



Dear Parents and Carers

7 March 2018

What a positive and eventful week we have just had. I would like, first of all, to congratulate all the Year 6 students who have been given a place at Birkdale for next year. Our overall numbers are continuing to increase and I look forward to meeting all our new boys on Induction Day in June. They will have all by now received a welcome pack from us and Mr Cunliffe will start visiting the primary schools in order to meet his new Year 7s in the forthcoming weeks. We still have a few limited places left and I am, this week, showing more parents and prospective students around the school should anyone you know wish to join us in September.

Secondly, and just as excitingly, we were named on Monday by the Liverpool Echo as the top school in Southport based on our 2017 GCSE performance. When we know that locally and nationally boys generally significantly underachieve compared to girls, to be the top performing school and buck the trend in that way is a real testament to the work of our fantastic boys, our talented and dedicated staff and our supportive and committed parents and carers. For more details please follow the link below:

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/top-high-schools-southport-revealed-14359232>

One of the most crucial contributing factors to any child's academic and personal development and success is attendance. "Good" attendance (95% or above) is a habit that sets a child up for future life but also means that he is making the best of the opportunities school offers and ensures that he has full access to the curriculum and does not fall behind. The content of the new GCSEs has greatly increased and every lesson missed, whatever the year group, represents a crucial learning opportunity lost. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your son does not take days off school unless absolutely unavoidable.

Last week's World Book Day was an amazing celebration and I would like to praise the Year 7 and 8 students for their behaviour and engagement during the activities proposed to them by the English department.

We hope you also enjoy our new weekly section which will feature the most relevant tweets for that week. We know that many of you already follow us on Twitter, but we hope that many more of you will join us.

#### PI DAY – WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018

Unfortunately due to several staff absences we will not be able to go ahead with our record breaking attempt for Pi Day next week. The Maths department would like to thank all the boys and parents who have supported the event by returning reply slips and the £1 donation. Boys who have donated the £1 will have the money returned to them by their form tutor on Friday morning.

Mrs Woodcock

#### YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING – THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018

Reminder about the Year 7 Parents' Evening tomorrow - Thursday 8 March 2018. Year 7 students should all have received their Spring tracking report last Friday.

Mrs Ellis

#### YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING – THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018

The Year 8 Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 22 March 2018. A letter has been sent home with students today and emailed to parents, and the booking system will be open for online booking from Thursday 8 March.

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH – SILVER AWARD – MEETING ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018

There will be a meeting for Year 10 and Year 11 students who are interested in taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award on Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 3.10pm in O16. Parents are very welcome to attend.

#### CAREERS WEEK

This week is National Careers Week. Students have been given the opportunity to engage with a variety of activities during registration. Please see the newsletter attached at the end for more news of what is happening in the local area. This is particularly relevant to year 11 students.

Miss Bailey

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## OUR WEEK IN TWEETS

**Birkdale High School** @BirkdaleHS Follow

Birkdale is the top high school in Southport for 2017! What a way to start the week! Well done all! [#buckingthetrendforboys](#)



**Top high schools in Southport revealed - based on GCSE results**  
This is now the nine secondary schools in the area measure up  
[liverpoolcho.co.uk](http://liverpoolecho.co.uk)

11:33 PM - 4 Mar 2018

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The refurbished library is now officially open for reading at lunchtime and after school. Why not become a member? [#readingisfun](#) [#boyslovereadng](#) [#readingisyourkeytosuccess](#)



10:50 AM - 1 Mar 2018

**MissKellyEnglish** @misskellyeng Follow

Mary Poppins, The Mad Hatter and Lady Macbeth love to take a selfie! @BirkdaleHS @BirkdaleHS\_Eng [#WorldBookDay2018](#)



3:57 AM - 1 Mar 2018

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Some of the staff @BirkdaleHS taking on their favourite characters for [#WorldBookDay2018](#) But can you guess who is who?



3:19 AM - 1 Mar 2018

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No better way to celebrate [#WorldBookDayUK](#) than with the official opening of our new library! Thank you to Danny, Matthew, Kyle, James and Joe, to Dr @emmalouisedeeks, Mrs Follett and @BirkdaleHS\_Eng, and to the BPA who made it all possible



10:43 AM - 1 Mar 2018

**KellyEnglish** @misskellyeng Follow

A lovely morning with 7AS [#ineveryjobthatmustbedonethereisanelementoffun](#) [#WorldBookDay2018](#) @BirkdaleHS @BirkdaleHS\_Eng



6:00 AM - 1 Mar 2018

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So impressed with those boys. Braving freezing temperatures after school on a Friday to take part in @KeepBritainTidy Great Big School Clean. Thank you also to Mrs Bradley and Mrs Marshall for supporting [#GBSchoolClean](#)



7:43 AM - 2 Mar 2018

**Helen Jeffery** @helenj Follow

Just started exploring Melodrama with my year 8s...can you guess who is the villain, hero and damsel in distress? @BirkdaleHS\_Dram @BirkdaleHS



4:11 AM - 2 Mar 2018



Birkdale High Art @BirkdaleHS\_Art - 24h Busy morning mask making in Art [#3DModeling](#)

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## GREEN MACHINE

### The Great Big School Clean

Well done to Oliver Bedwell, Shay Chalton, Max Matthew, Tom Nicholson, Tristan Powell and Louis Stephenson! On Friday after school, they braved the cold, windy conditions to pick up litter around the school grounds and along Windy Harbour Road. This annual event started as part of the national "Clean for the Queen" campaign in 2013 to mark the 60th anniversary of our Queen's coronation and our school joins in every year.

### Waste Week: 5-9 March 2018

Waste Week is 5-9 March 2018. In the UK, we waste an awful lot of food. Here are some shocking statistics:

- We throw away the equivalent of 24 meals a month.
- 24 million slices of bread are thrown away every day in the UK.
- Household food waste is associated with the same amount of greenhouse gas emissions every year as 30% of the cars on the UK roads.
- By 2050, global food production will need to have increased by 60% to feed an extra 2 billion people on the planet.
- More than 600,000 tonnes of food are wasted in the UK because people are confused by food labels.\*

What can we do about it?

See if there are any changes you and your family could make:

- Eat what's on your plate and don't load up with more than you need.
- Wonky fruit and veg may look funny, but they taste just as good!
- Cook with leftovers.
- Compost kitchen waste instead of throwing it in the bin.

\*Food labels:

You can eat food safely past the best before date, but it's not safe to eat it past its use by date.

- Please look up [www.jointhepod.org](http://www.jointhepod.org) for more information and ideas about Waste week.

Mrs Bradley

## PE/SPORTS NEWS

### Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 Rugby team played Carr Hill High School from Kirkham on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Quarter Final of the Lancs RFU U15 Emerging Schools Cup. I know I am repeating myself, but I do love this team, not the most blessed in Year 7 with established rugby players, it has grown and grown in stature, with more boys now playing club as well as schools rugby. This latest win confirmed that growth. If you like hard physical rugby, this game had it in abundance from the first whistle. On a soft pitch this was always going to be a game for the forwards, who traded tackle after tackle, with neither set really gaining dominance. As always in close games like this, mistakes cost, and so it was a couple of missed tackles which allowed Carr Hill in to score an unconverted try. I have seen this side drop their heads in the past after disappointment, but that was in the past. This team has grown. Determined, encouraging and aggressive shouts were passed between the lads, and so they came back, more aggressive, stronger, more intense and controlled. Four unanswered Birkdale tries followed, as the team who wanted it most came to the fore.

Dealing with the forwards – first Joe Astles, Sife Davies and Tom Hendry not only provided a solid platform for the scrum, but they also tackled and were eager to carry the ball forward into contact. They will ache, the reward for the best game I have seen them play in a Birkdale shirt. Ivan Arras again had a great game, showing that aggression and love of contact in abundance - hallmarks of his game. He made yards with every carry, but also providing more and more vocal leadership to his team mates, a pillar of the team. Kyle "Get to Southport Rugby Club Now" Parsons played the game of his life, tackling, rucking, mauling, carrying the ball into contact and encouraging others, he was immense. Time Kyle to stop playing with that funny round ball at your feet, you have a talent for rugby. John Took, playing out of position, understandably took a little while to find his feet, but as the game progressed he grew and grew as a flanker, carrying, rucking and tackling well. Liam Hefferan is another of our boys with little rugby experience who stepped up to another level, covering lots of ground, hitting his tackles and rucks hard - well done! However, the pick of the forwards for me was Dan Middlehurst. His tackle count must have been in the 20s, he carried the ball continually, he was simply everywhere – the best game I have seen him

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play. Connor McAvoy came on for his second game of rugby ever and anchored the scrum. He is still learning but already looks like he has a lot to give. Louie Stephen worried me when he was looking disappointed to be coming on as hooker, but I needn't have worried. He hooked well, threw in at the line well, and was everywhere around the pitch. Jack Tollitt is a big lad and unfortunately for the opposition he knows it. In only his second game of rugby, he came on and made an immediate impact, having a try disallowed through no fault of his own. Not wishing to plant any seeds, but don't you live by Southport Rugby Club Jack? They would love to see you there. As for Mason Galley, I struggle to believe this was his first game of rugby. Mason has a lot of athletic ability, strong, fast, physically brave and quick thinking, and he used those strengths well in the game. I hope he wants to play again for the school. Sorry I will rephrase that. He is playing rugby for the school again!

As for the backs, it was a difficult pitch to play on, but they didn't disappoint. The immense Jack Green, yet another Captain's performance, such a high level of consistency, he does it all. Also Robbie "The Slab of Granite" Jackson, well named, was on the receiving end of a huge tackle in the second half. His response is worth mentioning. Robbie was in full flight down the wing when he received a side-on tackle from a player at least twice his size. The tackle took Robbie 3 yards sideways into touch, dumping him on his back. As the Carr Hill player rolled to the side and regained his feet, he looked down to see the huge effect his tackle must have made, but he immediately looked confused as Robbie was already on his feet and 10 yards away running to his position. Tobias Lee had a solid game at 10 on a very soft pitch, setting his lines well, and using the ball sensibly. It was defensively however, where he made strides in development. Nothing got through him and he had his best game in a while. Our unsung scrumhalves Louis Southwood and Finn Cromack both did a great job, recycling and distributing the ball flawlessly, on a day when this above all needed to be good, they stuck to the task well. Callum Donaldson and Matty Brown are the class acts of the team. This was not the pitch for their classy elusive running, though it didn't stop them trying, but definitely one for their immense defence. They hit everything that came near them. Ben Henderson – wow! - he is knocking on the door of the class acts if he keeps playing like this, tactically spot on at full back, show and go, dummies, but for me it was his tackling that moved up a level - well done Ben! Thanks lads for a massive selection headache for next Thursday's semi-final at St Margaret's Liverpool!

#### BPA NEWS

#### 200 Club Draw - March 2018

Congratulations go to:

Number 45	Lisa O'Keeffe – James, Year 11 - £112.50
Number 113	Lisa Sharp – Ben, Year 9 - £56.25
Number 97	Carolyn Hillier – Harvey, Year 8 - £39.38
Number 17	Elizabeth Nuttall – Joseph Year 7 - £16.88

Thank you for supporting the BPA. Next draw will take place at the beginning of June! Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!!! Please find attached the information to join.

#### Comedy Bingo – Friday 11 May 2018

The Birkdale Parents Association would like to invite parents to their next big fundraising event. Comedy Bingo on Friday 11th May 7pm at Southport Rugby Club. A licensed bar will be open all night and nibbles will be provided too. Tickets are £12 each and ALL profits go towards the nice extras for ALL the boys at Birkdale High School.

Please see the attached information flyer and ticket request form. Tickets are limited so don't delay. Hope to see as many of you as possible there for a fun night.

#### BPA Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 30th April at 7pm. All welcome.

Yours faithfully

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

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# CAREERS

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018



### Some Careers Quotes to think about:



This next one is my favourite; " many of the best opportunities are not on your doorstep they may



be just around the corner."

Elaine Meredith-Careers Advisor:

### Upcoming Careers events to attend.

In April Channel 4's "C4PopUp" will be heading to **Liverpool** to talk careers in the **TV production industry** for those who are **16 or over**. Want to know more about the different roles needed to create great TV? Interested in producing, directing, editing and production management? But not sure how to get your foot in the door? This day will involve a TV production workshop where you work in a team and produce your own short film. You'll learn the basics of filming, producing, editing and presenting. Get insights from industry professionals, and the chance to hear more about **Channel 4's Production Training Scheme** and **Runner Apprenticeship Scheme** and speak to past trainees about their experiences. Join your closest Pop Up; **Liverpool – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018** Applications are open from 19 February 2018. However enter your email address using the link provided to register your interest and we'll send you the link to apply soon as it opens. <https://mykindafuture.wufoo.eu/forms/z2eg2yl0pcwb0z/>



## Chester Law Careers event;

There may **still some spaces** available for a free **Explore Law** at the **Chester Campus** on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 16:00 – 18:45**. The event is filling up. It's a fantastic event for **years 10, 11** students, who want to find out if law is a potential option for them at university or as an apprenticeship to find out more about the course and career. We'll have **taster sessions**, information about **routes into law**, and the opportunity to ask questions to current **trainee solicitors**, so it's a great opportunity for potential law students. Students who want to attend **can sign up here**: <https://cc.law.ac.uk/Personal/Events/?et=22>

The University of Law

Find out what it's like to be a lawyer at our  
**EXPLORE LAW**  
EVENT

The event is perfect for year 10, 11 and 12 students and gives you the chance to find out if law is for you.

The event includes:

- What it's like to be a solicitor or barrister
- Interactive law taster workshops
- Q & A panel with trainee solicitors

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Bobby and Carley are actors currently playing Lead Roles in West End Shows with over a decade of previous work in West End Theatres and Television behind them.

During this work shop participants will learn more about the industry, through a q&a, develop skills and improve technique through games and performance in singing, dancing and acting working with scripts and extracts from the West End and Tv shows Bobby and Carley have worked on.

With a growing interest in all performing arts, across the country and on our television/movie screens. Now has never been a better time to encourage the next generation to challenge themselves creatively, to open their minds to all their capabilities, even if it's to simply strengthen their confidence.

## **Unilever Apprenticeship Open Event**



The poster features a purple and white color scheme. At the top, it says 'Apprenticeship Insight' in blue, followed by '4pm-6pm' and '7th march 2018'. The Unilever logo is in the top right. Below are three circular images: 'Business & Technology' showing two people in a meeting, 'Research & Development' showing a woman in a lab coat, and 'Supply Chain' showing a man with a product. A central text box provides location and event details. At the bottom, there is a 'REGISTER HERE' link, a QR code labeled 'Scan to register', and a note that 'Registration is essential to gain entry'.

**Apprenticeship Insight**  
4pm-6pm  
7th march 2018

**Business & Technology**      **Research & Development**      **Supply Chain**

**Location:** Lever House, Wood Street, Port Sunlight, CH62 4XB

An insight into Unilever Apprenticeships – hear more from current apprentices & line managers about the opportunities available in Business & Technology, Supply Chain and Research & Development with an opportunity to network, ask questions and view demonstrations.

The event will be open from 4pm-6pm with a staggered start time to allow an opportunity to talk with current apprentices and line managers. Please book a time that suits you using the event link.

**REGISTER HERE:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unilever-apprenticeships-port-sunlight-tickets-43227682884>

Scan to register

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## **A sample of current Apprenticeship Vacancies:**

A small selection of current apprenticeship vacancies are on the links below; further vacancies can be found on the National Government Apprenticeship website:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch?search>

Unilever has several vacancies at the Port Sunlight Site. It is an easy journey from Southport Station the journey takes about 90 mins. Engineering/manufacturing/ supply chain and business are all available; <https://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships/supply-chain-and-engineering-apprenticeships.html>

Unilever Business Administrator £280 per week

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-240291>

Leyland Trucks:

Maintenance Engineer- £261.35 per week

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-240296>

Automotive Engineer - £239:67

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-240104>

Fabrication and Welding - £239:67

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-240129>

Construction with Barrett House Builders in Preston/Liverpool

Bricklaying- £189.15 per week

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-244186>

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-244182>

Joinery - £189.15 per week

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-244595>

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**For support with apprenticeship applications please contact Fred Fortune / Elaine Meredith our Careers Advisors school.**



# Birkdale High Comedy Bingo Ticket Request Form

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Southport Rugby Club

Name.....

Sons Name..... Form.....

Number of Tickets Required..... at £12 each

I enclose cash/cheque (made payable to BPA) for £.....

Contact Number.....

Email Address.....

Please send all requests to the school office in an envelope marked:

BPA Comedy Bingo Tickets by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Tickets are limited so don't wait till the last minute.



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