

# **Birches Head Academy**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

#### **BHA Visit to Chengdu China**

On Saturday 20th April, pupils from across the Frank Field Education Trust will be embarking on an 8-day adventure in Chengdu, China. Our BHA pupils are very excited to be immersed into Chinese culture, exploring the majestic Research Base of Giant Pandas, visiting partner schools and diving into the vibrant local cuisine. There will be an abundance of exciting experiences awaiting our pupils making for an unforgettable journey! Stay tuned on social media for updates on their journey.

#### **Uniform**

Thank you for your parental support with regards to our recent uniform focus. At BHA, we believe that school uniform is an integral part of the ethos adopted by the school. The pupils are looking extremely smart and are taking a huge pride in their identity as part of our school community. Please can I remind parents that the BHA school bag is a compulsory part of the school uniform, this can be purchased from The National Schoolwear centre in Hanley or Motifs Marketing in Milton along with all other uniform items. We will continue focusing on uniform, taking pride in our appearance over the upcoming weeks. Your continued support is really appreciated!

### Year 11 Elevate

Our Year 11 have been following a study skills programme, delivered by Elevate. Below is a link for a parent webinar. This parent support session is an entire hour dedicated to giving you the chance to get your questions answered. A perfect opportunity to get advice on a particular problem your child might be facing, or to go over queries from a previous webinar.

Live Parent Q&A Session: Ask Me Anything

Tuesday 30th April 6:00-7:00pm

https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar

## **Science Day**

On Wednesday 13th April, Science Day began with 20 Y7 pupils from Science Club, thinking about what a Scientist looks like and what they do. Pupils enjoyed a fun filled day of practical science, starting with 'Cars & Ramps', 'Bioaccumulation in Food', and with 'Seasons Tellurium and Nocturnals'. Our young scientists gained new knowledge in many different aspects of science and enjoyed receiving an award for taking part. Well done to everyone involved!

#### Polite Reminder - No Mobile Phones

As we prohibit the use of mobile phones within the academy, I would like to stress the importance of our rule that no mobile phones or recording devises are to be used within our reception area. This includes any use by parents, visitors or carers, to ensure the safeguarding of our pupils. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Dates to remember.

Saturday 20th April - China Visit

Monday 22nd April to Friday 26th April - Year 11 Spanish Speaking Exams

Monday 22nd to Monday 29th April – Art and Design Practical examinations begin.

Monday 6 May – Spring Bank Holiday (school closed)

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