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Dear parent/carer,

Happy Friday to you all – I hope you have had a great week.

We have had a lot to celebrate this week with:

- a fantastic PSHE Drop Down Day yesterday.
- 16 year 9 students performing at the Contact Theatre in Manchester yesterday evening for The Shakespeare Festival.
- Our under-13s touch rugby team winning the Touch Rugby Schools Championship last night!

We are so proud of all our students, and it is fantastic to see so many of them participating and achieving in our extra-curricular activities.

Thank you to everyone who has nominated a member of staff so far for our Staff Awards – I have given out 22 awards already to very grateful colleagues. Don't forget to email me at staffnominations@birchwoodhigh.org with your thank you to a member of staff.

I would also like to thank everyone who has already completed our parent/carer survey – we really do appreciate your feedback as we continually work to improve our school and our provision. It is really important that you include your child's name when completing the survey, and this is for two reasons:

- 1) The link can be used by anyone who has it, so we need to ensure that all responses are from parents/carers of a student in the school.
- 2) We cannot act on any specific feedback that is given if we do not know who the child is that it relates to.

Out of all the responses so far, we have only had a couple with no name. Please get in touch and tell us if one of those is your response as we won't be able to accept it as part of the survey otherwise. The link to the survey is here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wAaJMHYGo02enKbojRmFApssvCXcmGVEin1zWghfER1UQkhiQTBXsjZBQjE2V1NWS01JMjIRtkZISS4u>

The final thing for this week is just in relation to the Christmas holiday next academic year. A few people have raised that we finish extremely early next year, so we are suggesting the following change:

Finish school: Thursday 22 December 2022 (early finish)

Return to school: Monday 9 January 2023

It is the same amount of days holiday; it is just moving them slightly later. If there is an issue with this change, please let us know through contactus@birchwoodhigh.org by the end of Thursday next week (10 February 2022).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes and take care,



Emma Mills
Headteacher

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 8 February Year 11 and Year 13 Leaver Photos

Thursday 10 February Year 9 Futures Evening - copy letter attached

Friday 18 February break up for half term

Monday 28 February return to school following half term break