



# BROUGHTON NEWS

ONE HEART, ONE MIND

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## Welcome Mrs S O'Rourke

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is with great excitement and a deep sense of responsibility that I introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Broughton Hall Catholic High School. I am truly honoured to join this vibrant and faith-filled community, which has a long-standing tradition of excellence in education and a commitment to values such as, forgiveness, community, and service.

Broughton Hall's motto, "One Heart, One Mind," is a powerful reminder of the unity and shared purpose that defines our school. It is my privilege to lead a school where faith and learning come together to inspire and nurture young women to grow as confident, kind, and capable individuals who are prepared to make a positive impact in their communities and the wider world.

Throughout my career in education, I have been committed to ensuring every child receives the highest quality of teaching, care, and support. I am passionate about creating an environment where each student feels valued, empowered, and encouraged to achieve her full potential. At Broughton Hall, I will work closely with our dedicated staff to ensure our young women are not only academically successful but also spiritually enriched and socially responsible.

As I take on this role, I am eager to engage with you, the parents and carers who play such a crucial part in your daughters' education. Your support and partnership are vital to our shared mission of providing the very best opportunities for your daughters.

Over the coming weeks, I will be reaching out to introduce myself more personally, and I look forward to hearing from you about your hopes and aspirations for our school community. Together, we will build on Broughton Hall's strengths and embrace the opportunities to grow and thrive as a community united in faith and purpose.

Thank you for your warm welcome and trust. It has been a pleasure to meet your daughters this week and I look forward to working with you all as we begin this exciting new chapter for Broughton Hall Catholic High School.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs S O'Rourke  
Headteacher  
Broughton Hall Catholic High School



## Weekly Prayer

Dear God

**M**ay our hearts be filled with Peace and Love,  
**e**ach day, help us to learn

**r**emind us, 'Mercy is your way',

**C**ompassion for the world.

**Y**ou have shown us how to live, one heart,  
one mind, together.

For Christ, His hands and feet we'll be.  
Your servants Lord Forever.

Amen.

## Happy New Year

The day before our students returned for this New Term, all staff gathered for a training day, and we explored the Feast of the Epiphany. The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord celebrates the visit of the Magi, or wise men, to the newborn Jesus. These visitors travelled from the East, guided by a unique star, to honour Jesus as King of the Jews. The readings for Epiphany highlight the theme of God's light reaching out to all nations. The prophet Isaiah invites Jerusalem to rejoice, as people of wealth from around the world come to honour God's light. St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, emphasises that all people not just the Jewish people, are invited into God's family through Christ. This unity is central to the message of Epiphany, showing that the gift of Jesus is for everyone.

As a school community, we want to journey through 2025 with our whole community in mind and those who may join during the course of the year. We want to be mindful of those who are less seen, just like the Shepherds tending their flocks. God sent His angels to the shepherds, in great numbers and with much Joy and fanfare. Through this, God demonstrated the importance of leaving no one out in a community. We look forward to sharing our Good News with you throughout the year, in the meantime, God Blessings and Peace to All.



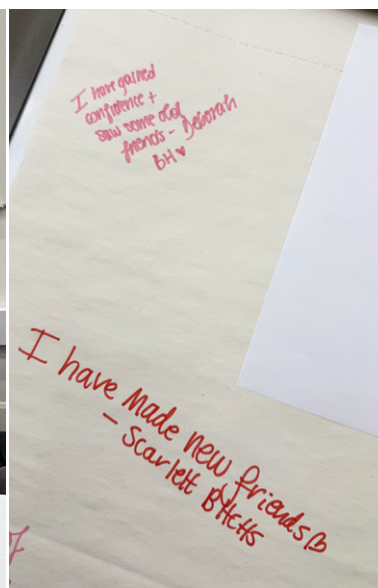


## Broughton Hall Dance Company Rehearsals

A select number of students have been busy rehearsing for a performance with Merseyside Youth Association. The students will be performing at the prestigious St Georges Hall in February. Students have been working together since September on the dance 'Stargazing'. The dance is inspired by the theme of rights. Therefore we have used the idea of that anyone has the right to love anyone no matter who they are. This is danced to the song 'Stargazing' by Myles Smith where the dancers are always reaching up and leaning towards each other to show that they are loved.

## Spectrum

On Monday 6th January, a further 6 members of staff were trained as Spectrum facilitators. Facilitators work with small groups of pupils who have experienced bereavement, supporting them as a point of contact on their return to school and as they come to terms with loss. Should you feel your daughter might benefit from working with one of the school's facilitators, please contact your child's Head of year or their Support Manager in the first instance.



## North West regional finals for the Ethics Cup

On Wednesday 8th January, nine Year 11's went to the University of Liverpool to compete in the North West regional finals for the Ethics Cup. Students were engaged in ethical debates amongst other schools and competed well. Topics they discussed included: gift aversion, nuclear deterrence, violence in video games and serial killer portrayals in tv programming. They competed against schools such as Gateacre, St Julies and Merchant Taylors and narrowly missed out on a place in the final. Students were welcomed to a taster lecture by Nikolaos Gkogkas a member of the Department of Philosophy on Plato's Meno. Students found the day a valuable experience to become more confident in arguing their points, particularly over difficult subjects. The students should be very proud of themselves on their achievements.





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