

17 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Options Evening – Wednesday 22 March – 4pm-7pm

Correspondence has been sent about the new date for our Y9 Options Evening. The new date for the event is **Wednesday 22 March, 4pm – 7pm**. A new link for booking onto the session is here: [Year 9 Options Evening 2023 Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#) . If you have any queries, please contact the Main Office.

Careers Update

Wednesday 15 March a group of Year 10 students attended the higher achiever program at Staffordshire University laboratory. This event was in collaboration with Stoke 6th Form and Higher Horizons studying mysterious acids investigated by titration.

Steel Pan Workshop

An opportunity is being offered to take part in a free Steel Pan Workshop. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved with making music and exploring different types of music and will offer performance opportunities going forward on our fantastic new steel pan drums! If you would like to take part, follow the application instructions on the letter or collect a letter from Miss Mooney in MU2.

Principal's Lunches – Y8, 9 and 10

This week I celebrated the Principal's Excellence Award with nominated students from Years 8, 9 and 10. Students had been nominated by their Head of Year for displaying one of our school values during Learning Programme 3. I enjoyed sharing a delicious curry and cake with each year group throughout the week, and I hope they enjoyed the varied conversation and the privilege to attend this event. I look forward to celebrating with Y7 and Y11 students next week.

Spanish Exchange

Our 28 students from Y9 and Y10 returned from Spain on Tuesday and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to visit our link school in Granada, make new friends and spend time with the Spanish students' families learning about their culture and school. We welcome 20 Spanish students next Friday, who will be staying with us until Thursday 30 March.

Free School Meal Vouchers – Easter Holiday

Stoke-on-Trent City Council are once again funding vouchers to cover the Easter break. An e-mail, containing a link to download your voucher, will be sent out on or around Monday 27th March. This will be to the value of £30 per eligible child.

Please contact us if you need this information in any other language or format if you have any questions. You can contact the office by email on info@bircheshead.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Dixon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ms K Dixon
Principal

