



Birchwood High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well.

I write to update you on a number of Year 11 matters.

Revision sessions

As was the case last term, our staff are working incredibly hard, both in and out of lessons, to help your child reach their full potential. I include below a list of the relevant revision sessions available for the remainder of Year 11. While attendance to some of these sessions has been very good, there are a number of students who have been encouraged to attend in order to help improve their grade, who have not yet.

There are only weeks to go until their last mock exams for core subjects (WB 18 March) and final exams (which begin Thursday 9 May). Please can I ask you to speak with your child and identify exactly which revision sessions they need to attend in order to prepare for these exams and access their post 16 options.

Curriculum Area	Activity	Frequency	Room	Day	Times	Run By
Science	Physics Revision	Weekly	C11	Tuesday	13:30-14:00	Mr Briscoe
	Biology Revision	Weekly	C17	Tuesday	13:30-14:00	Dr Rodionova
Technology	KS4 IT Revision sessions	Weekly	C26	Wednesday	13:30– 14:00	Mr Creed
Art	Coursework catch-up and improvements.	Weekly	C22 C23 C24	Monday	15:15-16:30	Mrs Jackson Miss Morrison Miss Payne
Dance	Revision	Weekly	D7	Thursday	15:15 – 16:15	Mrs Goddard
Drama	Coursework Clinic	Weekly	B11	Wednesday	15:15-16:30	Mrs Hassani
English	English revision	Weekly	Usual classroom	Wednesday	15:15-16:00	With your class teacher
Maths	Maths revision GCSE Foundation tier	Weekly	D15 / D16 (grades 1 to 3) D13 (grades 4 to 5)	Monday	15.15-16.15	Mr Harper, Dr Allen, Miss White & Mr Loney
	Maths revision GCSE Higher tier	Weekly	D14 (grades 5 to 6) D16 & D12 (grades 7 to 9)	Monday	15.15-16.15	Mrs Parkyn, Miss Bull & Mr Hannant
	A-Level Maths-revision	Weekly	D10	Monday	15:15–16:15	Miss Parkyn
MFL - French	KS4 French revision sessions	Weekly	B19	Monday	15.15-16.15	Mrs Ogus

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MFL – German	KS4 German revision sessions	Weekly	B16	Thursday	15.15-16.15	Mr Bowman
MFL - Spanish	KS4 Spanish revision sessions	Weekly	B13	Thursday Friday	15.15-16.15	Miss Roderick Miss Roderick
Music	Composition club and GCSE Music Coursework catch up sessions	Week A	B1	Tuesday and Thursday	15.15-16.15	Mr Stock & Mr Grogan
PE	'Lunch and Learn'	Daily	A2	Daily	13.25 – 14.05	PE staff
	PEP Mentor Groups	Weekly	C25	Monday	13.25 - 14.05	Mr Barratt, Mr Hill, Mrs Tooze, Mrs Chapman
Science	Chemistry Revision	Weekly	C19	Monday	15:15-16:15	Mr Cusumano
	Chemistry Revision	Weekly	C12	Wednesday	15:15-16:15	Mr Hipwood
	Chemistry Revision	Weekly	C19	Thursday	15:15-16:15	Mr Cusumano
	Biology Revision	Weekly	C14	Thursday	15:15-16:15	Mr Edwards
	Biology Revision	Weekly	C10	Friday	15:15-16:15	Mrs Pressland

Parents' Evening

The date of Parents' Evening is now **Tuesday 13th February**. This will be an excellent opportunity to sit down with your child's teachers to discuss progress and anything that can be done to support them in their final weeks of Year 11. More information regarding the booking of appointments will be sent nearer to the date.

Trainers

Please could you remind your child that they are expected to wear appropriate school shoes and that trainers are not permitted. Since returning for the new term there are an increasing number of students wearing trainers, often with no note explaining why they are not wearing appropriate shoes. If you are in the process of buying new shoes, or, there is any other genuine reason why they are not in shoes, please write a note for their form tutor and we can issue a temporary uniform card. If students continue to wear trainers with no note as to why we do have to sanction them. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Celebration Assembly

This was scheduled to take place on the morning of Friday 10 May but, as I'm sure you are aware, final exams begin a week earlier this year. As a result, we have settled on Friday 3 May for the students' Celebration Assembly in which we will hand out purchased yearbooks and hoodies (more information to come on how to purchase these very soon).

I must stress this is not the students' final day at Birchwood and they will be expected back in school on Tuesday 7 May. It is still to be decided when they will finish for study leave.

Prom

I know a number of parents have been asking for more details regarding this and I apologise for my tardiness in providing these.

Birchwood High School Prom

When: Tuesday 2 July

Where: Manor of Groves, Manor Suite, CM21 OJU

Time: 7pm, welcome drinks and arrivals photos. 11:30pm, prompt pick up

Ticket cost £60 per person

Payable to:

A Kidd

Sort code: 20-36-98

Account number: 53423395

(please use your child's name as reference)

Please note in order to provide you with more time to make payment the deadline is now Friday 1st March, rather than Friday 1st Feb. If you have any questions regarding prom, please contact Alice Kidd at agardiner@abbottsc scaffolding.com or Zoe Stiles at zoestiles@hotmail.com.

Once again can I thank you for your ongoing support with the year group. There are still a small handful of students who need to be reminded about punctuality to lessons and their attire, however, the vast majority of the year group continue to be superb ambassadors for the school, and I am very proud of them as a cohort.

Yours Sincerely,

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