



Dear Parents and Carers

6 November 2019

Straight in from half term and it's almost the start of our first set of mock exams for Year 11s, which will begin next Monday. This is the first opportunity for our Year 11s to be faced with the full suite of papers in exam conditions and I know many of the boys have been revising hard over the last few weeks. If your son hasn't yet fully engaged with his revision at home, it is not too late. Every day where they spend a couple of hours going over notes, making revision cards or doing past papers, quizzes and Hegarty Maths activities will make a difference. Interventions are taking place in form time, at lunchtime and after school and I have been particularly impressed with the boys' focus during independent revision time at registration. These routines are firmly embedded but will not be enough if they do not also work when at home. Good luck to you next week.

Thursday is our second PHSCE day of the year and in the evening we will host an introduction for students, parents and carers of Years 9 and 10, to the Duke of Edinburgh award. This is something that, as a school, we actively promote, but also an opportunity that I passionately believe in both as a headteacher and a parent and I will attend the evening to welcome you and hopefully give you my perspective on what is, in my view, an incredibly valuable experience for any young person.

I would like to thank Mrs Duffy and Mrs Williams who offered to take the bus on Monday morning with boys who were involved in the tragic incident on Lord Street before the holidays. I hope that it enabled the boys to be less apprehensive about taking this particular route. We will continue to monitor the boys' well being and will offer further support sessions over the next few weeks, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns.

If you haven't completed the ParentView survey, please do so by clicking on this link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Your feedback is invaluable in helping us to understand what we do well and where we can continue to improve. Thank you in advance.

And finally a word about attendance. We all know how closely academic progress as well as character and resilience development, are linked to strong school attendance. Whilst we all agree that there are times when a child is simply not well enough to attend school (in the same way as there are days adults can simply not be in work), please continue to encourage them to come in even if they are having a bit of an off day. We will support them in school and look after them but it does ensure that they do not miss out on crucial learning and gives them the greatest chance of success in the long term. Thank you again for your continued support.

YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING – THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019

The Year 10 Parents evening is on Thursday 28 November 2019 from 3.40pm to 6.45pm and bookings can be made on line via the school's new Edulink One app. The system will go live for bookings on Thursday 7 November from 12.00pm and will be open until Thursday 28 November at 12.00pm. Full instructions will be emailed to Year 10 parents and sent home with their sons.

Mrs Ellis

EDULINK ONE APP

Thank you to all those who have already installed the new Edulink One App. Over 52% of parents have done this in the first week! Having the app is really going to be a great parent-school communication tool which can only benefit your son.

From Friday 8th November the school will be changing our main parent communication app "Xpressions" to a new platform called "Edulink One". A trial has been ongoing with the new Year 7 intake and we have had wonderful feedback from parents. Not only will the app allow us to communicate directly but will also allow parents to view/edit information, track behaviours and achievement, view attendance and report absence to name a few. In the coming months, additional features will become available such as booking parents'

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evenings (available for Year 10 from tomorrow – 7 November), viewing assessment data and downloading school reports - all from the one app.

The school cannot recommend the app enough and encourage all parents to take advantage of this great facility. In enabling excellent communication between school and parents we can improve the wellbeing and achievement of your son giving them a great start to life here at Birkdale High School. Keep your eye out as you should already have had an invitation to the app via email. Further details are attached to this newsletter.

Mr Kenyon

PSHCE – THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2019

PSHCE this half term will focus on healthy relationships including sexual relationships.

Year 7 will look at bullying, peer pressure and sexually inappropriate texts (sexting). In addition there will also be road safety workshops from an outside provider.

Year 8 will look at staying safe in social situations, what a 'good mate' really is, 'county lines' grooming, they will watch a film about online grooming - the Breck Bednar story- and there will be an introduction to LGBT issues focusing on prejudice and discrimination because of sexuality.

Year 9 will look at sexual exploitation, staying safe in social situations, being a good friend, parental rights and responsibilities and the effects of drug use.

Year 10 will look at sexual rights and responsibilities, contraception, LGBT issues (follow up lesson), consent and will discuss whether pornography can be dangerous.

Year 11 will start with advice on how to revise and then will look at sexually transmitted diseases, Female Genital Mutilation, issues of consent and issues linked to online pornography.

If you have concerns or queries about this subject matter, please contact Mrs Marshall
pmarshall2@birkdalehigh.co.uk

PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to all parents who ensure that their son arrives promptly to school, ready to learn. Being punctual is a sign that students are ready to engage in their learning, take pride in their outcomes and want to be the best that they can be. It is important that the school and home are being seen to give the same message to students in relation to this and we thank parents in advance for continuing to reinforce the importance of being punctual. In view of this, please be reminded that the school gates close at 8.47am to ensure that students are at their form room ready for the start of form time at 8.50am. Students who do not arrive to school at 8.47am have to sign in at the main entrance and will have to attend a detention the following Tuesday for 10 minutes OR for the time that they were late for (whichever is the longest). All students are aware that should they be late to school for any reason they will have to attend a detention on Tuesday evening and as such there will be no email or text alert to advise parents that their son has an after school detention on Tuesday - it is the students responsibility to remember to attend.

Mr Pryor

SHOEBOX APPEAL TO HELP THE HOMELESS IN SOUTHPORT

At Birkdale High School we would like to duplicate a charity event that is taking place in Manchester to help the homeless. We would like our students and their families to prepare shoeboxes with items for homeless people such as hats, scarves and gloves as well as toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving foam, razors and hand sanitiser. We will then take a small number of students to the local homeless centre to distribute the shoeboxes to the homeless people. If you do not have a shoebox at home but would still like to support this charity event, please feel free to send items into school and we will pack them into shoeboxes for you. Similarly, if you have any additional shoeboxes, please could you send them in for the school to pack.

Please send in your shoeboxes unwrapped as these will be wrapped in school by a group of Year 7 students. The deadline for boxes is Friday 13 December and they will be delivered during week commencing Monday 16 December 2019.

Mr Pryor

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THE GREEN MACHINE

After leading a topical discussion covering plastics in the ocean, rising temperatures, the lack of rain in some countries and the impact of such issues on people, Libby, our School Governor, left us with a **challenge** - *to use our enthusiasm for the environment and **communicate** with our family and friends about it.* The boys came up with all sorts of weird and wonderful suggestions as to how we could make the world a better place, or at least prevent it from getting any worse. We can't fix the problems. We may not be able to do *everything*, but we can do *something*.

It reminded me of "You Do You", popular on Facebook at the moment.

You Do You

To the vegans who fly every week,
To the meat eaters who only shop local.
To the thrift shoppers sipping plastic coffee cups.
To the DIY mums who use disposable nappies.
To the electric car owners who don't compost.
To the zero wasters who eat fast food.
To the gardeners who buy fast fashion.
And to the recyclers who have long showers.
To all of you out there: keep doing what you can.
You're making a difference.

It was encouraging to welcome some new Year 7s to the Green Machine. If any other boys are interested in joining us, please see Mrs. Bradley in the Hub for further details.

FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

Formby High School are holding their 6th Form Open Evening next Thursday 14 November starting at 7.00pm. Further details are attached to this newsletter.

CHILL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Sefton Family Wellbeing Centres is holding a FREE course of 5 weekly Relax Kids Chill Skills workshops for teenagers after school (3:45-4:45pm) at Formby Family Wellbeing Centre in Formby Library starting on Wednesday 13th November and finishing on Wednesday 11th December 2019. These sessions will be aimed at young people in Year 8 and above suffering from anxiety and low self-esteem. Each session includes relaxation techniques, breathing exercises, visualisation and discussions on topics related to developing a healthy lifestyle. Further details are attached. There are only 5 places left on the course.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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

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Thursday night is our @DofE Duke of Edinburgh introduction meeting 5.30pm-6.15pm = Bronze (Yr 9) and 6.15pm-7.00pm = Silver (Yr 10). Do not miss out on doing something exciting with your friends whilst gaining an award valued by all employers and universities #nobrainier

Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS
Year 7 disco #birkdalehigh with Greenbank. #quietnightout



Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS
All having a ball at the joint Year 7 disco with students from @greenbanks



Greenbank HS @greenbanks
Year 7 autum disco with @BirkdaleHS in full swing



Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS
Mrs Devlin and Mrs Woodley sharing examples of effective learning strategies at today's Inset day #memorableteaching



BirkdaleHS PE @BirkdaleHS_PE
Two excellent and highly competitive rugby fixtures for the U12 teams vs. @MGS_PEandSport thanks for the hospitality. #growingthegame @BirkdaleHS @SouthportRFC

Birkdale High School @BirkdaleHS
JMB highest amount of merits since starting 8 weeks for Well done boy, enjoy your chocolate. #ardworkpaysoff



BirkdaleHS PE @BirkdaleHS_PE
Good luck to former @BirkdaleHS pupil @JackRodwell on the proposed move to @OfficialASRoma 🍀🏈

EXCLUSIVE: Jack Rodwell to undergo medical ahead of shock move to Italian giants Roma after leaving Blackburn earlier this year
trib.al/rg4XZzg



HTVC @HTVC_Southport
Friday 8th Nov 7-9pm, our #YouthClub will be baking for #RemembranceDay 🇺🇰 All 9-16yrs welcome, lots of #games, #crafts and #activities - facebook.com/events/2395349... @greenbanks @MrAntell @FrjsJun @SHS1952 @KewWoods @hillside_high @birkdaleprimary @MeolsCopHS @BirkdaleHS @CtKHH



BirkdaleHS PE @BirkdaleHS_PE · Oct 25
Congratulations to former @BirkdaleHS pupil @Kyle9Joseph 🍀🏈 @LaticsOfficial

Wigan Athletic @LaticsOfficial · Oct 24
Full Time | Bolton Wanderers 0 Latics 2!
🏈 @Kyle9Joseph came off the bench to score in the second half, sealing our spot in the next round of the @LancashireFA Senior Cup 🍀
#wafc twitter.com/LaticsOfficial...

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Parents User Guide to Edulink One

What is it?

This is a comprehensive app that will allow communication between parents and the school.

This includes:

- Update/add/edit contact details, medical conditions and consent
- Receive and send messages from/to school and report absence
- View student Behaviour and Achievements
- Monitor attendance
- View reports, live assessment data (only certain subjects to begin) and exam results
- View students timetable, school calendar
- Access weekly newsletters, important links and fill out forms



Accessing Edulink One

You will have been sent an invitation to join Edulink One in your email, this will be the email address you registered with the school. Follow the instructions provided there. If both parents wish for direct messaging please check with the office you are both priority 1 parents.

Once registered you can access the app on your phone by downloading via the app store or via web browser at <https://www.edulinkone.com/#!/login>

Logon on with your username and password,
the school ID is **BHS**.

SCHOOL ID
USERNAME
PASSWORD
 REMEMBER ME?
LOG IN
DEMO

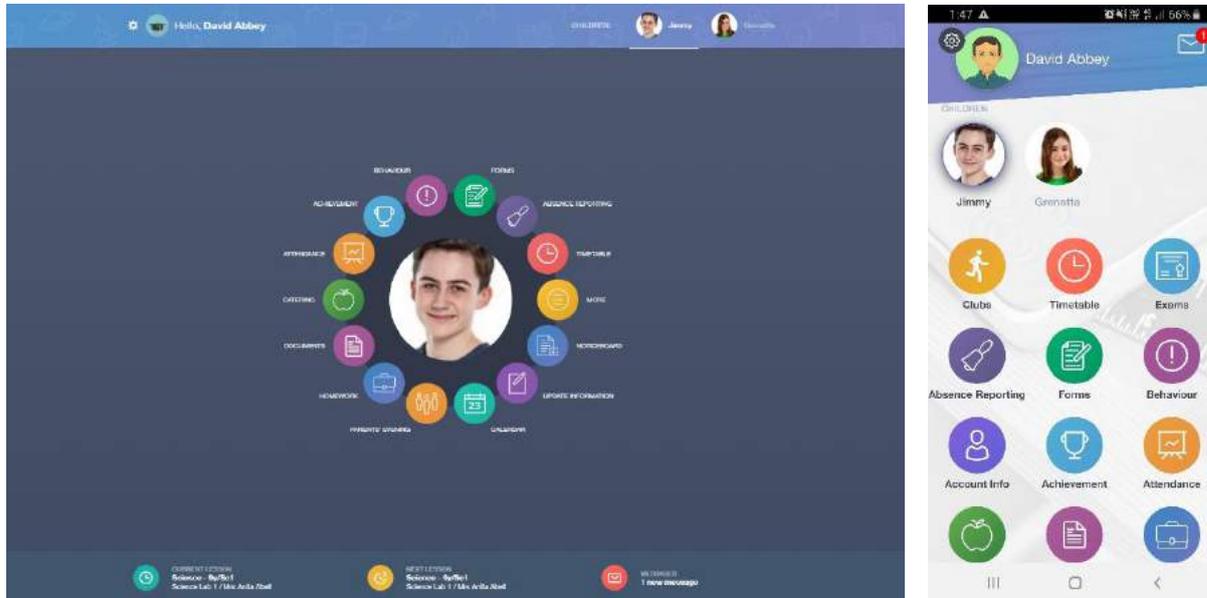
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The Main Screen

Once logged on you should see the main screen which will look similar to one of the samples below. On the left is the large screen layout and the right is the mobile layout.



Your name will appear in the top left and the names and school photos of any children you have will be either in the top right (desktop) or underneath your name (mobile). Just

Just selecting the relevant name/picture will allow you to access the details for the different children.

To access the different information tap the round menu options, these are summarized below.

Timetable

This gives you a view of your child's current timetable and will be kept up to date with any changes of teachers, groups or rooms as they happen.

Attendance

This shows a percentage breakdown of the attendance of your child in each subject they study detailing lateness as well as absence. In addition within this section you can see your child's morning and afternoon registration record including recorded reasons for absence and current unauthorised absences.

Achievement

Under this section you will be able to see all of the achievement points your child has been awarded in the current academic year, details include which teacher and subject awarded the points in and the reason. You are also given a total for the year.

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Behaviour

Here you will find the behaviour points your child has been issued with during the current academic year, details include when they were awarded as well as why as well as a running total for the year so far. Within this section you will be able to review the detentions that have been issued to your child too; you will be able to see the date, time, location and type of detention that has been issued.

Documents (only available at certain times of the year)

This is the store of any key documents relating to your child for you to access, in particular all school reports and progress checks since they joined Birkdale.

Contacts / Account Info / Update Information

The first two of these show your details and the details of your child, under current data protection legislation it is important that you are able to see this information and confirm for yourself that it is up to date. The third option allows you to notify us of any changes to yours or your child's details.

Messaging / Absence Reporting

This application provides a built in messaging service to make it easier for you to communicate with school and a dedicated absence reporting option.

Assessment

Assessment will allow you to view up-to-date information on your sons progress this will only be available for select subjects and years at the moment.

Links & Noticeboard

Noticeboard will contain additional information such as letters home and policies, links will provide quick access to relevant sites.

Calendar

The schools calendar with relevant events and term dates.

Coming Soon.....

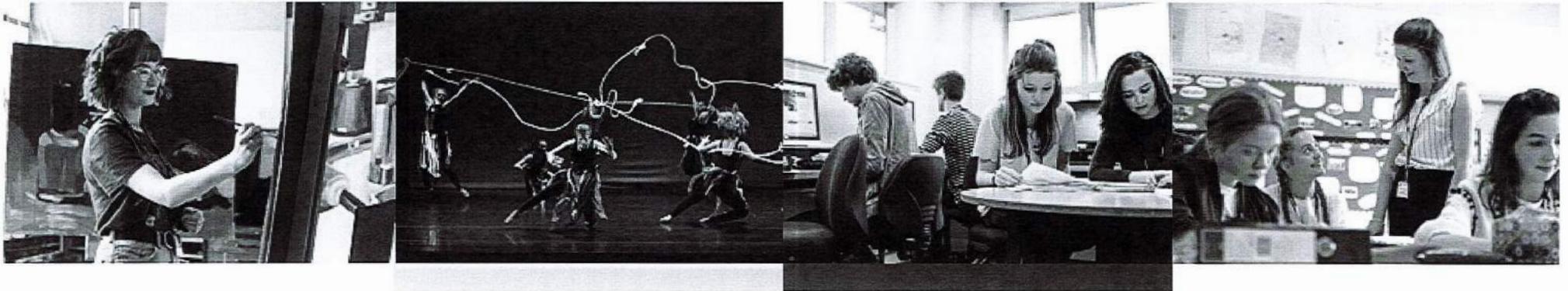
Parents Evening Booking

School Reports

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THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER
7:00pm Headteacher's Address in the School Hall

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Be one of us!

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Chill Skills Workshops

emotional intelligence
self esteem
better results
concentration
confidence
focus
positive outlook
resilience

themes covered:
positive thinking
relaxation
healthy living
self-respect
self-belief
happiness



EXAM STRESS
CONFIDENCE BUILDING
ANXIETY AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

Each session includes relaxation techniques,
breathing exercises, peer massage
mindfulness, visualisation and
discussions on topics related
to developing a healthy lifestyle.