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Dear parent/carer,

Happy Friday to you all, I hope you have had a good week.

We have had a really busy week with lots of great events in school. We had a fantastic College Open Evening on Wednesday night with lots of visitors from other secondary schools as well as some of our own year 11s. We celebrated Chinese New Year yesterday afternoon with our Chinese students and their families – it was a lovely event, and the hall was decorated brilliantly with Chinese lanterns that all students had been making during form time. The Penny Wards have also been continuing all week in the main hall during lunch times.

We're excited to let you know that we've partnered with Sparx to start using their new reading platform, Sparx Reader. Sparx Reader helps every student to achieve regular independent reading, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills and improving students' reading ability. Students can choose from a range of ebooks, which are available on any internet-connected device. Students in Year 7-9 will have a Sparx Reader homework twice per week. Further information has been shared by Mrs Dempsey on Class Charts.

We continue to focus on efforts in school on attendance – it is really important that your child is in school and in their lessons. Our attendance for this week is 90% which is still way below our school target, and it means that we have students out of school missing vital learning. Please if you can support us with this push on attendance, it would be greatly appreciated.

We have been made aware of free bike marking planned by Cheshire Police Warrington East Beat Team on 25/01/23 – take your bikes along for free marking.

15:00 - 16:00 – Croft Youth Centre

16:30 - 17:30 – Padgate Community Centre

18:00 - 20:00 – Birchwood Shopping Centre

19:30 - 20:30 – Woolston Neighbourhood Hub

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes and take care,



Emma Mills

Dates for your diary: -

Thursday 26 January Yr 7/8 Parens Sermo – Virtual Parents evening - 3.30pm – 7.30pm
<https://birchwoodhigh.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Thursday 2 February 2023 Yr 11 in Person Parents evening <https://birchwoodhigh.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
3.30- 7.30pm.