

9 September 2016

Dear Parent

As the Pastoral Leader for Year 11 I am looking forward to working with your son or daughter as they commence the final year of their secondary education.

The aim of the pastoral support system in Year 11 is to build upon the work done in lower years. It is vital to empower all students to become well-rounded and confident young people who continue to grow, learn, believe and achieve. 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 - 16th September 2016**
- **Year 11 Revision Market Place - 27th September 2016**
- **Year 11 Photographs – 31st October 2016**
- **Michelin Inspiring Males/Females - 8th November 2016**
- **GCSE Maths in Action at Salford University – 8th November 2016**
- **Careers Convention (parents invited) – 29th November 2016**
- **Year 11 Mock Results Day - 15th December 2016**
- **Ace Your Exams Revision Session – 6th January 2017**
- **Parental Seminar 'Elevate Education' - 31st January 2017**
- **Easter School – Week Commencing 17th April 2017 (Second week of the holidays)**
- **Year 11 Prom – 30th June 2017**

I am confident all students can achieve their aspirations. I know that all students in Year 11 have the potential to be incredibly successful during their time at Birches Head Academy and I look forward to sharing in their successes over the next year.

I hope many students will become involved in the many extra-curricular 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 2017.

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 Thursday 12th January 2017 between 4.30pm and 7pm.**

Yours sincerely

David Wallbank
Pastoral Leader – Year 11