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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the Head of Year 8 and have been with the school for over 7 years now following other roles within a variety of settings, including being part of the Science department. I have a passion for helping young people to realise their potential and always strive to support them in any way I can.

I am confident all students can achieve their aspirations. I know that all students within Year 8 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 year.

I look forward to students becoming involved in the many extra curricular clubs that are available. Details are available on the school website and all are designed to help develop and extend their skills, knowledge and experiences across a range of subject areas. I would also like to highlight the following opportunities I would encourage all to embrace:

- **Roald Dhal day – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**
- **School photographs - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017**
- **National poetry Day - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**
- **Michelin science day –17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**
- **National storytelling week – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**
- **Y8 Geography Gladstone trip - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018**
- **World book day - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**
- **Sports day - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018**
- **Summer fayre - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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

Finally, may I remind you that the Year 8 parents' evening is on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February between 4.30 – 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

**Mr S Williams**  
**Head of Year 8**