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Years 7 to 11 - Birchwood Co-Curriculum Programme

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to share our exciting new initiative - the Birchwood High School Co-Curriculum Programme which has been designed to support your child's learning journey beyond the classroom. At Birchwood, we firmly believe that education is not just about exams and assessments - it is about nurturing well-rounded individuals who are curious, confident, and prepared for the future. Our Co-Curriculum aims to inspire your child to explore new interests, deepen their knowledge, and develop valuable life skills. In turn, this new initiative will offer parents and carers a chance to become more actively involved with their child's learning journey.

This programme provides students with a wealth of opportunities to engage in subjects in innovative and enjoyable ways. It is designed to encourage your child to explore their passions, build resilience, and discover new areas of interest, all while having fun. We believe these activities will help them build aspirations for the future, and better their understand the world around them.



The Co-Curriculum is carefully structured with contributions from each subject/department to provide a range of activities that are both stimulating and challenging. Your child will have access to a variety of opportunities in the following areas:

- **Watch** – Engaging videos, documentaries, and talks that bring classroom subjects to life. These resources will spark curiosity and provide new perspectives.
- **Listen** – Podcasts and interviews with experts from a wide range of fields, helping students connect academic learning with real-world experiences.
- **Read** – Suggested books, articles, and stories that extend beyond the syllabus and offer fresh ideas and exciting challenges.
- **Go** – Recommendations for worthwhile visits to museums, historical sites, and other destinations where your child can experience learning in action and make connections between classroom theory and the outside world.

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- **Do** – Hands-on activities such as competitions, masterclasses, and super-curricular experiences that allow students to apply their learning and develop essential skills.

We encourage your child to take full advantage of these opportunities to expand their knowledge, discover new talents, and enjoy the process of learning in new and exciting ways. If your child completes a task we ask that they log their activity via the form in the Co-Curriculum area of the website (found under Learning at Birchwood, Click here to discover our Birchwood Co-Curriculum), so that they can be celebrated and rewarded over the course of the academic year for pushing themselves to 'go the extra mile'.

To access the tasks please either click on this link [Birchwood Co-Curriculum](#) or find it on the school website under Learning at Birchwood.

As always, we appreciate your support in helping your child get the most out of their time at Birchwood. We look forward to seeing how the Co-Curriculum will inspire them to reach new heights and celebrate their successes both in and outside the classroom.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Kind Regards,

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