

11 September 2017

Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Head of Year 11 at Birches Head Academy, I have been at the school for 5 years and I also have responsibility for the Computer Science curriculum across the school.

The aim of the pastoral support system in Year 11 is to build upon the work done in lower years so that this year all students can achieve their aspirations. Staff have high expectations and will actively encourage all to achieve their full potential in preparation for them moving onto further education, training or employment.

Throughout the year students will participate in a number of activities such as:

- **Year 11 Careers Assembly - 14th September 2017**
- **Year 11 School Photographs - 19th September 2017**
- **GCSE info and revision evening - 28th September 2017**
- **Careers convention - 17th October 2017**
- **NHS careers show 22nd November 2017**
- **Year 11 Parents evening – 14th December 2017**
- **Year 11 mocks - 26th February 2018**
- **Year 11 parents evening - 18th April 2018**
- **Easter School – Week Commencing 28th April 2018 (Second week of the holidays)**
- **Year 11 Prom – 22nd June 2018**

I hope many students will become involved in the many additional revision sessions and P6 clubs that are available. All are designed to help develop and extend their skills, knowledge and experiences across a range of subject areas further and provide additional curriculum support in preparation for the GCSE exams in May 2018.

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. Parents' Evening is on the **14th December 2017 between 4.30pm and 7pm.**

Yours sincerely

Mr O Harding
Head of Year 11 and Subject Leader: Computer Science