



# Birchwood Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

This week, all year groups took part in an assembly to introduce **Children's Mental Health Week**, which takes place next week. The theme this year is '**This is My Place**', and we shared with students how we will be recognising and celebrating this across the school. Throughout the week, students will take part in a range of activities during form time, all designed to be inclusive and accessible for everyone.

This week's **House Competition** took place on Wednesday lunchtime and was the Hula Hoop Challenge. It was great to see so many students getting involved, and lots of fun was had by all. The Design a City House Challenge for this half term has now closed, with the deadline being today. We are very much looking forward to announcing the winners soon.

A reminder that our half-termly **Parent Event** will take place on **Tuesday 10th February at 9:00am and 5:00pm**, focusing on Assessment and Data. Mr Burrows has sent a message via Class Charts with the link to sign up for either session. We strongly encourage you to attend to gain a better understanding of how your child is assessed and how they are progressing in school.

On Friday, the final day of half term, we will be holding a '**Come As You Are**' day, where students are invited to wear their own clothes. There will be an optional donation available on ParentPay, and we kindly ask for £1 per student, if possible, to support the week's activities.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** is our **Year 7 & 8 Parents Evening** so school will close early for Years 7-10. Year 7 & 8 will leave after lunch at 1.25pm and Year 9 & 10 will leave after lunch at 1.45. Year 11 will stay in school as normal.

**Time for Talk Day** will take place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. On this day, students will be in for just an additional hour, details of which they will receive next week. This time will be dedicated to supporting students' mental health and wellbeing, giving them the opportunity to talk, reflect and take part in activities that promote positive mental health across the school. **Year 11** can use this day to revise for their mocks and we will open a study a room if they would prefer to stay in school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills  
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