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Dear parent/carer,

I hope you are well and are looking forward to the long Bank Holiday weekend that is coming up during the half term break. It has been a short but very busy half term in school – we hope all of our staff and students have a well-deserved break.

It has been busy in school this week with the inter-house cricket competition taking place that saw Libertas win first place. We have had two community visits to Thomas Risley Church and Church of The Transfiguration where our students have been volunteering and helping in the local community. Plus, all of our usual enrichment clubs have been running alongside the booster sessions for our year 11 students who have been sitting exams this week. We have been so impressed with the dedication and hard work that they have been showing.

As you may already be aware, year 7, 8 and 9 students will have knowledge and skills tests over a two week period, after half term (this starts the w/b 13th June). This is nothing to worry about- this is a chance for students to show what they have learnt over the course of the year and for us to identify any areas of support that we can put in place. Most of these tests will take place in classrooms. The only exception to this, will be:

English (year 7)

English and Maths (year 8)

English and Maths and Science (year 9)

These assessments will take place in the hall. We have arranged this to ensure that students are familiar with this environment and to help them to prepare for examination conditions. The aim of this is to also build their confidence, over the course of Key Stage 3. If you follow the link below, you will find revision material for each subject- these can be accessed by both you and your child: <https://www.birchwoodhigh.org/ks3-summer-assessments-22/>

If your child is unsure about any aspect of their revision, they should speak to their subject teacher in the first instance- they will be able to explain and clarify. If you have any further questions about this, please contact Ms Jones: njones@birchwoodhigh.org

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that we have a staff training day on Friday 1 July 2022 (Warrington Walking Day) so school will be shut for students on that day.

We are looking forward to our final half term of this academic year, which is jam-packed with events including sports day, celebration assemblies, year 6 days, house competitions and our first ever Birch Fest which we will share more information about after the holidays!

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills