

23 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Dates to note**

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

Awards Evening – 29 June

Experience Week – W/C 17 July

### **Notices**

#### **Changes to Entrance to school for students**

From Monday all students will enter the Academy through the gate by the main hall. The gate will open at 8.00 and close at 8.30am. Students who arrive after this time are late to the Academy. Breakfast club will be open during this time for students.

The new entry point is designed to support with the efficient movement of students to morning line ups. All students are expected to be in full uniform once they arrive onto the Academy site. Students have been shown the process during assemblies and academic review this week.

#### **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.

#### **Year 10 Mock examinations**

I'd like to congratulate Year 10 on their positive, mature approach to their first set of examinations taken in the Sports Hall.

Since Year 11 have left and they have become our 'senior year', they have really shown their true potential as positive role models in the academy. We will be holding a 'Results Day' for them soon, to give them that complete experience as part of their preparations for next year.

#### **Aerosols Ban**

I wish to remind you that aerosol products are not allowed within the Academy. This is a health and safety issue as aerosols can trigger asthma and other respiratory conditions.

#### **"Be More" Curriculum Update**

##### **Sports Update**

A group of student took part in supporting a city primary school sports day event with 9 different schools in the city. The students assisted with the general running of the day and helping with the different events, timekeeping and organisation. The students represented school in such a positive way and for future events like this will be invited again. They did the school proud.

##### **Duke of Edinburgh**

Last Saturday marked the end of this year's DofE expeditions. Once again they were very successful and students showed great resilience in the warm conditions. Lots of them now need to continue completing their other sections to achieve the full award at Bronze or Silver level.

### Outward Bound trip to Lake District

Next we have over 100 students heading to the Lake District on the 10th July for an Outward Bound trip. They will be based right on Lake Ullswater and be completing lots of adventurous, outdoor activities. For any parent who missed the parents information evening there is a link on our social media to a YouTube video they can watch. It has all the information they need such as the £10 refundable kit deposit that needs to be brought into school ASAP.

### STEM Update

On Wednesday 21st June, 17 x Year 9 students attended the Big Bang Fair 2023 at the NEC in Birmingham, as a reward for their high number of FFET Award points. All students got involved in talks, shows and interactive activities from industry professionals and academic institutions. They were a credit to the Academy and showed leadership and integrity throughout.

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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