

5 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Dates to note

Monday 8 May – Bank Holiday – Kings Coronation (school closed to all students and staff)

May half term – Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June (school closed to students)

Y11 Examinations

GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE SUMMER 2023



Art & Design Thursday 20 April - Friday 21 April 2023 8:30am, 10 hours	3D Design (Group 1) Thursday 20 April - Friday 21 April 2023 8:30am, 10 hours	3D Design (Group 2) Tuesday 25 April - Wednesday 26 April 2023 8:30am, 10 hours	Photography Wednesday 3 May - Thursday 4 May 2023 8:30am, 10 hours	Engineering (Practical) Tuesday 16 May - Friday 19 May 2023 8:30am, 2:15 hours	Engineering (Written) Monday 22 May 2023 1:00pm, 2:15 hours
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Kings Coronation Celebrations

In their Key Stage 3 English lessons this week, students have been learning about the upcoming King's Coronation by looking back at the Queen's Coronation in 1953 along with some of the traditional elements and modern adjustments which will make up Saturday's ceremony. As part of this, we have considered the connotations of royalty, and the role of the monarch, and begun to think of how King Charles' reign may differ from that of Queen Elizabeth II. We have been preparing to celebrate this historic occasion by creating coronation collages, hanging bunting, and writing newspaper articles. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the activities. Well done to all who have contributed to our amazing decorative corridor!

Afternoon Tea – Library Competition – Friday 5 May

Students entered a competition to win a chance at attending a Coronation Tea Party on Friday 5 May. 20 students from KS3 attended the event, students were chosen based on their design for an invitation to the event addressed to their favourite book character. Students were treated to games, cakes and other goodies.

Afternoon Tea – History Competition Tuesday 9 May

The history department are recognising the historic event of King Charles III Coronation by running their own competition and celebration. Students had a PSHE lesson earlier this week dedicated to the Coronation, with details on the "design your own stamp" competition. Winners will be invited to an Afternoon Tea party on Tuesday 9 May.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 9 Bronze DofE students are going out next week for their practice walk. They will camp overnight and learn all of the skills they will need to pass their expedition. The week after we will have the first ever group of students on a silver expedition. This step up means they will be out for three days and will camp on two evenings carrying everything with them to be self sufficient in that time. Let's cross our fingers for some dry weather.

Lots of students are getting excited for our Outward Bound trip in July. Parents should have received an email with a link to the Participant Information Form. This is an extended medical questionnaire that needs to be completed for all students before they can take part. We do have a few spaces left on the trip in anyone would still like to join. Letters can be collected from main reception or from Mr Burndred.

English Certificates

This week, 30 certificates have been awarded to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. These certificates recognise those students who have received the most achievement points in their year group within their English lessons during LP4. We are incredibly proud of the outstanding effort of these students, and will be celebrating their achievements within their English lessons. Well done to all! Mrs Buckman

Tatton Park Flower Show

Preparations have begun for RHS Tatton Park Flower Show 2023 (show dates 19th-23rd July). This year Birches Head Academy are designing and creating a 3m x 3m garden plot for the show, based on the theme of *biodiversity*. Students can take part by attending Grow it Club (Monday afterschool in Sc3) and Eco Club (Thursday afterschool in Sc3).

We need the following items, if anyone can donate / lend anything from the list below it will really help towards creating a memorable display:

- Flowering plants (any type, any size- the bigger the better!)
- Raised flower beds
- Bird feeders
- Bird boxes
- Insect houses
- Old sink / bathtub (to be used as a water feature)
- Large stones / bricks

KS4 Basketball

This week the KS4 basketball team played The Cooperative Academy away at their school. During the game students managed to score 12 points with Franklin and Lazaros being key players. The game was a close game with us unfortunately losing in the end, however the boys battled really hard and should be very proud to have played a great game. Well done!

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