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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of what has been a *fantastic* year at Birchwood, I wanted to take a moment to reflect, celebrate, and thank you all for your continued support.

The last few weeks alone have been a whirlwind of activity — full of energy, achievement, and community spirit. Sports Day brought out incredible talent and teamwork, Birch Fest was a true celebration of creativity and togetherness, and our Awards Evening was a wonderful occasion to honour the hard work and successes of our students.

A special mention must go to our Cadets, who had a brilliant week away at their RAFC summer camp. We are hugely grateful to the staff who gave up their time to organise and accompany them — your efforts make these opportunities possible. Likewise, our Year 10 Work Experience programme was a real highlight, with students gaining valuable insights into the world of work and making us proud wherever they went.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, here are some important details about the start of term in September:

- **Year 7** students will begin on **Monday 1 September**. A separate letter with more details will be sent to Year 7 families shortly.
- **Years 8 and 9** will return on **Tuesday 2 September**, arriving from **08:15**, and should go straight to form.
- **Years 10 and 11** will also return on **Tuesday 2 September**, but with a later start time — **gates open at 09:30**, and students should go straight to form for a **09:50** start.

All students will begin the day with a welcome-back assembly and some time in form before starting their new timetables from Periods 4 and 5.

Please can I remind you to log in and start using the Arbor Parent App (and your child can use the Arbor Students App too). Next year we will be utilising more of the features (lunch and trip payments as well as parents evening bookings) so it will become more important for you to have it.

Finally, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for the many nominations we received for our staff awards. We were truly overwhelmed by your kind words and appreciation — it means a great deal to all of us. These will be shared with staff this afternoon as part of our end-of-year celebrations.



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Thank you, as always, for being such a supportive and valued part of our school community. I am incredibly proud of what we've achieved together this year — and I know the best is yet to come.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and happy summer break.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills