



Dear Parents and Carers

25 January 2017

I would like to start this newsletter with a couple of notices.

Starting on Monday 6 February 2017 we are refurbishing the school's main entrance. The work should take no more than 3 weeks but it will mean that normal entrance to the school will be disrupted the week before half term and the week following half term. We will make alternative arrangements and will confirm these with parents next week. It also means that there will be no access to the school unless it has been pre-arranged with individual staff. The work will finally enable all visitors, including those with restricted mobility, to access the school through the front entrance and will also provide a brighter and more welcoming environment.

Secondly, a reminder that Year 9s will start their formal "end of Key Stage" examinations on Monday 30 January and I would like to wish all the boys the best of luck. Luck, however, will play much less of a part in the final outcome than thorough preparation and conscientious revision. I hope that all students will use the strategies covered by Mr Marshall in his "how to revise" session last week.

Next week we will also start sharing assessment data with Year 11 parents through the Xpression app and we hope to expand the system to other year groups by the end of the year.

Finally, if you follow us on Twitter you will have noticed that we have begun sharing some examples of students' work or teacher's feedback. This is a response to requests from some parents to find out more about what their child does in lessons and how we deliver the curriculum. We are very aware that Teaching and Learning or assessment, for instance, have changed significantly in the last few years and we want to involve you in the work we do. Today I have included 2 examples from a Year 7 History class. Teachers will mark in purple but the crucial aspect is that students are expected to respond to the feedback and use it to correct, improve or extend their work. Some schools call it "next steps" or "directed reflection time", we call it "Fix-It-Time" and all students will be given time when the work is handed back to reflect and improve. The second example shows some of the codes used to focus feedback and encourage the students to read and take on board the key aspects of the comments and write their own WWW (What Went Well or Strengths) and EBI (Even Better If or areas for improvement).

Max, you explain several reasons why you think Mallory and Irvine got to the summit - Well Done! You could try to present the other side of the argument too.

WHAT WENT WELL?		
SK - SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE Shows a good depth of subject knowledge.	I - INFERENCES Strong inference from interpretation.	KR - KNOWLEDGE RECALL Accurate knowledge recall.
SU - SOURCE UTILITY Good explanation of source utility. Able to argue both sides of the argument.	E - EXPLANATION Well detailed explanations.	J - JUDGEMENT Clear judgement made while analysing both sides of the argument.

EVEN BETTER IF:		
SK - SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE Requires further specific subject knowledge.	I - INFERENCES Requires better inferences from the interpretation.	KR - KNOWLEDGE RECALL Requires more accurate knowledge recall.
SU - SOURCE UTILITY More accurate explanation of source utility - use both sides of the argument.	E - EXPLANATION Add more evidence to your explanation.	J - JUDGEMENT Clearer judgement needed when deciding if Mallory & Irvine reached the summit.

ASSESSMENT REVIEW

WWW
What Went Well
E - SK

EBI
Even Better If
J

SPaG
2

Green Pen Activity

WWW: Explained a lot of reasons why Mallory and Irvine reached the summit of everest.

EBI: To Explain that it was possible they didn't make it and there were two sides to the argument.

the oxygen apparatus would have worked if it were not for the high mountains. Do you think Mallory and Irvine were up to the climb? Explain your answer.

No, because Irvine had no experience on high mountains and someone said that Mallory was ill and unfit.

Is there a possibility they could have climbed successfully? Yes because they are so many evidence for making the summit, but there are many amounts of reasons for not reaching the summit.

Why did William win the battle of Hastings?
Year 7 Assessment

SK - Subject Knowledge You show some knowledge of William's tactics and Harold's mistakes.	SK - Subject Knowledge You have a clear understanding of William's tactics and Harold's mistakes.
E - Explanation You have explained at least 2 reasons and shown how they related William who?	E - Explanation You have explained why 2 reasons are more important than others.
J - Judgement Try to be more accurate pointing to supporting evidence.	J - Judgement Try to explain your reasons before William won the battle.
W - Writing Try to show why some reasons are more important than others.	W - Writing Try to use the PEE (Point, Evidence and Explain) structure in your writing.

ASSESSMENT REVIEW

WWW:
I have started at least 3 reasons and explain why they related William who?

EBI:
Try to show why some reasons are more important than others.

SPaG: 3

Green Pen Activity

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RUNSHAW COLLEGE – PERFORMANCE OF OTHELLO REMIX

On Tuesday 24 January the Year 10 GCSE Drama and Music students were fortunate enough to watch a performance of 'Othello Remixed', by the BTech Acting Students from Runshaw College's Performing Arts Department. Thanks to all the performers for an energetic and contemporary version of Shakespeare brought firmly into the present day! @PPPRunshaw for more information.

Mrs Jeffery



DRAMA DEPARTMENT TWITTER FEED

This is now up and running - I'm posting pictures and updates each week of what we're doing in Drama. If you'd like to give us a follow then it's @BirkdaleHS_Drama

Mrs Jeffery

BT AND BARCLAYS CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS!

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 recently took part in a county-wide creative writing competition run by BT and Barclays, in collaboration with best-selling children's author Shane Hegarty. Pupils were challenged to write a chapter for a brand new story started by Shane, the author of the popular Darkmouth series. We are delighted to announce that **two** Birkdale High School pupils have been selected as winners: Harry Day in Year 7 and Nathaniel Pye in Year 8. Very well done!

The winning eight chapters, chosen by Shane Hegarty from a shortlist of 63 submissions, have been published online and can be viewed here:

<http://home.bt.com/news/bt-life/read-the-lost-legend-a-bt-and-barclays-wi-fi-in-our-community-story-chain-11364122412061>

The next writing competition will be the BBC Radio 2 '500 Words' competition, for writers aged 11-13. Mrs Keating

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD – BRONZE GROUP 1

There are a few places left in the Bronze Group 1 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expeditions. If your son is interested in taking part, please contact Patrice Hey, YCP on 07855 296759. Please find attached flyer for further details including dates.

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SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

Since we advertised cut-price science revision guides during Year 10 Parents' Evening, we have had just 24 orders. These guides will be an excellent resource for revision to enable success at GCSE so please place your order with BHS for science revision guides at a reduced cost.

Triple science: £11.97; Combined science: £9

The deadline is Friday 27 January 2017 for cash or cheque to be sent into the main school office. If you have lost the reply slips given out during Parents' Evening, just ensure the student's name is clearly written on an envelope containing payment.

Mr Woodley

SCIENCE QUIZ LEAGUE REMINDER – YEARS 10 AND 11

All Key Stage 4 students should complete the latest Show My Home Work quizzes set by the Science department ASAP (Physics quizzes set by Mr Spallen). They can also still complete any of the other quizzes set previously irrespective of deadline. The league will be updated towards the end of the week.

Mr Woodley

JANUARY MATHS CLASS CHAMPIONS

The following boys are the current class champions for their class in Maths. Most of these hold the record for the highest module test score.

Mrs Thompson

	U1 Mrs McGarry	U2 Mrs Thompson	U3 Miss Cain	U7 Mrs Woodcock	U8 Mrs Duffy	U9 Mr Marshall	G13 Mrs Brook
Year 7	Joe Rigby	Anthony Waite	Ethan Marshall	Leo Sinclair			Antony Hindle
Year 8	Zachary Harbon Sam Lee	Adam Scrutton	Tommy Conway Joe Edwards-Hulm	Alfie Monaghan			Lyon Kuzmin
Year 9	Ivan Aras Adam Hopper Taylor Stanbrook	Jamie Rimmer	Elliott Brown	Caleb Poulter		Jake Offord	
Year 10	Howard Maio Ethan Mobbs Purcell	Lewis Hill	Stanley Cannon	Antony Bradley Matthew Howorth	Alessio Francis Rafiq Tennah		
Year 11	Will Berry	Josh Partington	Morgan Ashcroft Josh Bailey	Jake Marchant	Joe Andrews	Max Hindle	

ENGLISH

Congratulations to the following boys who achieved 100% on the first Blood Brothers quote quiz:

Shaun Edgar, Matthew Fraser, Laurence Fredricks, Max Hindle, Liam Keefe, Tom Lawson, Billy Maguire, Jake Marchant, Oliver Mutch, Martin Rimmer, Ethan Watson, Angus Ball, Thomas Bradshaw, Luke Harbon, Jacob Harrison, Daniel Hubbard, Alex Jeffrey, Thomas Linaker, Red McCarthy, Sam Penniford, Jacob Roberts, Ethan Scrutton, Jack Vernon, Adam Watterson, Will Berry, Jack Blundell, Nathan Davenport, Ben Davidson, David Finn, Ethan Fletcher, Dannon Lavelle, Leon Storer, Josh Thistlethwaite, Matthew Tighe, Jordan Wilkes-Siddeley, Ben Ankers, Morgan Ashcroft, Harvey Jackson, Josh Powell, Joe Cook, Luke Dawes, Ben Mawdsley, Ben Newnham, Alex Persand, Alex Sourbutts and Mark Allen.

Quiz 2 is available now!

Mrs Morgan

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SKIING LESSONS

We have some availability for pupils to experience a series of skiing lessons at Pendle Ski Club in Lancashire on 10 and 17 March 2017. These lessons are open to all pupils in school and are suitable for complete beginners or experienced skiers. Please find information attached. As the trip is available on a first-come first-served basis, please ask your son to hand permission slips and payments directly to Mr Milner. Mr Milner

ANIMAL CLUB

Do you have a Vivarium, tank or a cage that you do not have use for any more? We would love to have it. We are especially looking for Vivariums or tanks to house reptiles/amphibians. We would also consider anything from rodent/rabbit cages to bird cages too. The bigger the better! In addition, if you have any animals that may need a new loving home the club may be able to help. We are always looking for something new and interesting to share with the pupils. Please contact me if you can help. Mr Leece



GREEN MACHINE

Would you be able to tell the difference between a grey and a red squirrel? Not as easy as it sounds, as sometimes they look alike and reds are sometimes black! The easiest way of telling them apart is by looking at the ears.

Grey squirrels' ears are rounded and their tails have a white halo, whereas reds' ears are tufted, especially in the winter, and their tails are all one colour. This is just one of the many facts we heard at the talk after school yesterday, when Rachel Miller, Red Squirrel Field Officer from The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside came to tell us about red squirrels, their habitat, diet, breeding, legislation, distribution, threats, surveys and lots of other things. All who attended left very much more knowledgeable and really keen to spot some.

A week on Friday, we are looking forward to an interesting trip to the Data Destruction and Shredding Service in Cemetery Road, where we will learn about recycling, take part in a recycling exercise and have a tour of the site.

Anyone wishing to join The Green Machine is welcome to come along to our fortnightly meetings. The next one will be on Monday, 6th February at lunch time in Mrs. Marshall's room. Mrs Bradley



SPORTS/PE NEWS

Another successful Basketball season so far!

Congratulations to all the basketball players in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 for their performances to date in the Sefton Champions Leagues. The teams have collectively won thirteen of the sixteen fixtures played over the course of the last term, which is quite an achievement as we have been without a Sports Hall for the majority of that time and have therefore had to play most of our games away from home. With one more wave of fixtures due to be played against Stanley we are in a good position to qualify for a number of the Sefton Cup Finals once again. The results to date from each year group are as follows:

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Birkdale High School

Aspire - Thrive - Succeed

Headteacher:
Mr G Y Bourgade

Year 7 – Played 3 – Won 1 , Lost 2

Birkdale Lost against St.Mary's - 06-02
Birkdale Won against Chesterfield - 06-05
Birkdale Lost against Meols Cop – 12-10
Birkdale Won against Christ The King 17-0

Year 8 – Played 3 – Won 3 , Lost 0

Birkdale Won against St.Mary's – 21-05
Birkdale Won against Chesterfield – 24-0
Birkdale Won against Meols Cop – 15-08
Birkdale Won against Christ The King 27-19

Year 9 – Played 4 – Won 3 , Lost 1

Birkdale Won against St.Mary's – 18-07
Birkdale Won against Chesterfield – 30-06
Birkdale Lost against Meols Cop – 16-09
Birkdale Won against Christ The King – 47-26

Year 10 – Played 4 – Won 4, Lost 0

Birkdale Won against St.Mary's – 12-08
Birkdale Won against Chesterfield – 38-05
Birkdale Won against Meols Cop – 20-18
Birkdale Won against Christ The King – Game Conceded

Very well done boys and keep it up!

Mr Quirk

Luke Monaghan – Year 11



Year 11 pupil, Luke Monaghan, played his first match for the rugby league side Salford Red Devils U16s.

It was a close fought match against Midlands Academy which Salford won 12-6.

Luke opened the scoring with a try on his debut and Salford won the game 12-6.

A fantastic start to Luke's rugby league career.

We will watch your progress closely.

Well done Luke!

Mr Keary

Year 9 Football

Squad: Tobias Lea, Tobey Sykes, Elliot Brown, Ben Stott, Ryan Graham, Matthew Brown, Daniel Doherty, David Sperrin, Robbie Jackson, Adam Livesley, Kaidan Hesketh, Christian Johnson

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On Monday 16 January 2017 Birkdale travelled to Meols Cop to play their first fixture of the new year. Birkdale played as if they were still on their Christmas holidays and Meols Cop played very well to go in at half time two goals up. After an inspired team talk at half time Birkdale upped their game as most of the play and possession was in the Meols Cop half and Meols Cop rarely entered Birkdale territory. The constant pressure and enterprising play finally paid off as Ryan Graham finished off a fine move and Robbie Jackson won Birkdale a penalty in the final minutes of play which Ryan Graham coolly slotted home for a well-earned draw. A good game to blow away the cobwebs but we will need to play better in the next round of the Merseyside Cup.

Year 9 Merseyside Cup

Squad: Tobias Lea, Tobey Sykes, Elliot Brown, Ben Stott, Ryan Graham, Matthew Brown, Daniel Doherty, David Sperrin, Robbie Jackson, Adam Livesley, Kaidan Hesketh, Christian Johnson

Birkdale travelled to St Mary's in Wallasey to play in the first round of the U14 Echo Cup. They produced a solid performance against a good and stubborn team. Birkdale took the lead through a surprising source, Captain Fantastic Elliot Brown and led going into half time. The second half continued in the same vein, with Birkdale attacking and St Mary's defending stoutly. St Mary's scored a fantastic breakaway goal to level the match. It looked as if honours would be shared and with extra time beckoning, up stepped Kaidan Hesketh sneaking in at the back post to seal the victory. Well done boys and good luck in the next round.

Year 10 Football

Squad: Nathan Bowden, George Carrington, Matthew Cook, Tom Porter, Dylan Curry, Benjamin Gaskell, Brion Monaghan, Owen Highton, Kyle Joseph, Kasra Mohammadi, James O'Keeffe, Matthew Howarth, Jamie Johnson, Max Hayward, Sebastian Mikolejewski

The Year 10s also travelled to Meols Cop to play a double header. This has to probably be the single most frustrating game I have ever been involved in during my time at Birkdale. I cannot believe that a team can have so much possession, so many attempts on goal, be dominant in all areas of the pitch and still lose. Meols Cop managed to frustrate Birkdale by closing us down quickly and Birkdale just could not find the breakthrough. Meols Cop had two shots and scored two goals, now that's what I call clinical. Hard luck Birkdale and good luck in the Merseyside Cup

Year 10 Merseyside Cup

Squad: Nathan Bowden, George Carrington, Matthew Cook, Tom Porter, Dylan Curry, Al Faiaz De Sousa, Benjamin Gaskell, Brion Monaghan, Owen Highton, Kyle Joseph, Connor Wheeler, James O'Keeffe, Matthew Howarth, Jamie Johnson, Max Hayward, Sebastian Mikolejewski, Calum Lee.

Birkdale played host to Broadgreen in the u15 Merseyside Cup. The first half was a tight affair and Birkdale led 3-1 at half time with all three goals coming from good moves and finished off by Kyle Joseph. Connor Wheeler came on for Sebastian Mikolejewski and scored a fantastic goal with one of the first touches of the game and will probably be a contender for goal of the month. The second half, Birkdale pressed hard to try and finish the game. Kyle Joseph scored another three goals, even stealing one from Matthew Howarth. Broadgreen did manage a consolation goal and the match finished 7-2 to Birkdale. Good luck in the next round. Mr Keary

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION COFFEE MORNING

Attached to this week's Wednesday letter is a flyer from Sefton SEN Team advertising some coffee mornings they are holding to inform parents about support they now offer for students who have social communication difficulties. Sefton have recently teamed up with Together Trust who support pupils with these needs and are working closely with schools. Miss Daly, SENCO

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

BRONZE



The Youth and Community Partnership CIC (YCP) is the Approved Activity Provider (AAP) delivering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions and supporting students through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze Level in partnership with Birkdale High School.

Volunteering	Physical	Skill	Expedition
3 Months	3 Months	3 Months	Plan, train for and undertake a practice 2 day, 1 night expedition. Plus undertake an additional qualifying expedition.

An additional 3 months is required in either The Volunteering / Physical or Skill section.

EXPEDITION COMMITMENT DATES:

We offer 2 cohorts of Training and Expedition dates at BHS. Please refer to the attached schedules and check the option which suits your son best before he commits to the Award.

**A maximum of 30 young people on each programme*

The cost of the EXPEDITION SECTION of the Award is

£142

- 2 x Expedition training days held at Meols Cop Youth & Community Centre
- 1 x Practice Expedition in Wrightington: 2 days / 1 night
- 1 x Qualifying Expedition in Chorley: 2 days / 1 night
- 1 x D. of E. Bronze Registration Pack
- Camping fees for both expeditions
- Transport for both expeditions
- Provision of Tents / Rucksacks & Cooking Stoves
(A deposit of £20 is required to ensure equipment is returned undamaged)
- Presentation support
- Assessment and report on completion of the expedition requirements
- YCP's edofe support throughout the duration of the Bronze experience

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

**Made through Birkdale High School*

DEPOSIT of £50 due by Friday 25th November 2016

£23.75 payable by Friday 30th December 2016

£22.75 payable by Friday 27th January 2017

£22.75 payable by Friday 24th February 2017

£22.75 payable by Friday 31st March 2017

**If you require any more information please contact Patrice:
07855296759 or Email: ycp@live.co.uk**

**Disclaimer: The Youth & Community Partnership cannot guarantee participants' completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award - only their hard work and commitment will make this possible!*



BIRKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

BRONZE Duke of Edinburgh's Award EXPEDITION Section

BRONZE GROUP 1 - 2017

BRONZE LEVEL GROUP 1 Max. 30 YP	DATES	TIME	VENUE
Training Day 1 Some outdoor work will be involved and so appropriate clothing required.	Saturday 29 th APRIL 2017	9am – 2pm Packed Lunch required	YCP BASE Meols Cop Youth & Community Centre Meols Cop Road PR8 6JU
Training Day 2 Some outdoor work will be involved and so appropriate clothing required.	Sunday 30 th APRIL 2017	9am – 2pm Packed Lunch required	YCP BASE Meols Cop Youth & Community Centre Meols Cop Road PR8 6JU
PRACTICE EXPEDITION	Saturday 6 th Sunday 7 th MAY 2017	Leave BHS 09:00 Return BHS <i>Approx. 16:00</i>	CHORLEY
QUALIFYING EXPEDITION	Saturday 3 rd Sunday 4 th JUNE 2017	Leave BHS 09:00 Return BHS <i>Approx. 16:00</i>	RIVINGTON
GROUP PRESENTATIONS	Thursday 15 th JUNE 2017	15:15 Approx. 1 hour	Birkdale High School All group members must attend and are expected to stay to support each group.

****IMPORTANT: Please ensure your son is able to commit to *all* of the dates prior to registering - students involved in the BHS trip to Paris will not be able to register on BRONZE GROUP 1**



25 January 2017

SKIING LESSONS AT PENDLE SKI CLUB

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have arranged an opportunity for pupils to attend a series of skiing lessons at Pendle Ski Club for the 10th & 17th March 2017. This is an ideal chance for pupils to experience the sport for the first time or for pupils to brush up on technique if they can already ski. The total cost for the sessions is £44. This includes 3 hours of professional tuition (over the 2 nights), all ski equipment hire, full insurance, including ski breakage, medical and personal liability, plus all transport costs to and from Pendle hill.

We will leave school at 3.20pm and return home at approximately 8.30pm on each night. **Your son would need to wear warm, waterproof clothing and gloves to take part.** We have run these trips to Pendle Ski Club for a number of years and can assure you that the facilities and tuition is excellent value for money, especially when compared with prices of other local artificial slope venues.

If you would like your son to take part, could I ask that you complete the attached permission slip below and return to school by 10 February please.

If you have any queries concerning the arrangements for this trip please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email (azmilner@birkdalehigh.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Milner (Ski Trip Organiser)

PENDLE SKI TRIPS – PERMISSION SLIP (To Mr Milner, Ski Trip Organiser, Birkdale High)

I would like my son _____ Form _____ to be included on the Pendle skiing lessons trips on 10 & 17 March 2017.

Shoe size (UK) Height..... (cm) Weight.....(kg)

I enclose payment of £44 cash / cheque (please delete as appropriate). Please note that cheques should be made payable to Birkdale High School and should have your son's name and Form on the reverse. I understand that any fixed costs are non-refundable should I choose to cancel his place and it cannot be filled by another pupil within school.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

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SOCIAL COMMUNICATION COFFEE EVENTS

To be held at the
Sefton Professional Development Centre, 225 Park Road, Formby, L37 6EW
on
3rd February 2017 & 30th June 2017 from 10.00 – 12.00
&
Together Trust, The L30 Community Centre, Stonyfield, Bootle, L30 0QS
on
30th March 2017 10.00 – 12.00 and 4th May 2017 from 5.00 – 7.00

Please come along to our informal coffee events and find out more about the support that Together Trust and Sefton Inclusion Service can deliver. The Coffee events will provide parents / carers of children with Social Communication Difficulties an introduction to the service and develop into needs led sessions depending on the requirements of the parents in attendance.

Professionals attending will include:

**Speech and Language Therapist
Occupational Therapist
Educational Psychologist
Sefton Inclusion Consultant**



Please contact the office at the SEN & Inclusion Service to confirm attendance

Telephone: 0151-934-2347 Email: socialcom@sefton.gov.uk