

Newsletter

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



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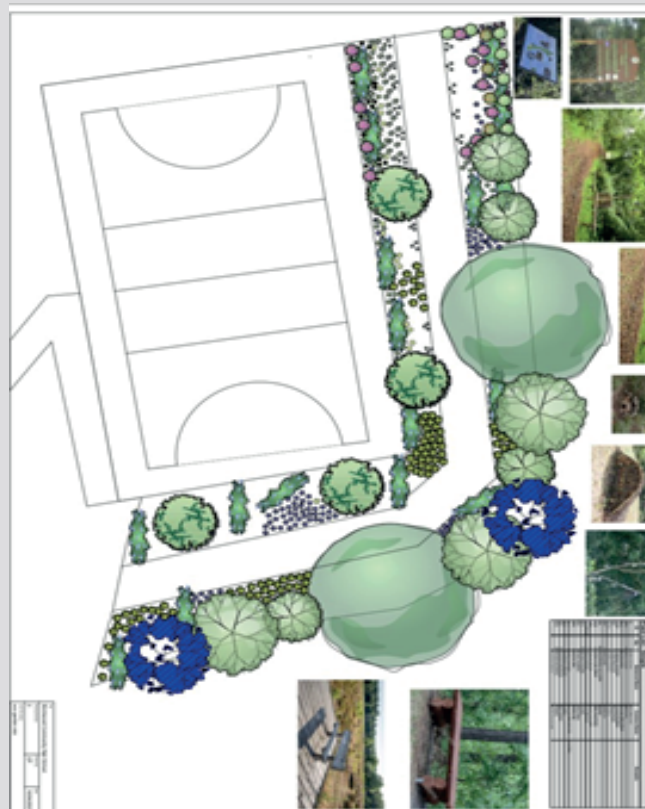
CALLING ALL KEEN GARDENERS... CAN YOU HELP AND SUPPORT OUR ECO-COMMITTEE?

Our Eco-Committee are planning a very exciting project for our school and wider community - creating a nature reserve on our school site. Students are keen to increase the local plant and animal species to the area, alongside providing a space for staff and students to visit to support our mindfulness and well-being campaign.

So, how can you help?

We are looking for any volunteers, donations, or sponsorship to support the development of our nature reserve. Wates Construction have kindly donated several pallets, which we can use to create bug hotels and hedgehog shelters, alongside offering to use their voluntary community hours transforming the area of school.

If you would like to be involved in the project, please email careers@birchwoodhigh.org with a short outline of the help that you could offer.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS' PROM



Our Year 11 Leavers' Prom will be taking place on Thursday 1st July at Hallmark Warrington (formerly the Fir Grove Hotel). To secure your child's place, we require a £15 deposit by Friday 30 April, with the remaining balance of £20 to be paid by Friday 21 May. Payments should be made using ParentPay, the school's online payment website. If you have not activated your ParentPay account, please email finance@birchwoodhigh.org to request an activation letter. You can also use this email to request a PayPoint letter. This will allow you to pay by cash at any PayPoint location in the local area. Please note you cannot pay by cash or cheque at the school office.

We hope that your child will join us for prom and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Forster - kforster@birchwoodhigh.org

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The recently formed BCHS Chess Club enjoyed its first tournament last weekend with 16 entrants. Games were played daily, with players having to make a move at least every 24 hours.

The final consisted of Mr Ashcroft (Staff - Veneratio), Mr Keane (Staff - Dedicatio), James Short (Year 11 - Veneratio) and Finlay Doherty (Year 9 - Veneratio) with Mr Ashcroft an unbeaten winner of the tournament.

Membership has been boosted to 38 Members – consisting of both High School and College students as well as members of staff. New members are welcome at any time and there will be regular tournaments that begin on the first of every month. Please contact Mr Spencer-Fairbrother for further details on rspencer@birchwoodhigh.org

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BIKEABILITY SUCCESS

During the week of 22nd March, 44 of our Year 7 students successfully completed their Level 3 Bikeability course with BikeRight UK. Students were presented with the challenge of map reading, to guide their groups to different locations around Birchwood and Fernhead. They also took part in a number of manoeuvres including safely turning from a major road into a minor road and managing the volume of traffic on a crossroad. Our students were amazing, and all received their Level 3 qualification. Well done, year 7!



ACTS OF KINDNESS

Amy, in Year 10, has really shown her kindness and bravery by having her hair cut for two fantastic charitable causes. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. Amy was inspired by Miss McAlinden, who also donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust last year, and felt this was a fitting tribute to our wonderful, Miss Mac. This is not the first time Amy has donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust and we think it is amazing to see Amy think of others again.

Amy also intends to raise money for a family friend, who has been battling breast cancer for the last 9 years. Amy hopes the money raised will go to supporting the family in raising the funds for her new treatment.

Well done, Amy!



ROAD TO TOKYO CHAMPIONS

Massive well done to all our students who took part in the House challenge by running, walking or cycling in their local area. It was amazing to see so many staff and students getting involved in the challenge and working hard to secure some vital house points for their House.

Fides House were crowned champions and awarded 500 house points.