

16 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Dates to note

Y11 Prom – 22 June

CEO/Principal drop in – 28 June 3.30pm-4.30pm

Awards Evening – 29 June

Experience Week – W/C 17 July

Notices

CEO & Principal – Parent Drop in

Our next drop in session will be Wednesday 28 June at 3.30pm – 4.30pm, all parents are invited to attend a drop in session, every fortnight on a Wednesday until the end of term. This will be an opportunity to talk with the CEO and Principal without an appointment. Parents should arrive at Main Reception to register throughout this time period.

Uniform Expectations

We are wanting to open a preloved school uniform shop over the summer. Please can I ask that all unwanted uniform is donated back to school via Main Reception.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you all that every pupil must come to the Academy equipped. They should have a pencil case containing pens, pencils, a ruler, rubber. Their academy planner and reading book. Please support us in ensuring your child is suitably equipped for the day.

Y11 Leaver's Assembly

On Wednesday 14 June Year 11 had their last whole cohort exam. This was followed by our leaver's celebration, where we celebrated their fantastic achievements throughout the last five years, reflecting and celebrating. Ms Howorth said the following "I am so proud of them, and their achievements and we wish them the best in their future. Well done Year 11!" Special mention to Sophie who achieved 100% attendance every year while at Birches Head Academy.

Curriculum notices

'Know more, Do more, Remember More'

At Birches Head Academy we believe that the neuroscience behind working memory and long-term knowledge retention plays a key part in how students learn. Therefore our curriculum design is underpinned by the concept of 'know more, do more, remember more'. This is the assertion that students need a solid understanding of core knowledge if they are going to progress in their learning.

Our pedagogy aligns with our knowledge rich curriculum. It emphasises recurrent knowledge retrieval, which we embed in our model as the Do Now at the start of every lesson. We prioritise modelling and scaffolding to ensure students understand the work, thus ensuring they are well prepared for independent practice which leads to achievement.

“Be More” Curriculum Update

Student Leadership Team

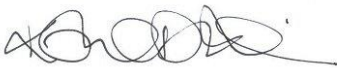
The new student leadership team have started their duties this week on the year 7 and 8 lunch yard. They will be working alongside staff to support the running of lunch time activities for KS3.

FFET Awards Update

22 KS3 students attended the Potteries Museum & Art Gallery for a workshop: *Exploring Urban Nature*. This was as a reward for receiving a high number of FFET Award points during this academic year. All students were fantastic and represented the Academy very well.

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

