

28 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Dates to note

Monday 1 May – Early Spring Bank Holiday (school closed to all students)

Tuesday 2 May – Strike Day (school closed to Year 8, 9 and 10 students)

Strike Day – Tuesday 2 May

A large proportion of our Academy's teachers are members of the NEU and may be on strike, therefore the provision we offer in school on Tuesday 2 May will be restricted to ensure the safety of any students on-site is maintained at all times, with sufficient staff-student ratios. All decisions on this have been taken in line with guidance provided by the Department of Education.

The Academy will be open for year 7 and year 11 students only on both these days, all students in those year groups should attend as normal. As year 11 have now started their examinations, it is crucial that they remain a priority whilst they near the end of their education at Birches Head Academy.

All students from year 8 – 10 will not attend the Academy and can complete work through Microsoft Teams.

I appreciate that this is a significant change to our normal ways of working and I would like to again express my appreciation of your cooperation at this time.

Y11 Ambition Day – Friday 28 April 2023

Friday 28 April saw Year 11 students taking part in an "Ambition Day". This is ahead of full school exams and the focus of the event is helping students with general wellbeing, how to look after themselves during exam season, using strategies to aid mental health and wellbeing alongside revision and preparation for exams and the next steps in their education.

KS4 Basketball Team

The KS4 Basketball Team took on St Joseph's College in a cage basketball game. The visitors took an early lead in the first quarter, however during the second and third quarters Franklin helped the team pull the lead back to within a couple of points. In the last quarter St Joseph's managed to pull a lead and won the game by 10 points. This was our third league of the season, the boys played a tremendous game and the star player with 12 points was Franklin. We go again next week against The Co-operative Academy.

Coronation Competition

Students are being encouraged to enter to be in with a chance of winning a spot at our Coronation Tea Party on Friday 5 May. To enter, students need to simply design an invitation to the King's coronation, addressed to your favourite book character. Be sure to include some of the reasons they are receiving this prestigious invite and hand in to Mrs. Sanders by 3rd May. Good luck!

Free Courses for Adults

Please see attached information regarding some free courses on offer to anybody aged 19+. The courses run for 6 weeks and will take place at Leek Town Football Club.

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

