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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. It has been another lovely week here at school, full of energy and engagement from our students.

We had another brilliant House Competition on Wednesday, and the student's enthusiasm and team spirit were fantastic to see. Next week, we're looking forward to the quiz, which promises to be just as enjoyable!

For Year 7 and 8 parents, please keep an eye out for a link coming your way on Monday. This link will allow you to book your appointments for our upcoming IAG (Information, Advice, and Guidance) evening on 13th February. The evening will feature an in-depth discussion with your child's Form Tutor about their latest report, subject leaders are available for one-on-one discussions, along with a careers advice stall, mental health and safeguarding support, a pre-loved uniform stall, an equipment stall, and assistance with any of our online systems. We will also be serving refreshments, and everything will take place in our Community Building. We look forward to seeing you there!

A reminder that our next **Parent Information Event** is set to take place on **Tuesday (4th February).** This event will focus on **Assessment & Reporting** at school and is an opportunity for us to explain how this takes place at Birchwood and answer any questions that you may have. Reports are due to be sent home before we break up for half term. We'll also talk about future options and possible next steps when your children finish school with us. It is designed to be relaxed and informative, and if you think this will be useful for you, we hope you can attend. We've planned to do the event twice on this day, firstly at **9am**, then secondly at **5pm**. Please come into reception where Mr Burrows will be there to greet you.

If you are interested in attending, please can I ask you to fill in this brief Microsoft form so that I can manage the numbers, and make sure I have enough biscuits!!!

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Tuesday the 4th of Feb, we also have our second session of the **HPV vaccine** for our Year 8 students. Consent has now closed, however if you would like to give consent or would like to discuss the vaccination further, please call the Childhood Immunisation Team on **01925 946808**. They will be able to assist you.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to celebrate **Cultural Cuisine Week!** Each year group will have the opportunity to try foods from different cultures on their designated day. We will be offering Greek food, Lebanese food, Japanese food, and more. Alongside the tastings, students will also learn about the cultures associated with these foods, making it an educational and enjoyable experience for all. This will become an annual event at the school, and we're really excited to bring it to our students.





Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you at our

Best wishes and take care,

events next week.

Emma Mills