

BIRCHES HEAD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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OUR ACADEMY VALUES

HUMILITY the quality of having a modest or unarrogant view of one's own importance	COMPASSION the quality of feeling pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others	HONESTY the quality of being truthful
INTEGRITY the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles	ASPIRE TO BE MORE	GRATITUDE the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
COURAGE the quality of having strength in the face of difficulty	RESPECT the quality of having due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others	JUSTICE the quality of being fair and reasonable

SILVER & GOLD READING AWARD WINNERS



Here is our latest crop of KS3 bronze, silver and gold Reading Award winners. They have all done exceptionally well with their reading this half-term!

Science Experience Day

A group of 50 Year 10 students visited to Keele University last week to take part in a Natural Science Experience Day. The day was organised especially for Birches Head Academy students. The day was a great success with all students actively taking part in the practical activities that were set up by Keele University staff. Students had the opportunity to investigate their grip strength and to investigate the water quality of the stream by sampling invertebrates from the water.



THE BIG BANG...Fair



On Wednesday 21st June, 17 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 the activities. Well done to all who have contributed to our amazing decorative corridor!

YEAR 8 PLANT A DISPLAY AT TATTON PARK

14th of July, seven Year 8 students created their display to represent BHA at this year's Tatton Park flower show.

The team grafted throughout the day to dig in the plants they have grown and maintained this year. The theme for this year is Biodiversity and the display aimed to raise awareness of Biodiversity decline and to create homes for wildlife.



BIRCHES HEAD ACADEMY ALUMNI

We are currently trying to update the Awards Board at the Academy and compile a record of alumni who went on to Higher Education.

If you are a BHHS/BHA Alumni could you let me know, by emailing info@birchehead.org.uk

- Your name and contact details
- Date of Leaving BHHS/BHA
- Uni/Higher education institute attended
- Course studied
- Date qualified
- Grade obtained eg BA Hons 2:1
- Current employment details.0

If you are still in touch with anyone to whom this applies could you ask them to contact us please.

BASKETBALL

Year 10 students have enjoyed two masterclasses with Coach Carsten Dieterich who is working Stoke Sixth Form to develop their basketball programme. We look forward to welcoming him back next week to work with KS3 students.



PARLIAMENT IS IN SESSION WITH MP, JO GIDEION

On the 6th of July, Jo Gideon (MP) visited Birches Head Academy to meet with Students and Ms Dixon. Our students were a credit to the Academy asking some great questions and really made Jo feel welcome.



STEM CHAMPIONSHIP

On the 4th of July, 5 Year 10 students took part in a STEM championship day against other schools at St Margaret Ward Academy, beating the competition to take 1st place! A huge congratulations to our Students who represented the Academy amazingly.



Transition Day

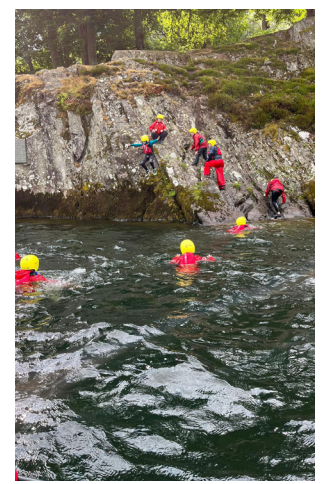
We would like to congratulate all year 6 students on two wonderful transition days at Birches Head Academy, all students have engaged in a range of subjects and activities, met new friends and developed their resilience. We look forward to seeing you all in September. Here are some examples of the work that has been created today. Our student leadership team have supported the year 6 pupils over the two days, and have each presented one student with a praise postcard on how well they have done. Well done to those who received a postcard.



Outward Bound

In July, over 100 pupils are heading up to the Lake District for our week long residential with the Outward Bound trust. They will be based right on Lake Ullswater and engaging with lots of team building activities whilst trying their hand at canoeing, rock climbing, caving and many more adventurous activities.

The stand out activity was gorge walking which both staff and students loved. They also get the chance to do a 1 night expedition and wild camp somewhere nearby in the fells of the Lakes. This will help to equip them with the skills they will need if they opt to do the Bronze DofE award in Year 9. Our big focus for the week is resilience after all of the covid disruption and missed opportunities our young people have had to cope with over the past few years.



Experience Week



As we finish this year, I want to thank you all for your on-going support.

The last week of our Academic Year has been our experience week and I wanted to share with you all the amazing and exciting activities that your child has been able to take part in.

Tossa De Mar, Spain

During experience week, 34 students from year 7, 8 and 10 participated in a trip to Spain. They stayed in Tossa De Mar, a picturesque resort on the Costa Brava. Highlights of the trip were a street art tour in Barcelona, viewing Antoni Gaudi's architecture in Parc Guell and the Sagrada Familia, and trips to Girona and Figueres. All students represented the school incredibly well and took full advantage of every opportunity. They all thoroughly embraced the Spanish language, art, history and



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This week a group of Y9s and Y10s took a trip to Poland, visiting the historic city of Krakow and Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. They took a walking tour exploring cultural highlights, including the Jewish quarter, with the renown Schindler's List Passage and the beautiful St Mark's square in the evening, soaking up the atmosphere.



On Monday students embarked on a guided tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau, which created a sense of realism to the magnitude of the horrors inflicted on ordinary people, by the Nazis during the Holocaust. The imposing thunderstorm added to the solemnity of the day. In the evening students enjoyed a round of cosmic mini golf and found some fabulous Jewish murals and street art. Tuesday saw a completion of the tour, a trek to Wawel Castle and a chance to explore St Mark's square, including the indoor market in daylight.

Finally they were able to buy souvenirs as memories of their trip. All staff were incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves over the entirety of the trip, they were a credit to BHA.



