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Dear parent/carers,

I hope you have all had a good week – it may have been a short one in school, but it still definitely been a busy one! Our extra-curricular clubs and events have been really well attended – year 10 had a netball tournament on Wednesday which they performed brilliantly in. Today was our bake sale and pyjama appeal which has been a huge success – thank you all for your support.

Thank you to all our year 7 parents/carers who came in for our welcome evening on Thursday to meet their child's form tutor. It was great to see so many of you - I hope that you found the evening informative and useful.

Next Thursday 29 September is our Open Evening, which we are really looking forward to. Please remember that school will be **closing for students at 2pm**.

We are having a lockdown drill on the afternoon of Friday, 30 September. Students have been given information about the drill during their first day back to school earlier this month. The drill will help us practice the procedure with students and staff, so we are well prepared in the event of an actual lockdown. You can support school by talking to your child about the drill and reassuring them that they will be perfectly safe. Please emphasise that practising procedures like this will make sure the school remains a safe place to learn. The drill will last for between 5 and 10 minutes will be based on a partial lockdown scenario. We will not sound the lockdown alarm and students will simply need to stay at their desks in their classrooms for the duration of the drill. They will be notified by staff when the drill is complete. Thank you for your support with this important safety measure.

PSHE Drop Down Day will be on Tuesday 4 October which will cover some sensitive topics. A separate letter will be sent out next week giving you more information around this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Emma Mills

Dates for your diary

Thursday 29 September 2022 School- Closes at 2pm to all students

Thursday 29 September 2022 Open Evening

Thursday 6 October 2022 Birchwood College Open Evening