



# Birchwood Community High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. It has been a real pleasure to welcome the students back into school—they've returned with great energy, and it's wonderful to see our corridors and classrooms full of life once again.

We were absolutely delighted with our **GCSE results** this summer. Our students achieved excellent outcomes, with significant improvements, especially across key subjects: English results were up by **14%**, Maths by **15%**, and Science by a fantastic **22%**. Even more impressively, all of these results were **above the national average**—a testament to the hard work of our students and staff.

As ever, it was clear that **attendance made a real difference**. The students who attended most consistently were those who achieved the highest results. While we did manage to improve attendance by nearly **2%** last year, our overall rate still sits just below the national average. This year, we'd love to work in partnership with you to **increase this by at least another 2%**. Every day counts, and together, we can make a real difference.

Over the summer, we've made some improvements to the school environment. The toilets at the front of school have been fully **refurbished**, and we've completed a lot of **painting and maintenance** around the site to ensure a clean, pleasant learning space for our students. We're also excited to share that we're working towards opening a **new outdoor play area for our youngest students** later this half term.

To help bring this project to life, we are currently seeking **sponsorship from local businesses**. If you or someone you know might be able to support us, please do get in touch. You can also contribute by donating to our **Aspire Fund** if you wish—every contribution helps us provide meaningful and enriching spaces for our children to continue being children. We will send a link out for this on Monday.

We're also really looking forward to seeing you at our **Welcome Evenings** over the coming weeks. These are a great opportunity for you to hear about what's coming up this year, meet your child's **form tutor** and **Head of Year**, and ask any questions you might have. There'll be refreshments (including cakes!) available too.

- **Year 7** had their event last night—it was a fantastic evening.
- **Years 8 and 9**: Thursday, 11th September, 5.00–6.00pm
- **Years 10 and 11**: Thursday, 18th September, 5.00–6.00pm

Please do join us—we value your partnership enormously and want to ensure we're all working together to support your child.



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I have recently been sent a link from Smart Phone Free Childhood, this is a very informative video that you may want to watch with your child. [https://youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM\\_MZw&si=SMVwNIVkkHEUCnVh](https://youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM_MZw&si=SMVwNIVkkHEUCnVh)

We have also become aware of a new online Safety Hub which is a great resource for anyone who has online safety concerns for their child. If you or anybody you know has any online safety issues you can share the below link and you can access this yourself to improve your knowledge to inform your understanding of your own children's online activity. <https://warrington.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

Finally, **enrichment activities and House competitions** will be starting up again next week. We strongly encourage every student to take part—these opportunities help build confidence, friendships, and a sense of belonging. Let's make **2025–2026 the best year yet for Birchwood Community High School**. When we all work together, on the same team, great things really can happen.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills