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Dear parent/carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been a very busy first week back, and I can't believe that it is now that the sun decides to make an appearance after a very dreary summer. Our new year 7 students have settled in really well, all 210 of them which is the biggest year group we have had at Birchwood for quite some time. Year 11 are settled in their new building with their own canteen – we are really proud with how well they are dealing with the start of this year.

I have attached our uniform policy to this email as a reminder of what your child should be wearing. The changes from last year are that grey, tailored shorts are now permitted and that there are stricter regulations around skirts. I sent a letter out last year to let you all know that the popular jersey, skater style skirt would no longer be acceptable and that if students are wearing incorrect styles or skirts are an incorrect length, then they would be expected to change into trousers that we will provide them with. Like I say, the information is attached and is also on our school website.

Our lunch time Enrichment Programme starts next week and the timetable for that is attached. It will also be sent to your child through Class Charts and will be available on the school website. We are asking students to aim to attend at least two clubs each week, so it would be great if you could sit and look through it with your child and see what they might be interested in.

Next week, we will also launch our after-school intervention and extra-curricular timetable too, we are just making some finishing touches to it, but I am hoping that will be out on Monday.

It is our Open Evening for year 6 students on Thursday 28 September and school will be closing early in order for us to get ready. Students will finish for the day at 2pm so please be aware of this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I hope this good weather continues for us all.

Best wishes and take care,



Emma Mills