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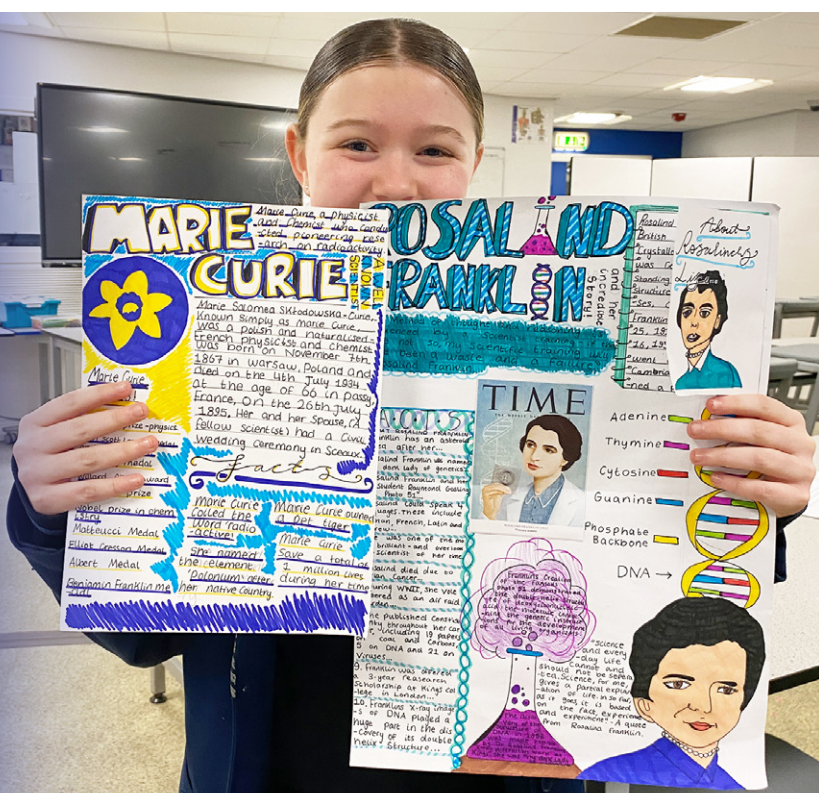
ONE HEART, ONE MIND

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Acts of Kindness

Students have been giving of their time this week and showing kindness in their friendships. Our Mental Health & wellbeing Ambassadors have continued their series of presentations, 'Know yourself grow yourself' for (Children's Mental Health Week).

The team have served our whole school community with engaging and informative messages about Mental Health for their peers. They are a credit to Miss Moss who coordinates this and their school. Well done All!



Some students have also celebrated Valentines Day this Friday by giving roses to their friends. Isabella said, "I want everyone of my friends to feel included and appreciated". At Broughton Hall, we often run Act of Kindness days to promote our Mercy Values, but it is much more rewarding when our students are naturally kind to one another. Acts of Kindness are something we see on a daily basis, and this is building a caring community with Mercy Values at the core.

Dear Lord Jesus, you noticed the marginalised and the neglected in society, even to those who lived sinful lives, you showed mercy and love. May your Holy Spirit guide us to love and not hate, to include and not ignore and to care for all who need our mercy.
Amen.



Weekly Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Renewal
Heavenly Father,
As we reach the end of this half-term,
we pause to give You thanks.

For the lessons we have learned, the
challenges we have faced,

and the friendships that have strengthened
us, we are grateful.

Thank You for the wisdom of the teachers,
the support of our families, and the
opportunities to grow in knowledge and
faith.

Bless us with rest and renewal during this
break.

Fill our hearts with peace and joy, and guide
us to return refreshed and ready for what
lies ahead.

May we always seek to serve You in our
work and studies,

in our words, and in our actions.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Top Attendance Forms

96.6%	96%	95.7%
7THO	8THO	9MAX
91.7%	91%	98.3%
10THO	11BER	12FRA

From our Archive



The Archbishop and Mgr. Jackson with the Sisters and a Group of Children, take from the 1961-1962 edition of the Broughtonia.



Message from Mrs O'Rourke - Head teacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term of 2025, it is an opportunity to take a moment to reflect on the journey so far.

This half term has been particularly significant for me as I begin my role as Headteacher at Broughton Hall Catholic High School. It has been a privilege to get to know our wonderful students, staff, and families, and I am grateful for the warm welcome and support I have received.

One of our key focuses this term has been on improving standards across all areas of school life. With your support, we have made great strides, particularly in improving attendance, which is essential to student success. Thank you to those who participated in our behaviour survey—your feedback is invaluable as we continue to create a positive and focused learning environment for all.

We have also taken time to recognise and celebrate student achievements. Reward celebrations have highlighted the hard work, resilience, and dedication of our students, reinforcing our school's commitment to excellence. In all we do, we remain guided by our Mercy Values, encouraging our students to embody resilience, acceptance, and generosity in their daily lives.

This half term has also been full of enriching opportunities. Students have participated in various competitions, allowing them to showcase their talents and skills beyond the classroom. Additionally, revision sessions have provided valuable support for those preparing for upcoming assessments, ensuring they feel confident and prepared.

For our older students, mock examinations are on the horizon, and we have been working hard to equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed. Mock interviews have also been a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their confidence and communication skills as they prepare for the future. Meanwhile, applications and interviews for our Sixth Form are underway, and we look forward to welcoming the next generation of Sixth Form students to continue their educational journey with us.

As we approach the half-term break, I want to thank you for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is vital in ensuring the best outcomes for our students, and I appreciate your commitment to their education.

I hope you and your families have a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to another successful half term ahead.

In Faith, Hope & Love,

Mrs O'Rourke
Headteacher
Broughton Hall Catholic High School



**Liverpool
Called**

Confirmation for Year 8 Students and also older students who may have missed the opportunity in recent years

Dear parent/guardian,

The archdiocese of Liverpool is inviting young people in year 8 (*and above*) to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

Confirmation is a sacrament through which we receive the Holy Spirit to make us stronger and more perfect Christians and true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

The preparation for the sacrament will begin in school with an introduction to the sacrament from Animate, the archdiocesan youth ministry team.

Year 8 pupils will then study the subject of confirmation in their RE classes.

After the registration deadline has passed your child will be invited to preparation sessions in your local area (*parish / deanery*).

Following these local preparation times young people will be invited to be confirmed.

If your child would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation this year it is essential they register online at:

<https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk>

Registration must take place before the 17th March.

Please complete the form that can be accessed through clicking the button at the top right-hand side of the webpage (*'Register for Confirmation'*). If you are unable to do this at home please inform the school chaplain who will be able to help.

When a young person has registered, and after the deadline of the 17th March, they will be contacted by your local confirmation co-ordinator who will take you through the next steps of the preparation process.

Parishes will run their preparation at different times and you should contact your parish priest if you feel your child has not been invited to preparation meetings.

More details about the preparation scheme can be found on the liverpoolcalled.co.uk website or at animateyouth.org

If you have any questions, please contact Fr Simon Gore on s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk or your parish priest.

Mercy Values – Community and Environment

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity”

Psalm 133:1

This week we have been recognising the good in pupils who are demonstrating Mercy Values by respecting their environment and showing community spirit by respecting one another, our school, and travelling around the building calmly. High expectations and expected standards are being reinforced by ensuring pupils are ready to learn, their hair tied back and know that phones and AirPods are not permitted in school.

Pupils have been lining up to ensure they are prepared for their lessons ahead.

So many of our pupils have been recognised for their positive behaviours and we have celebrated those who have been rewarded with many Mercy Value points this week – we’re so proud of you!

We learn from Catherine McAuley’s words “We must strive to do ordinary things extraordinary well”



International Women and Girls in Science Day

International Women and Girls in Science Day is an essential celebration that highlights the achievements of women in science and encourages young girls to pursue scientific careers. It is vital to break stereotypes and ensure equal opportunities for girls in science, fostering their curiosity, confidence, and ambition.

In Broughton, we see this enthusiasm come to life through our science lessons where our girls conduct experiments, explore scientific concepts, and develop problem-solving skills. Their dedication is shown in their fantastic homework, where they have researched famous female scientists, learning about the groundbreaking contributions of women like Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin, and Katherine Johnson. By celebrating this day, we hope to empower our students and remind them that they, too, can shape the future of science.

As part of the celebration, we asked students to complete presentations to show the important contributions female scientists have made to the field.

Our winners, chosen by the science department and Miss O’Rourke are:

🏆 Grace O

🏆 Zeira Vipin D

🏆 Isabella B

🏆 Hava O

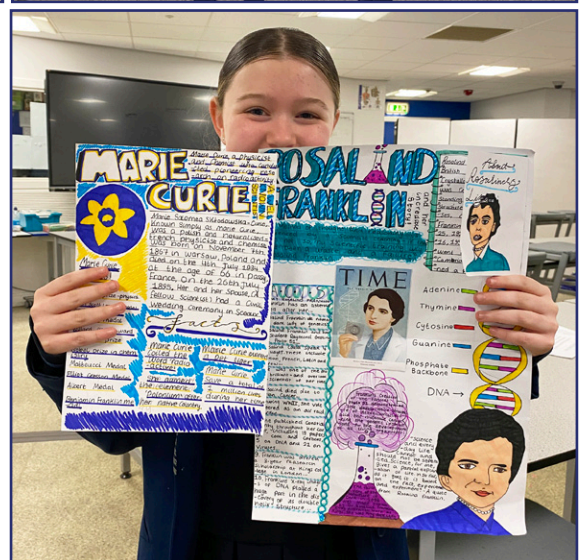
🏆 Emelia S

🏆 Sinead M

🏆 Evina Anna S

🏆 Abigail K

🏆 Macie Ann R





Sixth Form Meetings

On Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February, Year 11 Internal Applicants to Sixth Form took part in welcome meetings. Students gained valuable insights into the courses, extracurricular activities, and support systems available in our Sixth Form community. The transition to Sixth Form is an important milestone, and we're delighted to support so many of our students as they make informed decisions about their future!



SEND Intervention Spotlight – ELSA

Unlike most of our interventions which run in small groups, ELSA sessions are 1:1 and can cover anything and everything! More commonly, we cover topics such as promoting and developing emotional literacy, managing emotions or behaviour, friendship issues, grief, self-harm, confidence building, EBSA (emotional based school avoidance) and growth mindset. If a student needs social or emotional support, we can offer it – as long as it is within our training remit. We are not trained counsellors, so we are obligated to work within our professional boundaries. We try to adapt sessions to the individual, so sometimes we may work very creatively, using art techniques or through playing games. Everything has an underlying purpose though, so if students report back that they are playing games or painting, please know that they were also learning!

UK Maths Trust

On Tuesday, 4 students from year 8 and 9 attended the UK Maths Trust team maths challenge at Birkenhead School.

They competed against 17 other schools from across the northwest. Girls did so well and made Broughton Hall so proud.





NOW Young People's Mental Health Festival

Students from Broughton Hall Dance Company participated in the NOW Young People's Mental Health Festival on Wednesday 5th February at Dt George's Hall. Students were given the theme of rights to perform a dance to. The idea of the right to love anyone was used and was portrayed amazingly by all the dancers. The dancers won the prize for best dance choreography. Miss Lane and Ms Coyle were very proud of all students involved and how they represented the school.



Year 11 Stars

Congratulations to Seren and Ashley on Year 11 who were rewarded for their attendance to extra revision sessions this half term. Ashley had the highest attendance across the year group and Seren won the raffle. Well done to all our Year 11 students who have been attending revision in the run up to their final mocks in March and GCSE examinations in May.

Questionnaire Feedback

We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete a short questionnaire which will help us to understand your views and inform future development of Catholic Life at Broughton Hall.

Parents:

<https://forms.office.com/e/89jmsrkMtr>

Year 7-11

<https://forms.office.com/e/rjKB91cPvy>

Sixth Form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/M9dy5Sz84D>

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Broughton Hall Catholic High School



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Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

So why should you do your DofE? What are you going to get out of doing it? Well, the benefits of achieving your Bronze Award are endless. It's difficult to list them all, so here's a quick snapshot. You'll...

- Have lots of fun
- Get healthier and happier
- Meet incredible people and make lasting friendships
- Have amazing new experiences
- Find talents you didn't know you had
- Gain skills that employers value, which you can reference on your CV
- Become more confident and independent
- Stand out from the crowd in college, university and job applications
- Make memories that will last a lifetime.



"As an actor I know how much Award holders' experiences and the skills they've developed matter. Without determination and passion I wouldn't be where I am today."

Benedict Cumberbatch, actor.



"Life doesn't naturally happen, you've got to get involved. What better way to do that than do your DofE. As an employer I want to work with people who have a range of skills and can see things through."

Deborah Meaden, Entrepreneur and Dragons' Den Investor

Pupils in Year 9 who have expressed an interest in taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award have returned the completed 'early interest' forms and should have now returned their enrolment forms.

Parents and carers of these pupils should now see a new payment item (Bronze D of E 2025) appear on Parent Pay. This may appear as a 'trip' but payment covers the cost of each participant place as well as helping cover the cost of the forthcoming expeditions. Once the initial deposit has been paid, I will be able to purchase the participant places and create their online e-DofE accounts.

I will meet with pupils to take them through the logging on process early next term. Pupils can access their online accounts via an app. and should be regularly checking their school e-mails for any messages and reminders.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Silver Award pupils who have yet to submit their plans for any of the three sections need to do this by Friday 14th February. The sooner they start, the sooner they finish! Provisional dates for the planned day walks and expeditions will be given out early next half term.

Any pupils who started either their Bronze or Silver Awards last year but have yet to complete all four sections (volunteering, skills, physical and expedition) can still submit evidence and assessor reports and should see Mr Halewood if they are not sure of what they should do in order to complete their Award.

More information about the Duke of Edinburgh can be found at dofe.org. Alternatively you can e-mail me any questions at halewoodj@broughtonhall.com

Mr Halewood – D of E Manager

Job of the WEEK



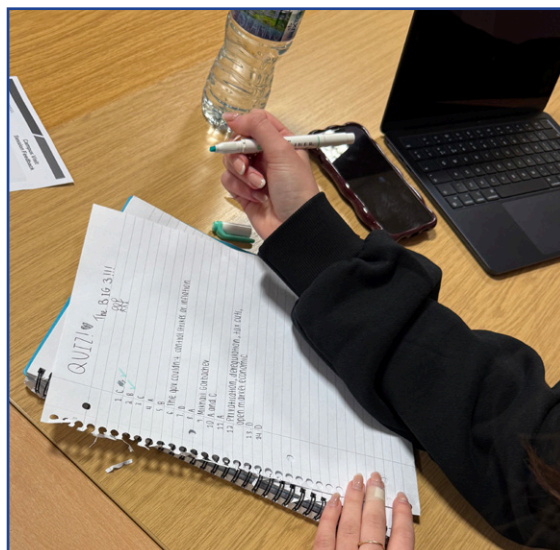
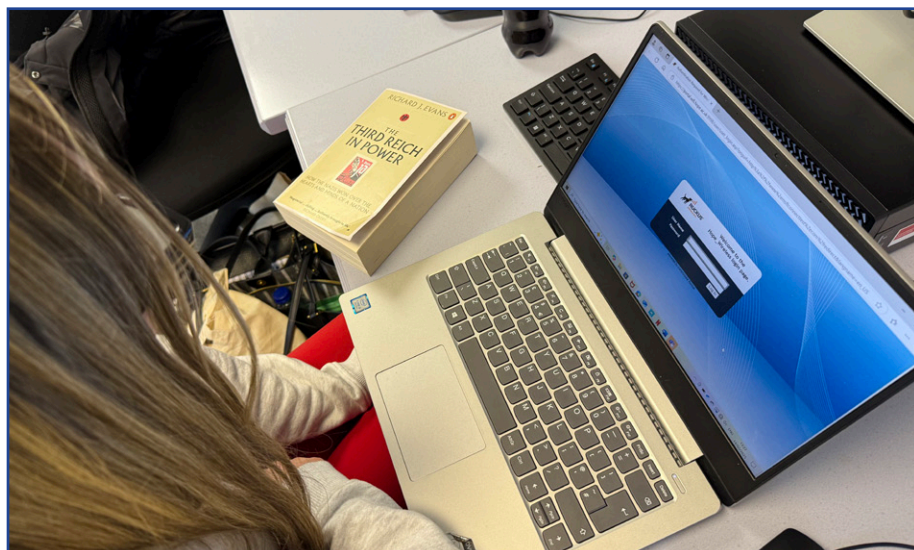
Find out more..



Professor Stephen Kelly Lecture

Year 12 and Year 13 Historians have been fortunate enough to have a lecture and seminar with Professor Stephen Kelly on Margaret Thatcher and her impact on Britain. Students were engaged and enthusiastic throughout and even participated in a quiz to see what they have learned. The group were also able to tour the Hope Park campus and able to work in the library to aid their studies.

Year 13 students focused on research for their coursework on the Holocaust and Year 12 focused on wider reading to develop their knowledge. They were a credit to the school and the history department.





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YOUNG SONGWRITER COMPETITION 2025

1st February - 31st March

STAR JUDGES INCLUDE

**TOM GRENNAN
NINA NESBITT
MIRANDA COOPER
MNEK
CALUM SCOTT
EG WHITE
TOBY GAD
GAYLE
FREDDY WEXLER
CONNIE TALBOT
DAN GILLESPIE SELLS
PLESTED
HANNAH V
EMILY PHILLIPS
NAUGHTY BOY
KENNY BARBER**




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