

# BIRCHWOOD News

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Last week our incredible cast of Shrek the musical entertained a sold out crowd from Tuesday - Friday. What a show it was! With Nick Harris leading the way, painted green and scaring the little ones as our Shrek and his fabulous Donkey side kick, played by Sydney Godden, who made the audience chuckle from beginning to end. Fifty percent of the cast were making their Birchwood debut and had never been in a show before, but they brought so much energy and professionalism to the production, some taking starring roles such as Harry Francis who nailed it as our very own Pinocchio. A mix of comedy with a heart felt message behind it, Shrek has proved to be one of the most popular shows to date, leaving audience members uplifted and thoroughly entertained.

What talent we have here at Birchwood!!

We have to say goodbye to some of our long standing theatre makers and we are so sad that this was their last show - Nick, Emia, Sydney, Ethan and Sophie - we don't know how we will do it without you! Thank you for all you have done in your time here. You will leave a hole in the Drama department forever.

Mrs Hassani  
Head of Drama



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# HEADLINES

Dear Parents and Carers

It is a pleasure to share this edition of Birchwood News with you. The run up to Christmas in a school is a special time and Birchwood exemplifies this. For me the highlights have been attending Shrek and our Carol Service. Both of these have shown the amazing talent of students, the dedication of staff and the vital place we hold in the community. In addition to this you will read about the many other events that have taken place and how we are rewarding students for their achievements across the term. As I write this at the weekend we have had our Sixth Form Winter Ball and a group of students and staff visiting Christmas Markets in France.



The end of the term also sees a number of staff moving on from their roles at Birchwood. Mr Connor is stepping away from his post as Assistant Principal to take up a role at another school, Miss Compton is leaving to take on a Psychology post at St Mary's and Mrs Goldsmith is leaving to look after her children. I would like to thank them all for everything they have contributed in their time at Birchwood. We are also seeing three very long standing members of our support team move into retirement. Mrs Hood has been our Admissions Officer, Mrs Dixon has been our Trips Administrator and Mrs Augustine has led our Marketing and Events. All three have been stalwarts of the school for many years and we thank them for all they have done and wish them all long and happy retirements.

I would like to commend Year 11 for their recent mock exam season. It was, without doubt, the most focused and best conducted exams I have seen in my thirty years across six schools. Students are getting their results at the moment and they all seem to bode well for strong improvement between now and the actual exams in May and June. Year 13 will undoubtedly approach their January mocks in the same way.

Having been here for a term it seems a good time to reflect on my impressions of the school so far. Firstly I have been impressed by the students in all years. They are what makes the school and visitors always comment on how focused and hard working they are in lessons. Our challenge is to ensure that the results they gain in GCSE and A level exams matches their clear potential. The school enjoys a strong staff of specialists at a time when nationally recruitment of teachers is a challenge (I can show you schools that have, for example, no qualified science teachers). As a staff body we are proud to work in a comprehensive setting that strives to provide the best for all students regardless of their starting points. There are, as you would expect, things that need to develop to ensure the best opportunities for all. We need to explore whether our Key Stage 3 programme is broad enough, whether our Key Stage 4 programme focuses on the right things and whether our Sixth Formers are getting the right amount of time to succeed at the highest levels. We will update you on plans in the new year.

Most importantly Birchwood is a happy place where students are keen to study and where staff enjoy working. As such it has been a real pleasure getting to know the school over the last few months and I am excited about the potential it has for the coming years.

The Christmas holiday never quite seems like a break as we all get involved in events with families and friends. I hope that whatever you are up to you have some time to pause and relax. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2024.

Sam Griffin

# Chamber Concert 2023

Mr Grogan would like to congratulate all the students that took part in the Music department's Chamber concert in the Drama studio. Our exceptionally talented students performed brilliantly, and it is always a pleasure to hear our amazing musicians play to an audience. We are looking forward to the Young Musician competition and many more musical performances next year. Special thanks to Mr Stock for providing the piano accompaniment throughout the concert.



## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4 January – Thursday 28 March  
Half Term

W/B Monday 19 February –  
Friday 23 February

Thursday 4 January and Friday 5  
January CPD Days

### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 April – Friday 19 July  
Half Term

W/B Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May  
CPD Days

**(no students in school  
unless requested)**

Thursday 4 January

Friday 5 January

Monday 22 July

Tuesday 23 July (occasional day)

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September 2024 –

Friday 20 December 2024

Half Term

W/B Monday 28 October -

Friday 1 December

### Please note

Monday 2 September 2024

CPD 1 no students

Tuesday 3 September 2024

Years 7/12 only

Wednesday 4 September 2024

Whole School

Please note that the school is closed to

students on all CPD days, unless a

member of staff has asked students to attend.

## Christmas Card Competition 2023



Congratulations to the following students who won the 2023 Christmas Card Competition.

Aidan Burke - 1st (Card pictured)

Sydney Godden - 2nd

(Well done for entering every competition from Year 7 to Year 13).

Lily Leon and Emilie Klumpler - 3rd



## Finance Information

I am Mrs Young, the parental and student contact in relation to all income for the school.

We use an online payment system, ParentPay, for administration of the school income. If you require ParentPay login details or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email:

[jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk](mailto:jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk)

### The Red Box

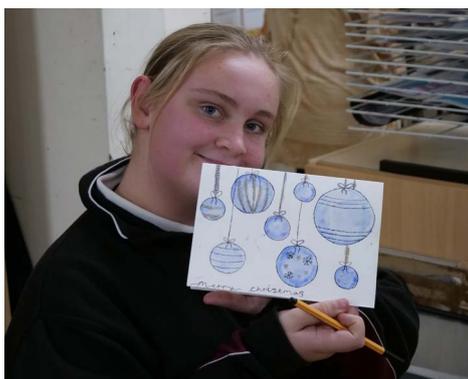
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Mrs Cook, Receptionist

# Christmas Card Making Workshop

On Thursday 14 December 2023 students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to get creative. Miss Payne ran a fantastic Christmas card making event including watercolour, glitter, Christmas tunes, mince pies and chocolates. The event was very well attended with students from year 7 to 12 and some teachers involved. All participants went home with a beautiful hand crafted card and envelope and Christmas tunes ringing in their ears. Miss Morrison Head of Art and the Expressive and Performing Arts faculty commented that it was a great event. 'It was so nice to see staff and students working alongside each other and enjoying getting creative. Thank you to Miss Payne for running such a lovely festive event'.

*Miss Morrison, Head of EPA*



## Carols by Candlelight

On Thursday 14 December at St Michael's Church, the air was filled with festive cheer as Birchwood hosted its annual Carols by Candlelight Service. Our wonderful choirs left students, parents, and staff alike enchanted by the Christmas melodies and heart-warming atmosphere.

We'd like to give thanks to Rev. Derwyn Williams who led the service and Deryk Harrison who played the organ. Mr Grogan and Mr Stock would also like to give special thanks to all the students who performed and staff who gave readings.

*Mr Grogan, Head of Music*

# Christmas Markets 2024

On Friday 15 December at 5am, a bus full of 40 students, from Year 10 to Year 13, and four teachers left Birchwood. We arrived in Dover as the sun was rising and boarded our ferry on time. We enjoyed a lovely breakfast and watching the white cliffs of Dover disappear over the horizon as we were approaching France. From Calais, we went straight into Lille Christmas market where we enjoyed local food and attractions, including a very fast and scary ferris wheel ride. Mrs Van Baalen explained to us the lovely traditions of the nativity scene French people create in their home and Mrs Defay told us all about the different cheeses!

After the Christmas market, we went to Le Chateau which would be home for the next two nights. We had our own dining room where we prepared our sandwiches for lunch, had our Christmas dinner and breakfasts. We also got to taste some snails!!!

On the second day, in the morning, we went to Vimy Ridge. We visited the very solemn Canadian war memorial and the trenches of the Canadian front. It was cold but learning some of the history of the region was fascinating.

We then arrived in Arras, where the Christmas magic was all around town. We went up the Belfry to admire the views before enjoying the market. Attractions were all over the place, food and shopping were excellent. We practised our best French and we enjoyed the ice rink very much.

The last day started with a visit to a chocolate factory in Belgium where we got to decorate our very own chocolate bar, before boarding the ferry back home. We had dinner on the ferry back to Dover before the final drive home. 40 students and four teachers safely back at school at 20:15, exhausted but a head full of memories.

Thank you to Mrs Van Baalen, Ms Defay, Mrs Ogus and Mr Loney for taking us to a very festive trip! Joyeux Noel,

Edward Wil-

cock, BBC reporter





### Why not follow us on .....Facebook

We have a Facebook page where you can keep up to date with events and meetings. Please follow us at Birchwood Parents Staff and Friends Association (PSFA) Birchwood PSFA (birchwoodpsfa@gmail.com)

### DON'T FORGET you can help us raise funds via TheGivingMachine

If you are a regular online shopper you can generate free donations to our school at no extra cost to you every time you shop via TheGivingMachine.

Please have a look online [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and search for Birchwood High School.

### Birchwood Bonus Ball

Congratulations to Siobhan Steel who was the winner of the October draw! Ball 60 was drawn by Deryk Bull and Siobhan won a massive £186.00!

Congratulations to Vicki Newman who was the winner of the November draw! Ball 27 was drawn by Mr Gilbank and Vicki won a huge £184.50!

The Bonus Ball is a great way to support the school, and at the same time be in with a chance of winning some cash every month! It is £3 per month per ball, payable either in one lump sum or monthly as a standing order. A draw takes place at the end of each month and the winner receives half of the money collected, the other half going towards PSFA funds, for our children.

Our bank details are:

Barclays Bank

Account Name: Birchwood PSFA

Account Number: 23298728

Sort Code: 20-25-19

Email [treasurerbwpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerbwpsfa@gmail.com) to let us know you've paid and how many balls you would like.

\*Another 10 balls sold would see a monthly jackpot of £200 – if you haven't purchased a ball yet, then now is the time\*



### The Birchwood Big Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Quiz Night. It was a great turnout and lots of fun was had. Well done to the 8 Very Cool Nerds who were the winners of the Quiz! A big thank you to Mr Sabur and his wife Emma, our fab quiz masters for taxing our brains and entertaining us in equal measure! Thank you also to our raffle prize donors including Reyland Johnson Estate Agents, AbFab Fit Club, Discover Stortford and The Hypno Hut. The event raised an enormous £1183.00 which is going towards the ongoing gymnasium refurbishment project.



### PSFA Facebook Page

Please follow us on our Facebook Page 'Birchwood Parents Staff and Friends Association PSFA' and stay up to date with upcoming events and meetings.

### PSFA Preloved Uniform

If you are replacing items of branded school uniform and the old items are still in good condition, please consider donating good condition items of preloved uniform to the PSFA. Please drop off clean items of uniform to our reception. If you would like to make a purchase of preloved uniform, please email [psfapreloved@gmail.com](mailto:psfapreloved@gmail.com). Please note this email address will be checked once a week and uniform requests available for collection from student reception, upon receipt of payment.

### Other ways to support the PSFA

You can generate free donations to our school at no extra cost to you every time you online shop via TheGivingMachine. Please have a look online [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and search for Birchwood High School.

We have registered with Stikins Name Labels. The school can earn up to 30% commission on all sales.

Please visit [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) and quote our fundraising number 1955.

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# Polecon politics conference

Year 12 and 13 Politics students recently attended the Polecon conference in Westminster, London, providing them with the ability to see in person some of the figures in their textbooks and hear what they have to say. Many key figures were in attendance, and they each discussed what they thought was relevant to their current agenda.

Jeremy Corbyn, current MP for Islington North and former leader of the opposition for Labour from 2015-2020 discussed the current issues with inequality within the UK and his personal view on economics and on how tax distribution should be put in place. Corbyn put forward a case for higher taxation for the top bracket of earners to close the disastrous income inequality, with many thriving with too much while some live in absolute poverty. Corbyn further suggested an increase in the personal allowance to aid the poorest in England as they are whom the funds should be directed at.

Corbyn was challenged twice regarding previous attacks on him in the media and responded well to the comments: "Anti-Semitism is evil, homophobia is evil, Islamophobia is evil, and all other forms of racism are evil. There must be a zero-tolerance approach to every form of racism as no hierarchy of such should exist in this country."

Whilst controversial Conservative political figure Jacob Rees-Mogg, former leader of the House of Commons, touched on a number of topics with a very different viewpoint, ranging from the current Rwanda debate and the Conservative Party's approach to the Supreme Court ruling of the unlawful nature of the policy and his recognition of the current awful trend of the opinion polls not looking in the Conservative Party's best interests. He threw subtle shade at current Prime Minister Rishi Sunak by stating that "politics has become presidential; the electorate base their view on the leader not the party." Sir Ed Davey, current leader of the Liberal Democratic Party spoke about his plan moving forward, by acknowledging the unlikelihood of his party gaining office and that they will therefore strategise by targeting what is known as 'Blue wall seats', seats which are traditionally won by the Conservative Party. Current debate shows that increasingly more of the youth are leaning closer and closer towards the political Centre, losing hope with the current Labour Party and therefore may choose to vote Lib Dem at the next general election.

We also got to hear from leader of the Scottish National Party in Westminster, Stephen Flynn who, unsurprisingly, spoke extensively about the prospects for another Scottish independence referendum, praising Corbyn for wanting free tuition fees for the youth in the UK to match the free tuition fees obtained in Scotland through a 2008 bill. He spoke about Scotland's right to self-govern the same way that England chose to make its own respective laws by exiting the EU in 2020.

Overall, the experience was fantastic. The last Polecon conference was cancelled because of the 2019 election and the build-up of excitement for this one has been great. Learning from a textbook is one experience, but hearing what our ministers have to say in person, without a script face to face is a whole new world. It was so educational and certainly provided me with better insight for when exams come around and students are required to include evidence to back up the points they make in their essays.

*Jenny de Melo, 13DKE*

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## ALUMNI NEWS

Mr Sam Griffin, was delighted to award Birchwood alumni student Mya Gooding-Springer, CEO and Founder of the fashion swapping app, "Swapped" her Women in Innovation Award Plaque this week. Mya starting her first business in Year 9 called Shop Relatable, she then decided that she wanted to shift from fast to slower fashion and started creating "Swapped" at 17 during work experience week in sixth form. "Swapped" allows users to upload their pre-loved occasion items and swipe left and right to find their next fashion match and most importantly, keep clothes in circulation for longer.

Fast forward, Mya has won many awards such as the Women in Innovation award at Innovate UK, landing her a £50k grant for her business as well as being featured on BBC3 Counties radio. Attending sustainable fashion awards at Milan Fashion Week, featured on the front cover of Career Wise magazine, speaking at countless universities, and most recently coming back to Birchwood to hang up her plaque celebrating the award.

To learn more about "Swapped" or Mya's business journey so far you can visit: [www.weareswapped.com](http://www.weareswapped.com), if you want to check out the business on socials it's @weareswapped and to get in touch with Mya you can reach her on [mya@weareswapped.com](mailto:mya@weareswapped.com), happy swapping!"





# The Edge Environmental group

The Edge Environmental group recently held their half termly meeting in the library with the focus placed on how the team could improve energy usage across the school.

The session was led by James Veness from the Energy Sparks organisation who provided an overview of what the Energy Sparks portal could provide to the school. He outlined a number of key actions the school could undertake to investigate the reduction in the “baseload” of the school. Students were encouraged to look at the costs of running items like kettles, fridges, water coolers and PCs . The school has purchased a number of energy monitors and students will start looking at key items in the coming weeks . With the Christmas break fast approaching students were also asked to encourage all staff to switch off as many appliances as possible over the Christmas shutdown.

The second part of the meeting was taken up with James Veness touring the school with pupils and looking at the heat loss across many of our school buildings with the use of a Thermal Imaging camera . There were many interesting conclusions from this and ranged from doors being left wide open whilst trying to heat the areas through to the significant heat loss through poor window insulation from the MFL area in B Block

The school is currently looking at a CIF capital bid for replacement windows for this block and the thermal imaging pictures taken by the students will be included in the bid to be submitted later this month.



The construction students celebrated Christmas in style! They built their own BBQ's and then cooked a selection of sausages and burgers for their teachers and other students.

Merry Christmas!

*Mr Newman, Technology.*

# PE news....



The U14 girls football team began their pursuit to get back to the final of this competition. Dame Alice Owens presented a tough opposition, with high quality football being played on both sides.

Birchwood took the lead with a goal by Mia Beer following a free kick from Lilly Fach. The next 10 minutes were highly contested and then Dame Alice Owens capitalised on some Birchwood mistakes to equalise. We didn't let our heads drop though and continued to dominate possession. Just before half time, Mia Beer picked up the ball in her own half, ran down the left wing and finished a superb solo effort taking us into half time 2-1 up.

In the second half we continued to play well with some excellent defending by Elle Paramo, Lilly Fach, Edie Pittuck and Millie Cooke combined with some great saves by Mia Lucas. This gave our midfield of Jess Dittrich, Beer, Maci Whitnall and Ruby Hayward confidence to push further up the pitch to support our striking duo of Bia Camara and Anya Trevor. Our passing play resulted in Bia scoring her first of the night, followed by a goal directly from a corner kick by Mia for her hat-trick before Bia scored her final goal of the night. Ali Bennett, Sara Roberson and Holly Austin all came on as second half subs and made a valuable contribution to this win and showed the strength of the squad. Macy-Mae Hastings didn't get on this time, however, she provided a valuable role as a first aider when a team mate was in need! A strong 5-1 win for the team and we move on to the next round.

*Mrs Chapman and Miss Rolfe, PE*



Year 7 arrived at their first hockey districts filled with lots of energy and enthusiasm (the singing in the minibus en route was a good example).

They took on Herts and Essex, JFAN, SWCHS, Leventhorpe, Hockerill and Avanti. We drew with Leventhorpe in a 0-0 draw and then unfortunately lost 1-0 in all the other matches.

They were competitive in all six matches and Zara Horwood made several big saves in goal. Natalia Gadzina, Eva McPhee, Adoma Appiah played brilliantly in defence and made some excellent interceptions.

Eve Jackson, Lola Neall, Isla Godden, Artadokht Ghami all worked tirelessly in midfield. Libby Turner and Jessica Almark worked well in midfield or forward when called upon.

Well done ladies! A big thank you to Mrs Veitch for driving us.

*Mrs Chapman, PE*

## Student News...



Congratulations to Jake Barr who represented Birchwood at the Judo Regional Schools championships at the UEL Sportsdock. He fought hard and received a Silver medal in his weight category.

Jake competed again at the NHC Schools Regional Championships in Brentwood representing Birchwood and got a silver. He has now qualified for the British Schools Championships in Sheffield on 9 March 2024.

Congratulations as well to Jaden Bahra who recently won bronze at the European Championships.



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# London Spanish Film Festival

Miss Defay, Alexia from Year 13 and I met up with two Alumni Spanish A level students at the Institut Français to attend this year's London Spanish Film Festival. It was so great to hear Tom and Olivia's stories of their travels around South America as part of their university degrees and fuelled Alexia's interest in her own travel plans. Olivia spent her year in Mexico and Tom was in Chile. They met up and travelled around Argentina, Peru and Bolivia and explored so many different cultures, using their Spanish expertly (see a couple of their photos here).

At the London Spanish Film Festival, we watched the UK Première of the film "Te Estoy Amando Locamente" set in Seville in 1977 and was about a boy who was the first in his family to go to university as Spain transitioned to democracy. It was a brilliantly made drama-comedy about being your own person at a tricky time politically.

*Miss Roderick, Head of MFL*

Photos; London Spanish Film Festival (below) and Tom at Machu Picchu, Peru (Top right) and Olivia visiting the Pirámide del Sol in Teotihuacán, Mexico (bottom right)



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## French Film Festival

On the evening of Thursday 9 November, 15 French students from Years 13, 12 and 11 attended this year's French Film Festival at the Institut Français in Kensington.

The students chose a rather quirky film called Daaaaaali!, about the Catalan surrealist artist. The synopsis was: "Daaaaaali!, Anaïs Demoustier is a journalist pursuing an exclusive interview with Salvador Dalí, played with hilarious eccentricity by a combination of actors, including Gilles Lellouche, Jonathan Cohen and Alain Chabat. As her endeavour moves further away from reality, Dupieux creates a playful, loving and farcical tribute".

It certainly was eccentric and rather puzzling in places, but entertaining nonetheless! A stimulating evening's enrichment and one we won't forget! Thanks to Miss Defay for organising the evening!

*Miss Roderick, Head of MFL*



# BIRCHWOOD BROADCASTING CORRESPONDENTS

## Rugby World Cup 2023

The Rugby World Cup is an international rugby tournament held every four years where the world's best rugby union teams compete to win the coveted title of Rugby World Champions.

### 2023: Teams and Venues

The tenth instalment of the biggest tournament in men's rugby was held across France, in cities including Paris, Marseille, Lille, Bordeaux and Lyon. A total of twenty teams competed for the trophy, and were divided into four pools, with the top two teams progressing to a knock-out stage. And the Winner was...

At the semi-finals, four teams remained: Argentina, England, New Zealand and South Africa. The latter two emerged victorious and went on to play a tense, close match in the finals. Despite New Zealand's best efforts, South Africa scraped by with one more point to win the Cup. England battled Argentina for the 3rd place spot and took it with another close match. It makes South Africa's 4th world title, currently the highest out of any team. To make it more impressive, South Africa have only participated in four RWC tournaments, meaning they've won it every time they entered.

*Lucas Rugiero, BBC Reporter*

*We hope you enjoy our Christmas wordsearch.  
Merry Christmas from all the BBC reporters.*

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TREE  
TURKEY

*In the New Year we will be collecting trainers and shoes in our link school in Kenya.  
Information about this collection will be available in the New Year!*

## Technology Project - the making of a Tie-dye cushion

During the first half term of the new school year, in technology we were asked to design pillows. We started the process to make our pillows by tie-dyeing the cotton material. I used the colours pink, purple and blue. It was hard to tie-dye as we had to tie the elastic bands really tight, so when we untied the materials, the colours would actually show. Unfortunately, my class had to re-do the tie-dyeing because we forgot to iron the materials. We had to iron the materials because if we didn't the dye wouldn't show up and would fade.



Our next step was to block print, which I found rather difficult because it was not easy printing the block onto the material. We all had a wooden block and had to paint over it with a simple design; my pattern consisted of blue, green and orange circles and I used these colours since they matched with my tie-dye. There were lots of different block printing methods to choose from: block repeat, brick-half repeat, half-drop repeat and random repeat. I decided to use block repeat as I thought it would go well with the rest of my design. After that we created little objects to sew onto our block print materials.

Finally, we got onto sewing our final piece together! This meant we sewed the tie-dye material onto the block print material to make our pillow. Most of the class sewed by using the sewing machine, but I hand-sewed instead, as I thought it would be easier. We had to tack around the materials, so it would stay in place, whilst we cautiously stitched around the whole cushion. We did not zip the back because I think it would've been too complicated. The final result was a great success and now I have a lovely cushion to use at home.

*Zara Horwood, Year 7 BBC Reporter*



# House



**1st place**  
**Hadham**  
**15767**

**2nd place**  
**Dane**  
**15529**

**3rd place**  
**Waytemore**  
**15085**

**4th place**  
**Stort**  
**14374**

Thank you to everybody who donated items to our Food Bank Collection.

We have been collecting items for the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank in order to support their Christmas food parcels for local families in need.



The Sixth Form went to Winter Wonderland for their winter rewards trip this year.



All year groups enjoyed the Sixth Form Revue on Monday 18 December.



The Winter Ball for Sixth Form was held on Friday 15 December to raise money for MIND.



**Essex & Herts**  
**Air Ambulance**

Your local life-saving charity





# House



House Captains  
are listed below:

**Hadham**  
Ilinca Dionisie  
Bonnie Wright  
Liv Donaldson  
Layla Ellis

**Dane**  
Darcy Loveday  
Amelia Nicholson  
Harriet Nineberg  
Alfie Wood  
Sydney Godden  
Tabitha Hermit  
Aaron Shaw

**Stort**  
Jack Pillinger  
Amber Mayer  
Matthew Winder  
Katrina Zune  
Cameron Scott  
Charles Spencer  
Abigail Sear

**Waytemore**  
Paige Squires  
Ruby Waller  
Leighton Bishop  
Alex Curtis  
Imogen Thorpe  
Rosie Pressland

*Head House Captains -  
Daisy Dunn and Scarlet Dillon*

*Deputy Head House Captains -  
Ivy Felstead and Lydia Griffin*

*Assistant Principal Student -  
Jessica Hobday*



Year 7/8 Girls Football

1st place – Stort, 100 points  
2nd place – Dane, 75 points  
3rd place – Hadham, 50 points  
4th place – Waytemore, 25 points



Year 7/8 Boys Rugby

1st place – Waytemore, 100 points  
2nd place – Stort, 75 points  
3rd place – Dane, 50 points  
4th place – Hadham, 25 points



# BIRCHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL INTERHOUSE

## Rugby and Football RESULTS



Year 9/10 Girls Football

1st place – Waytemore, 100points  
 2nd place – Dane, 75 points  
 3rd place – Stort, 50 points  
 Hadham - no team



Year 9/10 Boys Rugby

1st place – Stort, 100 points  
 2nd place – Waytemore, 75 points  
 3rd place – Dane, 50 points  
 4th place - Hadham, 25 points

### Overall Interhouse winners

1st = Waytemore and Stort - 300 points  
 3rd Dane - 250 points  
 4th Hadham - 100 points

## Staff bake off

Winner is  
 Mrs K Byers (Christmas Pudding)  
 Runner up  
 Ms M Cuddington (Hot Chocolate)

Thank you to the judges  
 Mrs Dervish , Miss Diver, Mr Stock  
 and Mrs Pressland.



### Christmas Raffle

3rd place - ticket 317 Mr Ockendon  
 2nd place- ticket 298 Charlie Morris  
 1st place- ticket 8 Arthur Willis

### Gift Wrapping Competition

3rd place- Ava Wright  
 2nd Place- Ali Bennett  
 1st Place- Scarlet Gotham

### Decorate a form room competition-

Winner is 8MCS  
 Runner up is 7MCN

**New Year's resolution?  
Why not join our Gym?**



# **Birchwood Fitness Suite Gym Membership**

**Fifteen station fitness suite with Technogym cardio and strength equipment, free weights and power rack.**

**Changing rooms and free car parking available to members.**

**No contract or one-off joining fee.**

**Pricing:**

**Weekly membership £3.60 inc. VAT**

**Rolling weekly membership available.**

**Opening Hours:**

**Monday to Friday 18:00 – 21:30**

**Saturday 08:00 – 17:00**

**Sunday 09:00 – 13:00**

**For joining details visit [birchwoodfs.schoolhire.co.uk](http://birchwoodfs.schoolhire.co.uk)**

