



# Shining Lights Newsletter

July 2024

*Celebrating success*

Welcome to our final edition of our Shining Lights Newsletter for 2023/24. It has been another busy yet productive term and inside this issue you will find details of many of the amazing activities and opportunities put on for our pupils by our dedicated and hard-working staff. Pupils have indeed benefitted from an array of enrichment events. Enjoy the read and the Summer break! **Mrs Oddie, Headteacher**

## Shine Awards and House Cup

Congratulations to those pupils who received the Shine Award last term, and also to Romero House who won the Interhouse Cup. Presentations were made during our Easter Liturgy at church, where perfects Emily and Jake lifted the trophy for Romero. There are lots more interhouse competitions coming up next year!



## Runshaw College 'My Futures' Day

Well done to those Year 10s who visited Runshaw College in April for the 'My Futures' event. Pupils got to sample a number of pre-advanced college courses, including Health & Social Care, Public Services, Hair & Media Make-up and Business Studies. Our group represented Brownedge brilliantly, and picked up a prize for the best performance in the English Language task. Great job!



## LUSoM Visit

Some of our talented mathematicians in Year 9 got to visit the Lancaster University School of Mathematics in Preston. Pupils listened to a talk from Oxford University lecturer and YouTuber Dr Tom Crawford on the exciting subject of 'The Maths of Pokemon!' A special mention to Rain, who was called upon by Dr Crawford to help with a demonstration and picked up a prize - well done!



## Preston Hospital Careers Event

A group of Year 10 pupils visited Royal Preston Hospital in May for an NHS Careers event. Our pupils got to find out about the variety of career pathways in the NHS, as well as try their hands at a number of activities, including some immersive VR! Everyone got stuck in and represented Brownedge brilliantly - well done!



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## Schudio Web Design

Thank you to Nathaniel from web design company Schudio, who came to Brownedge recently to share his expertise with a Year 8 Computing class. After delivering an informative talk about his company and the career pathways in I.T., Nathaniel helped our pupils make a start on their very own web designs. The challenge was to design a website for the 'Brownedge Bites' food truck at school, and there was some excellent work on display. Great job, all!

## Preston College/Carefoot Careers

Well done to our Year 9s who visited Preston College to take part in their Construction Careers event. After visiting a current building site operated by Carefoot, our pupils headed over to college to take part in challenges involving bricklaying, joinery and architecture. Letting their light shine, our pupils displayed some great practical skills, scooping a trophy for the best team of bricklayers in the process!



## UCLan Research Forum

Mr Richardson took a group of Year 10s interested in going to university to attend the University of Central Lancashire's Research Forum. Pupils listened to several interesting lectures from UCLan academics about the research they're undertaking, before taking part in a number of hands-on activities, including forensics and robotics. A very informative and inspiring day!





## Year 11 Leavers Day

We recently bid goodbye to our incredible group of Year 11s. They have conducted themselves with grace throughout their time at school, and we wish them all the very best for results day and beyond. They spent their final day at school at church, with a final leavers mass from Fr Mark, before enjoying ice cream and pizza in the church grounds.

We hope you all continue to Let Your Light Shine. You will always be a part of the Brownedge family.



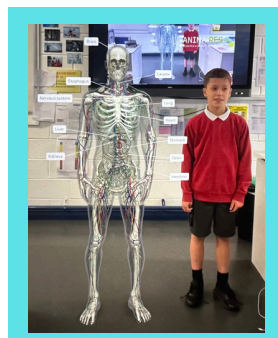
## College Taster Days

Thank you to Cardinal Newman, Preston and Runshaw colleges for welcoming our Year 10s to their taster days. Our students loved finding out about the exciting options that await them after they leave Brownedge, trying everything from Brickwork and Textiles to Philosophy and Medical Science! Well done Year 10 for representing school well throughout the days.



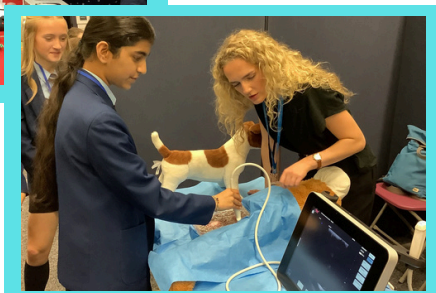
## Year 6 Induction Days

We welcomed our new Year 7 for the first of their Induction Days. They were brilliant and settled in well. Day one ended with our Induction Evening for parents: a great opportunity to get to know each other. We can't wait for you to join us properly in September!



## TeenTech Festival

10 tech-savvy pupils in Year 9 attended the TeenTech Festival at UCLan this term. Our pupils got to share their ideas for new innovations with industry experts, while they also got to take part in workshops with the BBC, HM Armed Forces and UCLan's Veterinary Science department! A special mention to Logan, whose idea for a 3D printer for human organs was awarded the prize for Kindest Innovation - great job!



## National Go-Karting Championships

A massive congratulations to Hannah in 10D, who won the class 14 national go-karting championship! A talented go-karter, she has earned several first-place and podium finishes this year, culminating in her claiming the national title. Well done on letting your light shine, Hannah!



## Athletics

A fantastic effort from our athletics team, who came back from their event at Blackpool's Stanley Park recently with plenty of medals. See below for our winners:

Emily O, Y7 - 1st Javelin  
 Freddy C, Y7 - 2nd 800m  
 Phoebe N, 7Y - 3rd 1500m  
 Dawid M, Y7 - 3rd Discus  
 Jaida B, Y8 - 2nd Long jump  
 Bobby D, Y9 - 3rd 100m  
 Alexandra P, Y9 - 3rd 800m  
 Erin S, Y9 - 4th 1500m  
 Alexandra S, Y9 - 4th Long jump

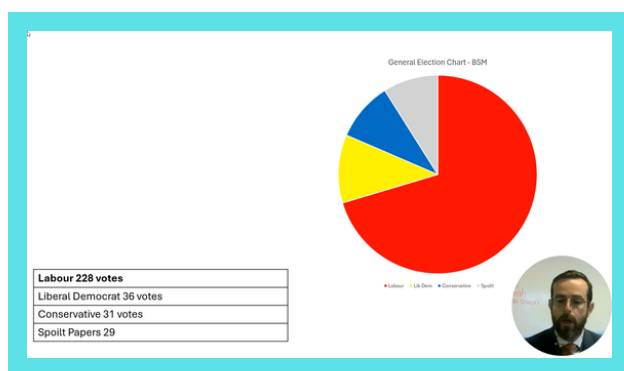
## Prefects

Congratulations to our new team of head prefects in school. Ryan and Alice have been elected Head Boy and Girl respectively, while Luca, Michael, Moreblessing and Althea will serve as deputies. These pupils represent the very best of Brownedge, and we have no doubt they will excel in their roles in the coming year. We also appointed our wider cohort of prefects for the next year, who will support the senior group in delivering across a wide range of areas for school.



## Brownedge Elections

With the general election taking place this term, Mr Cowan organised our own 'Brownedge election', whereby pupils learned about the policies of each of the major political parties in the UK, before voting for who they would like to form a government. As you can see, it was the Labour party who were victorious with our pupils.





## Valedictory Dinner

Following the completion of their GCSEs, our Year 11s gathered one final time at Shaw Hill Golf Club for their spectacular valedictory dinner. With sharp suits and an array of beautiful dresses, our pupils partied the night away in celebration of all they've achieved over their five years at Brownedge.





## Prize Night

Our annual Prize Night took place on Thursday 27th June, as we celebrated all those pupils who have let their light shine brightly over the past 12 months. We were privileged to have Professor Kamilla Elliott of Lancaster University join us as guest of honour and have her be a part of this special evening. Prize Night is our most formal evening of the academic year and the showcase of talent and skills was a delight to behold. Every pupil recognised on this special evening should be most proud of their achievements. On this evening we awarded our Major Prizes, and we also announced our incoming Senior Prefect team.





## Major Prize Winners 2024

**Brownedge Shield for Religious Education**



**Silver Jubilee Award for Boys Sporting Achievement**



**Zenith Cup Award for Girls Sporting Achievement**



**Neville Award for English**



**George Woodcock Award for Public Speaking**



**Cardinal Newman College Award for Maths**



**McHugh Award for Science**



**Mullard Award for Art**



**Progress Housing Award for Drama**



**Knights of St. Columba Trophy for Languages**



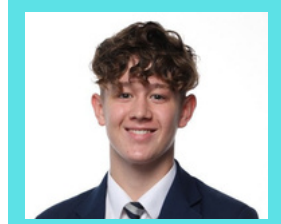
**Bernard Loffler Award for History**



**McNamara Award for Humanities (Geography)**



**Peter Winders Trophy for ICT/Business Studies**



**Cooper Shield for Music**



**Brownedge Trophy for Technology**



**PTA Award for Work in the Local Community**



**Anne Marie Award for Charity Work**



**Fletcher Award for Consistent Effort Throughout School**



**Fr. Thomas Loughlin Bene Merenti Award for Outstanding Service to School**



**Alexandra Astley Award**



**Simon Brown Shine Award**



**David Livesey Challenge Award**



**W.L. Moxham Award presented to our retiring Head Boys**



**De Hoghton Award presented to our retiring Head Girls**





## Beauty and the Beast Jr

July saw our spectacular production of Beauty and the Beast Jr finally hit the stage! Our pupils gave it their all, letting their light shine as they sung, danced and acted their way through memorable numbers like "Be Our Guest." Well done to their entire cast, as well as the staff who worked behind the scenes - particularly Mrs Bland, whose creative vision always results in brilliant Brownedge productions.









## Umpiring

Great work from Michael in Year 7, who continues to develop as a cricket umpire. This term, Michael has umpired at events including the Lancashire Girls Primary Schools Finals. Michael has received excellent feedback about his communication and confidence - keep it up!



## Work Experience

To cap off the end of a busy term, our Year 10s spent the final week of term out in the world of work as they undertook work experience. With pupils trying their hands at an array of jobs including park wardens, playgroup assistants and hairdressing, they well and truly got stuck in to find out what life could be like after they leave Brownedge. A small group of pupils remained in school to undertake activities including mock interviews, while some, such as Lexie (pictured), volunteered in school to take on jobs such as the renovation of chapel artwork.

## Claire Buckle

Thank you to Paralympic athlete, disability advocate and entrepreneur Claire Buckle for joining us this term. Claire delivered a series of inspiring talks to Years 7-10 about her life's journey and work. It was a pleasure to have you in, Claire - come back soon!



## Wimbledon

We were once again fortunate to take a group of pupils down to Wimbledon to watch the tennis grand slam this year. Our pupils loved soaking in the atmosphere and getting to witness some of tennis' elite players at the top of their game.

## Pride Month

To celebrate Pride month, the Equalities group designed and sold an assortment of delicious cookies at break time. The aim of the event was to raise awareness that we are all part of one community and every one of us is unique to God. All the money raised will go to local charities. We recognised the fact that everyone, regardless of race, religion or gender, is deserving of equal rights in the world.







## Young Enterprise

Mrs. Pendreigh and Chris Watts are delighted with the numerous applications for Young Enterprise 2024-25. The group has already screened ideas, discussed company roles, and is actively planning their winning strategy for the upcoming competitions.

Their enthusiasm and dedication have made a great first impression, and we eagerly anticipate seeing their company thrive in the new academic year.

## Philosophy Club

Mrs Bowes set up and ran a Philosophy Club in the RE faculty. Pupils from Year 10 discussed issues such as what is meant by knowledge, how the mind is different to the body and how knowledge and the mind are linked. They were then able to take part in a six-week online course at the Royal Institute of Philosophy. They looked at, discussed and argued viewpoints regarding the work of Socrates, Descartes and Kant. The Philosophy Club was a great success and will run again next year.

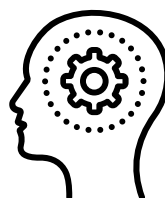
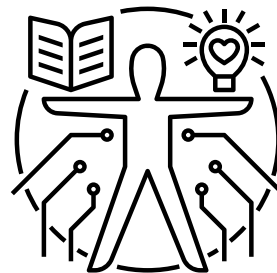
The Royal Institute of Philosophy is running a free Online Summer Camp during August for two hours every Friday.

If anyone is interested in signing up, you need to email [schools@royalinstituteofphilosophy.org](mailto:schools@royalinstituteofphilosophy.org).

There is a short promo video with key info here:

<https://youtu.be/oWRDd3Ozjnl>

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Bowes.



## Brownedge Bake Off

Here is a picture of the Technology faculty's entry into the staff bake off! It was certainly competitive, with brilliant and creative efforts from all faculties. Thanks to Mr Hill for organising, it was great fun!



## STEM Challenge

12 year 7 pupils were selected to take part in the first Science STEM/CREST Challenge Day.

The pupils had a great day researching, designing and then building a machine to sort a selection of balls based on their size.

Split into groups with pupils they normally may not normally have classes with, all groups successfully worked together and built working machines.

All 12 students were presented with a participation certificate by the science department, and they all achieved a Discovery level CREST award which will be presented to them when we return in the new school year.



## Geography Salford Quays

The Geography faculty took 36 Year 10 pupils to experience first-hand the amazing regeneration of Salford Quays and the new Media City development. This was in order to carry out field work in preparation for their GCSE examination. The day included environmental quality surveys, land use surveys, pedestrian counts and questionnaires. The regeneration has created a world class Creative Hub, creating 27,000 jobs in the area and has attracted over 250 different media companies, including the BBC and ITV. The students particularly enjoyed talking to workers and residents from media city. This is what we call in Geography a “super learning day”.



## River Wyre Field Work

The Geography faculty also took the Year 10 pupils to the Trough of Bowland to study the River Wyre on their physical fieldwork day. Unusually for a Geography field trip the sun was shining, and everyone had a brilliant day out learning about river features and processes in preparation for their GCSE's next year.



## Duke of Edinburgh

This year has been another busy year for our pupils taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh awards. Our Year 10 pupils recently completed their expedition training and day walk, for which we had excellent weather, and then their final expedition during which the weather was less than desirable. Following a full day of walking and navigating in wet, difficult conditions, all the pupils showed incredible resilience, making the most of their time in camp and eventually drying off during their second day of walking. All arrived at the finish line at school exhausted but with a great sense of pride and achievement in completing their expedition. Earlier this year, Year 9 pupils embarked on their own awards and are currently working towards completing their volunteering, physical and skills sections. In the new academic year we will start the preparation for their own expedition - this will include weekly prayers for dry weather!





## Mental Health Champions Walk

Our Year 11 mental health champions set out to raise money and awareness for Papyrus on their charity walk from Pooley Bridge to Glenridding. All the champions did incredibly well covering the 15km of difficult terrain along the south shore of Ullswater, and appreciated the lift back from the steamer at the end of the day. The pupils were all a credit to themselves and to school, and were spurred on by donations from members of the public they met on the way. Throughout this year they have raised money and awareness for a range of different charities which will have a lasting impact for future. Well done to each one of the mental health champions.

## New Mental Health Champions

This year, we had almost 50 applications from our Year 10 pupils putting themselves forward to be a part of the next mental health champion group in school. After a very difficult selection process, 20 mental health champions were chosen alongside five mental health awareness leaders, who will work together to raise awareness, money and share skills with other pupils to proactively tackle mental health issues for young people. They have already begun their work completing training with KOOTH and delivering assemblies to all pupils in school, modelling techniques to improve and maintain good mental health. Over the next 12 months, we are sure they will have an incredibly positive impact on the mental health of both pupils and staff.

### Your Mental Health Champions



## PNE Footballer

Congratulations to Max in Year 9, who, following a successful end of season review, earned himself another contract at Preston North End, taking him through to the under 16 age group. Well done, Max! We hope to see you on the pitch at Deepdale in the future.



## Lourdes

Surrounded by beautiful landscapes at the foothills of the Pyrenees, the French town of Lourdes welcomes thousands of pilgrims from all over the world. With over five million people going on pilgrimage to Lourdes each year, it is the most visited pilgrimage site in the Christian world. Four of our year 11s - Emily, Neve, Alex and Randall - will join chaplain Rachael at the end of term to take part in this special pilgrimage. We wish them all the very best.



## LUSoM Maths Challenge

We took a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils to the LUSoM UK Maths Challenge, and the young mathematicians did us proud, showing their skills against lots of other schools and finishing just outside of the top 3. Well done Eva, Harrison, Archie and Alfie.

## Mary Day

We celebrated our annual 'Mary Day', a time in which we gather together to celebrate Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

This year's Mary Day focussed on the role of Mary within the Hoy Family. We reflected on the ways that Mary, Joseph and Jesus can inspire us to be a family within our school community.

Throughout our day we played games, prayed together, made art and got to know each other and Mary more. Our new Year 10 mental health champions even made cake for the whole school, to help us celebrate this special day!



## Ascension Mass

During May, the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, which marks the day that the disciples saw Jesus ascend to Heaven.

From this day, the disciples waited patiently for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which we celebrate this Sunday. Our Chaplaincy GIFT Team visited St Mary's Brownedge Church to celebrate this special day and to pray for our whole school community during Mass.



## Refugee Week

This term, we celebrated Refugee Week, which is a time to learn about and be inspired by refugees around the world. Here are some of the ways we have been celebrating this week in school:



In lessons, each department has been spending time learning about refugees who have made a significant impact on their subject area. Our pupils in Year 10 led an assembly sharing stories about the reason people are forced to become refugees.

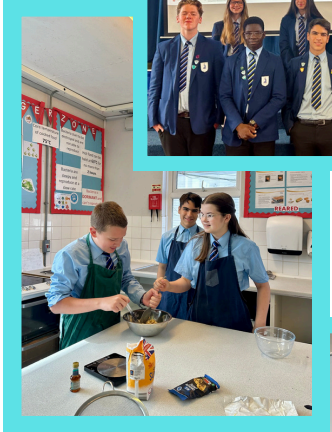
Our Chaplaincy GIFT Team took part in the Refugee Week 'Share a Meal' campaign, baking cookies to share with our school community.

In RE lessons, we took part in the 'Peace Wall' project for Preston City Council, creating messages of hope, harmony and peace to children affected by conflict.

Our Mental Health Champions took part in the 'Mindfulness Moment' workshop from the International Rescue Committee, reflecting on the ways we can create a culture of welcome in school.

To conclude our week, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 were visited by two guest speakers from the Compassion Project. They generously shared with us their stories of becoming refugees and helped us to reflect on the ways we can build a fairer society for all.

We pray that all those seeking a safe place to call home are comforted by the Holy Spirit. We thank God for the gift of their lives.





## Marian Procession

During May, our Chaplaincy GIFT Team pupils took part in the Marian Procession at St Mary's Brownedge Church. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the month of May to honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. A huge thank you to our Year 10 pupils who helped during this special celebration!



## Sacrament of Confirmation

In our final week of term, a large number of pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

During Confirmation, candidates receive the power of the Holy Spirit. This happens 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. Pupils have been meeting each week and attending a retreat day at our parish church in preparation for this..

Thank you to Bishop John, Fr Mark, Fr Collin and the whole of St Mary's parish for this beautiful service!





## Sports Day

Well done to all pupils who got involved in Sports Day 2024! On what was a glorious sunny day, our pupils took to their track and field events with vigour, working hard to accumulate as many points as possible for their respective houses.





## Future Cheer Internationals

Excellent work from Emilia in Year 10, who recently competed at the Future Cheer Internationals in Bournemouth. A passionate cheerleader, Emilia competed in two squads across the event, recording 2nd and 3rd place finishes. Good job!



## Dance and Cheer CASEO

This year, Dance and Cheerleading has been introduced to the CASEO clubs on offer for pupils. The response from students has been remarkable, with a great uptake in participation. Pupils have already showcased their talents by performing at the open evening, leaving a positive impression on the school community. One of the clubs' exciting features is the opportunity for older year groups to take the lead and inspire their younger peers. Through mentorship and collaboration, these experienced dancers and cheerleaders motivate, guide and inspire others. Looking ahead, the club has set its sights on an exciting goal: a cheerleading competition at the Blackpool Winter Gardens next year. This event allows our students to demonstrate their skills on a larger stage and celebrate their passion for dance and cheerleading.

## Career North

Thank you to our friends at Career North, who continue to provide outstanding careers guidance to our pupils. Their work with our pupils has helped us to maintain 100% in the Gatsby Benchmarks this year - these are the criteria against which our careers provision in school is measured. We look forward to working with them again next year.



## Attendance

Our drive to maintain excellent attendance continued this term, with school awarding 46 pupils who maintained 100% attendance across the entire year with a £20 shopping voucher. Those pupils who maintained 100% attendance and punctuality this term were also rewarded with an early lunch pass. We will continue to promote the message around the importance of good attendance as we heads into 2024/25.



## Rewards Day

Instead of our regular trips across to Alton Towers, this year, the fun came to Brownedge! As a reward for their hard work this year, pupils got to attend a fun fair on schools grounds, with several hair-raising rides on offer! There was also the opportunity to purchase burgers, hot dogs and ice cream, and everyone enjoyed a brilliant afternoon of fun in the sunshine.

A fine way to end another brilliant Brownedge year.



## St Aidan's Holiday Hampers



To support our most vulnerable local families and individuals, we worked in solidarity as a school to raise money and collect luxury items to create bespoke holiday hampers for those who attend St Aidan's Christian Larder. The uptake was incredible with over 200 items donated. We then had a range of pupil volunteers who put their faith into action by wrapping boxes, packing and decorating them. They looked beautiful and we were so proud to take them to the church. Thank you to all who showed love and kindness by donating!

## Shining Lights Quiz



1. Which house lifted the House Cup at the end of the Spring term?
2. What was the title of this year's school production?
3. Which Year 9 extended their contract with PNE earlier this year?
4. The dance and cheer leading team are hoping to compete at the Winter Gardens next year. Where is the Winter Gardens?
5. How far did the mental health champions have to walk for their fundraiser?
6. Which year group went with Geography to Salford Quays and the River Wyre this year?
7. What did the Equalities Group sell to raise money for Pride Month?
8. Where was the Year 11 Valedictory Dinner held?
9. Which party won the Browndedge election?
10. Some Year 9 pupils visited LUSoM earlier this year. What does LUSoM stand for?



Answers: 1. Romero 2. Beauty and the Beast Jr 3. Max 4. Blackpool 5. 15km 6. Year 10 7. Cookies 8. Shaw Hill Golf Club 9. Labour 10. Lancaster University School of Mathematics

**SCHOOL REOPENS ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024**



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**Have a happy summer!**

