



# BIRCHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BIRCHWOOD BULLETIN

23/09/25

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

### **A message from Miss Perrett and Mr Jones**

It's been fantastic to see so many students taking part in after-school PE clubs this week! If they weren't able to join us this time, don't worry — there's always next week, and we'd love to see them there.

There's still space available in our lunchtime badminton clubs:

- **Year 7** – Tuesdays
- **Year 8** – Wednesdays

All they need is a pair of trainers — no special equipment required!

### **Flu vaccinations - Years 7, 8 & 9**

Flu vaccinations took place yesterday (22 September), if your child missed their appointment there is an additional day planned for Wednesday 3 December 2025.

### **Home School Agreement – Reminder**

[The Birchwood High School – Home School Agreement](#) was sent out on Thursday 18 September. This is a reminder that all parents/carers need to read this with their child and complete the form included in the agreement.

## **Early Closure – Open Evening**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please be aware that the school will close early to students at 12:20pm on Thursday 2 October for our annual Open Evening.

Please complete the following form regarding the early finish on Thursday 2 October:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4ip6QyLSXs>

You will need to complete a separate form for each child attending the school. If your child is staying to participate in Open Evening you will receive more information shortly.

If you do not complete the form by Friday 26 September, and have not informed us to the contrary, we will assume that you give permission for your child to leave the school site at 12:20pm.

Details for students that use Anita's or ACME coaches are as follows:

- Anita's Coaches will collect at the earlier time.
- Louie's Transport will collect at the earlier time.
- ACME are unable to amend timetables and will collect at their usual time of 15:20pm.

We would also like to remind you that Friday 3 October is a non-student day.

## **YEAR 7**

### **Update from Mrs Hinski – Head of Year 7**

As we move further into the term, I'm delighted to share how well our Year 7 students continue to settle into life at Birchwood. Their growing confidence is clear to see — whether it's navigating the school independently, making new friends, or getting involved in the wide range of clubs and extracurricular opportunities on offer. It's been wonderful to witness such enthusiasm and positive energy across the year group.

A real highlight of last week was the Harlow Outdoor Trips. These days out have given our students the chance to build teamwork skills, enjoy the outdoors, and strengthen the friendships forming within their tutor groups. I'll be sharing some lovely photos from the trips in the next edition of our newsletter, so do keep an eye out!

We've continued to focus on key aspects of personal development, and this week's theme has been good manners. I'm proud to say our Year 7s have risen to the challenge, showing increased awareness of how their actions affect those around them. Our focus for next week will be on completing homework on time and ensuring high standards of presentation. This is a key skill we're working to develop in Year 7, and your support at home in helping your child establish these good habits is greatly appreciated.

A few important reminders for the coming week:

- On Friday 26th, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages. There will be fun activities taking place in the Main Hall at 12:30pm – 1:15pm, so please encourage your child to join in and enjoy the cultural celebration.
- As our students become more familiar with the school buildings, a number of bags and PE kits have been left behind — many with no names inside. Please do take a moment to check that all uniform and belongings are clearly labelled, so any lost items can be quickly returned.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I have had a lot of communication from home which shows how enthusiastic you are and thank you for your patience when I am teaching and unable to respond immediately. Year 7 have made a fantastic start to their high school journey, and I look forward to seeing all they will accomplish in the weeks ahead.

### **PGL Liddington - deposit deadline**

The deposit deadline for the year 7 residential trip to PGL Liddington has been extended to 30 September 2025, this is payable on ParentPay.

## **YEAR 8**

### **Rome and Naples - deposit deadline**

The deposit deadline for the Year 8 residential trip to Rome and Naples has now passed. The trip letter was sent on Thursday 18 September, please contact [trips@birchwoodhigh.org.uk](mailto:trips@birchwoodhigh.org.uk) with any queries. Students will find out if they have a place the week beginning Monday 29 September 2025

## **YEAR 9**

### **Ardeche**

There are limited places available on the Ardeche trip, please email [trips@birchwoodhigh.org.uk](mailto:trips@birchwoodhigh.org.uk) if your child is interested. The total cost of the trip is £1100.

### **Year 9 French Students**

There are limited places on the French Christmas trip - Sunday 14 - Tuesday 16 December 2025, the total cost is £445 which is due by 1 November 2025. Please email [trips@birchwoodhigh.org.uk](mailto:trips@birchwoodhigh.org.uk).

## YEAR 10

### **Enterprise Students**

Year 10 Enterprise students are working on their controlled assessment for component 1 (30% of BTEC grade).

## YEAR 11

### **Year 11 Maths revision**

Year 11 Maths revision will take place every Monday from 3.15 to 4.15pm from 22 September. Foundation will be in D13 in Week A and D15 in Week B. Higher is D12 in Week A and D10 in Week B.

## SIXTH FORM

### **Year 12 Parents Information Evening**

Year 12 Parents' Information Evening will take place on Thursday 25 September from 6:45pm to 7:45pm.

### **Year 13 Parents Information Evening**

Year 13 Parents' Information Evening will take place on Thursday 25 September from 5:45pm to 6:45pm.

### **Duke of Edinburgh - Gold Award**

Last week eight Year 13 students completed their qualifying Duke of Edinburgh Gold award in windy and rainy weather in the hills of Snowdon in Wales. They had amazing spirit throughout the entire 4-day, 3-night expedition and did a superb job overcoming fears, and mental blocks on the journeys they took. We are extremely proud of them. These students have proven to themselves that they can do anything. Well Done!!

# EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

# Friday 26 September in the Hall

12.30pm - 1.15pm

"Come and join us for a fun-filled lunchtime exploring other countries food, culture, and much more!"



# *Singing Club*

SING • RELAX • ENJOY



Everyone welcome from Year 7 to Year 13

B2 (in Music Corridor)

12:30pm

every Monday lunchtime



# PE Clubs: Autumn Term 2025

All after school clubs run approximately 3.15 - 4.30pm. Meet in the Sports Hall Changing Rooms

Monday	Hockey: All Years CTE & EHI Boys Rugby: Year 7 ABT
Tuesday	LUNCHTIME Badminton: Year 7 LPT Cheerleading: Years 7, 8 & 9 (External) Netball: Pink Ladies (Invite Only) LPT
Wednesday	LUNCHTIME Badminton: Year 8 LPT Girls Football: All Years ARE & AGN Boys Rugby: Year 10 RNT GCSE Badminton: DJS Running Club: All Years SHL Strength and Conditioning Years 10&11 RES
Thursday	LUNCHTIME Senior Basketball – LPT & DJS Boys Rugby: Year 8 ABT Boys Rugby: Year 9 DJS Girls Rugby: Years 7 – 11 CLE Netball: All Years LPT
Friday	BEFORE SCHOOL 8am Cricket nets: Year 7 & 8 DJS / HGK

