



BROUGHTON HALL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy and successful first half term at Broughton Hall Catholic High School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

This half term has been filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a real sense of community spirit. We are delighted to share that many of our students have shown real improvement in both attendance and punctuality this half term. It's been fantastic to see so many young people arriving on time, ready to learn, and showing their commitment to making the most of every school day. The introduction of phone pouches has been a significant change, and we are so proud of how maturely and positively the students have adapted — demonstrating their commitment to learning and respect for our shared values.

Lesson visits this half term have also been a real highlight. It has been wonderful to see the positive learning environments across our classrooms, where students are fully engaged, motivated, and building strong, respectful relationships with staff and one another. The enthusiasm and focus shown in lessons reflect a genuine love of learning and a shared desire to achieve excellence.

There has been so much happening across the school: from dance workshops and Harry Potter trips to pizza rewards and charity cake sales. Another highlight this half term was the trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to see *Macbeth* — a wonderful experience for some of our English students that brought Shakespeare's words to life. Our Just Dance session brought smiles and laughter, while our Mercy Values have been evident in every act of kindness, teamwork, and generosity shown by our students.

Academically, our girls continue to impress. GCSE and A Level revision sessions have been well attended, showing real determination and focus from our exam groups. We have also hosted several important events, including the Year 7 Form Tutor Evening, Year 11 Parents' Evening, Year 11 Revision Revolution Session (attended by both parents and students), and Year 13 Parents' Evening. It has been a privilege to welcome many of you to these events as we continue to work together for the benefit of the girls.

As we approach the end of this half term, please note that school will finish early on Thursday 23rd October at 12.20pm for all students except Year 7. On that day, staff, parents, and guests from our partner primary schools and parishes will join us in celebrating Year 7's first half term at Broughton Hall with a special Celebration Mass. Year 7 students will be dismissed at the end of the Celebration Mass at approximately 2.30pm.



Friday 24th October will be an Inset Day, so school will be closed to all students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd November, refreshed and ready to continue striving for excellence together.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. It is through our shared commitment that our girls continue to grow, achieve their potential, and shine with the gifts that God has given each of them.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and joyful half term break.

In faith, hope and love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S O'Rourke', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Sarah O'Rourke
Headteacher