

20 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Forum and Communication

Mrs Williams hosted our first ever parental forum on Thursday at 5.30pm, it was great to see so many parents in virtual attendance and the focus this week was on our Consistency Across The Academy. Our "Consistency Across the Academy" rules ensures that there are clear and consistently high expectations regarding routines and behaviour and that this is centered around always establishing a positive safe working environment which enable teachers to teach and pupils to learn.

We expect staff to prepare lessons that are well planned, sequenced, organised, informative and engaging. We expect pupils to come to school prepared to learn and to engage with their learning positively and respectfully. Teachers will have very high expectations of their pupils. The next Parental Forum will be on the 9 November 2023 and will focus on our Learning Programme Cycle.

Walking Talking Mocks – Year 11 only

I would just like to really praise our Y11 pupils for their conduct and focus during this week's walking talking mocks. All pupils have really risen to the challenge and have responded incredibly well to all subjects this week.

Assemblies and PSHE

This week we have focused on Black History Month, racism, and equalities within our school environment through assemblies and PSHE lessons. Our Equalities Council and Be More Pupil Leaders have led all assemblies which have really showcased and celebrated a range of cultures. Please see our Facebook/Twitter page for more information.

Principal's Lunches – Principal's Excellence Celebrations

This week four year groups have met with myself, their Head of Learning and either a Governor or our CEO has joined us for three of the events. Pupils enjoyed a specially catered for meal, including dessert. Conversations were lively and I am proud of all the many reasons that pupils were nominated. I look forward to celebrating with our final year group on Monday.

Attendance

Well done to Year 7 who have maintained the highest attendance over the last 3 weeks. Please can I ask that you continue to support all pupils and their attendance by ensuring they attend daily. If for any reason your child is unable to attend, please call 01782 233595 and press option 1.

Key reminders

As the weather deteriorates, coats and outdoor wear are allowed but pupils will be asked to remove them upon entering the building, including in the dining room. Our school building is warm, and coats are not needed due to our new boiler. We also have lockers that pupils are able to use, if you would like any further information, please see your Head of Learning or Learning Coach for more information.

Dates to remember:

Friday 27 October – Inset Day

Friday 17 November – Y8 & Y9 Review Day

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

