

11 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Head of Year 9. I have been teaching at Birches Head Academy for three years and previous to taking on this role I was Progress Leader for KS4. My experience in providing support and intervention for GCSE students will enable me to ensure that your child will be supported through this important year.

I have high expectations for each and every child to reach their potential. Year 9 is an exciting and crucial year as students choose their GCSE options, shaping the rest of their time at school. I look forward to guiding the students through this time, overcoming any challenges, and seeing them continue to achieve and grow in confidence throughout the year.

As a school, we feel it is extremely important to focus on the whole person, rather than purely on academic successes. Students are able to access a large number of extra-curricular clubs and they are a great opportunity to extend skills or get involved in something new. Details are available on the school website. I would also like to highlight some upcoming school events:

- **Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September 2017**
- **Careers Convention Y9, 10, 11 – Tuesday 17th October 2017**
- **NHS Careers Show – Wednesday 22nd November 2017**
- **World Book Day – Friday 2nd March 2018**

Options evening is taking place on **Wednesday 28th February** and you will be invited to drop in between **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** This is an important opportunity to see the range of subjects on offer and ask any questions that you may have.

Finally, may I inform you that the Year 9 parents' evening is on **Wednesday 10th January between 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

I look forward to meeting you and working together to ensure your child has a successful year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Moore
Head of Year 9