

**Birches Head Academy** 

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Food Vouchers – Polite Reminder

You may or may not be aware that in the Autumn statement there was no new funding announced for a further round of the Household Support Fund. Many organisations are calling for further funding to be agreed but as of yet nothing has been forthcoming. As such, the Christmas food vouchers were the last round of food vouchers available to families for use over the school holidays and you will no longer receive any future vouchers. Although as it stands there will be no further Household Support Fund, there is still support available for families around the city and we will keep our website updated with any information. Should there be any new funding announcement we will of course keep you all updated.

### Year 10 History Trip

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, a group of 52 Year 10 pupils, accompanied by four staff members, embarked on an educational visit to The Tower of London. The purpose of this trip was to enhance their understanding of key historical concepts in preparation for their GCSE History exams next year. The itinerary was carefully curated to align with the GCSE History curriculum, offering pupils a hands-on learning experience at the historical landmark. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the knowledgeable guide regaled with tales of London's rich history.

### Year 10 Granada Trip

Also, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, a group of 12 Year 10 pupils, embarked on an international visit to Granada, Spain. After a very early start, followed by a safe and pleasant flight, our group of pupils arrived in sunny Granada and are all looking forward to an exciting few days of Spanish language, culture and food. More information and updates will be shared via our social media channels as our pupils take part in organised activities and enjoy their time in the Spanish town.

### Year 9 Reward Trip

Mrs Walker rewarded a selection of deserving Year 9 students with a trip to the Crazy Golf on Thursday afternoon. The pupils were selected for their consistent demonstration of 'Aspiring to be More', where a pupil has consistently reflected upon their own character and developed personal strengths known as Moral Values. In doing this, we are celebrating the character traits that enable them to respond appropriately to everyday life situations. Well done!

### **Lockdown Practice**

Today we held an Emergency Lockdown practice during PSHE. I understand that emergency procedures can sometimes be worrying for pupils and parents, but it is important to understand that emergencies can happen at any time, and we need to be prepared. Being prepared for emergencies can help us keep pupils and staff safe during stressful situations. The emergency procedure went well and I would like to thank our pupils for demonstrating their maturity and respect during this practice.

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#### Dates to remember

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y11 Reward Assembly Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Keele Maths Intervention Day Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Y8 & Y10 Reward Assembly Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Y10 Oxford University Visit Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Y7 & Y9 Reward Assembly Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pupils break up for Easter Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Pupils return

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