

12 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Dates to note**

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

### **Year 11**

Morning exams begin at 8:30am. Please ensure your child arrives early and prepared. This will ensure a positive start. Breakfast and revision are from 8:00am.

## GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE SUMMER 2023



WEEK 2	Monday 22 May	09:00	1:45	Chemistry
	Monday 22 May	13:00	1:30	Geography
	Tuesday 23 May	13:00	1:45	RE Islam
	Wednesday 24 May	09:00	2:30	English Lit Prose & Poetry
	Wednesday 24 May	13:00	1:15	Italian Writing
	Wednesday 24 May	13:00	1:25	Turkish Writing
	Thursday 25 May	09:00	1:45	Physics
	Thursday 25 May	09:00	1:45	Science
	Thursday 25 May	13:00	1:15	Child Development

### **Principal's Excellence Awards**

This week we have celebrated the students nominated in Years, 8, 9 and 10 for the Principal's Excellence Awards. Students had a lovely meal with myself and their Head of Year.

### **Sports Update**

A small group of students were selected to run and lead a coaching session to primary school kids at Barlaston cricket club. The students at BHA designed and delivered tri golf and cricket activities to 6 different primary schools. The sessions went incredibly well as the students demonstrated fantastic leadership and coaching abilities, through knowledge, encouragement, teamwork and compassion. The students represented BHA in a very positive way and are a credit to the school. Amazing work from the students, well done!

### **ParentPay Accounts**

Could we please encourage everyone to review their ParentPay accounts and add funds as required to settle any outstanding debts. Please be reminded that school meals must be paid for in advance. We are having to chase a number of families regarding outstanding payments and ideally payment for lunches should be made over the weekend or a Monday morning for the week ahead. Having said this, funds can be added at any time. Text reminders and phone calls will be made to ensure this problem does not escalate further.

If your child has free school meals (FSM), this is to the value of £2.30 each day. Generally, this covers a "meal deal" at lunch time and if your child is having food items at break time, payment for these items must also be added to ParentPay as the FSM allowance will not cover this.

### **Reading Cloud**

As you all know, the library here at BHA is the heart of our school. We are delighted to announce that we are now live on the Reading Cloud, an online platform that allows students to be able to search the library catalogue from home and also to read all the latest library news, read book reviews written by their peers and much more. Please go to <https://www.readingcloud.net/?site=U022571> for a sneak preview - and do let us know what you think!

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](mailto:info@bircheshead.org.uk).

Yours Sincerely



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