

9 September 2016

Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the Pastoral Leader for Year 8 and have been with the school for over 5 years now following other roles within a variety of settings, including specialist educational schools. 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:

- **NHS Careers show – 3rd October 2016**
- **The Christmas show – 14th December 2016**
- **School 'Readathon' – 8th February 2017**
- **World Book Day – 2nd March 2017**
- **World Maths day – 14th March 2017**
- **The Summer Show – 19th July 2017**

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, 9th March 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 Willis
Pastoral Leader – Year 8