



# Birchwood Community High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are looking forward to a restful weekend.

Thank you to all the Year 8 and 9 parents who joined us for our welcome event last night. The atmosphere was wonderful, and it was a real pleasure to see so many of you engaging with our staff and supporting your children's journey through school. A reminder for Year 10 and 11 parents: your welcome event will take place next Thursday from 5.00pm to 6.00pm – we look forward to seeing you there.

Due to other local schools holding their open evenings on the same date as ours, we have made the decision to move our open evening forward by one day. It will now take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. On this day, students will finish at 2.00pm. Homework Club will remain open as usual, and we can accommodate any students who need to remain in school until 3.10pm to align with transport arrangements.

I would also like to remind families that the only drinks permitted in school are water (still, sparkling, or flavoured). We encourage students to bring refillable bottles and make use of the water fountains around the school site.

This week, students attended assemblies with their Heads of Year, and we enjoyed our first House competition of the year – the annual Tug of War. It was a brilliant event, full of energy and fun, and a great way to build community spirit.

We are forming a partnership with Birchwood Youth and Community Centre who are offering our students a fantastic opportunity to attend a talk with conservationist, Helen Fairlamb. This event is taking place at the centre on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, tickets are free (subject to availability). There are other exciting upcoming events which may interest our students which we will share with you. We are looking forward to building a positive relationship with the centre.

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance from Ticket Tailor at <https://tinyurl.com/559e2yz4>

Today also marks the first of our rewards draws: the top 20 students in each year group from the past two weeks will be entered into a prize draw to win two cinema tickets. This is just one of the many ways we celebrate positive effort and achievement at school.

Finally, a reminder that Year 11 students will begin their first set of mock exams on Monday 6 October. These assessments will run across the final two weeks of the half term, which concludes on Friday 17 October.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. I wish you and your families a happy and restful weekend.



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Best wishes and take care,

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