effect



In June, we welcomed the JJ Effect into school to deliver their award-winning anti-knife crime talks to pupils in year 8 and 9. Educating pupils about the dangers of carrying knives is a part of our comprehensive Learning for Life Curriculum. Byron Highton, the founder of the JJ Effect, has dedicated his life to eradicating as much knife crime as possible. Byron's aim is to prevent the trauma of what happened to his family happening to anyone else. After his younger brother Jon-Jo was killed with a knife, Byron uses his pain and PTSD to educate others on the causes, dangers, and aftermath of knife crime. The presentation was very powerful and moving..

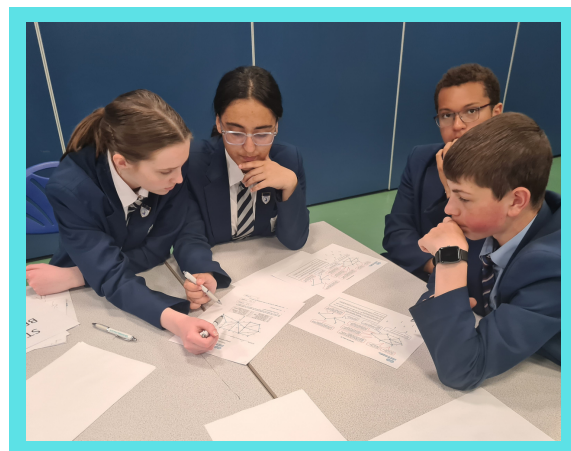
Emerging Schools Rugby Tournament

Well done to our year 7 and 8 pupils who took part in an Emerging School Rugby League tournament at The University of Central Lancashire - UCLan. Competing against a lot of older pupils, our boys finished in a creditable third place!



LUSoM Maths Competition

In July we sent 2 teams to compete in a Maths Competition hosted by the Lancaster University School of Mathematics based at Cardinal Newman College. The teams competed against other top Mathematicians from schools across the Preston area and completed a range of tasks including merry go round Maths, problem solving, a relay and timeline activity.

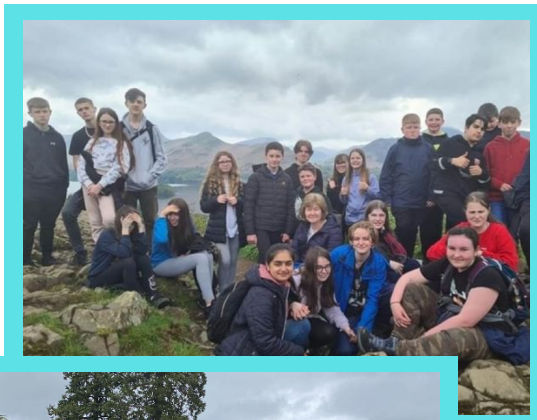


Year 7 and 8 were represented by Brad Holden, Evan Jolly, Alice Deacon and Ryan Counsell. Year 9 and 10 were represented by James Singleton, James Gardner, Ayriya Dadpour and Maddie Hughes. Year 7-8 came 4th out of the 10 schools represented and missed out on 3rd by 1 point! Year 9-10 placed 5th! An enjoyable couple of days and an amazing effort from all involved. Well done!

Castlerigg Chaplaincy Retreat

At the start of May, thirty members of our pupils' chaplaincy teams linked to our distinctive ethos, went on a three-day retreat to Castlerigg Manor. These groups included the GIFT Team, Cafod, SVP, Equalities and Alpha. Pupils from various year groups were accompanied by staff who volunteered to attend, and give up their bank holiday!

Our time on retreat was spent in creative workshops, reflection, games, Mass, prayer and beautiful walks in the heart of the Lake District. It was great to have some days spent getting to know Jesus, each other and ourselves in a deeper way.



Mary Day

On our final day before half term we celebrated Mary Day, a time to get to know our school's patron in a new way. This year's Mary Day focused on Mary during the different stages of her life. There is the teenager who knows and trusts the Lord enough to embraces her unique calling with a song of praise in the face of staggering cost. There is the loving Mother cares for Jesus as her son grows older. There is the grieving woman at the cross, who chooses even still to trust in Jesus. There is the strong disciple in the room at Pentecost where the Church is born. And there is Mary our Mother, who we are invited to know and love now. We pray that each of our pupils and staff have got to know the love of Mary and her son in a deeper way!



May Procession

May is a special month within the Church in which we are called to grow in relationship with Mary our Mother. As part of this season many churches around the world hold a May Procession, dedicated to revering Mary and the role she has in bringing us to Jesus. Some of our Chaplaincy GIFT Team members met at church for Sunday Mass to lead this procession and take part in the readings.



Papyrus Fundraiser

Mrs Watson and Mr Hayhurst will soon be taking a leap of faith by abseiling down Liverpool Cathedral!

In doing so, they are raising money for Papyrus - Prevention of Young Suicide - in order to support all the amazing work they do with young people.

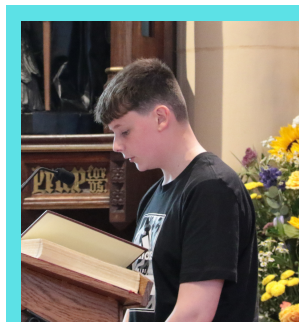
Donations can be made via GoFundMe - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sandra-and-adams-leap-of-faith>.



Confirmation

Throughout this term pupils from our parish have been meeting each Sunday at church to prepare to receive the sacrament of confirmation, learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and coming to know Jesus in a new and personal way. During

Confirmation, candidates receive the power of the Holy Spirit through the anointing with chrism oil and the laying on of hands. With the Holy Spirit at their side, they are strengthened to be witnesses of Christ in the world. He gives comfort, hope, inspiration and peace. Thank you to our priests & Bishop for celebrating Mass, to the families, friends and teachers who joined us and to our young people for their dedication as they prepared for this sacrament!



Vocations Day

It was wonderful to be able to welcome some amazing speakers into school for Vocations Day! We were visited by Christians from all walks of life, who shared beautifully of the calls Jesus has placed on their hearts. We met Pippa, a missionary who works every day to share the Gospel and build up God's Kingdom here on Earth. In a world which can be full of pressure and comparison, Pippa reminded us of the freedom found in being seen, known and loved by Jesus.



Annabel and Liam spoke with us about the vocation of marriage. They reminded us of our worth and dignity and the ways Jesus calls us to love others and allow ourselves to be loved.

Aimee is a midwife who shared with us the beauty of walking with families as they bring new life into the world. She also introduced us to a new friend, Our Lady of Guadeloupe, who guided her to this calling.

We met Pearse, a prison Chaplain and soon-to-be deacon, who (as a pupil so perfectly put it) reminded us through his story "that anyone can be forgiven by God."

We were also visited by two wonderful priests, Fr Ged, who had his life transformed by the mercy of Jesus, and our very own Fr Mark, who spoke with us about his call to the priesthood. A huge thank you to all our visitors for so generously giving their time to speak with us!

Year 10 Geography Rivers Trip

Our year 10 GCSE Geography classes went on a physical geography field trip to study the River Wyre, in the Trough of Bowland. The purpose of the trip was to carry out a River Study with specialist equipment to prepare for the GCSE paper 3 next year. During the day, pupils observed and measured the changes of rivers downstream by putting on their wellies, grabbing their tape measures and stepping into the water at two sites near the source! We then got back in the school minibuses to drive the Centre of Garstang to see the changes further downstream, as well as looking at the £800,000 flood defence scheme built by the Environment Agency to prevent flooding in the Garstang area. The weather was kind to us, and the students really enjoyed the day, with many saying that they would like to go again. It is a beautiful part of Lancashire, and it is always a real pleasure to see our students apply their classroom learning to the real world, as well as experiencing our great outdoors.



Blackpool Zoo Trip

Pupils from years 7 and 8 were rewarded for their excellent home learning this year with the opportunity to visit Blackpool Zoo. 58 pupils had the chance to spend the day at the Zoo and meet some of the animals. They took part in tasks investigating the challenges faced by animals around the world and what we can do to help them in their fight to survive. They identified conservation projects working around the world to help fight poaching, deforestation and protect vulnerable species. The pupils were then challenged to produce a piece of artwork inspired by their favourite animal to raise awareness of the daily challenges they face.



Year 5 Maths Challenge

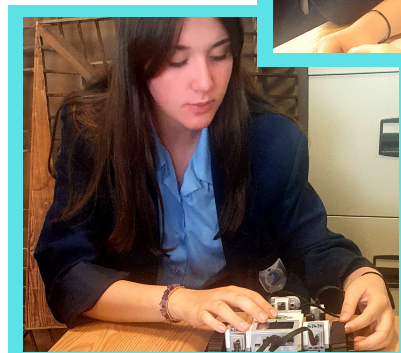


On Wednesday 13th July, we hosted The Year 5 Browndedge Maths Challenge. Teams from St Mary's and St Benedict's, St Joseph's, Coupe Green, St Patricks, Manor Road and St Leonard's competed against each other to achieve 1st place and a goody bag of Maths equipment to take home. Tasks included a treasure hunt, problem solving cards, a kahoot quiz and a build a bridge activity. The event was supported by some of our fantastic Year 10 leaders. The competition was close with only a point between 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. St Leonard's topped the leader board, with Coupe Green taking 2nd and St Joseph's 3rd place.

Well done to all involved!

STEM at Lancaster and Morecambe College

On 6th July, 12 year 8 and 9 girls had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a STEM day at Lancaster and Morecambe College. Challenges included creating E-Fit images for criminal identification, programming electronic vehicles, clinical diagnosis of medical conditions and building a racing car. All girls threw themselves into the activities with real gusto, each feeling inspired to push forward and fly the flag as a female in Science! With each activity we became more and more competitive against other school teams – achieving second place in the robot challenge - living our mission of letting our light shine! A fabulous time was had by all. Well done girls!



Matilda

For the first time since 2019, the school hall reverberated to the strains of full-pelt performance and the acclaim of the audience, as the first week in July saw a return to theatrical action with a run of performances of Matilda Jr. Based on Roald Dahl's beloved novel, and with music and lyrics courtesy of Tim Minchin it proved a fabulous way for students to return to the stage. The cast were collectively excellent, with standout performances coming from Alexandra Smith as the eponymous lead, while Amy Pearson's Miss Trunchbull sent equal measures of laughter and fear rippling through the audience. Emma Thompson will soon be taking the role for a Netflix version of the play, but even she will have some job to do to outrank Amy.

Students from across the full range of year groups have been working hard on the production, which was originally scheduled for March, for several months, and its success was testament to the sheer will and fortitude of all involved. It was a joy to welcome back Year 11 students after their examination and even they were taken by surprise by the energy and enthusiasm of our Year 7 cast members. When I grow up...I want to be as determined and talented as all those who brought this magnificent show to life.



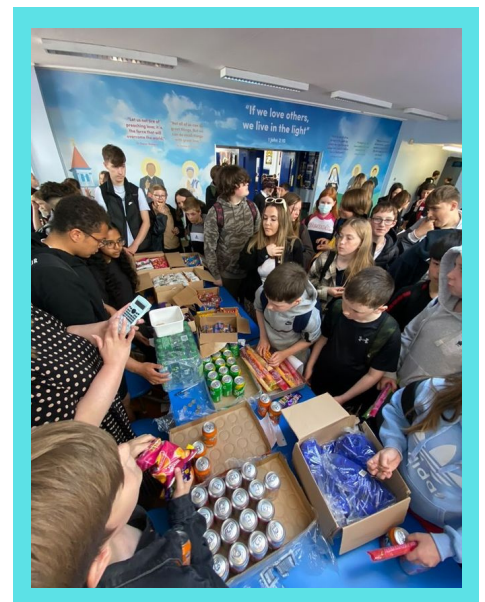
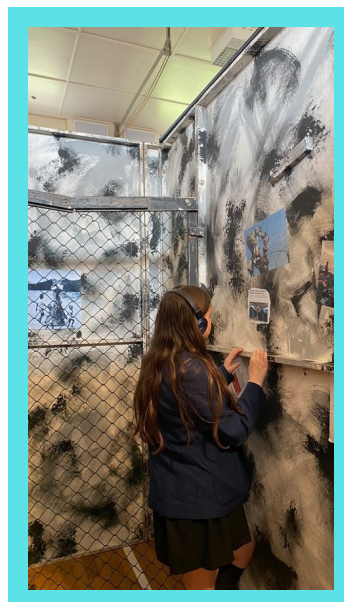
Refugee Week

Our school hosted our own Refugee Week! Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

Refugee Week enables people from different backgrounds to connect beyond labels, as well as encouraging understanding of why people are displaced, and the challenges they face when seeking safety. The vision is for refugees and asylum seekers to be able to live safely within inclusive and resilient communities, where they can continue to make a valuable contribution.

Our school Equality and Diversity group, who planned and led the week, were eager to have as much whole-school involvement as possible to allow us all to put our faith into action and live out our Gospel values.

Activities during the week included an immersive experience that allowed students to walk in the footsteps of real refugees, a sponsored walk of solidarity, a fundraising stall, guest speakers, student-led assemblies, a clothing and food collection and an own clothes day. Our school managed to raise £1,249.72 in support of charities who help refugees. Thank you very much for everyone's support and generosity!



Royal Cheshire County Show



Well done to Mia in year 8 who finished in second place at the Royal Cheshire County Show. This means she has qualified for the Horse of the Year Show - the most internationally recognised horse competition in the world. She also recently won at Royal Highland. We are all proud of Mia for letting her light shine and achieving her dreams.

ESFA North West District League Winner

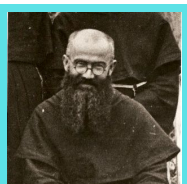
Congratulations to Joshua for helping his football team to win the English School's Football Association North West District League. Another fine example of our young sporting stars letting their light shine!



Kolbe Feast Day

To celebrate the feast day of our house's patron saint, Maximilian Kolbe, we started the day with a prayer and a reflection, before coming together to share breakfast. We reflected on the selflessness, tolerance, patience and kindness that Maximilian Kolbe demonstrated, and took a moment to think about the sacrifice that Kolbe made; the ultimate sacrifice - his life. We thought about how Kolbe could do this, especially for a stranger, and we considered how we can follow in the path of Maximilian Kolbe as we go through each day.

Later that afternoon, some pupils spent some time completing mindful arts and crafts activities which celebrated the life of Maximilian Kolbe, whilst others had the opportunity to work as a team and practise letting their lights shine by emulating the qualities that made Maximilian Kolbe the extraordinary man that he was. The pupils engaged in a rounder's tournament, which consisted of year 7, 8, and 9 working together in mixed teams - this allowed the pupils to work with others that they may not have been familiar with, encouraging them and helping them to succeed; in the same way that Kolbe helped others and made sacrifices - even for strangers. Through this teambuilding activity, pupils had the opportunity to live out the gospel values and truly understand how we can always consider Kolbe's values and strive to be the best versions of ourselves. To conclude the day, we came back together to celebrate our achievements and reward those who had particularly stood out for demonstrating great, patience, kindness, courage, hope, and justice, as well as great leadership.



Girls' Extra Curricular PE

A massive well done to all the girls who have represented Brownedge this year! For many of these girls it has been their first year representing Brownedge in sports competitions. All teams have performed well and given 100% effort in all games. Here is the year 7 netball team, just one of our many girls' teams!



South Ribble Football Squad

A number of our students managed to get a place on the South Ribble representative team for the up-and-coming season 2022-2023. Well done to all - Brownedge is proud of each and every one of you.



From Y7:
Lewis Walker
Bobby Dixon
Kyle Dalgleish
Seth Blackhurst

From Y9:
Charlie Botham
Luca Pranzo

Ski Trip 2023

How quickly has this come around. It doesn't seem like 2 minutes since we had to make the difficult decision and defer this trip that should have run in February 2022. Well, when the students come back in September it will be less than 6 months until departure for the special place that is New Hampshire and New York. All those pupils that paid for Ski Lessons at the Chill Factore should have received a letter with new dates. These will now take place in January/February 2023 for 6 straight weeks. Please make sure you add these dates to your diary.



South Ribble Athletics

It's been three full years since we have been able to meet as a group of schools from South Ribble and take part in the traditional Athletics competition. This year it was held in Blackpool at Stanley Park Athletics Stadium, and we took a full cohort of pupils from years 7, 8 and 9, further demonstrating our pupils' sporting commitment and willingness to represent Brownedge. We had some really good results but four stand out: well done to Luca and Alex who came 2nd in long jump, Anna who came 2nd in 800m, and Evie, who is now the 200m champion! .

Sports Day

It's been three years since we have had the opportunity to run a full sports day and what a day it was. The sun was shining, and all the pupils brought their 'A' game with some outstanding performances in both the field and track events. Romero took revenge for last year's defeat by a single point by beating Kolbe. Well done Romero house and Mr Hayhurst.

Overall Result for House Points

1st Romero - 238 Points
2nd Kolbe - 225 Points
3rd Drexel - 204 Points
4th Bosco - 201 Points
5th Teresa - 195 Points

Each house had a full team sheet which was brilliant to see and demonstrates our pupils' continued commitment to inter-house competition. Individual year group results for boys and girls are shown below.

7 Boys- Romero
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9 Boys- Bosco
9 Girls- Kolbe
10 Boys- Kolbe/Teresa Joint

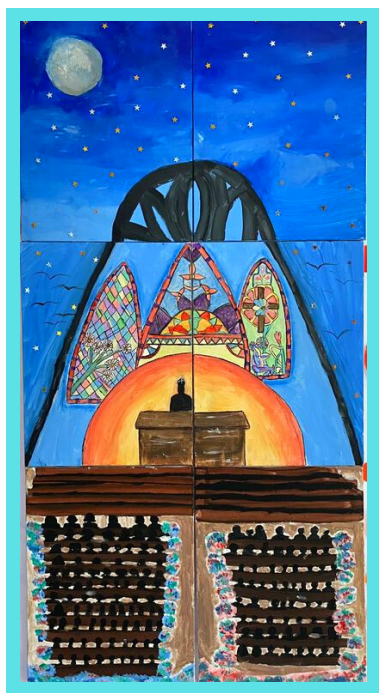


End of Year Liturgy

To end our summer term our whole school will be gathering together in church on our final day to celebrate our End of Year Liturgy! The theme of this year's Liturgy, chosen by the Chaplaincy GIFT Team is 'Better Together.' Pupils shared that since being back in school again after multiple lockdowns, they have realised how much better life is when we get to share it with others, particularly when we are going through something difficult.

Our Liturgy will be rooted in a scripture passage from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47, in which we hear of the early life of the church, with each member sharing all they had, meeting daily for Mass, and living in communion with each other and Christ.

Pupils have been working hard over the previous weeks to prepare dance, drama, song, artwork and prayer to help us celebrate our liturgy and give thanks to God for the year we have shared together. We look forward to celebrating together.



Mission Week

From the 25th - 29th April we held a 'Mission Week' in school. The purpose of this week was to give pupils, staff, and our whole school community a deeper understanding of the root of our school mission. Each day of our Mission Week focused on a different piece of scripture, shown below. The week began by looking at the foundations of this light: who Jesus is and how can we have a personal relationship with Him. Building upon this each day, the week ended by looking at the ways we can living out our school mission. The Castlerigg Ministry Team spent the week in school, working with all year groups, with sessions enabling pupils deepen their understanding of our mission. Pupils also be explored this theme in specially devised lessons in all subject areas. Each day began with a live streamed reflection from the Castlerigg Team, in which pupils were introduced to the daily theme and what they could expect from the day.



TUESDAY

We had a wonderful second day of our Mission Week as we began to prepare for our community Mass. Taught by Mr Perkins and pupils in our school choir, Year 7 learnt a new song, which they sang beautifully! We also had the first of our smaller sessions for our Chaplaincy groups. The CAFOD Team worked with Castlerigg to plan further ways they can address the needs of those living in poverty overseas.

MONDAY

On the first day of our Mission Week pupils and staff met the team from Castlerigg Manor who would be journeying with us over the coming days. We played games and had times of prayer together. Pupils were also invited to spend their lunch breaks in the chapel, having extra opportunities to reflect as we entered the week.



WEDNESDAY

At the midpoint of our Mission Week we welcomed the Chaplaincy GIFT Teams from some of our feeder primary, who spent the day learn more about how they are called by Jesus to let their light shine. Pupils from these primary school were led throughout the day by our Chaplaincy GIFT Team.



COMMUNITY MASS

On Wednesday evening we celebrated our community Mass in school, where pupils and staff from our school, and feeder primary schools, prepared readings, art, prayers and song. We had a beautiful time celebrating with pupils, staff, families, primary schools and members of our parish



THURSDAY

On Thursday we were joined by Chip Kendall and his band, who lead us in worship, and shared their testimonies of how Jesus brought them freedom. It was incredible to have our school filled with so much music, prayer, dance and worship! Our school choir had their own session with Chip, who spoke with them about how we are called to have courage and use our gifts to worship Jesus. Pupils also spent time with the Castlerigg Team, who shared their testimonies with them and led them in prayer.



FRIDAY

Friday was the final day of our Mission Week. All year groups had the final of their daily sessions with the Castlerigg Team, reflecting on their week and how they can live in the light of Christ going forward. Our Chaplaincy GIFT Team pupils, had their third and final session with the Team from Castlerigg, who lead them in a time of Lectio Divina and deeper prayer. We then concluded our week by having a school Mass in our beautiful parish church. After such a challenging few years, it was been beautiful to have our school filled with so much joy, laughter, prayer, worship and fun! We met many new faces, witnessed new friendships grow and gotten to know the love of Jesus anew.



Leavers' Day



After an extended exam period of five weeks, we celebrated our amazing Year 11s with a special Leavers' day. After signing leavers' books, the year group sat together in the assembly hall for the final time as their form tutors said goodbye, Mrs Oddie and Mrs Boardman shared their final thoughts and, hopefully, inspirational words. Following the assembly, the year group went to church for the final service lead by Father Mark. Then it was time to take photos and sign shirts in the grounds of the church. The sun was beating down as pizza and drinks were served. The final treat was the ice cream van arriving for ice creams for everyone. It was a very special day; we wanted to treat this year group who have faced many challenges due to covid and had to show resilience for the lengthy GCSE period. We would like to wish every Year 11 every success, health and happiness in the future as now it is time for them to enter their next stage of life and 'let their light shine'.



Prize Night

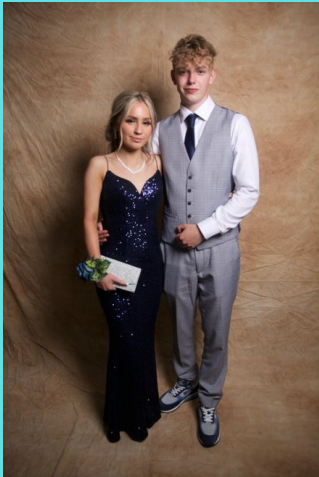
We held our 62nd annual Prize Night, on Thursday 23 June, in our parish church: St. Mary's Brownedge. This was the first time in three years that we have been able to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our pupils in a public setting; the last few have been virtual in nature. We recognise that this is only part of a bigger story of pupils achieving, leading and participating in the wider life of the school every day but we felt very fortunate to be able to attend this event. Pupils, from all year groups, received prizes from all subject areas, in addition to those awarded for the fantastic work they do to enrich the pastoral and Catholic life of our school.

Many parents and Governors were able to attend the event, along with our Guest of Honour, Mr Martin Reynolds (our former Headteacher), who was given the honour of distributing the prizes and certificates to all the invited pupils. During the event we also announced our new Senior Prefects for 2022-23, who will serve as role models for our younger pupils and help them navigate the various challenges of the next school year. All staff, Governors and parents are very proud of our pupils' achievements and look forward to more of the same next year!



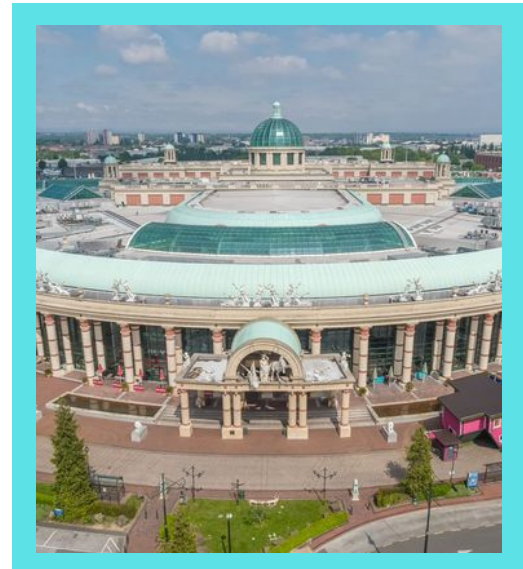
Valedictory Dinner

On Wednesday 6th July, we celebrated our Year 11s with a wonderful Valedictory dinner at Shaw Hill Golf club. The rain held off for the spectacular arrivals. The Year 11s looked amazing in their beautiful dresses and smart suits. After welcome drinks, a three course meal was served followed by informal fun awards where we learned who would be the future Prime Minister and who had the best bromance in school! This was followed by a disco where all of the year group danced the night away, it was said that the dance floor has never been so busy – this year group know how to have fun! It was a magical evening, with great memories made.



Rewards Trip - Trafford Centre

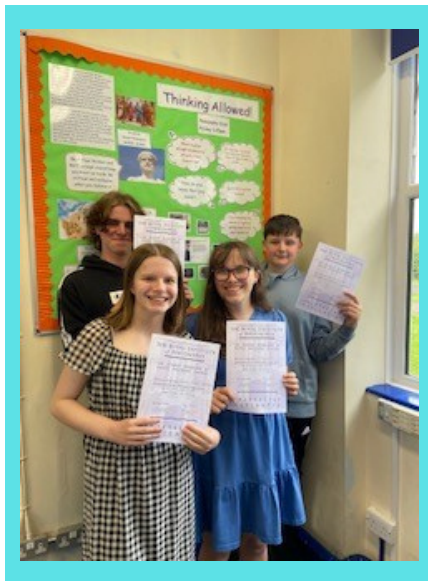
On the day when meteorologists were predicting record-breaking temperatures in the UK, 274 students from Years 7-10 clambered aboard coaches destined for the Trafford Centre, the trip a recognition of their excellent levels of behaviour and attitude throughout the year. While some opted for the air-conditioned sanctuary of the shops, others made a beeline for the equally cooling climes of the cinema, and the more hardy - all thankfully slathered in Factor Very, Very High - headed for the outdoor fairground. All in all, an excellent time was had by all, and not a burned nose amongst us!



Philosophy Club

'Thinking Allowed' Philosophy Club have continued to meet on a Friday during the summer term. The students have taken it in turns to plan the sessions; we have discussed a wide range of big questions and ideas, from scapegoating to feminism (that got rather heated!), via 'how do we know if an action is good?' and 'what does it mean to be alive?'. We are still no nearer being able to clarify exactly what constitutes a 'right' action or a 'good' life. We found out about the Greek philosopher Diogenes who lived in a barrel and enjoyed questioning authority and causing a stir, and we spent one session having a 'balloon debate'. If we had to sacrifice some people to save everyone else, who would we throw out of the rapidly dropping hot air balloon?

We finished the year with a philosophy party during which we carried out our own 'Buridan's Donkey' experiment, raising questions such as 'are we really free?' and 'how do we make decisions when all options are identical?'. We then played 'pin the tail on Buridan's donkey'! They also received their certificates from The Royal Institute of Philosophy for the course they completed earlier this year – well done to them all.



White Water Writers

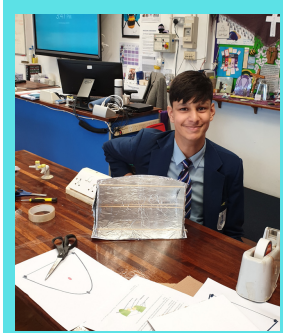
On the week beginning the 4th of July, a range of year 8 and year 9 pupils gathered up in the Library, most not knowing why. We split the writers up into two groups. On Monday and Tuesday, they planned and organised the topic of their book, characters and the timeline. On Wednesday and Thursday, they wrote their first full, official drafts. At 2:30pm our writers stopped typing and we went to publish their two novels. The writers worked exceptionally hard and should be very proud of themselves - well done! You can now buy their novels on Amazon.



Science and STEM Club

Science club have been studying forensic science this term, with topics including:

- Fingerprinting, blood typing, footwear marks, fibres, hair, and chromatography.
- Taking fingerprints with ink, lifting fingerprints off beakers using powder, identifying ABO blood types, plaster casting footwear marks, investigating ink with chromatography and using microscopes to look at the fine details in fibres and hair samples.
- Solving a mock burglary in the school, looking at around 40 pieces of evidence to help identify a suspect.



Our Brownedge STEM club have been finishing off their project producing items to help them survive a zombie apocalypse:

- They have built a solar-powered oven, using tinfoil to help them cook using light.
- They were given a cannister of “zombie vaccine” and were challenged to build a device that could deliver the cannister over a fence to potential survivors. Both teams took a different approach to this making a 3-man catapult and an air-powered rocket launcher.
- Their final project was to research and make a presentation about real life zombie infections. The students found many wonderful parasites, fungal infections, and viruses that changed their host's behaviour to allow it to spread across a population more efficiently.

Once all the paperwork has been submitted the students will be eligible for a silver science CREST award, which is a fantastic achievement and a credit to their hard work this year!

South Ribble Rotary Football

Our year 7 footballers were invited to take part in the annual South Ribble Rotary football tournament at Finch Farm, home of AFC Fylde. We took two 7 a-side teams which gave us the opportunity to use our full squad in preparation for making the step up to 11 a-side games next season. All the boys were outstanding on the day and were a credit to our school, unfortunately we didn't make it out of our groups, coming second in each to both eventual finalists. We are looking forward to next season and more opportunities to fly the flag of Brownedge.



Cycling



Charlie in year 9 continues to go from strength to strength, having had a great season so far cycling. Charlie competes across three disciplines - road, track & cyclocross - and is currently ranked 2nd in the North West and 15th in the British U14 National Cycling rankings. His successes show he is a rising star in the sport having finished 3rd in the Northwest Cyclocross league as well as winning The Most Improved Youth Male. In his first season competing at a National level, Charlie has been prominent at the front of the peloton each race, achieving some great results with a 14th in the Isle of Man tour and 13th in the National Championships.



As the summer approaches Charlie is turning his attention to the velodrome where he's qualified for the National Finals at Derby in August where 24 of the top UK riders will battle it out for the National title.

He ends his road season locally with the Northwest Youth tour in Morecambe & Lancaster over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Work Experience

The 11th to the 15th of July saw the much-anticipated return of year 10 work experience. 112 year 10 students went out to businesses such as Leyland Trucks, St Catherine's Hospice and AMA Dataset to get first-hand knowledge of the world of work. Our remaining students stayed in school and took part in a variety of careers related lessons, talks from our Brownedge Alumni, a half day virtual workshop, and a virtual work experience project. The week ended with Mock Interviews that were supported by colleagues from the Eric Wright Group, the NHS, Harrison Drury, PNE, Future U, Inspira, Preston College, and Lancashire Forum. Well Done to all our year 10 pupils - you 'Let Your Light Shine' bright this week.



College Taster Days



This term our Year 10 pupils started to think about their next steps post-16. This began with visits to Runshaw, Preston & Cardinal Newman college. All three days gave the students the opportunity to sample several lessons from the A level, T level and Vocational curriculum that are offered in the colleges and experience life on Campus.

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RUNSHAW
COLLEGE

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NEWMAN
COLLEGE

Laudato Si



This term we have continued with our mission to 'Care for Creation' and be invested in making a difference for future generations. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, as a community we are responding to his call for an 'ecological conversion'. As part of our ongoing project to become a Laudato Si hub school for Salford Diocese, our pupils have led the way in promoting a more sustainable and ecological future. Eleven of

our pupils were some of the first to be identified as 'Laudato Si Champions' and attended a summit at the Laudato Si Centre at Wardley Hall. During the summit our pupils shared ideas and projects with other schools, planted trees, spent quiet reflection in the natural world and discussed their ideas with Bishop Arnold.

Our Laudato Si Champions have extended their vision to the wider school community through planning how we can utilise our outside space to improve young people's connection with the outdoors but also improve the prevalence of wildlife to our site, as well as planting 200 trees on our site as well as at St Josephs and St Patrick's. There are many plans and ideas, and we are excited to see how our champions take their vision further.



Headteacher's Award

Mrs Oddie was delighted to award three outstanding pupils with the Headteacher's award. Nadia, James and Madeleine demonstrated an outstanding attitude to learning across all subjects. They also had excellent attendance and demonstrated exemplary behaviour. We consider them a true credit to our school. Thank you, and well done!



Alpha Retreat Day

Since the beginning of Lent, a group of pupils in Year 9 have been meeting weekly after school to complete a Youth Alpha course. This after-school group is a space where all can explore Christianity's big questions in a friendly and comfortable way. To complete their time on this course, pupils spent a retreat day at church, where we began with Mass, reflected on what we had learnt, and gathered together in prayer. A huge thank you to these pupils for their commitment to the group!



Building Works

Over the last couple of weeks, we have begun to see significant changes to our building. We are having a Front entrance to school built with improved meeting facilities as well as investing in new toilets and corridors to improve our environment for our pupils. This is in addition to a new ICT infrastructure including wifi, 2 ICT classrooms, a new lift and a new pupil reception. The building will be unrecognisable in many ways in September, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back in to their new look building then.

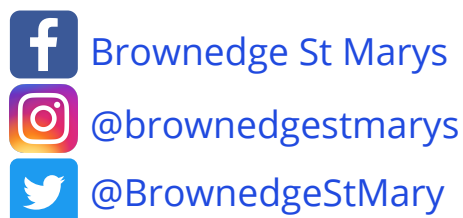


Induction Days

It was lovely to welcome next year's year 7 pupils to Browndedge for their induction days this term. Year 6 pupils from all our feeder primary schools got to know what it will be like to be a part of the Browndedge family, and they had lots of fun doing a treasure hunt around the school building. We get the feeling we'll have many shining lights joining us in September!



SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022



Have a happy summer!

