



Dear Parents and Carers

21 March 2018

What a week we've had. After last week's rather depleted edition, we are back to our full complement of news again. Whilst the under 16 and under 14 rugby teams competed in the most prestigious school rugby competition in the UK, the basketball and athletics team went on to become Sefton Champions again, our budding engineers won the Rotary Competition at Greenbank and our ambitious scientists have been trying to purify toilet water in a bid to win the Unilever Bright Ideas STEM competition and change the world in the process. Not forgetting Miss Kelly's Year 7s who went all British Bake Off and produced the most amazing cakes as a way to finish off their module on gothic writing.

In the same week, I was also very proud to receive a formal letter from the Schools, Students and Teachers network confirming that we were in the top 20% of all non-selective schools nationally for attainment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. I was also privileged to attend the Sefton Duke of Edinburgh awards ceremony where a large cohort of our boys received their Bronze and Silver badges. Two very proud highlights for me indeed.

As the end of term approaches, we get closer and closer to the start of the exam season. On top of after school intervention, some subjects are also offering support over the Easter break and a full timetable of in-school pre-exams booster sessions will start in May. As the Y11 focus on their exams, we always choose this time of year to elect a new prefect team to support the staff in the running of the school. This year I plan to work closely with them as the Student Leadership Team and look forward to their input on how we can make the school even better. I know that they already have some very promising ideas. The role of prefect is one that sets you apart. It shows to prospective employers, universities and colleges that you have leadership qualities and experience but also that you can work as a team and are prepared to make a constructive contribution to your community. In return, we do ask for a lot of your time and commitment and I would therefore like to express my thanks to the 2017-2018 prefect team who have done a fantastic job throughout the year.

Finally this term we say goodbye to Miss Seville who, over the last 17 years, has made an outstanding contribution to the Geography department. I would like to wish her all the best in her future life and thank her on behalf of all the staff, governors, parents and most importantly students for her work over all these years.

**School will close for Easter at 12.25pm on Friday 23 March and we come back on Monday 9 April 2018.**

Have a lovely Easter break!

#### Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy

Applications were invited for the position of prefect for 2018/19 from our present Year 10 students. It was a pleasure to read through the letters which highlighted the strengths and qualities that boys have displayed throughout their time at Birkdale so far. Students also made note of how they would use their leadership skills in their position on the Student Leadership Team. Votes were received for the position of Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy and I am delighted to congratulate Elliott Brown on his election to the position of Head Boy and Mason Galley as Deputy Head Boy.

The Student Leadership Team consists of our new prefects, Ivan Aras, Joe Astles, Jack Britton, Matthew Brown, Jack Cook, Will Cook Haigh, Finn Cromack, Daniel Doherty, Oliver Farrow, Ellis Hardy, Louis Hardy, Doug Hatton, Ben Henderson, Tobias Lea, Max Matthew, Daniel Middlehurst, Joel Morley, Safwan Patel, Sam Pring, Jamie Rimmer, Lewis Rose, Declan Sherrington, Josh Taylor, John Took, Louis Verite, Ellis Watterson and Leighton Woods. Well done boys, you deserve it and I know you will really rise to the responsibility.

#### Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening – Thursday 15 March 2018

Congratulations to all the boys who achieved their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Bronze: Ivan Aras, Joseph Astles, Sam Bellamy, Elliot Brown, Matthew Brown, Robert Campbell, Bradley Cole, Nathan Crewe, Oliver Crockett, Oliver Farrow, Mason Galley, Finley Gifford, Thomas Guest, Ellis Hardy, Louis Hardy, Doug Hatton, Ben Henderson, Connor James, Scott James, Liam Laing, Tobias Lea, Daniel Middlehurst, Michael Moscrop, Safwan Patel, Om Pratumpin, Joshua Rimmer, Lewis Rose, George Saundry, Declan Sherrington, Ben Stott, Benjamin Thompson, Daniel Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Louis Verite, Ellis Watterson.

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Silver: Nathan Bowden, Patrick Bradbury, Robert Campbell, Sam Cooper, Ben Gaskell, Max Hayward, Jamie Johnson, Kasraa Mohammadi, James O'Keeffe, Oliver Rimmer, Ethan Scrutton and Jack Swettenham.

I was very proud to see so many of the boys collect their awards at the Southport Theatre last Thursday.

**PE/SPORTS NEWS**

**MERSEYSIDE SCHOOLS INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS – WAVERTREE SPORTS PARK  
15 MARCH 2018**

Last Thursday, fifteen Year 7 and 8 boys represented the school and borough in this year's Merseyside School Games Sports Hall Athletics Finals at Wavertree Sports Park in Liverpool. Having won their respective North Sefton Sports Hall Athletics tournaments earlier this term, the boys competed on behalf of Sefton in two separate year group tournaments, both involving a large number of winning schools from all over Merseyside. They performed brilliantly in a range of indoor track and field events against fourteen and fifteen other schools and achieved phenomenal results to win the overall Year 7 competition and come third in the Year 8 tournament! What a result boys! Very well done to all of you once again!  
Mr Quirk

## Merseyside School Games Sports Hall Athletics Wavertree Sports Park - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018



**Year 8 Results**

Position	School
1st	Rainford
2nd	Academy of St. Francis of Assisi
3rd=	<b>Birkdale</b>
3rd=	Chesterfield
5th	Calday
6th	Bebington
7th	Broadgreen
8th	Kirkby
9th	Gateacre
10th	Prescott
11th	NL Academy
12th	Woodchurch
13th	King David
14th	The Heath
15th	Savio

**Year 7 Results**

Position	School
1st	<b>Birkdale</b>
2nd	The Heath
3rd	Calday
4th	St.Hildas
5th	Rainhill
6th	Gateacre
7th	St. Peter and Paul
8th	Chesterfield
9th	Academy of St. Francis of Assisi
10th	Kirkby
11th	Archbishop Beck
12th	All Saints
13th	Ridgeway
14th	Bebington
15th	Savio
16th	Woodchurch



**Year 7 - Winners**

**Year 8 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**



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## SEFTON SCHOOLS BASKETBALL FINALS

### Year 11 Sefton Champions

As was stated in last week's letter all five of our Basketball Teams managed to progress to the Final of their respective cup competitions this season. The first game took place in Maghull last Wednesday and involved our Year 11 Team competing against Deyes High Sixth Form. Following a superb performance our boys managed to emerge victorious, winning the match 44-29. The victory also means that the boys have been crowned Sefton champions every year since Year 7! The boys involved were James O'Keeffe, Ben Gaskell, Jacob Haworth, Ayomide Ayodele, Tom Porter, Kasraa Mohammadi, Al Faiaz De Sousa, Nathan Bowden, Jamie Johnson, George Carrington, Aiden Reece-Slinger.

Congratulations to all of you for your phenomenal achievements over the years.

Mr Quirk



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Year 8 Sefton Champions

Our Year 8 Team also played a Sefton Cup Final on Thursday of last week against Meols Cop High School. The boys also performed brilliantly and won the match 39-25 following a convincing team performance. Well done to all of you on your great success! The 'Champions' involved are listed below. Mr Quirk

## Sefton Schools Basketball Cup Competition Year 8 Winners - 2017/2018

Back Row: Jack Walmsley, Chris Morris, Lucas Goodman, Harry Landy, Adam Dimba

Front Row Patrick Lea, Jamie Brown, Ollie Sharples, Ben Snape, Harry Day



**Birkdale 39 – Meols Cop 25**

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## Year 9 Rugby – Lancashire Emerging Schools Cup

Great win for the Year 9 Rugby team in the quarter final of the Lancashire Emerging Schools Cup over St Wilfrid's Blackburn. The Year 9s have a lot of talent in their ranks, however their commitment at times on the pitch is lacking, normally when we are playing a private school, a question I am asked before every game. They need to learn that rugby saying regarding the opposition "You can only play what is in front of you" meaning think about your own game and not the standard of the opposition. So it was with St Wilfrid's "Are they a private School?" met with smiles when I replied, "No". So with their confidence topped up, the lads came out with all guns firing, hitting their tackles hard, competing every ball ferociously, scoring 4 first half tries with 3 being converted by George Brain's red hot boot 26-0 at half time. Another converted try followed shortly after half time, signalling a raft of Birkdale substitutions. You have to admire St Wilfrid's determination - not giving up they scored 3 tries, 1 converted to our 1 try, over the next 15 minutes of play 38-17. Give our lads their due they re-organised and settled back into their rhythm scoring a further 2 unanswered tries in the last 10 minutes of the game to give us a deserved 48-17 win. Great performances came from Ethan Henshaw strong in the scrum, defence and attack and the same for his partner in front row crime Mackenzie Price. Well played lads! Jack Dawson, another great game, his growth in the past month both at school and Southport RFC is spectacular. He has become a consistent, reliable performer and continues to grow in confidence. Robinson Rafferty is in the same bracket - he should be proud of how he is growing as a player, more coaching at Southport RFC would do him well – 7.00pm - 8.30pm every Wednesday, if you read this Robinson. Mackenzie Morgan gave another solid, consistent performance. He has the ability to play in any position bar prop and it was fullback today. Half backs Ollie Ball and Keenan Parr worked brilliantly as a pair allowing the backs space and momentum going forward. Luis Ball gave another great display of all round rugby - please come to Southport and play. You have a lot to give Luis. Another fine display from Alfi Monaghan, aggression, work rate the lot as always, struggling to find praise now without repeating the wording. Harry Conway - 2 tries - natural athlete, fantastic, never looks out of place considering how little rugby he has played. Jake Lowther came on out of position on the wing and put in a good shift, adapting well to new demands as the game progressed - Well done! Benedict Summers-Boyce put in a good shift tackling passing a good link in the backs, his injury worries hopefully behind him. Leon Elliot was absolutely fantastic - a finer display of hooking I haven't seen in a long while. He made his scrumhalf's job seem easy, such was the quality of his scrum work, combining that with his all-round athleticism and honest graft ensured a great performance. Well done boys - "You can only play what is in front of you!" Mr Boyce

## YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 PARIS TRIP 2018 – INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS AND PUPILS

There will be an information evening for parents on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Please can you bring your son's passport and European Health Card to the evening. All pupils are welcome to attend. The meeting should last no more than 30 minutes and will give everybody the chance to find out more about the trip and answer any questions you may have. It is important you attend on behalf of your son and I would appreciate it if you could let me know if you are unable to make it. Mrs Wadhwa

## YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING – THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2018

Year 9 Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 12 April 2018 from 3.45pm – 7.45pm. Appointments may be made on line and instructions are attached to this newsletter.

## PEER MENTOR APPLICATIONS

Year 7 pupils had an assembly this week about the process of becoming a peer mentor. Time is flying and soon we will be getting ready for our new intake. Peer Mentors play a crucial role in supporting the transition of new pupils, assisting with open evenings, fundraising, taster days, and being responsible role models for younger pupils to look up to.

Any pupils who consider themselves to have what it takes to be one of next year's Peer Mentors should fill in a short application form available from their form tutors – they must get a member of staff to agree with their application and return it to Mrs Nightingale by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Mrs Nightingale

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## SEFTON MUSIC PERFORMANCE – FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018



Last Friday - Nathan Crew, Matthew Davies, Harry Day, Michael Leffler, Solomon Palmer, Oliver Sharples and Ben Harvey took part in a spectacular concert hosted by Knowsley and Sefton Music Hub at the Liverpool Auditorium. As always our boys were outstanding ambassadors for the school and themselves and gave a great performance. Congratulations to them all.

Mr Waring

## SCIENCE GCSE TOTAL RECALL QUIZ LEAGUE

Well done to all boys who are currently engaging with the "Total recall" quiz league. The notice board will be updated this week so you can check your position after the latest quizzes. The top twenty in each year group is shown below. Congratulations to Shafayet Uddin and Ben Harvey in Year 11 for being the first pupils to achieve 1000 points! **The next quizzes have been set and are due on 6th April.**

Ms Flood

### Year 11

1	Shafayet Uddin
1	Benjamin Harvey
3	Scott James
4	Samuel Cooper
5	Ethan Mobbs-Pursell
6	Daniel Windsor
7	Thomas Finegan
8	Nathan Crewe
9	Nathan Scales
10	Kasraa Mohammadi
11	Benjamin Gaskell
12	William Scott
13	Ryan Stephens
14	Arran Messenger
15	Elliot Ratcliffe
16	Tom Porter
17	Solomon Palmer
18	Laith Albeedh
19	Jack Collier
20	Oliver Rimmer

### Year 10

1	Elliot Brown
2	Thomas Guest
3	Finn Cromack
4	Joseph Astles
5	Connor James
6	Haydn Lonorgan
7	Lewis Rose
2	Joseph Thompson
9	Dion Rimmer
10	Ivan Aras
11	Oliver Crockett
12	Joshua Rimmer
13	Ellis Watterson
14	Safwan Patel
14	Michael Moscrop
16	Connor Howard
16	Ellis Hardy
18	Oliver Farrow
19	Matthew Wright
20	Josh Taylor

### Year 9

1	Nathaniel Pye
2	Thomas Witterick
3	Charlie Blott
4	Christopher Rolfe
5	Dylan HAVER
6	Joshua Brewis
7	Jack SWAIN
8	Michael O'NEILL
9	Kacper Kasicki
10	Sven Grutters
11	Kamil NOWAK
12	Oscar Thompson
13	Leon ELLIOTT
13	Sam LEE
13	Faysal Patel
16	Niks DELVERS
17	Fraser Andrew
18	Dylan BARNFIELD
19	Henry Maw
20	Luis Seddon

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## The Green Machine



What a busy week this is for the Green Machine! On Monday, we had our fortnightly meeting. On Tuesday after school, we took part in the national "What's Under Your Feet?" campaign, which is held three times a year to investigate invertebrates. The data helps The British Trust for Ornithology establish relationships between UK climate, the availability of invertebrates and the decline in bird numbers. It's important to see how patterns vary across the country and how they affect bird populations. A big thank you to Mr Leece for getting things ready for us. Today after school, the long awaited Veggie Debate! Details of this in next week's letter.



Some important dates this week:

Thursday is World Water Day. Members of the Green Machine discussed ways of wasting less water e.g. turning the tap off while you actually brush your teeth; only putting the water you need into the kettle, rather than filling it and using the appropriate flush on the toilet.

Saturday is Earth Hour, when people are encouraged to spend an hour without electrical items. Instead of playing on computer games or phones, maybe we could play board games or go for a walk. Mrs Bradley

## BPA News

### Cake Sale

The BPA will be running a cake sale on Friday 23rd March at morning break to raise fund for those nice "extras" for the boys. Please support us by sending some money with your son and any cakes would be gratefully received on Friday morning.

### Comedy Bingo

Tickets are selling fast for the Comedy Bingo night at Southport Rugby Club on Friday 11th May. They are £12.50 each and includes entrance and nibbles available all night. Please find attached the flyer and order form.

### Raffle Prizes

The BPA are always looking for raffle prizes and auction lots for their events – please see the attached flyer for further information. Please support if you can.

Yours faithfully

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

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26/03/18

Dear Parents/Carers,

**The Year 9 Parents evening is on April 12th from 3.45pm to 7.45pm**

You are invited to the Year 9 parents evening, please make every effort to attend with your son in full uniform.

Go to the school website [www.birkdalehigh.co.uk](http://www.birkdalehigh.co.uk) and follow the link for parents evening

OR

[www.parents-booking.co.uk/birkdalehigh](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/birkdalehigh) (**PLEASE NOTE: You need to type this address into your website browser's 'address bar'. Do not try to 'Google' this website address or use a search engine as that will not work. This is a common mistake on phones and tablets especially.**)

Login to see which appointments are available and select the one that is convenient for you.

**You will need:**

- Your child's first name and surname
- Your child's date of birth

**The system will go live for bookings to be made on 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 and will be open to take your bookings until 12th April at 12.00.**

Once you have logged in, we suggest you use the 'Automated Booking' wizard to make your appointments. You will be asked to enter your availability and choose which teachers you want to see before being shown the most efficient order for visiting those teachers on the night.

**Troubleshooting Tips –please read before booking!**

- To log in you need to enter the details we have on record for you and your child. If you have recently changed your title or surname, for example, and not informed us, we will be expecting you to log in with the details we have on record
- The email address you enter is only used to receive a confirmation of your appointment. If the system gives you an error when you log in, it will not be the email address that is the problem
- If you have several children to make bookings for, use the 'Change Child' button on the blue bar (above the school's name) in the very top left corner of the Parent's Booking Page to swap between your children. *This does not apply to the Booking Wizard, where your children are tabbed above the teacher names*

If you are unable to book at home, please call the school office where a member of staff will help you.

Thank You

Mrs S Nightingale.  
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# 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.



**COMEDY BINGO**

**Presented By Brendan Riley**  
**PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES**

**Raising Funds For Birkdale High School**  
**Friday 11th May**  
Doors 7.00 pm Eyes Down 7.30 pm  
Venue: Southport Rugby Club

**Tickets £12 Places Limited : Book Quickly**  
**For All Information Email [bpa@birkdalehigh.co.uk](mailto:bpa@birkdalehigh.co.uk)**



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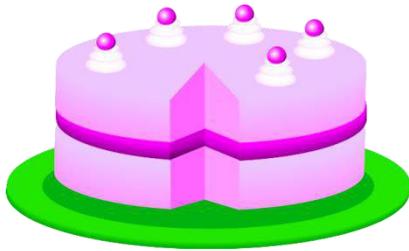
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# Cake Sale

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

## Morning Break

## In the Canteen

Don't forget to bring your cash!

Cake donations welcome Friday morning  
too.



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# YOUR BPA NEEDS YOU!

Do you run a business or work where you could donate a raffle or auction prize?

We are *ALWAYS* looking for raffle prizes and auction lots for our event.

If you can help us please email us on [BPA@birkdalehigh.co.uk](mailto:BPA@birkdalehigh.co.uk)



**YOUR BPA NEEDS RAFFLE PRIZES!**

Thank you for your support.