

17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week both staff and pupils have actively demonstrated their support for Anti-Bullying Week. Together, we have made a collective statement that bullying is not tolerated within our school community. Thank you to all who have engaged with the academic review activities and to all staff who have worn odd socks during Anti-Bullying Week. The wearing of odd socks has been a symbolic gesture to promote the message of embracing differences. Each sock is unique, just like individuals, and the mismatched socks symbolise the diversity and uniqueness of people. Please have a look on our Facebook/Twitter pages for more information.

Year 11 Parents

Our winter exam seasons begins with an Ambition Day on Monday 27th November 2023. The day will be delivered by Higher Horizons, focussing on revision skills. During this week there will also be some practical exams including Spanish Speaking and Design Technology. The written examinations will begin on Monday 1st December and last for 2 weeks. For parents of Year 11 pupils there is a timetable and guide from JCQ attached.

Please take some time over the weekend to look at the information with your child to help them prepare. We will let you know when the results are available early in January 2024.

Review Day – Y8 & 9

Today we held our Year 8 and 9 Review Day. It was lovely to see so many families and I hope the conversations held with staff were useful and informative.

Reports

Progress reports will be sent to all families next week.

Dates to remember

Week commencing 20th November – Head of Learning Afternoon Tea

11th December – Principal's Excellence Awards Lunches

13th- 20th December – Rewards Assemblies (all years)

22nd December – Inset Day – school closed for pupils

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