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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you've had a wonderful week, enjoying the recent burst of better weather. It's always refreshing to see the sun shining after a spell of gloomy days.

I'm excited to share with you that this week we have launched our Disconnect to Reconnect campaign at some of our local primary schools. This initiative aims to promote healthy boundaries with technology and encourage more meaningful connections with our loved ones and the world around us. We're eager to provide you with more information about how this campaign will impact us here at Birchwood, so stay tuned for updates in the near future.

As we move forward, our Year 11 students have been nothing short of brilliant, with many of them already underway with their GCSE exams. Please join us in wishing them all the best of luck as they tackle this important milestone in their academic journey.

On a lighter note, today we had a fantastic dance session on the playground during lunchtime to celebrate International Dance Day. It was heartwarming to see both staff and students come together to enjoy some music, movement, and, most importantly, lots of fun!

We have had 73 nominations now for staff to be thanked from you all - lease keep them coming in. It would be great to hit 100 by next week.

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As we head into the Bank Holiday weekend, I hope you have a chance to relax and spend quality time with your loved ones. Whether you're planning a getaway or simply enjoying some downtime at home, make the most of this opportunity to recharge and rejuvenate.

Once again, we have accumulated many items of lost property. We will be displaying this in the gym at break on Wednesday 8 May for students to collect. Items include coats, water bottles, shoes, trainers, and hoodies. There are also many school branded items blazers, school hoodies etc

Thank you for your continued support of Birchwood Community High School. Together, we can ensure that our students thrive both academically and personally.

Best wishes and take care,

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## **Dates for your diary**

Monday 6 May 2024 school closed for May Bank Holiday Tuesday 7 May 2024 Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (half year group) Tuesday 14 May 2024 Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (other half year group)

## House Challenges this half term

Sparx Challenge – which house will earn most points.

Homework competition 100 points to the house which registers most completed homework.

Rowing Challenge- which house can row the furthest?