



Dear Parents and Carers

26 April 2017

This week has been a very exciting week as we have welcomed Year 5 boys from 14 primary schools in Southport who all came to have a taster day with us. Over the course of each day they have taken part in a wide range of activities such as PE, Robotics, a Maths challenge, Forensic Science, Art and Technology, all taught by our staff and even, in certain cases, by our Year 8 students. They all left very happy and enthused and we hope to see them all again very soon.

Rewards Assemblies are also taking place all week and every day students are being rewarded for their 100% attendance or outstanding Attitude to Learning or Behaviour for Learning records. A fantastic 'Well Done' to all those students who were awarded prizes or entered for the draws!

A big word of encouragement to our Year 11 students. There are less than 19 days until the first exam starts and it really is now urgent to start (or even better step up) revisions in earnest. The best way to avoid stress is not to procrastinate and start breaking down these revisions one step at a time. See your teachers if you are still unsure where to start. There is also a full range of revision sessions after school to help you maximise your time.

As part of the strategy to start preparing students early for the new style GCSEs we are having formal end of year exams in Years 7, 8 and 10. Following requests from parents, Mr Marshall will be delivering this Friday afternoon a session in the Media Hall on how to revise, aimed at students in Year 8.

Finally, I would like to wish 'bon voyage' to all the students going to Paris next week. I am sure that they will have a wonderful time. Je suis tres jaloux.

OPTIONS EVENING – YEARS 8 AND 9 - THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017

There will be a meeting to discuss Options with Year 8 parents at 5.00pm and with Year 9 parents at 6.00pm on Thursday 27 April 2017 in the Media Hall. If you are unable to attend your specific meeting, you are welcome to attend the alternative session. If you are unable to attend either session, the information will be given to your son at registration on Friday morning. Any queries, please email pmarshall1@birkdalehigh.co.uk Mr Marshall

PARIS TRIP MEETING – THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017

There is a meeting for the parents of all boys who are attending the Paris trip at 7.00 pm on Thursday 27 April 2017 in the Media Hall (following Options Evening). Mr Glew

YEAR 10 INTERNAL EXAMS

The next 2 weeks are very important for our Year 10 students, as they will be sitting their internal exams. Attached to the Wednesday letter is a copy of the exam timetable, which was handed out to all students and emailed to parents prior to the Easter break. We hope this helps you monitor the exams your son is completing. Please encourage your son to spend time over the weekend and the next 2 weeks, preparing for these exams. Good luck to all our Year 10 boys. Mrs Duffy

SKIING 2018 – COURMAYEUR, ITALY

We currently have 30 pupils enrolled for our next ski course to Courmayeur for February half term 2018. The travel company have confirmed that they can still accommodate some extra availability but that this is limited. We therefore need to finalise confirmed numbers with them as soon as possible to guarantee places in the popular hotel we have booked. As a number of pupils have requested details recently and we wouldn't want anybody to be disappointed should the travel company inform us that there is no more availability, could we please ask that any reply slips (attached) and initial deposits are in by Thursday 4 May please. After this date, it is very unlikely that the travel company can offer us any more rooms. Mr Milner

YEAR 7 COMPUTER SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Computer Science Department recently ran a competition for Year 7, as homework. Boys were challenged to create a Van Doesburg style Artwork using "Scratch".

The winner was Lawrie Woods, with an excellent and very colourful piece of work. He was given a USB storage drive and some sweets in recognition of his hard work. Runners up prizes were also awarded to Sean Barry, James Caldwell and Joe Macadam.

Well done to all of the boys who took part. The standard of work completed was amazing and it was very difficult to pick a winner! Mrs Humphreys

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'FIDGET SPINNERS'

Fidget Spinners appear to be the latest craze for some of our pupils however they are causing disturbances during lesson times and are not appropriate.

Please be aware that Fidget Spinners are banned from school and if pupils are seen with them they will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. From Tuesday 2 May any confiscated spinner will not be returned to the student, but will be disposed of by the school. Mr Pryor

YEAR 11 BOOKS AND HOODIES

As you may be aware, over the last few years we have supplied 'Hoodies' and 'Year Books' as part of the leaver's experience. Due to the success of these, the school will be offering this opportunity again.

Hoodies

The hoodies will be blue and pull over the head with no zip. They come in 5 sizes (details given on reply slip) and have the school badge to the front left chest with *Leavers* below and a nickname, Leavers and 2017 printed on the back. The price for a hoody will be **£16.50**

Year Books

The Year Book will contain photographs of themselves, their form group and other photographs taken during Years 7-11. In addition to this, the Year Book will have space within it to collect comments from their peers and members of staff. The year book will be A4, blue, hard backed and priced at **£15.00**.

If you would like your son to have a hoody and/or Year Book then please fill in the reply slip attached to this newsletter and hand it to the **school office** with payment no later than **Friday 5th May 2017**. Mrs Jeffery

SPORTS AND PE NEWS

Year 8 Football

Next Wednesday 3 May the Year 8 football team will be playing either Christ The King or Deyes High School in the Sefton Cup football final. The game is to be played at St Mary's school playing fields in Crosby with the kick-off at 4.00pm. Spectators are welcome. Good luck to the team. Mr Cunliffe

Year 7 Cricket Trials

Initial trials for the Year 7 Cricket team will take place this Friday lunchtime, starting at 12.30pm and finishing at 1.00pm. Please speak to Mr Thorne for further details Mr Quirk

PE Department Summer Term Extra-Curricular Timetable

This term, we will be providing our boys with access to a wide range of extra-curricular sports clubs, practice sessions, form tournaments and inter-school competitions.

Below is our Summer Term Timetable for your information.

Lunchtime clubs and practices will run from 12.30pm to 1.05pm and after school clubs generally start at 3.20pm and finish at 4.20pm unless stated otherwise.

Please encourage your son to get involved in as many activities as possible. Mr Quirk

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**Birkdale High School
Physical Education Department
Term Three – Extra Curricular Timetable
April – July 2017**

DAY	LUNCH TIME 12.30PM -1.00PM	AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES & CLUBS – 1 HOUR MATCHES – APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS
MON	Open access to all boys in all years Mr. Quirk	Open access to all boys in all years Mr. Quirk & Mr. Keary
	Intervention WOW Room Mr. Keary	
TUES	Yr11 Intervention WOW Mr. Quirk	Yr 7 & 8 Rugby Practice Team members Mr. Thorne Mr. Boyce
	Open access to all boys in all years Mr. Keary	
WED	Open access to all boys in all years Mr. Quirk	Yrs 7&8 Basketball Team Practices Team members Mr. Quirk
	Intervention WOW Room Mr. Keary	
THURS	Inter-form Competitions Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 in rotation Mr. Keary & Yr10 Sports Leadership Team	Yrs 7,8&9 Cricket Practices Team members Mr. Boyce
	Open access to all boys Mr. Quirk	
FRI	Open access to all boys in all years Mr. Quirk	Open access to all boys in all years Mr. Quirk



Athletics Club

This club is open to all boys in schools and will provide them with the opportunity to try out the full range of athletics events.

The club will take place every Monday, Tuesday and Friday after school until 4.20pm.

Mr Quirk

ATHLETICS CLUB

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Throughout the remainder of the Summer Term the PE Department will be running an Open Access Athletics Club on

MONDAY, TUESDAY & FRIDAY

evenings

Boys from all year groups are welcome to attend and can attempt to achieve English Schools Award scheme badges.

It also provides an ideal opportunity for pupils to try out for a position in one of our highly successful school teams

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART PLEASE SEE MR. QUIRK FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Year 7 & 8 Basketball Coaching Programme

Starting next Wednesday, external basketball coaches will be coming in to deliver the first of six free one hour coaching sessions.

All squad members from each year group should try their best to attend as many sessions as possible. Mr Quirk

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Year 7 Inter-form Basketball Shootout Competition

The first inter-form competition of the term will take place next Thursday lunchtime and will involve every Year 7 form taking part in a Basketball Shootout Competition. Year 8 pupils will compete the week after on 11th May, followed by Year 9 boys on 18th May and Year 10 boys on the 25th May. The goal of each of our inter-form competitions is to encourage every boy in the year to get involved in an attempt to achieve a 100% participation rate. Penalty points will be given for every non-attender and form teachers are required to take part to achieve bonus points for their respective forms.

The order of team performances will be as follows:

1. 12.30pm - 7LM and 7RB
2. 12.40pm - 7CMC and 7SHW
3. 12.50pm - 7SK and 7HAD

Please encourage your son to get involved in the event.

Mr Quirk



GREEN MACHINE

During Monday's meeting, we read an article about how important the oceans are and decided to join in the challenge to write a short message to the Prime Minister, letting her know that we would like her to have as many Marine Conservation Zones as possible.

The boys are hoping that our Science teachers will mention it in their lessons and encourage students to take a band (attached), colour it in and write a message in the box about why we want to look after the ocean, cut along the dotted line, keep the top section, give the bottom half to Mrs. Bradley, who will send them all off to The Wildlife Trust, who will link them all into one giant chain to be presented to Theresa May. If other younger members of your family would like to fill one in too, that would be great! Just print out the strip.

Mrs Bradley

BPA NEWS

The BPA Wine Tasting Quiz takes place on Friday 12 May at The Ramada - 7.30pm prompt start. Tickets are £20 a head for 5 glasses of wine, cheese & pate platter and fun quiz. If anyone wants to come, please email BPA@birkdalehigh.co.uk for tickets.

For those who have expressed an interest already, all monies and ticket orders need to be received by this Friday 28 April. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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Year 10 Internal Examinations Timetable 2017

AM				Date			PM			
Subject	Start Time	Finish Time	Number				Subject	Start Time	Finish Time	Number
Maths Paper 1	9.10am	10.10am	121	Week 1	Tuesday	2nd May	RE	1.10pm	2.40pm	121
Geography	9.10am	10.40am	70	Week 1	Wednesday	3rd May	English Language	1.10pm	2.55pm	121
Computer Science	9.10am	10.40am	34	Week 1	Thursday	4th May	Biology	1.10pm	2.40pm	121
Statistics	9.10am	10.40am	57	Week 1	Friday	5th May	Chemistry	1.10pm	2.40pm	121
History	9.10am	10.40am	29	Week 2	Monday	8th May	Physics	1.10pm	2.40pm	121
French & Spanish Reading & Writing	9.10am	11.00am	8 & 25	Week 2	Tuesday	9th May	English Literature	1.10pm	2.40pm	121
Drama	9.10am	10.55am	15	Week 2	Wednesday	10th May	PE	1.10pm	2.40pm	29
Maths Paper 2	9.10am	10.10am	121	Week 2	Thursday	11th May				



April 2017

SKI COURSE 2018 (FEB HALF TERM - COURMAYEUR, ITALY)

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I am happy to inform you that we are still be able to obtain places for our ski course to Courmayeur (Italy) for February half term 2018. The trip is suitable for all pupils in school, whether they have skied before or are complete beginners wishing to experience it for the first time. The resort has something for everybody in abundance!

We have booked the resort of Courmayeur, located in the Aosta valley in the North West of Italy. We skied there as a school group in 2015 and know the area and its facilities well. The ski company infrastructure and organisation is very impressive, with the mountain providing superb conditions to learn to ski or to develop techniques as a competent skier. The evening entertainment facilities, for us to fill the week with lots of things to do, are also impressive.

The resort is suited to skiers of all abilities, with magnificent views sweeping the Alps, from Mont Blanc to Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn. There are 100 kms of perfectly maintained pistes, modern ski lifts, 250+ snow cannons (meaning superb snow-making) and a tempting mix of tree-lined runs and vast, wide, open spaces.

The total cost of the trip is £999 and will include the following: -

- Executive coach travel, from school to resort and return, including ferry crossing and road tolls
- 6 nights 3* half-board accommodation with private facilities in all rooms.
- 24 hours (6 x 4 hours) of instruction by fully qualified English-speaking snowsport instructors.
- Fully supervised hot snack lunches at a choice of mountain restaurants (effectively full-board basis).
- Hire of top quality carving skis, boots, poles & helmets.
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance for all members of the party.

I must take this opportunity to stress that the price **does not** include ski clothing (which can be rented or purchased at fairly low costs) and evening entertainment activities.

Payment will be by instalments according to the following schedule: -

- Initial (non refundable) deposit of £100 with returned reply slip.
- Second (non refundable) deposit of £100 by May 18, 2017
- Third (non refundable) deposit of £100 by June 22, 2017
- Remaining balance of £699 by November 9, 2017

After the deposits are paid, you can obviously pay via instalments to suit you either via cash, cheque or Parentpay (payment cards are available upon request). Please write 'Ski Trip ITALY 2018' and your son's name and form on the reverse of all cheques and return them directly to **me (not the school office)**.

If you would like your son to be included on the 2018 trip to Italy, please return the reply slip and initial deposit to me (in the Technology Dept) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email (azmilner@birkdalehigh.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Milner (Ski Course Organiser)

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REPLY SLIP: SKI COURSE 2018 – COURMAYEUR, ITALY

To Mr Milner, Ski Course Organiser, Birkdale High School.

I would like my son _____ Form _____
to be included on the 2018 ski trip to Courmayeur, Italy.

Please circle the appropriate payment method below;

I enclose cash / cheque for £100 (made payable to Birkdale High School).

I have paid the sum of £100 via ParentPay.

I understand that this initial (and subsequent) deposit is non-refundable if I choose to cancel his place and it cannot be filled by another pupil within school.

Signed

Parent/Guardian

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Headteacher:
Mr G Y Bourgade

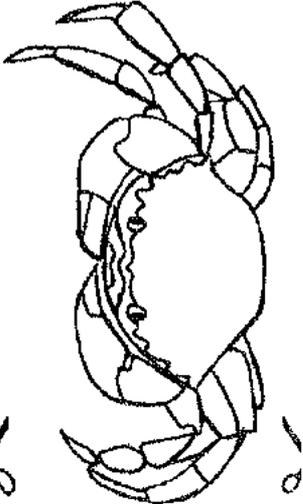
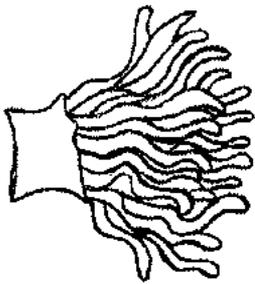
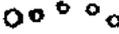
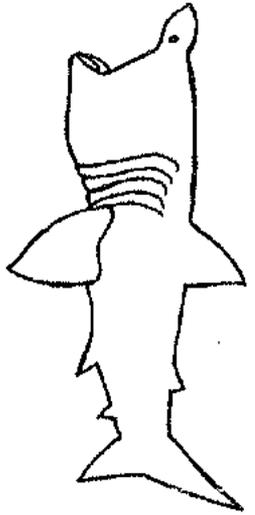
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Dear Theresa May,
I love the sea because...

From: _____

