



Dear Parents and Carers

29 January 2020

This week is Year 9 Parents' Evening and I look forward to meeting many of you again. All Year 9s should have taken their report home on Friday to help you ensure that the conversations with your son's teachers are constructive and focused on how we can best work together to support him. Please remember that we encourage students to attend as it is important that they are part of this very important conversation. Boys should wear full uniform.

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING – THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2020

Reminder that Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 6 February 2020.

Many thanks to those who have already booked their appointments online using the app. For those who haven't, please do so and if you have any problems, please do not hesitate to call the school office for assistance on 01704 577253.

If, for whatever reason, you are not able to attend could I ask please that you let the office know in advance.

Unlike most primary schools where your son sits outside whilst you talk to teachers we would fully expect your son to be with you during the conversations with his teachers. He will also be expected to wear full school uniform.

On your arrival, we would ask that you please sign in before you start your appointments. The signing in sheets will be in the dining room near the entrance/exit that leads to the media hall. Your son will know where this is.

I hope that you will find the evening useful and informative. Thank you in advance for your support with all the above.
Mr Carter

YEAR 8 TASTER DAY AT SOUTHPORT COLLEGE – WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2020

Southport College are running a Year 8 Taster Day next Wednesday 5 February 2020 and all Year 8 students will be attending as part of the GCSE options programme delivered by the school. Each pupil will have the chance to try two vocational subjects on the day. Letters will be given out to students tomorrow and need to be signed and returned to school by Monday 3 February 2020.
Ms Edwards

YEAR 10 APPRENTICESHIP TALK – TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020

All Year 10 students today received a letter regarding a trip to Southport College next Tuesday looking at apprenticeships. There will be a short talk from the college and then a number of stands for the students to look around and ask questions. This is following an assembly they had last week looking at the routes into apprenticeships. If your son is interested in the trip he will need to return the reply slip to the office by 9.10am on Friday this week. (There is a copy of the letter attached). Any questions, please do email myself (pmarshall1@birkdalehigh.co.uk).
Mr Marshall

CAREERS TALKS TO STUDENTS

Thank you to those parents who have offered to talk to our students regarding future pathways - you should have received an email from me today. For those who either missed the message or now feel that they would be willing to join this group then please do email me (pmarshall1@birkdalehigh.co.uk) and let me know what you would be willing to offer. Come in and have a chat with the students (either full assembly or small group work), link to a promotional video that talks about the company and the progress routes, and let us know if we can help with your outreach work or any activities that our students could get involved in. I look forward to hearing from you.
Mr Marshall

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HEGARTY MATHS

Questions answered on Hegarty Maths – Top 10 (Saturday 11 December 2019 – Friday 24 January 2020)

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

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| 1. | Owen Salla | 308 questions |
| 2. | Kieran McKay | 249 questions |
| 3. | Ronnie O' Hagan | 200 questions |
| 4. | Henry Maw | 194 questions |
| 5. | Nathaniel Pye | 188 questions |
| 6. | Jonah Lawson | 187 questions |
| 7. | Ben Shearson | 184 questions |
| 8. | Jack Draper | 175 questions |
| 9. | Jack Chard | 148 questions |
| 10. | Ben Sharp | 113 questions |

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

Mr Crossfield

POETRY BY HEART FINAL – TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020 3.15PM – 4.00PM

Next Tuesday the FINAL for Poetry by Heart takes place in the Drama studio after school. The 5 boys who are in the FINAL are:

Steven Snow, Ben Haskayne, Morgan Rimmer, Henry Leonard and Liam Wright.

During the final, the boys will perform the poem that won them a place in the semi-finals, in addition to another poem from pre-1914. Parents/Carers are welcome to come and watch their sons perform and can sign in at school reception before coming over to the Drama studio.

We look forward to announcing our winner - their performance will be videoed and entered into the regional round of #poetrybyheart.

Good luck!! <http://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

Mrs Jeffery

MODERN LANGUAGES

Year 7 French Exchange Programme

We hope your son is enjoying languages at high school! We are currently establishing a new link with a high school in the south of France. The school is called 16 Fontaines in a town called Saint Zacherie. Explore google maps to discover more about where the school is and the beauty of the surrounding area. We are super excited by our new link and during January your son will receive his first letter from France. 16 Fontaines is a mixed school and your son may receive a letter from either a boy or a girl in Year 7. Already, this has caused a huge sense of excitement and we are thrilled by how enthusiastic the boys have been to write to their new pen-pals. Our aim is to write letters in French once every term in Year 7 and see where this leads in the future. Thank you for your support.

Year 8 Paris 2020

A reminder to all parents that the final deadline for our cultural trip to Paris in March is 31 January 2020 without exception. The full balance of £465 is **NOW** due. No payments will be accepted after this date due to PGL terms and conditions. Watch this space for information regarding the parents' information evening.

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Year 9/10 Spanish Exchange Programme

Our incredibly popular Spanish exchange programme to Avila, central Spain, will be launched before February half term. More details to follow soon but explore google maps to check out the delights of Avila, Madrid and Segovia and kick start your Spanish adventure.....
Mrs Wadhwa

SCIENCE LEADERS

To recognise their outstanding effort in Science, we are delighted to appoint our next set of "Science Leaders." These students have zero sanctions in Science, strong Routines for Learning and motivation and interest in Science beyond that of their peers.

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| Joshua Brewis | 10DAW | 11S1T |
| Jasper Berry | 10SHW | 10S1T |
| Iwan Parry | 10LM | 10SC3 |
| Abdullah Albeedh | 9JM | 9S1S |
| James Spencer | 9AS | 9S1T |
| Jacob Lowery | 7JAC | 7JAC |
| Alfie Neal | 7CW | 7CW |

Congratulations boys!

The Science Team

YOUNG CARERS AWARENESS DAY – THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2020

On 30 January it is Young Carers Awareness Day and as a school we aim to help raise awareness of young carers living in Sefton. This week in registration, form tutors will be discussing the role of young carers and showing a PowerPoint presentation provided by The Sefton Young Carers Team.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if your son would benefit from the support offered in school and also by The Sefton Young Carers Team regarding his role as a Young Carer.
Mrs Sinclair

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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

Churchtown Primary
@ChurchtownSch

@BirkdaleHS visited year 5 to work on problem solving with the boys today! Those who won will be invited up to Birkdale later in the year to take part in further problem solving activities! 😊

Birkdale High School
@BirkdaleHS

Churchtown primary enjoying the @BirkdaleHS year 5 problem solving challenge @ChurchtownSch #headschratching

Winstanley College
@winstanleycoll

#Congratulations to Nathan a former @BirkdaleHS student who has received a fabulous offer from @UniofOxford University to study English Language and Literature. 🎉👏 #proud #amazing

Birkdale High Art
@BirkdaleHS_Art

Delight with this finished piece this morning of @TheRock by Year 10 Owen Kelly. @BirkdaleHS #wpapart

Birkdale High School Education
@BirkdaleHS_Edu

Top tip: when you review your responses on #SMHW quizzes, for incorrect responses, click on the red cross, the full question is displayed and the correct answer is shown in green. This is really useful to generate your own bespoke revision, especially for Y11

Birkdale High School
@BirkdaleHS

Delighted with this final piece completed by Year 11 Harvey Stockton @BirkdaleHS

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@BirkdaleHS

Congratulations to all the students in 7SEM who achieved 100% attendance this term. Well done! #proudeateacher

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@BirkdaleHS

Congratulations to all the students in 8SJH (including the 3 more helping out in Paired Reading) who achieved 100% attendance this term. Well done! #proudeateacher

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@BirkdaleHS

Mackenzie Price demonstrating Hydro Dipping techniques as part of his Resistant Materials project. Impressive results!

Birkdale High School Retweeted

Chef de Party @chef_de_party_1 · Jan 19

@BirkdaleHS @MealsCopsHS @greenbanks @CKS_School @Scarisbrickhall @SHS1952 #cooking #food #chef #foodie #cookingclasses #cookingsschool #cooking #chef #foodlover #healthyfood #baking #chellife #eat #healthy #recipes #teacher #teenchefs #kitchenheroes #Birkdale #southport

CLUB **23rd Jan** 5:30-6:30pm

Do you love cooking? Or want to learn life long skills?

Launching in January 2020 stepping beyond Little Apples Cooking Academy to Teen Chefs Club.

For chefs aged 13-16 Years (Year 8 and above) this requires attendance for 7.5 hours.

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January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Visit to – Southport College Year 8 Taster Day - Wednesday 5th February 2020

Next week your son will be given the opportunity to take part in the above event. This is a chance for him to go, have a look around and try the courses. This is a great opportunity and at a time when Year 8 pupils need to start to look towards careers and study interest areas they may be interested in pursuing in the future and the related GCSE option subjects.

Pupils will make their own way to the College, meeting Birkdale High School staff at Southport College main reception at 9.30am to register. Pupils do not need to come into school beforehand.

They need to wear school uniform on the day and lunch will be provided. Students will be dismissed from college to go home at 2.10pm.

Please make sure before the day that your son has planned his route to and from college.

Students must return the attached reply slip. The reply slips must be handed into the main school office by **Monday 3rd February**.

There are no costs associated with these trips.

We advise that students do not bring valuable items, such as phones, with them on the day. If students decide to bring such items the school accepts no responsibility for them being lost or damaged.

Yours sincerely

Mr P. S. Marshall
Assistant Headteacher

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THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY THE SPECIFIED DEADLINE DATE - Monday 3rd February 2020

Data Protection Statement To ensure the safety of the students on the trip it is required that data relating to your son is made available to the staff accompanying him on the visit. The data that will be taken out on a visit is: Parental contact / medical / dietary details of all students. This information would not usually be shared; however, it may be deemed necessary to share information with a third party if:

- A student(s) has an allergy this information may be shared to ensure the safety of your son
- A student(s) has any specific medical concerns this information may be deemed necessary to share to ensure their safety
- Parental/Carer contact details. These will not usually be shared with a third party. The contact details are to enable school staff to contact home in an emergency. However, if we are unable to contact parents/carers in an emergency it may be necessary for the staff to share information to ensure your sons safety All data that is taken on the trip will be controlled by the designated visit leader. On the visits return the data will be disposed of in accordance with Data Protection/GDPR regulations.

Medical Statement As per our school policy, 'Supporting students with medical conditions', parents must provide written up-to-date information on their child's medical condition prior to any visit, and advise on how it is to be managed during the visit. Even if you believe that the school is aware of your son's medical condition we still require you to include it on this form.

Please delete as appropriate: My son *does/does not* have medical needs that the visit leader needs to be aware of.

If you have stated that your son does have medical needs that the school needs to be aware of please specify:

If your son requires medication for the visit please note below:

Name of medication Dosage Amount and when should it be taken Prescription Y/N

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that my son takes this medication with him on the visit and failure to have this medication will result in him not being permitted to attend the visit. Any medication provided must be in the original packaging. In the case of prescription medication the packaging must have the prescription and the name of the student on it

I give permission for Form to attend **English and Humanities A Level taster day, Scarisbrick Hall School 12th Feb 2020**

The emergency contact for the day is:

The emergency number for the day is:

Signed: PLEASE PRINT:

By signing this form you are consenting to the above statements and the code of conduct requirements.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

'Get ahead with Apprenticeships' @Southport College - Tuesday 5th February 2020

This event is aimed at students who would like to find out more about the apprenticeship schemes available locally, to speak with providers, find about local vacancies and how to apply.

The details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 5th February 2020

Venue: Southport College

Meeting time and place: 12:45 in school

Transport: Coach to Southport College

Return time and place: 2:15pm students will be dismissed from Southport College

Places limited to 50 students – places will be allocated on a first come first served basis

Students should wear full school uniform. If he takes medication/requires an inhaler for asthma please make sure he has it with him on the trip.

There is no cost for this visit. Students will attend a 15-20 minute talk about Apprenticeships then have the remainder of the time to visit the numerous apprenticeship providers at the Apprenticeship, education and employment fair.

Event highlights will include:

- A wide range of Apprenticeship providers including NHS, BAE, Jaguar Land Rover, Fletchers Solicitors and many more
- Universities including LJMU, Edgehill and UCLAN providing advice on their new Degree Level Apprenticeship programmes
- A chance to talk to current apprentices about their experiences
- Advice on funding and applications from our Student Information Centre
- Southport College Apprenticeship Assessors giving general advice on Apprenticeships

Please complete the attached reply slip by Friday 31st January 2020

Yours faithfully

Mr P Marshall
Careers Lead

'Get ahead with Apprenticeships' @Southport College - Tuesday 5th February 2020

I give permission for my son (name of son): _____ Form: _____ to
join the trip to Southport College on Tuesday 5th February 2020.

For the attention of **Mr P. Marshall**

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