



Dear Parents and Carers

12 July 2017

Sometimes I cannot believe just how busy the end of term is for our boys. This week we have hosted our Year 10 Meet the Employers Day organised by the Sefton Education Business Partnership, the boys took part in incredibly energetic and inspirational sessions led by England goalkeeper Rachel Finnis-Brown, representatives from the School Council did an amazing presentation at the Southport Learning Partnership Celebration Event and we are looking forward to our own Awards Evening on Thursday night.



We are also taking part in the school Golf National finals, supporting Linaker Primary with their rugby competition, Norwood Primary with their Arts Festival and providing a musical piece for the SLP Seaside Celebrations outside the Atkinson on Thursday. The weather has even managed to let us hold our Sports Day as planned for the second year in a row. I would like however to give a special mention to our new Year 7 intake who came last week for their first day as Birkdale High School boys. They were an absolute pleasure to work with and I look forward to their formal start in September.

### SAL'S SHOES

We mentioned last week that we plan to take part in the Sal's shoes charity event on the last day of term and I have attached the details again at the back of the newsletter. I hope that you are able to support us. They have to be school shoes in usable condition.

### ARTS WEEK – NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

I was thrilled to be invited to bring some students along to perform in Norwood Primary School's Arts Festival earlier today. Well done to the following Year 7 boys for performing extracts from 'Oliver Twist' and running a workshop with 2 year 5 classes: Isaac Mills, Ben Bianchi, Harry Day, Patric Lee, Zac Wildish, Thomas Boylett, Lucas Goodman, Lucas Balshaw, Theo Davies and Tristan Siebert.

Mrs Jeffery

### AUDITION OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the attachments at the back of this week's Wednesday letter.

Mrs Jeffery

### STUDENT LOCKERS

All student lockers must be emptied by students by midday on 19 July 2017. This is so that the lockers can be maintained and cleaned by Prefect Lockers during the summer break. If items are left in the lockers it will be assumed that they are not wanted and they will be donated to charity. Thank you for your co-operation. Mrs Smith

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## LOST PROPERTY

All lost property needs to be claimed by students by midday on 19 July. Any that is not claimed by this time will be donated to charity.  
Mrs Smith

## PARIS TRIP

Please can all reply slips and deposits for the Year 8 (current Year 7) Paris Trip be returned ASAP to Mr Glew.

## PE AND SPORTS NEWS

### Sports Leaders – Living4Sport Initiative

Sports Leaders: Elliot Berisha, Sol Palmer, Henry Etheridge, Jamie Sunderland, Tobias Lea, Morgan McGreavy, Louis Southwood, Ben Henderson, Louis Hardy, Joe Astles, Matthew Brown, Elliot Brown, Safwan Patel, Tobey Sykes, Jamie Rimmer, Bradley Cole, Jack Cook, Daniel Doherty, Mason Galley, Ellis Hardy, Finley Gifford, Christian Johnson, Liam Lang, Robbie Jackson, Louis Hardy, Ryan Graham, Jake Offord.



On Friday 7 July 2017, Birkdale were graced with the presence of ex-Olympian and ex-England goalkeeper Rachel Brown-Finnis, through the Youth Sport Trust and Sky Sports Living4Sport initiative. She delivered two assemblies and worked with the students involved in the Sports Leader Programme. Rachel then ran two workshops about Motivation and the importance of doing your best. The following boys then had the pleasure of working with Rachel in the afternoon sessions.

James Britton, Max Calvert, Matthew Edwards, Bryn Ellington, Oliver Gantley, Zachary Harbon, Liam Hornby, Kelvin Ibrahim, Ben Lawrenson, Leon Mc Keown, Sam Parkinson, Robinson Rafferty, Luke Reynolds, Jay Spencer Jackson, Matthew Craddock, Jamie Cook, Tome Forshaw, Tyler Hodge, Lee Jones, Thomas Morris, Iwan Parry, Tristan siebert, Charlie Smith, Trystan Snellinck, James Kelly, Milosz Slaba, Matthew Brown, Josh Harding, Christian Johnson, Ben Stott, Cameron Topping, Daniel Doherty, Nathan Fawbert, Josh Patten, Scott Richards, Dion Rimmer, Lewis Threlfall, Scott Andrews, Ellis Hardy,



Gareth Melia, Ben Thompson, Adam Livesley, Jack Tollit, Conor

Hartwell, Joel Andrew, Ivan Aras, Jacob Brown, Alex Dance, Ryan Hayward, Jack Green



Well done to all students who took part a fantastic day for all involved and thank you to Rachel for coming into our school and would hope to see her again at Birkdale soon.

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## Southport Primary Schools Cricket Competition



Sports Leaders: Faysal Patel, Doug Hatton, Safwan Patel, Tobey Sykes, Tobias Lea, Jamie Brown, Ed Sinclair and Chris Morris

As part of sports leadership initiative eight students were selected to umpire at the Southport Primary Schools Cricket Competition 2017 at Southport and Birkdale Sports Club amongst pupils of Year 9. This is a perfect opportunity for our students to showcase their skills as an aspiring sports leader. Absolutely fantastic work boys and a big thank you to Mr Burcher for accompanying the students.



## Golf

On Wednesday 5 July the Birkdale High School golf team were invited by the Captain, Mr Alan Wix to take part in the Formby Hall Golf Club weekly par 3 competition. This was to help them sharpen up their skills before they take part in the National School Final next Wednesday 12 July down at Woodhall Spa. The team is overseen by Stuart Moss (Woolton Golf club) and Mike Cunliffe (Formby Hall Golf club) who are both teachers at the school and the team consists of 3 students; Sam McGlincy (Hillside), Henry Maw (Southport and Ainsdale) and Luke Sharrock (Formby Hall).

In the mid-week par 3 the team showed their prowess with Sam and Henry playing the course for the first time. Our Junior member Luke came overall first, with Henry coming second after a card play-off with Sam. A clean sweep for the National finalists and a great confidence boost before they play.

Assistant Team Manager and Formby Hall member Mike Cunliffe said, "Thank you to the captain, Mr Alan Wix for his generosity in inviting the team up to play in the competition. As soon as he heard we were in the National Finals he wanted to make arrangements with the boys to come up and use the facilities of the course. We arranged to play the par 3 as we thought this would be great competitive practice for them all. Not only did he arrange for us to have courtesy of the course but he also took time out to come and meet the boys and present them each with a gift bag ready to take with them next week, consisting of Formby Hall merchandise like balls, pitchmark repairers, tees and ball markers. On behalf of the team, many thanks to Alan and Formby Hall for hosting us". We wish the team all the best in the final.

Mr Cunliffe



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## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

On Wednesday 5 July 2017, several pupils from Mr Ascough's Food Preparation and Nutrition class visited Southport College for a masterclass on food presentation. The boys were a credit to the school and gained valuable experience.

Mr Ascough



## The Green Machine

We have had another busy year. As well as our fortnightly meetings and weekly gardening sessions, we have made pine cone bird feeders; had a talk about red squirrels; visited Marshside to look at the birds; joined in with the litter picking for The Great British Spring Clean ; received money from McDonald's for our plastics bins; made posters for the school canteen; collected stamps for The Leprosy Mission and milk bottle tops for charity/recycling; collected money for red squirrels; encouraged people to observe Earth Hour; observed "Live More, Waste Less Week" and "Switch Off Fortnight" with "Use Less Stuff Day"; had a Green Machine notice board installed; set up a wildlife magazine borrowing service; encouraged people to enter the Upcycling competition for Waste Week; encouraged people to write a short message to the Prime Minister about Marine Conservation Zones; and informed people about Green initiatives like World Oceans Day.

Well done to ALL the members of the Team, but four in particular stand out this year: Lewis Collins; Jacob Clayton; Kaiden Handley and Oliver Bedwell, whose efforts will be recognised tomorrow evening. Mrs Bradley

## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Details of some Summer holiday activities in Southport are attached to this newsletter.

Yours faithfully

**Mr G Bourgade**  
**Headteacher**

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## TOE TO TOE CHARITY WITH THE SOUTHPORT LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

In two weeks, the school will close and our boys will cheer to mark the end of this academic year. Before they run for the doors to enjoy their long summer holiday, we would like them to change another child's life on the way out. As part of the Southport Learning Partnership, we have joined with several other primary and secondary schools to support the Sal's shoes charity initiative.

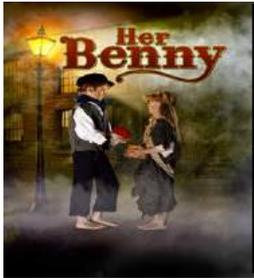
We ask that at the end of the last day of term, students who wish to participate take their school shoes off and place them on their desk and leave school barefoot. The Southport Learning Partnership will give the donated shoes to a child in Africa via the wonderful work of Sal's Shoes. So those shoes, which are unlikely to be used again because feet grow over the summer or are a little scuffed so will be replaced in time for the new school year, won't just sit in the shoe cupboard getting in the way, but will have a second life.

A whole school leaving barefoot is a powerful message that we want to help those fellow school children who have no choice and leave school barefoot every day. There is no obligation to take part but we would love to support this charity and the work they carry out in finding new feet for pre-loved children's shoes. To find out more about Sal's Shoes you can visit their website [www.salsshoes.com](http://www.salsshoes.com) or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/salsshoes1>

We would love for all the boys to take part but there is absolutely no compulsion to do so if he does not want to or you wish to retain his shoes for September. Of course the children can bring in another pair of shoes to change into after walking out of school for their journey home; and if you have only recently purchased their school shoes perhaps your child has another pair of outgrown shoes they may wish to bring in and leave behind.

This is what happened at The Hayes School on the last day of term. In September 2016, 6 weeks after they were donated at the end of the summer term because they would be replaced in time for the autumn term, these Sal's Shoes went back to school on the feet of the pupils at Ankoma Presbyterian Primary School, Ankoma DA Primary School AND Ankoma COINS School in Ankoma, in the Kwahu District in Ghana.





# OPEN AUDITIONS

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION**

## HER BENNY ROYAL COURT LIVERPOOL

“Her Benny” was previously a winner of The International Quest For New Musicals and its many Touring Productions have been enjoyed by audiences of over 800,000! It will now celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary production back home at Liverpool’s Royal Court Theatre with challenging new choreography and an exciting new soundtrack. “Phantom of the Opera’s Janet Cowley who plays the lead, Sally Wragg is joined by John McGrellis, ITV’s “Little Boy Blue” and Lindzi Germain, “The Royal”.

**PRODUCTION DATES 25<sup>th</sup>JAN - 10<sup>th</sup> FEB 2018 Tech/dress 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> JAN**

**THE UNDER 16 YEAR OLD LEAD AND ENSEMBLE PERFORMERS** will be divided into 3 parallel teams who will divide the run between them. Each team will need 2 or 3 matinees’ absence from school for the entire two and a half week run + their tech and dress rehearsals

**FIRST AUDITION WED 19<sup>th</sup> JULY AT THE ADELPHI HOTEL LIVERPOOL L3 5UL 5-9pm**

**RECALL(if successful) FRI 21<sup>st</sup> JULY THE ADELPHI HOTEL LIVERPOOL L3 5UL 5-9pm**

**FULL SUCCESSFUL CAST CALL SAT 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY THE ADELPHI HOTEL 2.00pm -6.00pm**

(Under 16s teamed and processed will join full adult cast. Auditionees for main junior roles, if not already cast by then, will be given more material to study and their final closed audition will be arranged.)

**AUDITIONING FOR : 8- 15 years Good, strong all round performers male and female**

This is a very busy show with 8 company numbers of widely differing styles.

**MAIN LEAD CHILDREN’S ROLES Nell x 3, Benny x 3, Young Eva x 3 (demanding roles.)**

**Please do not attend if dates clash with any other production or other pre-arranged activity.**

**ADULT SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PERFORMERS/ FEATURED DANCERS**

**AUDITION DATES ADULTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> AUDITION THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY THE ADELPHI HOTEL LIVERPOOL L3 5UL**

Register at 5.00pm; stay until 8.45/9.00pm

**Successful auditionees from this session will then attend:**

**RECALL AUDITION SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY THE ADELPHI HOTEL LIVERPOOL**

Register at 9.30am. Remain till 6.00pm

**REHEARSAL DATES to be confirmed but probable dates:**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>, Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

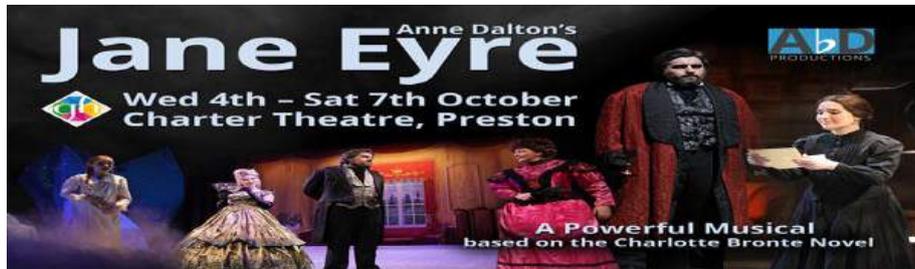
Intensive rehearsal period 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Jan (Scheduled to cause the least disruption to performers still in education as possible, but main roles must expect to be called more frequently. Confirmation of approved absence from school for rehearsal period days and the performances will be needed from the headteacher. Please do not audition if this is unlikely to be granted.)

For further information on roles, audition day itself or to download registration forms etc visit website [www.abdproductions.co.uk](http://www.abdproductions.co.uk) and follow link to Her Benny auditions. CVs may be submitted in advance by email [abd@abdproductions.co.uk](mailto:abd@abdproductions.co.uk) but all those interested MUST attend the auditions.



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# JANE EYRE

## AUDITIONS

### Powerful new dramatic musical adaptation

Award-winning writer Anne Dalton invites highly talented and committed youngsters and adults to audition for the chance to perform alongside her professional cast. Because of the distinctive nature of the piece ABD is looking for a wide range of auditionees who have previous choral and/or performance experience. There are also opportunities for a select group of senior and junior skilled dancers who can cope with a variety of styles. For the main role of Young Jane, auditionees must be excellent singers and actors, playing age 8-12 but must be small.

ADULT COMPANY MEMBERS required to join the ABD professional cast and multirole the remaining parts. Those with professional or suitable stage experience need to submit a CV in advance to [abd@abdproductions.co.uk](mailto:abd@abdproductions.co.uk). Several vocal and speaking parts of all ages are available and these will be cast at audition. See separate role info.

**AUDITIONS Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at the CHARTER THEATRE PRESTON**  
**Dancers/Singers/Actors Register 5pm Leave 8.30pm**

**Cast will fall into two groups:**

**1 Adults and senior dancers minimum age 16 (wide age range needed.)**  
**(Please bring or email an up to date CV or be prepared to discuss previous experience.)**

**2 Performers aged 8-15**

Two junior teams of musical theatre performers and one senior team will be needed for this exciting new production. Would-be performers must check their availability against show dates prior to audition. Under 16s who are successful will be required to pay a one-off show charge of £45 plus a small sub of £1 per rehearsal to cover costs of rehearsals, tuition, lyric books, CDs, costumes etc. There will be no other charges to take part in the production. Please note that some time off school/college will be needed – performance licences will be arranged for those under 16. Please see the list of rehearsal dates (on our website) which will be compulsory. Some additional rehearsals may also be called if necessary.

All auditionees need to come in comfortable clothing, appropriate footwear and bring drinks and snacks. They should not bring backing tracks or prepared pieces but some may be asked to sing something of their own a capella.

**Production Dates 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 CHARTER THEATRE PRESTON**

To download further details including rehearsal dates, adult role info and registration forms visit [www.janeeyreauditions.co.uk](http://www.janeeyreauditions.co.uk)

Completed downloaded forms to be brought on the day (All forms also available at registration desk)

Contact for any enquiries 01704 880607

email [abd@abdproductions.co.uk](mailto:abd@abdproductions.co.uk)

# The Summer Holidays are here

If you want to keep you & your kids fit and active over the summer, then check out Dunes Splash World Leisure Centre

Take out a Junior+ membership from just £15 per month and get

\*Unlimited swimming

\*Junior exercise classes

\*Use of the Fitness Suite

Activate junior + membership (11-13 years) - £15pm

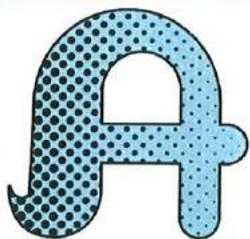
Activate youth membership (14-16 years) - £17pm



Plus, add a family member save an extra 10% on your membership

For more information or to get started call Jonathan on 01704 537 160 or email [jonathon.bell@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.bell@sefton.gov.uk)

\*Please check out our timetable for class times, fitness suite usage for juniors and pool opening times and availability. Some activities will need to be booked in advance.



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*Parenting 2000's youth provision for young people aged 11 - 19*

**SUMMER 2017 - NEW INTAKE OF MEMBERS  
FROM YEAR 7+**

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**Mornington Road, Southport, PR9 0TS**

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TO THOSE AGED 11-19 YEARS**

**CALL IN FOR YOUR REGISTRATION PACK DURING CLUB SESSIONS**

**TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

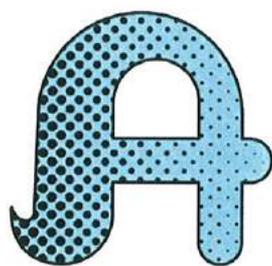
**5.30pm – 8.30 pm (subs. £1:00)**

**FIRST VISIT FREE!**

**Youth club sessions also offer:**

**Tuesdays:** **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** in partnership with *Sefton Youth Service*, we can offer a limited number of subsidised places, to include weekly support and all expedition equipment. Register ASAP!

**Wednesdays:** **Tyred Rides Club** where you can learn *cycle maintenance* on your own



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- OUTSIDE GROUNDS FOR LEISURE AND RECREATION

## **FREE WIFI**

**Parents welcome anytime during club sessions to meet  
Youth Workers Sue O'Connor & Mel James-Henry**

**For more information please contact Sue O'Connor**

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