

11 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Head of Year 10 at Birches Head Academy and I have been with the school for nearly 5 years now. I am also the Head of Performing Arts, responsible for the Dance and Drama curriculum.

I have taught this year group since they came to Birches Head academy in Year 7 and have built some very strong relationships with many of the students. With this, I know that all students within Year 10 have the potential to be incredibly successful during their time at Birches Head Academy and I look forward to sharing in these successes over the next two years.

I am a great believer in students being involved in extracurricular clubs outside of their timetabled curriculum to enhance their school career. Therefore, details of the clubs available are on the school website and all tutor boards, all of which are designed to help develop and extend their skills, knowledge and experiences across a range of subject areas. I would also like to highlight some of the opportunities I would encourage all students to embrace:

- **Macmillan Coffee Morning- 29th September 2017**
- **Careers Convention- 17th October 2017**
- **NHS Careers show – 22nd November 2017**
- **The Winter show – 13th December 2017**
- **World Book Day – 2nd March 2018**
- **World Maths Day- 14th March 2018**
- **The Summer Show – 18th July 2018**

There will also be a variety of student leadership opportunities available throughout the academic year.

Finally, may I inform you that the first Year 10 parents' evening is on **Thursday 4th January 2018** between 4.00 – 7.00pm.

I look forward to meeting you all over the course of the year, and to working in partnership with you to achieve a highly successful outcome for your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Adlington
Head of Year 10 and Subject Leader for Performing Arts