

8 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back and welcome to all our pupils and families. I hope that you have enjoyed the summer. I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support towards our school community.

Dates to note

Y7 Welcome Evening – Thursday 14 September 6pm -7.30pm
Whole School Photos – Friday 15 September
Open Mornings Y6 – Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 September
Open Evening Y6 – Wednesday 20 September 6pm – 8pm

New Term

Yesterday we welcomed our new Year 7 pupils to the Academy. Pupils demonstrated excellent manners, conduct and all seemed thrilled to be here. Today saw the return of all other year groups. I am very proud of how our pupils have returned to the Academy and look forward to a successful academic year.

Communication

Our classcharts app ensures we can communicate and celebrate the positives; it allows you to view both positive and negative points. If you need a class charts log in, please contact your child's head of year.

To ensure effective communication between parents, pupils, and teachers, we kindly request that you reach out to your child's designated **form tutor** as the primary point of contact. The form tutor will be able to address any concerns or queries you may have and work closely with you to support your child's academic progress and well-being. Clear lines of communication are crucial for us to provide the best possible education and support for our students.

Y6 Open Events

We are pleased to inform you that we are hosting several Open Mornings and an Open Evening for current Year 6 pupils who may choose to attend Birches Head Academy next year. Please visit our website for more information and how to book attendance to this event ;

<https://bircheshead.org.uk/join-bha/>

Concrete (RAAC) Update

Following my letter earlier this week, I can now inform you that all investigations have been completed and no area of the school is affected by the Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC).

Staffing Update

I would like to inform you of some staffing changes for this Academic Year.

Introductions

Mr D Lancaster – Director of Standards
Mr J Shannon – Director of Standards
Ms V Unwin – Science Progress Champion
Ms L Welsh – Science Teacher
Ms K Parr – Science Teacher

Mr A Lakhani – English Teacher
Mr C Jenkinson – Computer Science Teacher
Ms M Kotula – PE Teacher
Ms O Turner – Admin Assistant & Cover Coordinator
Mr S Podmore – Exams Officer
Ms P Butler – Cover Supervisor

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

