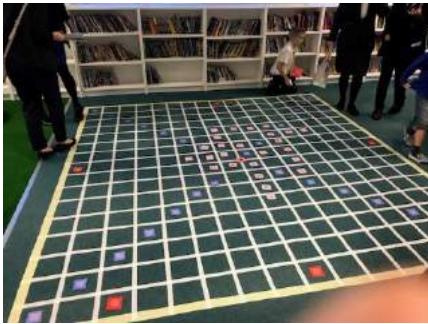




Dear Parents and Carers

20 September 2017

First of all I would like to thank so many of you for allowing your son to support the school at Open Evening last night. This is always a busy night and incredibly important as it is often the main information point parents will use to make their final decision. We are all working extremely hard to dispel some of the misconceptions people still hold at times regarding an all-boys education, but I know that our academic results, the reputation of the school as well as the support and trust you, as parents, have given us are beginning to open up minds. As usual on the night, the boys were our best ambassadors and I received amazing comments from visitors about how incredibly mature, engaging and articulate the boys were. Please make sure to pass on my thanks and praise to them at home as well, particularly our Year 7 guides who, after only a few weeks in the school, were talking about it as if they had always been here!!! Thank you all again for your continued support.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

The school photographs for Years 7, 9 and 11 will take place tomorrow - Thursday 21 September from 9.00am. There will be an opportunity for siblings to have a picture taken together if required at lunchtime. The Year 11 full year picture will be taken at 9.00am and this photograph will be also used for the Leavers' Book. Mrs Ellis

YEAR 10 & 11 CGP REVISION WORKBOOKS FOR GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

We have the following set of CGP revision workbooks available to purchase at a heavily discounted price of £11 (just £2.75 per book). If you were to buy these off Amazon yourself, it would cost you £23.80. They are a valuable resource for revision and include answers for your son to check his responses. If you wish to purchase the set, please send a cheque for £11 in an envelope with your son's name to his English teacher or Mrs Follett by **Friday 29th September**. Cheques need to be made payable to Birkdale High School and have the name of your son on the back. Unfortunately we are unable to accept payment in cash. Mrs Follett

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BIZARRE READS COMPETITION

Thank you to all the boys who entered the summer 'Bizarre Reads' competition – all the entries were fantastic and judging the winners was an incredibly difficult decision (I'm relieved it wasn't mine!). Hopefully the boys were inspired to read over the summer - not just for a photo opportunity! Our overall winner was Jack Hesketh – congratulations! Louis Stephenson and Joshua Stonham were our runners up – well done!

Mrs Follett

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please keep school informed about any medical conditions that affect your son. School can only administer medication when it is absolutely essential to do so during the course of the school day and with prior **written** consent.

If you have informed school that your son has asthma you will have received a letter informing of the school asthma policy and requesting permission to use an emergency inhaler if your son's is not available. If your son has asthma and you have not received a letter, please contact the school office so that we can update our records. For further information please see the 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy' on the school website, or speak to Mrs Donker.

Mrs Donker

DJ LESSONS

We currently have an opportunity for students to sign up for DJ lessons. They will be held in school at a cost of £15 for a 20 minute lesson. A commitment to sign up for the full year is required. It is also now a viable alternative to playing instruments for GCSE music. If we reach our required numbers the company supplying lessons will donate £1,500 worth of DJ equipment to the school for our students to use. If your son is interested please sign up via FutureDJs.org or see Mr Waring for more information.

Mr Waring

CAREERS

Next Wednesday 27 September we will be hosting a post Birkdale Information Afternoon in the media hall for all KS4 pupils. Representatives from all the local colleges and some universities will be there to speak to our students.

On Tuesday 3 October for parents and students in Year 11 there will be an Information Evening in the media hall at 5.30pm on post Birkdale oppoortnitites in Southport. Memebers of staff from KGV and Southport College will be presenting.

Miss Bailey

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READING CLUB

Reading Club will recommence for this academic year on Monday 25 September from 3.15pm – 4.00pm, in G16 (Mrs Keating's English classroom). Reading Club offers a relaxed and supportive atmosphere in which to read for pleasure and in so doing develop your reading skills. We have a stock of books of various ability levels and genres to select from or if you prefer - you can bring your own reading material. All Reading Club sessions start with juice and biscuits, a bit of a chat and then we relax into reading our books; for every session attended pupils earn a merit and regular attendees are rewarded by being invited to end of term reward parties. Reading Club is overseen by the Teaching Assistants Mrs Bradley and Mrs Stirling, so if you have any queries please speak to either of them. All pupils will be made very welcome – why not come along to Reading Club and give it a try?

Mrs Bradley and Mrs Stirling

IDL SUMMER CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Antony Hindle and Nathan Brown, both Year 8, for attempting the IDL Summer Challenge, ie to complete an average of 3 IDL sessions per week, of 15 mins or longer, over the Summer holiday. Although neither pupil fulfilled the Challenge to the letter, they had an attempt at it and for this they have been duly rewarded for showing an exemplary attitude to learning – well done boys!

Mrs Stirling

ATTENDANCE ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following boys who were all awarded attendance badges this week:

Year 11

400% attendance – Daniel Windsor **(not a single day off in the last 4 years. Well done!)**

300% attendance – Elliot Ratcliffe

200% attendance – Patrick Bradbury and Jamie Johnson

100% attendance – Laith Albeedh, Samuel Cooper, Benjamin Harvey, Michael Jerome, Arran Messenger, Jack Newnham and Solomon Palmer

Year 10

200% attendance – Elliot Brown, Thomas Guest and Connor Howard

100% attendance – Jack Cook, Alexander Dance, Jack Green, Benjamin Henderson, Tobias Lea, Morgan McCreavy, Daniel Middlehurst, Lewis Rose and Josh Taylor

Year 9

200% attendance – Matthew Davies, Lewis McLoughlin and Tommy Witterick

100% attendance – Dylan Barnfield, Charlie Blott, Joshua Brewis, Archie Grime, Christopher Hartles, Charlie Hillier, Jack Honeyball, Eliot King, Owen McKenzie, Keenan Parr, Nathaniel Pye, Josef Saunders, Ben Shearson and Michael Turner

Year 8

100% attendance – Arthur Beadell, Oliver Bedwell, Edward Bellerby, Adam Berry, Benjamin Bianchi, Sebastian Boulger, Nathan Brown, Alexander Campbell, Connor Carter, Theo Davies, Harry Day, Tom Forshaw, Jakub Gluszeko, Dino Makinson, Joe Rigby, Tristan Siebert, Jay Taylor-Greensmith and David Tear.

Also well done to 7JW, 8SHW and 11AM for collectively achieving 100% form attendance last week. Keep it up.

PE AND SPORTS REPORT

Year 10 Rugby

Lancashire RFU Plate U15 match - BHS 17 – AKS Lytham 29

I am particularly proud of our Year 10 team, as its development has been excellent. In year 7 the team was not as fortunate as other year groups, with numbers of established Rugby players being quite low. Years of recruitment and hard work by the boys has put us in a position where we now have approximately 20 rugby players to choose from, and I mean rugby players. Their development is such that this year we entered them into a senior competition, playing established rugby schools, rather than the Emerging Schools Cup. This is an indication of their development as a team. Although this game was a loss, for me it was a victory as a blight of injuries left us without some influential players and to be honest, I was expecting a heavy loss. However, as they did at the

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Rosslyn Park 7's, this group of lads surprised me again, as they have repeatedly. I think there is a lesson there for me to learn with these lads. Their organisation, aggression, teamwork, pride and flair showed that they have grown to another level again. It is a long time since I have witnessed a team where so many players had the best game I have seen them have at Birkdale High School. Forget the result, forget who scored what, this was a thoroughly absorbing, exciting and close game of rugby, decided in the last 10 minutes due to AKS having simply more numbers on their bench. I would say to all the boys involved, get down to Southport Rugby Club (except Finn "Tarleton to the Core"), challenge yourselves to progress further your involvement in rugby, you all have ability.

Mr Boyce

TAEKWONDO SCOTTISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017



Declan Sherrington, Jack Britton and Jack Swain competed in the Taekwondo Scottish Open Championships the weekend before last. In the Poomsae event, Declan achieved a Bronze in the individuals and a Gold in his team event. Jack Britton won a Silver medal in the U17 individual and pairs and Gold in the team event. In the Kyorogi event, Declan fought a weight category up and won a Silver medal, narrowly missing out on the Gold as it went to the golden point and Jack Britton won a Bronze medal. Jack Swain also won a Gold medal in the Poomsae team event.

BPA NEWS

Year 7 Birkdale High and Greenbank Disco – Wednesday 18 October 2017 at Birkdale

The BPA have arranged a Year 7 disco for Birkdale High boys and Greenbank High girls. This will take place on Wednesday 18 October 2017 at Birkdale High School between 7pm - 9pm. Tickets are £3 each. Tickets are on a first come first served basis so to avoid disappointment please return your slip and payment as soon as possible. All boys should have received a form but in case this has been mislaid, please find one attached.

CRICKET BAG

There is a cricket bag full of equipment which has been in the school office since before the Summer holidays. If this belongs to your son, please contact Mr Boyce on bboyce@birkdalehigh.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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18th September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have organised an Autumn Disco for all Year 7 students from Birkdale High School and Greenbank.

The Disco will be at Birkdale High school on Wednesday 18th October 2017 from 7pm-9pm.

The cost is £3 and numbers are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

If your son would like to attend, he should take his money and form directly to the school office in an envelope marked Disco BPA. A register of who has paid will be taken and entry on the night will only be granted if you are on the register.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REQUEST:

- Please can all parents use the Liverpool Road entrance and park in school.
- No child will be allowed to leave the hall and quad area without an adult accompanying them unless they have written permission. Any letters are to be sent into school with your ticket request.

The Birkdale Parents Association will be running a tuck shop on the night so your son may require a small amount of money for snacks or beverages.

If you would like your son to attend please complete the reply slip below.

Yours sincerely,

Birkdale High School Parents Association

I give permission for

My son.....

Form group.....

to attend the Disco at Birkdale High School on Wednesday 18th October 2017 and enclose £3 payment. (Cheques payable to BHS BPA) and will make arrangements for him to be dropped off at 7pm and collected promptly at 9pm.

Signed.....(Parent/Guardian)

Emergency contact phone number (on the night).....