

Birchwood Community High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the February half term! It's been a fantastic start to the new term, and I'm delighted to share how our students have settled back in. They've come back with energy and enthusiasm, and it's been a pleasure seeing them fully engaged in school life.

Our **Year 9** students have had an exciting start to the term with their assemblies for options and the taster sessions. We've been so impressed with their involvement and thoughtfulness about their future choices. A big thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Futures Evening on Thursday. It was a great success, and we appreciate your continued support.

Year 11 have started their mock exams this week, and I must say, they have been exceptional in their approach. The maturity and focus they have shown during this challenging period have been outstanding, and they are, without a doubt, one of the best-behaved year groups we've seen in terms of preparation and dedication to their work.

Looking ahead, **Year 10** have their Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG) evening on **13th March**, and we will be sending out more details about this next week. It promises to be a valuable event for them as they continue their academic journey.

Next Thursday is World Book Day, and we have lots of exciting reading-related activities planned for the students. It's a great opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading, and we're looking forward to seeing lots of creativity and enthusiasm from the students.

In addition, next week all year groups will be having special Comic Relief assemblies. We're excited about supporting such a worthwhile cause, and we know the students will get involved in the spirit of it all.

Our Wednesday House competition will be Red Light, Green Light next week, and we encourage all students to participate and enjoy the fun. For those who love a bit of culinary creativity, the Birchwood Bake Off is also ongoing this half term, and we're looking forward to seeing some delicious and imaginative entries.

There is so much going on at school, and we're thrilled to see so many students taking full advantage of these opportunities. We continue to be inspired by their enthusiasm and commitment.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Best wishes and take care,

E. Mills

Emma Mills Headteacher