

31 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all parents who have expressed their support by sharing their positive experiences of our school this week. As a school we have always sought to address any problems head on, and we are saddened that there are some comments from parents who think that is not the case. As mentioned in my letter earlier this week, we would like to meet with every parent who has made a comment to sit down with myself and the CEO, to discuss any concerns they have. We will not respond to social media. Please contact the school if you would like to take us up on this offer.

Y11 Exam Timetable

When we return to school on Monday 17 April, Year 11 will begin their GCSE examinations. Please see attached the timetable for full information.

Y11 Easter Revision

Select students in Year 11 have been invited to attend Easter Revision sessions over the Easter break. Students are expected to attend in full school uniform. This is to ensure that they are in the mindset to revise and learn. The normal school expectations are still in place, and this is an excellent opportunity for Year 11 students to improve their revision techniques and feel more confident as we enter the examination period.

Day	Date	Subject	Time
Tue	04/04/2023	3D Design and Photography	9:30 - 12:30
Wed	05/04/2023	Science	9:30 - 12:30
Thu	06/04/2023	Science	9:30 - 12:30
Tue	11/04/2023	History	9:30 - 14:30
Tue	11/04/2023	Photography	9:30 - 12:30
Wed	12/04/2023	RE	9:30 - 12:30
Wed	12/04/2023	Spanish	9:30 - 12:30
Thu	13/04/2023	Geography	9:30 - 12:30
Thu	13/04/2023	Spanish	9:30 - 12:30

Y11 Residential Revision Trip – Friday 31 March – Sunday 2 April

60 students from Year 11 have taken the opportunity to attend a Year 11 residential revision trip to Laches Wood. They will revise the core subjects of Maths, Science, English Language and English Literature as well as experience outdoor activities such as archery, climbing, high ropes and caving which will develop resilience and confidence.

Spanish Exchange

The 28 students from our partner school in Granada, Spain, enjoyed a busy week with Birches Head Academy students and families. They visited Trentham, Gardens, enjoyed two days attending lessons in the academy and spent a day at Emma Bridgewater and the sixth form college where they were treated to a performance by the school band. Students were tasked to complete several British and local tasks such as eating oatcakes, a full English breakfast and watching a TV show hosted by Ant and Dec!

Junior Chef Academy

Earlier in the year, one of our students was invited to complete the Junior Chef Academy qualification, in association with Compass Group and Stoke on Trent College.

Nicolas attended every session of the 10 week course and graduated by preparing a celebration three course meal for teachers and parents. His menu consisted of:

Starter: Broccoli, cashew nuts, spicy chickpeas

Main: Pan fried chicken escalope, long grain white rice, wholemeal flat bread, mustard cream sauce

Dessert: Chocolate fondant and strawberries and Coffee

Congratulations to Nicholas and we wish him all the success with his dream of being a Michelin rated chef.

Charity Staff Football Match – Postponed

The staff charity football match was postponed due to the pitch conditions. Hopefully a dry Easter break will mean we can re-arrange this match when we return.

I hope you all have a relaxing break and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 17 April 2023. 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



Ms K Dixon
Principal