

Dear Parents and Carers

25th September 2019

Another busy week with our first PHSCE day of the year and the Year 7 Barnstondale residential taking place. All the reports from the staff are that the boys had a great time and behaved impeccably throughout the trip. Well done. What a great start to secondary school!

If you haven't joined us on **Twitter** at **@BirkdaleHS**, please do so and encourage others to follow suit. We do appreciate that parents and carers already use a range of social media to keep in touch with family and friends as well as keeping themselves informed for personal or business interests. For that reason, we made the decision, some time ago, not to add to the flurry of information and notices you receive by sticking to one medium so you can all access anything we publish as a school easily and simply. We try and post as often as we can to give you a real flavour of what goes on in your son's school.

A massive thank you to the BPA for all the help and support they offer to the school. The first meeting of this year was held last night and was very well attended. They do a fantastic job supporting the boys by providing funds for resources through the events they organise. The BPA 200 Club is a great way to support their good work, with a chance of winning a cash prize yourself! Please sign up and support this fantastic club.

With the weather turning autumnal and wintery (and we had quite the downpour yesterday morning) we appreciate that more parents and carers may wish to drop off and pick up their sons from school. If you do so, please remember to be vigilant and look out for our boys as well as other road users. Can I please also ask that we all continue to respect Windy Harbour residents, with whom we have excellent relations? Please try and avoid parking across driveways and obstruct traffic and remain civil and courteous in all situations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that boys will finish school tomorrow, Thursday (week 2) at 2.10pm.

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale - Friday 27th September, between 10.00am -11.30am

This Friday morning we open our doors to parents and friends of Birkdale High to enjoy some coffee and cake whilst raising money for Macmillan Cancer. The Coffee Morning will start in the Media Hall at 10am and at 11.10am we open the doors to the students where they can also come and buy a cake to raise funds for this excellent cause.

There will be entertainment provided by some of our musicians and a raffle to raise additional funds. We would be very grateful for any prizes you can send into reception (marked - Macmillan fundraiser) and cakes can be brought in the day before or on the day of the event. Hope to see you there!

Mrs Jeffery

Year 8 HPV Immunisations

Your son will have brought an information leaflet and consent form home. Please indicate whether or not you consent. If your son has not yet returned his completed form to his Form Tutor, please return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Donker

Yr 9 Rugby v Scarisbrick Hall

Apologies for late Match report. On Wednesday 11th September the year 9 team played a friendly match v Scarisbrick Hall, who have invested heavily in their rugby in the past couple of years. However it was our boys who started well, applying pressure through the forwards, phase after phase, it should have reaped more rewards, but was hampered through a few unforced errors. The lads had been given a simple game plan, and it is no small feat at this age that they stuck to it. The second half was far better with some fantastic flowing rugby on show, pulling Scarisbrick from one side of the pitch to the other. This led to gaps appearing in a good Scarisbrick defence, and the lads efforts were rewarded. A final score of 30 - 10 somewhat flattered Scarisbrick. I was impressed by these boys, some playing out of position looked like seasoned veterans. Special mention must go to Ethan Owen at scrum half, a fantastic first game in the position, the referee did not believe you hadn't played there before, please get back to Southport Ethan. Sam Cockwill as ever powerful running, and it was good to see some great off loads becoming part of his game. Jack Hendry always willing to carry the ball as was Charlie Gorman, and the Duracell bunny that is Harley Davidson Ashes, always there to carry at speed. Bailey Melling and Seb Carlisle Collett had great games, with Seb dropping into the pack when needed. However 2 players stand out above the rest, Samuel Staniforth a year 8 playing up, did it all, passed, tackled, ran with ball in hand, and kicked. A fantastic display that proved if your good enough, your old enough, well done Sam. However my player of the match was Luca Rossi Harford, he simply did it all, for the whole game, if he plays like that every game, he could go far in his rugby life, well done Luca.

Mr Boyce

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Rugby training will be on the following nights, from 3.10pm - 4.10pm. Please remember, Thursday Week 2 will be 2.10pm -3.10pm

Tuesday Year 7 + 8 - Mr Thorne and Mr Boyce, Wednesday Year 9 - Mr Boyce, Thursday Year 10 + 11 Mr Boyce

Myoddballs Charity



This season we are looking to support the Myoddballs Charity, by selling a BHS branded hat, essential for these cold winter months. The charity seeks to heighten awareness of Testicular cancer in young men. Please take the time to search and read about Lucas Hellowell, aged 5, recently diagnosed with testicular cancer. They provide information on how the boys can regularly examine themselves, something we hope you will support, we will be putting up posters and distributing this information to the boys. The cost of the hat (pictured) is £7.50 for juniors no VAT, and £13.00 including VAT for older boys and adults, at the moment. The minimum order is 50 hats, if we meet this total the prices for the adult hats should reduce.

Can I ask that if you would like a hat could you please email me your interest at bboyce@birkdalehigh.co.uk including, pupils name and what size and quantity of hats you would require? We will then ask for payment when our minimum order of 50 is reached. If anyone would wish to sponsor 50 hats at a cost of £350, please get in touch. We men sometimes struggle to discuss some issues regarding our health, please lets support Myoddballs and educate our sons as to this form of cancer and get them talking about their health.

Mr Boyce

Year 11 – Information & Advice Evening – Thursday, 26th September 2019

There will be an Information & Advice Evening for Year 11 students and their parents on Thursday 26th September at 5.00pm – 6.00pm in the Media Hall. The evening will provide valuable information on everything you need to know about your son's college applications. The Principal of King George V College, Anne Marie Francis, will provide information on available courses, applying to college, future progression. Nicola Hurst will give an insight into all that Southport College has to offer. We hope to see you there!

Mr Marshall

Reading Club

Reading Club re-commenced last Monday with 7 previous and 1 new attendee - a great start! However, many of the Y7s were away on their residential trip so we're putting another reminder in this letter: Reading Club is run by Mrs Bradley and Mrs Stirling (Teaching Assistants) and offers a relaxed, supportive atmosphere in which to read for pleasure and in so doing improve your reading skills. Reading Club meets every Monday, 3.15 - 4.00pm, in the Library, pupils in all year groups can attend. You can bring your own reading material or select a book from the school-library to read. Anyone attending will receive a merit and regular attendees are rewarded with an invitation to the end of term reward parties. If anyone would like further information about Reading Club please see Mrs Bradley or Mrs Stirling who are based in the Hub. We look forward to seeing you at Reading Club!

Mrs Stirling

Celebrate

All boys welcome! Every Wednesday at lunch time, in G15, we meet to play games, chat about life and faith, then have a TMT (3 minute thought) usually with a bit of a challenge. Please see the attachment. Members of Celebrate were thrilled to welcome some new Year 7s to the group yesterday. Here's a little video clip which may encourage some more to give it a try. https://drive.google.com/a/birkdalehigh.co.uk/file/d/1cByRD3666WWt4uImXUs4zXb4-qjGrRco/view?usp=drive_web

Green Machine



Although there weren't many attending the first Green Machine meeting of the term, those who did come were full of ideas and enthusiasm. If anyone else would like to join in, please see Mrs. Bradley for more details or just come along to our next meeting, which will be held on Monday, 7th October. (Many of the things we do will go towards LORIC for Years 7 and 8.) Members of the Green Machine are going to be

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making a more up to date presentation, but in the meantime, there's a short attachment, which shows the kind of things we get up to. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VpHD8Brv-NiB98nmc6MDq3v2l-AawIN2nzoT2L-S4Us/edit?usp=sharing>

Mrs Bradley

GCSE Examinations 2020

The timetable for GCSE exams in May/June 2020 is finalised. This will apply to all Year 11 boys, to those in year 9 taking iMedia, and to those in year 10 taking Hospitality & Catering or Statistics. See the attachment for all the details.

Teachers will be organising revision sessions in the run up to GCSE exams. Please encourage your son to attend these; they are carefully planned to help with potentially difficult areas, and will ensure he is as well prepared as possible for his exams.

The dates are also listed below for internal exams for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 – your son will receive a detailed timetable for these in due course.

Internal Exams 2019-2020

Year Group	Start date	End date
Yr 11 Mocks (1)	15 November	28 November
Yr 8 Internal exams	20 January	24 January
Yr 11 Mocks (2)	2 March	13 March
Yr 10 Internal exams	16 March	27 March
Yr 7 Internal exams	20 April	1 May
Yr 9 Internal exams	15 June	26 June

Mrs Bianchi

BPA News

Many thanks to all those people who attended the AGM and meeting last night.

The winners of the 200 Club Draw are as follows:

1 st Prize	Lucky Number 54 – unable to disclose details due to GDPR	£160.00
2 nd Prize	Lucky Number 17 – Michelle Meredith – Matthew Year 10	£80.00
3 rd Prize	Lucky Number 70 – unable to disclose details due to GDPR	£56.00
4 th Prize	Lucky Number 38 – M Jones – Oliver Year 8	£24.00

Your cheques will be sent home with your son this week so please remember to ask him for it.

To be in with a chance of winning in our next draw that takes place at the beginning of December, please see the attached details and form. Its only £2 a month to enter.

The next cake sale takes place on Friday 18th October - more details will follow.

Our next meeting takes place Tuesday 12th November at 7pm.

Mrs Ball (BPA Chair)

Yours faithfully



Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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THE WEEK IN TWEETS – To view all our Tweets, please visit Twitter at @BirkdaleHS

Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS · 17h
Well done boys 🏆🏆🏆



BirkdaleHS PE @BirkdaleHS_PE
Well done to @BirkdaleHS U16 Rugby team on their hard fought 27-5 win against Burscough Priory. Some excellent performances 👍👍👍 @SouthportRFC

Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS · Sep 23
Well done Zac! #proudheadteacher

Kristy Fletcher @kristal19
@stmarys1872 @BirkdaleHS @Linda_Blooper @dobbie so proud of my son. He had lots of new sport over the summer for the badge. #proudofmyson. Well done Zac



Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS · Sep 23
@BirkdaleHS boys #fantastic @tamstonale



Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS · Sep 23
@BirkdaleHS students problem solving @tamstonale



Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS · Sep 23
Birkdale year 7 setting up for breakfast #proudofmyson #prouddad



Birkdale High Art @BirkdaleHS_Art · 1d
Brightening up the day! Day 9 Year 11 Dana Amara with her #CokeMcDuggs finished portrait @TheHonourMMA @BirkdaleHS



Birkdale High Art @BirkdaleHS_Art · Sep 23
Stunning finished piece by Year 11 Tate Johnstone. @BirkdaleHS #proudofmyson #prouddad



Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS · Sep 19
Thank you to students Laurence, Freddie and Dan Hubbard who gave up their time this afternoon to talk to two groups of 111 students about their journey to Oxford & Cambridge. It was a great and inspirational insight into what can be achieved with hard work and dedication.



Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS · Sep 23
@BirkdaleHS PE @BirkdaleHS PE 7th #proudofmyson @tamstonale #prouddad @BirkdaleHS

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

BPA

200 Club

Birkdale Parents Association – Registered Charity Number 1046478

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



Birkdale
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Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

Friday 27th September 2019

Media Hall - Birkdale High School

Time: 10.00-11.30

Refreshments, Entertainment & Raffle

*If you can contribute raffle prizes please hand these into **reception** in advance*

*Cake donations can be brought in advance or **on the day***

The MEDIA HALL will be open to students at break for a CAKE sale ☺

Enquiries to hjeffery@birkdalehigh.co.uk

Exam Timetable - Summer 2020

Day	Date	Session	Code	Subject	Paper	Board	Time
Mon	11/05/2020	Morning	J276/01	Computer Science	Unit 1	OCR	1hr 30 minutes
		Afternoon	C120	Religious Studies A3	Component 1	WJEC	2 hours
Tue	12/05/2020	Morning	1FR01	French	Listening	Edexcel	35 or 45 minutes
			1FR03		Reading		45 minutes or 1 hour
		Afternoon	8461/1	Biology	Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
			8464B/1	Combined Science - Biology	Paper 1		1 hour 15 minutes
Wed	13/05/2020	Morning	8702/1	English Literature	Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
		Afternoon	J587/01	Physical Education	Paper 1	OCR	1 hour
Thu	14/05/2020	Morning	8462/1	Chemistry	Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
			8464C/1	Combined Science - Chemistry	Paper 1		1 hour 15 minutes
		Afternoon	J276/02	Computer Science	Unit 2	OCR	1hr 30 minutes
Fri	15/05/2020	Morning	1FR04	French	Writing	Edexcel	1 hr 10 or 1 hr 20 mins
		Afternoon	J587/02	Physical Education	Paper 2	OCR	1 hour
Mon	18/05/2020	Morning	8035/1	Geography	Paper 1	AQA	1hr 30 minutes
		Afternoon	8261/W	Drama	Written paper	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
Tue	19/05/2020	Morning	1MA1/1	Mathematics (Non Calculator)	Paper 1	Edexcel	1hr 30 minutes
		Afternoon	C120	Religious Studies A3	Component 2	WJEC	1 hour
Wed	20/05/2020	Morning	1SP01	Spanish	Listening	Edexcel	35 or 45 minutes
			1SP03		Reading		45 minutes or 1 hour
		Afternoon	8463/1	Physics	Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
			8464P/1	Combined Science - Physics	Paper 1		1 hour 15 minutes
Thu	21/05/2020	Morning	8702/2	English Literature	Paper 2	AQA	2 hours 15 minutes
Fri	22/05/2020	Morning	C120	Religious Studies A3	Component 3	WJEC	1 hour
		Afternoon	8552/W	Design and Technology	Written Paper	AQA	2 hours
Half Term							
Mon	01/06/2020	Morning	1H10/10	History	Paper 1	Edexcel	1 hour 15 minutes
		Afternoon	8461/2	Biology	Paper 2	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
			8464B/2	Combined Science - Biology	Paper 2		1 hour 15 minutes
Tue	02/06/2020	Morning	8700/1	English Language	Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
Wed	03/06/2020	Morning	1SP04	Spanish	Writing	Edexcel	1 hr 10 or 1 hr 20 mins
		Afternoon	8035/2	Geography	Paper 2	AQA	1hr 30 minutes
Thu	04/06/2020	Morning	1MA1/2	Mathematics (Calculator)	Paper 2	Edexcel	1hr 30 minutes
		Afternoon	1H10/2M	History	Paper 2	Edexcel	1 hour 45 minutes
Fri	05/06/2020	Morning	8700/2	English Language	Paper 2	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
		Afternoon	R081	Creative iMedia	Written Paper	AQA	1 hour 15 minutes
Mon	08/06/2020	Morning	1MA1/3	Mathematics (Calculator)	Paper 3	Edexcel	1 hour 30 minutes
Tue	09/06/2020	Morning	1H10/31	History	Paper 3	Edexcel	1 hour 20 minutes
			8462/2	Chemistry	Paper 2	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
Wed	10/06/2020	Afternoon	8464C/2	Combined Science - Chemistry	Paper 2		1 hour 15 minutes
Thu	11/06/2020	Morning	8035/3	Geography	Paper 3	AQA	1hr 15 minutes
		Afternoon	1ST01	Statistics	Paper 1	Edexcel	1 hour 30 minutes
Fri	12/06/2020	Morning	8463/2	Physics	Paper 2	AQA	1 hour 45 minutes
			8464P/2	Combined Science - Physics	Paper 2		1 hour 15 minutes
Tue	16/06/2020	Morning	1ST02	Statistics	Paper 2	Edexcel	1 hour 30 minutes
			5569	Hospitality & Catering	Unit 1	WJEC	1 hour 30 minutes
Wed	24/06/2020	End of Exams Contingency Period - All exam candidates must be available until this day					
Thu	20/08/2019	Exam Results Day					