



Dear Parents and Carers

15 January 2020

The new term is now definitely under way with Year 11 catering practicals this week and Year 8 formal exams starting next week. Please continue to encourage your son to prepare thoroughly for these exams as his performance will not only give him confidence when starting his GCSEs, it will also help him to make positive choices when the option process starts after half term with our Year 8 Options Evening on Tuesday 3 March followed by the Year 8 Parents and Carers evening on Thursday 12 March.

Talking of Parents and Carers Evening, Thursday is our Year 11 Intervention Evening where we invite students, along with their parents and carers, who we fear may be at risk of underachieving in the summer. It is a chance to have a positive conversation about what can be done to ensure your son is given the best possible chance to achieve the grades he is capable of. There is still plenty of time in many cases, between now and the start of the exams, for students to significantly improve their final grades. Many students, and boys in particular, can have a short sighted view of what grades they will need in the future by looking at the minimum requirements for college for instance, forgetting that these same grades will be a key part of their university or apprenticeship application later on in what is an increasingly competitive process. It is not about increasing the pressure at the detriment of their wellbeing but about taking practical steps to maximise the time they have left with the help of all those around them such as teachers and families.

The Year 9 Parents and Carers Evening will take place on Thursday 30 January and will be the first opportunity to discuss your son's progress in his GCSE subjects as well as his preparation for the end of year exams.

### **YEAR 11 CATERING PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Superb effort from our Year 11 Catering students in their practical examinations this week. Well done to all the boys!  
Mr Ascough



### **YEAR 8 EXAMS – MONDAY 20 TO WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2020**

All Year 8 boys will be sitting their internal exams the week after next. A copy of the exam timetable is attached. Good attendance is, as always, imperative in ensuring that students make the best possible progress in school. During the examination period, we are hoping that we can have all boys in school, every day. If your son is unwell on the day of an exam and is unable to attend, he will be required to take any exam missed on his return to school. Please encourage your son to spend time revising, and remind him to bring all the equipment he will need for the exams in a clear, plastic wallet. Thank you, as always, for your support.  
Mrs Duffy

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## **HEGARTY MATHS**

Questions answered on Hegarty Maths - Top 10 (Saturday 28 December 2019 – Friday 10 January 2020)

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

1. Nicolas Gregoriou	285 questions
2. Henry Maw	256 questions
3. Jensen Worsley	125 questions
4. Kian Thomas	114 questions
5. Owen Salla	110 questions
6. John Gilboy	91 questions
7. Jonah Lawson	90 questions
8. Angus Arami	49 questions
9. Ted Forshaw	48 questions
10. Reuben Green	44 questions

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

Mr Crossfield



## **THE GREEN MACHINE**

Our first meeting of the new year was held on Monday. We were thrilled to welcome two new members from Year 7 plus Mr Harper. We chatted about green issues we'd seen and read about over the holidays. We didn't make any actual decisions today, but Daniel suggested that our school collects empty crisp bags, as they are able to be recycled nowadays (as we know from our news item at our meeting on 15 October 2018). Mrs Bradley will look into this. Our next meeting will be on Monday 27 January as usual, in Mrs Marshall's room at lunch time. All welcome!

Mrs Bradley

## **SCHOLASTIC SCHOOL BOOK FAIR – CHANGE OF DATE TO 22 JANUARY 2020**

The Scholastic Book Fair will now be arriving on Wednesday 22 January, featuring the very best books to inspire and entertain readers and earn free books and resources for our school. The Book Fair will run from 22 - 29 January and be available during lunchtimes in the library from 12.30pm-1.00pm. Books will be sold at a discounted price and include a wide range of authors and genres. We will also receive new books for the library as Scholastic reward purchases with free books for the school. Books can be ordered from the Scholastic catalogue (eg revision guides) via a member of staff in the library.

Mrs Keating

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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Helen Jeffery @erohemi

During the next 2 weeks all Year 7 and 8 student will be taking part in POETRY BY HEART. Semi finals on Tuesday 21 Jan - watch this space.....@BirkdaleHS @BirkdaleHS\_Eng @poetrybyheart #lovepoetry




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Fantastic examples of work from the catering practicals yesterday. Well done Dana Amaral, Charlie Campbell, Aaron Bullock and Lewis Daley!



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And a few more superb examples from today's group. Well done all!



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Birkdale High Art @BirkdaleHS\_Art

Delighted with this finished piece today by Year 11 Matthew Johnstone @BirkdaleHS #wpapart #rocky



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Sefton Libraries @SeftonLibraries

The Sefton Super Reads short list has been announced, pop in to any Sefton Library today!

@BirkdaleHS @stmhofficial @MerchantsCrosby @ctksouthport @MaghullHighsch @FormbyHigh @greenbankhs



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Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club @SMBCC

Calling all @greenbankhs @BirkdaleHS @ctksouthport @SHS1952 @kgvcollege & @MTBSCricket 2020 school leavers. Interested in cricket? Want a career in cricket? Myerscough College runs a number of cricket-related courses at Old Trafford & has an advice session coming up ON SATURDAY.

Leaving school this year?

Do you want a career in Cricket?

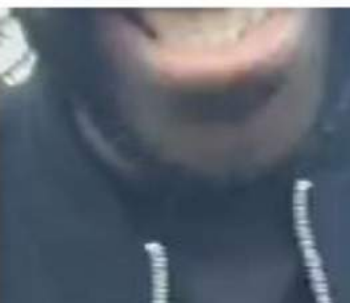
Take a look at Myerscough College's exciting range of Cricket Studies courses at the Lancashire County Cricket Club Indoor Centre.



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A really positive but very practical message.

UK Ambassador for Happiness @ActionJackson - Jan 7  
Your teacher is not your enemy... post/feature/05wCzMSMyd3...



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UK Ambassador for Happiness @ActionJackson

Student: Sir, When are we ever going to use Algebra in life ?

Me:



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### Year 8 Exam Timetable 2020

Date			Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Week 2	Monday	20th January	English Writing			RE	
Week 2	Tuesday	21st January	French Writing		French Reading	Geography	
Week 2	Wednesday	22nd January	History			English Reading	
Week 2	Thursday	23rd January	Spanish Writing		Spanish Reading	Science	
Week 2	Friday	24th January	English Knowledge		Maths (non-calculator paper)	Maths (calculator paper)	
Week 1	Monday	27th January				Computer Science 8TE	Computer Science 8TA & 8TC
Week 1	Tuesday	28th January		Computer Science 8TD			
Week 1	Wednesday	29th January				Computer Science 8TB	

Computer Science exams will take place in normal lessons  
 French and Spanish speaking exams will take place in normal lessons the week following the formal exam period