



Dear Parents and Carers

12 June 2019

Next week sees the last of the Year 11s' GCSEs exams. As always it has been a very tough and demanding time for all involved and I would like to take this final opportunity to praise the boys for their behaviour throughout and wish them all the best of luck for the future.

No sooner is one series of exams over than the next one starts, so next week will see the Year 10 GCSE Statistics and Hospitality & Catering exams, soon followed by our Year 10 end of year exams. Please encourage your son to spend time revising regularly at home in preparation. This will be incredibly beneficial when it comes to preparing for the final exams next year.

Please remember that this Thursday 13 June at 6.00pm is our second Parents' and Carers' Forum for the year. We will present information about local safeguarding issues that may affect your son as well as proposals regarding use of mobile phones and changes to our curriculum.

Finally, I couldn't finish this week's newsletter without mentioning our Athletics team winning the Southport and Formby title for the 5th year in a row! This is an incredible achievement and a testament to the talent of our boys and the hard work of the staff in making it happen. Looking forward to them bringing home the Sefton crown again!

HEGARTY MATHS

Questions answered on Hegarty Maths - Top 10 (Saturday 25 May - Friday 7 June 2019)

These are the top 10 boys for the greatest number of Hegarty Maths questions completed in the school.

1.	Jack Hesketh	1013 questions
2.	Samuel Sutton	353 questions
3.	Luke Haikalis	251 questions
4.	Isaac Stanley	192 questions
5.	Jack Francis	175 questions
6.	Louie Stephenson	167 questions
7.	Henry Maw	142 questions
8.	Daniel Doherty	125 questions
9.	James Spencer	124 questions
10.	Matthew Davies	119 questions

Congratulations and keep it up. This will really support your progress in Maths.

Mr Crossfield

HISTORY REVISION GUIDES AVAILABLE TO ORDER

The History department is currently offering GCSE revision packs at a discounted price. Full details are attached to this newsletter. Payment should be made online via Parent Pay by Friday 14 June 2019. An order will be placed on Monday 17 June 2019.

Ms Jackson

LOST PROPERTY

There is a huge amount of unclaimed, unnamed school uniform items (including school shoes) in the office. If not claimed by the end of next week they will have to be recycled.

THE GREEN MACHINE



Rapping Competition

The Green Machine are holding a Rapping Competition and everyone who enters will be rewarded with a merit. Further details are attached to this newsletter.

Mrs Bradley

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BPA NEWS

BPA 200 Club Draw

The June draw of the BPA 200 Club took place last week and here are the results:

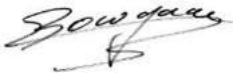
1st Prize	-	£156	Lucky Number 57	Kate Landy (Harry Year 9)
2nd Prize	-	£78	Lucky Number 41	UNABLE TO REPORT DUE TO GDPR RULES
3rd Prize	-	£54.60	Lucky Number 82	Roman Zukowski (Alexander Year 7)
4th Prize	-	£23.40	Lucky Number 71	Mel Young (Lucas Goodman Year 9)

Thank you to all members of the 200 Club for your support. Remember you have to be in it to win it! The forms to join the 200 Club are attached.

YOUTH LEADER VOLUNTEERS WANTED – HOLY TRINITY YOUTH CLUB

Holy Trinity Youth Club – HTYC - is a very popular community club run alternate Fridays during term time for all 9-16 year olds. Over 40 children attend most sessions and it is growing in popularity. Due to this, they need to recruit more volunteer staff to join their team. Further information and contact details are attached to this newsletter.

Yours faithfully



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THE WEEK IN TWEETS

Helen Jeffery @emohemi
Playing with text - year 9 students enacting the 'Boro Indian' scene from Blood Brothers @BirkdaleHS @BirkdaleHS_Dram @WillyRussellUK



MissKellyEnglish @misskellyeng
I've been crying over this piece of work by Harvey Leggett 9SK for two days now...#wow #heart-wrenching #writingchallenge @BirkdaleHS @BirkdaleHS_Eng

Asleep on the sofa, in that comfortable, warm, cosy, safe space, I look half of myself in the silence of that still summer night. I was told, these raw, wrinkled hands were just as wrinkled then and it took so much struggle to move something as close as dear, but something coming, creeping down the black hair, curling my nose. I was not afraid.

What was that sound? A silent pain, a cry in the night. Now, I was very apprehensive. I was an old man and didn't want to be loved to the wife and I had just lost the wife, a companion of 15 years. She seemed to mourn Bernie's death extensively and played little attention to me.

What am I doing, creeping from a bump in the night? I thought, I pulled myself together and rose from the bed. I went down the hall to the spare room. As I went to grab the handle, I realised how ice-cold everything was. How ice-cold I was. Using all my courage and energy, I forced open the door. I was frozen in shock and disbelief. I stared into the room and a pale face stared back, but she wasn't scared... she was amazed.

My granddaughter: She was the shuffle of feet, the silent pain. She had certainly been crying. I began to wonder why she was there, when I heard Bernie's creaky jungle downstairs. Then I knew, but I wasn't scared. I approached her. "You come back," she whispered, beginning to break down. "Dear, I never left." A quiet reply but I knew I didn't have long. "Are you staying?" she questioned.

"I'm afraid I can't."

"I want to hold your hand."

With the last of my energy, I held her hand. I asked my granddaughter...

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Yr 11 GCSE Maths breakfast and revision session. Good luck all this morning



Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS
Despite a lot of last minute changes, the boys managed to clinch the Southport and Formby title for the FIFTH Year in a row!!! Well done to all the competitors and to @BirkdaleHS_PE #proudheadteacher

Southport Schools Athletics Championship (Birkdale South Park - 19th June 2017)		
Overall Final Positions		
1st	Birkdale	181
2nd	Range	181
3rd	Christ The King	179
4th	Stanley	155
5th	Formby	148
6th	Meels Cop	148

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Well done Will!

Alex Collins @AlexCollins1
Bronze medal and selected for Merseyside Schools @BirkdaleHS @BirkdaleHS_PE Great morning of athletics at Bebington oval.

Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS
Well done Sandro! What a stage to make your debut on!

FutureDJs @wearefuturedjs
We had such an unforgettable weekend at Amsterdam Open Air Festival! Huge congratulations to Sandro Chalmers, who performed an amazing set on main stage and showed his passion and energy for DJing, a true star in the making!

Year 10 GCSE Statistics revision. Great to see so many boys in on a Saturday!



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Video of Sandro's Big day in Amsterdam including his own composition as soundtrack [instagram.com/p/ByU3MhHAz7G/](https://www.instagram.com/p/ByU3MhHAz7G/) ...

FutureDJs @wearefuturedjs
His & Hers Magazine @HisAndHers_Mag
A 13-year-old from Liverpool has become the youngest person to open a festival, thanks to the @wearefuturedjs programme! hisandhersmag.co.uk/young-dj/

Claire Le Tissier @clairelettisier
"We're sure his fascination and passion for electronic music will inspire other young people to dream big, practise and persevere!" hisandhersmag.co.uk/young-dj/ @HisAndHers_Mag @wearefuturedjs #musiced #remixingmusiceducation @BBCNWTV #inspiration



History revision guides available to order

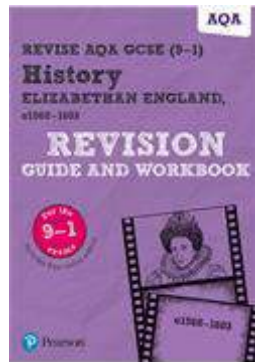
The History department is currently offering GCSE revision packs at a discounted price.

A pack of 4 revision guides covering all units for £12.50 (RRP £5.99 each):

- Crime and Punishment
- Early Elizabethan England
- The American West
- Weimar and Nazi Germany

Designed for hassle-free this combined Revision Guide and Workbook is the smart choice for those revising for Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History and includes:

- A **FREE** online edition
- **One-topic-per-page** format
- **'Now Try This'** practice questions on topic pages
- **Exam skills** pages including **Worked examples** with exemplar answers
- **Exam-style practice** pages with **practice questions** in the style of the exams
- **Guided support** and hints providing **additional scaffolding**, to help avoid common pitfalls
- **Full set of practice papers** written to match the specification exactly



Also, a set of 4 revision flash card packs for £11.00 (RRP £4.99 each).

REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Cards are perfect for students who want to turbocharge their revision time!

Each pack includes access to a FREE online edition of the REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Weimar and Nazi Germany Revision Guide and Workbook and contains:

- 30 Revision Cards and three organising dividers (with a handy 'how to use' guide)
- Multiple choice questions and answers
- Worked examples
- Topic summaries and key facts to remember



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RAP BATTLE!



- Come up with a completely original rap
- About any green issue or recycling
- Enter on your own, with a friend or small group
- Email it to the "Green Machine" folder in the Student Shared Area
- Closing date Friday, 28th June
- Mr. Waring will judge them
- Prizes for the best!

If there are several really good entries, there will be a chance to hear them one lunch time.

BPA 200 Club

This is an ongoing venture by the BPA, to raise funds for the benefit of all the boys at Birkdale High School.

To make this a success, we really need your support.

The Plan

Up to 200 people buy one or more "shares" per year. Half the total sum raised goes to the BPA and the other half is distributed on a quarterly basis to the winning 'shareholders' whose numbers have been drawn. There will be four prize winners per quarter.

Membership

The cost of each yearly share is £24 (£2 per month per share) Shareholders may hold more than one share.

Shares

Each share is numbered and that number belongs to the member to whom it is allocated, for as long as he or she is a paid-up member of the 200 Club.

Prize Draw

All share numbers are included in each quarterly draw. The draw will be made by at least 3 BPA members. Prize money depends on the number of paid-up shareholders that quarter. The prizes will be allocated as follows, based on the income paid into the 200 club in that quarter:-

1st Prize 50%, 2nd Prize 25%, 3rd Prize 17.5%, 4th Prize 7.5%

The draws will take place in March, June, September and December each year.

The easiest way to join the 200 club is to pay by your parentpay account. Alternatively, you can set up a standing order for either £2 per month or an annual payment of £24, per share. The standing order should have a payment date of 1st of the month (or as near to that date as possible). Or you can pay the annual amount by cheque or a BACs transfer of £24 per share. Cheque's can be sent into school in an envelope addressed to the BPA.

The BPA 200 Club Account details are :-

Sort code: 20-80-33 Account number: 73448649 A/C name: BPA 200 Club

To join please fill in the following registration form and return to:

BPA, C/o Birkdale High School, Windy Harbour Road, Southport. PR8 3DT

Name: _____ Pupils name: _____ Form: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Date to commence: _____ Cash/cheque/standing order/parentpay (please circle)

I am happy to have my personal information to be processed for the following purposes:

- To send me communications regarding my membership of the 200 Club
- If the event of my membership number be drawn, to allow my name, membership number and winnings amount to be published in the Birkdale High School Weekly Newsletter
- To send me communications about the BPA's events and activities

I am happy to receive these communications by email

To opt out of receiving information in the future, please email BPA@birkdalehigh.co.uk

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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

FOR BPA USE

Membership Number:

Date of first payment:

Added to: Email address list

Added to master spreadsheet

Emailed Membership Number

Youth Leader Volunteers Wanted



We need volunteers to help run our Youth club, alternative Fridays,
during term time,
6.30 pm - 9.30 pm.

This is a great opportunity to help with young people, gain experience and develop skills. Full training is available.

Our aims are to provide a safe, secure and structured environment, rooted in Christian values, for young people to attend outside of school at low cost. We offer a sense of belonging, with opportunities to learn new skills, building confidence and resilience for the future but also to have fun!

If you are interested in joining us, helping as part of our team, please contact:

Karen 07902798001 or email htycsouthport@gmail.com

HTYC, Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Hoghton St, Southport
<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityyouthclub>
