



Dear Parent/Carer

14 June 2017

As I was pondering what I could start the Wednesday letter with this week it suddenly occurred to me that with so much negativity and bad news around we too often forget about the more positive aspects of life.

As a headteacher, as you will imagine, from time to time, I do get members of the public emailing or ringing with a complaint about our boys. I am proud to say that these are few and far between and we always do our utmost to identify the individuals who have brought the rest of the student body into disrepute and sanction them. It is very easy in our society to have a very negative and one-sided view of young men who are often depicted in a very bad light. However, many members of the community also take the time to contact us to express their gratitude and appreciation and I thought I would share with you 4 of the emails I have genuinely received in the last 2 months.

"I lost my purse this morning on a bus and when I was finally able to collect it from the depot I was told that a young lad from Birkdale High had handed it in and I just wanted to say thanks. I feel that this child is a credit to your school and I am completely grateful as my whole life was in my purse."

"I am currently travelling on a bus, the 43 heading towards Southport with a number of your students. I would like you to know what a group of polite and well mannered young men they actually are. They are a credit to your school"

"I am an Emergency Medical Technician with North West Ambulance Service and I attended an incident where one of your pupils provided first aid to an injured friend before we arrived. He conducted a patient handover that was better than many healthcare professionals and had an excellent bedside manner. I would just like to say thanks to ... who was a great ambassador for your school and also as he informed me he received first aid training in school I would like to commend the training you are giving your students."

"My daughter gets the number 47 bus from Preston New Road to Greenbank. On Monday morning she forgot her bus money, she saw the bus coming, my husband and I were at work so she couldn't go home to get her money, she panicked and started crying. One of your pupils who was at the same bus stop, asked her if she was okay, she told him she had left her money at home and he very kindly gave her enough money to get the bus."

Too many times we only focus on the negative behaviours and forget to celebrate these daily acts of kindness, maturity and community spirit. I am proud of every one of the boys commended in these messages and so should you be, as parents.

YEAR 11 UNIFORM

Should you have no further use for your son's uniform (blazer, tie or jumper) and it is in good condition, we would very much appreciate it if you would donate it to the school. Mr Boyce keeps a number of blazers and other uniform items to loan to students who have misplaced or forgotten theirs. These can also be lent to students who come to us on trial or Year 11 students whose blazer sometimes needs replacing only a few months before they leave school.

NEW SUMMER TIMETABLE

On Friday your son will receive a new version of his timetable that will run from Monday 19 June until the end of the academic year. This is not the timetable they will follow next year. I would like to stress that for the duration of this new timetable, your son will continue to have exactly the same members of staff teaching him as previously this year, to allow for continuity. The changes to the timetable will simply allow us to allocate staff more time to plan jointly for next year's curriculum.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 7LM and 7CMC for their 100% form attendance last week. You completely deserve the merits awarded. Well done and keep it up!

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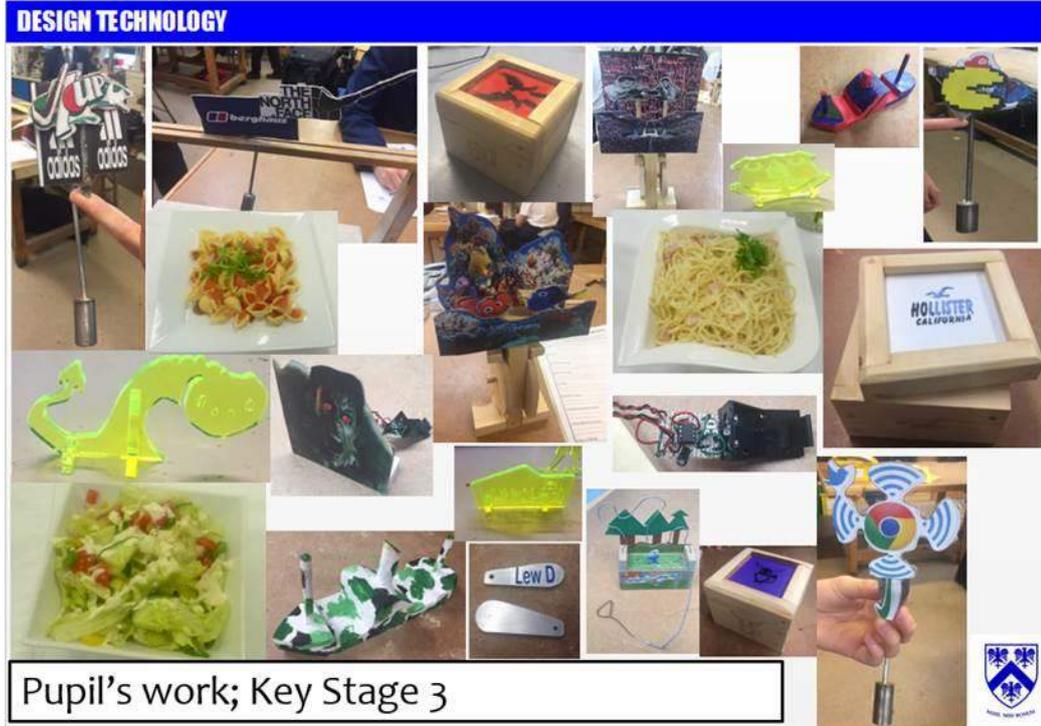
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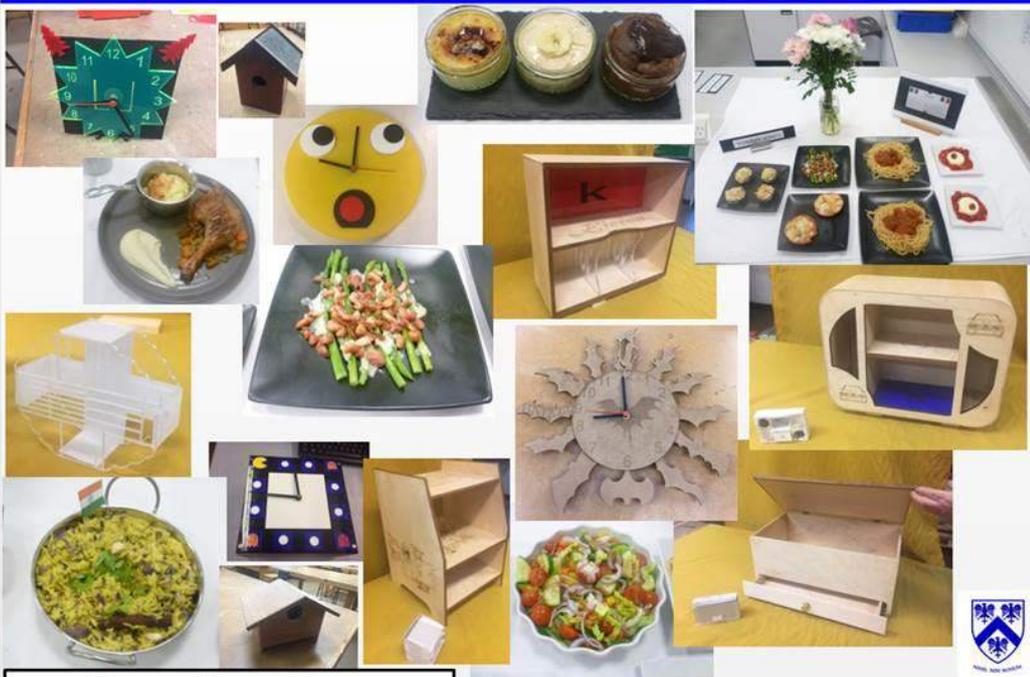
We wish our current Year 11 cohort well in their GCSE exams this week. Thanks to all staff for their hard work and dedication to ensuring pupils achieve their potential. Please see some examples of pupil's work made this year across the department areas.

Mr Milner



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STEM VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER – FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2017



On Friday 9 June, 12 Key Stage 3 pupils visited the University of Manchester to take part in the Scholars project, focused on further study of STEM subjects at postgraduate level. At the University they had a glimpse of University life and also worked closely with a PhD research student who talked about her current research. Whilst at the University they began a three month project studying the Ebola virus. Mackenzie Price a Year 8 student who attended the session said about the project "It was really helpful and interesting. It really made me want to go to University when I am older" Also thanks to Mr Milner for accompanying me on the trip. Mr Burcher

YEAR 10 – COLLEGE TASTER DAYS

Year 10 College Taster Days will take place over the next two weeks as follows:

KGV - Wednesday 21 June [but NOT those who do GCSE Statistics]

Runshaw - Friday 23 June

Southport College - Thursday 29 June

KGV - Friday 30 June [ONLY those students who do GCSE statistics]

Pupils doing sports-related taster days will require a full kit and those doing Performing Arts need loose fitting clothes. For Southport College and KGV, students are making their own way there. Timings have already been given on the letters but will be confirmed in registration next week. Pupils will need to be in school at the normal time to register for the Runshaw taster day and the coaches are collecting us at 9.10am.

Applications are no longer being considered for pupils to take part in these taster days. Information about Open Days and Evenings will follow in the Autumn term; but you are advised to check the websites of the colleges your son is interested in regularly. Miss Bailey

RAF VISIT

We have been visited this week by Sergeant Michael Molyneaux from Royal Air Force Air Cadets. He presented to us in assembly information and opportunities for those interested in joining the Air Cadets. He outlined the advantages of training available and transferable skills for future career possibilities both in and out of the forces. If you would like to know more please use the following contact details: email – training.281@aircadets.org;

Tel: 01704 550393; Facebook – 281 Southport Cadets.

The next intake will take place on Monday 26 and Thursday 29 June 2017 at 7.30pm – 9.00pm at St Peter's School, Upper Aughton Road, Southport PR8 5NH. Mrs Sinclair

SCIENCE: TOTAL RECALL QUIZ LEAGUE REMINDER

The latest quiz is due on Friday 16 June (Physics quiz set by Mr. Spallen). You can also complete any of the other quizzes previously set if you would like the marks to be included in the next quiz league ranking. Mrs Flood

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PE AND SPORTS NEWS

Birkdale are Southport Schools Athletics Champions once again!

Congratulations to all the athletes and sports leaders who took part in Southport Schools Athletics Championships held at Stanley High School yesterday afternoon.

In what was an extremely closely fought contest, our boys did extremely well to prevail as overall winners of the event as the results table below shows:

Overall Final Team Positions		SOUTHPORT SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS SCORESHEET - JUNE 2017			
YEAR	Birkdale	Christ The King	Stanley	Formby	
7	62	51	56	47	
8	55	63	41	54	
9	48	52	67	49	
10	57	51	52	57	
TOTAL POINTS	222	217	216	207	
POSITION	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	

In the individual year group competitions the boys finished in first place in the Year 7 event, equal first in the Year 10 event, second in the Year 8 event and fourth in the Year 9 event.

The final year group standings were as follows:

Southport Schools Athletics Championships 2017					
Year 7 Final Positions			Year 8 Final Positions		
1st	Birkdale	62 pts	1st	Christ The King	63 pts
2nd	Stanley	56 pts	2nd	Birkdale	55 pts
3rd	Christ The King	51 pts	3rd	Formby	54 pts
4th	Formby	47 pts	4th	Stanley	41 pts
Year 9 Final Positions			Year 10 Final Positions		
1st	Stanley	67 pts	1st=	Birkdale	55 pts
2nd	Christ The King	52 pts	1st=	Formby	57 pts
3rd	Formby	49 pts	3rd	Stanley	52 pts
4th	Birkdale	48 pts	4th	Christ The King	51 pts

Extremely well done boys!

It's now time for some thorough training on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in preparation for the Division One Sefton Schools Championships to be held at Robin Park in Wigan on Monday 26 June. Mr Quirk

Year 10 Inter-form Basketball Shootout Competition

The first Year 10 inter-form competition of the term took place on Thursday 8 June 2017 during lunchtime and included a Basketball Shootout competition. 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 and provide a healthy competition between the form groups. Penalty points were given for every non-attender, however form teachers were able to achieve bonus points for their respective forms. Well done to the sports leaders Elliot Berisha, Henry Etheridge, Sol Palmer, Ben Gaskell, Tom Porter and Lewis Ball. A final well done to the form groups and form tutors who participated. The scoring was as follows:

Form	No of boys	% Attendance	Points	Non attenders	Net points	Position	Year %
10CS	20/23	87%	73	3	70	3	64%
10SEM	16/23	70%	43	7	36	4	
10AZM	20/24	83%	97	4	93	1	
10EJ	10/25	40%	50	15	35	5	
10SZB	12/26	46%	100	14	86	2	

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Jack Green - Year 9

After one training session at St Helens RLFC, Year 9 pupil Jack Green has been offered a scholarship. He is going for a meeting discuss the Club's plans for him. Obviously Jack is over the moon. We will look forward to watching how his career progresses.

Mr Keary

BPA NEWS

Congratulations to the following people who won prizes in the June draw of the BHS 200 Club:

1st Prize	£89.50	Mike Cunliffe	-	Jack Year 10
2nd Prize	£44.75	Carolyn Hillier	-	Charlie Year 8 & Harvey Year 7
3rd Prize	£31.33	Lisa O'Keeffe	-	James Year 10
4th Prize	£13.43	Sam Galt	-	Ben Gaskell Year 10

Thank you for your support. If you are interested in joining the 200 Club, please see the attached information sheet or email BPA@birkdalehigh.co.uk



GREEN MACHINE

In last week's letter, Mrs Marshall wrote a message about World Oceans Day last Thursday (8 June) and encouraged students to discuss the issue with their families - the problems facing our oceans, especially the problem of plastic pollution. If you came up with any good ideas as a result, do please let me know, so that we can share them.

Members of The Green Machine are very grateful to Anne-Marie Clegg, the Environmental Projects Officer for Sefton Council, who came to The Green Machine on Monday. She commended us for the hard work we're doing and encouraged us to carry on with our campaigns and spreading the word on what we do. She told us about the audit and gave us some challenging suggestions for the future. If anybody else would like to join us, please come along to our next meeting on Monday, 26th June at lunchtime in Mrs. Marshall's room.

Please continue to bring in your milk bottle tops, especially the green ones (to be melted down for garden furniture and sold for charity) and your used postage stamps (for The Leprosy Mission).

The lovely collecting box Mr Davies made has been moved from the visitors' entrance at the school office to the students' side in the main corridor. It has been decided that we should collect money for local red squirrels, rather than the Jordanian ibex. Any loose change would be most welcome.

Mrs Bradley

HOLY TRINITY YOUTH GROUP – LEADER RECRUITMENT

Holy Trinity Youth Club are currently recruiting for new Youth Group Leader Volunteers. Further details are attached to this newsletter.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Name of Account To Be Debited: _____ Date To Commence: _____

Amount £ 2.00 per month

Date: 1st of Every Month

Place a tick in the boxes to confirm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

On completion of the above please return to: BPA C/O Birkdale High School, Windy Harbour Road, Southport, PR8 3DT

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BIRKDALE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

200 CLUB



**Would you like to be
in with the chance
of winning up to
£300?**



**Pay just £2.00 a month and you could be in with a
chance of winning up to 4 cash prizes every 3 months**

**Half the contribution goes to actively enhancing your sons schooling
Half the contribution goes to PRIZE MONEY!**

IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION

FACTS:

THE MORE MEMBERS THE HIGHER THE PRIZE FUND!

BETTER ODDS THAN THE LOTTERY!!!

YOUR SON AND HIS SCHOOL BENEFITS



**Just a few of things the BPA have
contributed to are:**

**Animal Cages, Awards Evening,
Science Garden Benches and Paving, Ovens in Food Tech,
Defibrillator, Football Nets, Rugby Posts and Camera Equipment
to name just a few.....**

200 CLUB

**All you need to do is complete a membership form, set up your
standing order and wait and see if a cheque lands on your doorstep!!**

Want to know more, contact Kate Ball via email:

bpa@birkdalehigh.co.uk





We are currently recruiting for Youth Group Leader Volunteers

This is a great opportunity to work with children / young people, gain experience and develop skills. Full training is available and you will be working as part of a wonderful team, and a fabulous bunch of children / young people.

Our aims are to provide a safe, secure and structured environment rooted in Christian values for children and young people to go to outside of school, at low cost, which offers them a sense of belonging, opportunities to learn new skills, build confidence and resilience for the future and have fun.

**If you are interested in joining us to work with our
young people at HTYC Holy Trinity Youth Club**

Please contact Karen

htycsouthport@gmail.com