



Dear Parents and Carers

12 February 2020

Thank you to all our Year 7 parents and carers who attended last week's progress evening. With 92% of you in attendance, it was a great show of your support for your child's education. I spoke to many parents and carers on the night who were very complimentary about the work we do but be assured that we also welcome all comments, including constructive criticism on how we can improve further. We have for instance redesigned our reports to make them more useful (we hope) for parents and carers and are very keen to hear your views. You can simply email mail@birkdalehigh.co.uk.

Friday is our annual Southport Learning Partnership fund raiser when all schools in Southport raise money for a local cause. This year, the students on the school council group chose to raise funds and awareness of Marfan syndrome, a genetic disorder that unfortunately affects children in some of our schools. Thank you in advance for your support and there is more information at this end of this letter

This week we also put the focus on safeguarding children on the internet, as it was Safer Internet Day, though assemblies, form presentation and activities. You can get more information at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2020

This Friday 14 February we, along with all the other schools in Southport, will be carrying out fundraising activities in aid of the Marfan Trust. Our students will be allowed to wear their own clothes for the day, in return for a £1 donation. Further information about the charity is attached to this newsletter.

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Year 11 Mock Exams - Monday 2nd March to Friday 13th March 2020

Today, all Year 11 boys will be bringing home a copy of the exam timetable for their mock exams in March. The results of these exams will give us the most up to date indication of the grade at which your son is currently working and, where appropriate, provide the evidence required to finalise the tier of entry. Staff will also analyse your son's performance in the exams to determine what additional support and guidance is needed to prepare him for his final exams in the summer term.

Year 10 Mock Exams - Monday 9th March to Friday 27th March

The next few weeks are very important for our Year 10 boys, as they will be sitting their first formal mock exams. All Year 10 boys were given a copy of their timetable in form today. For the boys studying Statistics and Hospitality and Catering, who will be sitting their external exam paper this summer, these exams will provide key information that will help staff to support them as they prepare for these exams.

For all of our Year 10 and 11 boys, as always, good attendance is imperative in ensuring they make the best progress that they can 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 school, please telephone the school office *as soon as possible* so we can inform the Exams Officer, Miss Williams. Your son will be required to take any internal exam missed on his return to school.

Your son will be expected to come to school at the normal time each morning throughout this period. He must ensure he brings all the equipment he will need for the exams in a clear, plastic wallet. He must also make sure that he brings in revision materials each day, as he may be offered time to revise in lessons when he is not taking an exam. In the afternoons, we will be allowing your son to leave school once he has been dismissed at the end of his exam in order to carry on revising at home. If you would prefer your son to remain in school until 3.10pm, please let the school office know.

Attached to this letter, is a copy of both exam timetables. We hope this helps you monitor the exams your son is completing. Please encourage him to spend quality time revising at home, during and after half term, in preparation for these exams. Good luck to all our Year 10 and 11 boys!

Mrs Duffy

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VIEWING EXTERNAL EXAM INFORMATION USING EDULINK ONE

I am pleased to announce that the provisional exam entries for summer 2020 have now been made. As well as Year 11, Year 9 students who are studying Creative iMedia and Year 10 students who are studying Hospitality and Catering, Sport Studies and Statistics will be taking exams this summer. Information about these exams is available for parents and learners to see via the EduLink One app. Please see details of how to access the available information at the end of this letter.

Miss K Williams

QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON HEGARTY MATHS – TOP 10 (SATURDAY 25 JAN – FRIDAY 7 FEB 2020)

These are the top 10 boys for greatest number of Hegarty maths questions completed in the school. This now includes questions completed on the fantastic “memri” and “fix up 5” features of the website.

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Owen Salla | 249 questions |
| 2. Kieran McKay | 215 questions |
| 3. Ben Sharp | 139 questions |
| 4. Keenan Parr | 138 questions |
| 5. Seyman Seyfula | 135 questions |
| 6. James Britton | 123 questions |
| 7. Sonny Sinclair | 122 questions |
| 8. Travis Nolan | 111 questions |
| 9. Owen McKenzie | 95 questions |
| 10. Jack Chard | 88 questions |

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

Mr Crossfield

AEROSOLS IN SCHOOL

Reminder to parents that aerosols are not allowed in school.

THE GREEN MACHINE



Members of the School's Green Machine met on Monday to plan a celebration of trees, as it's the International Day of Forests on 21 March. Further details after our next meeting!

Anyone wishing to join our team, please see Mrs Bradley in the Hub or just come along at lunchtime on Monday 2 March.

Mrs Bradley

BPA NEWS

Cake Sale – Friday 14 February 2020

Our next fundraiser will be a cake sale on Friday 14 February 2020 during morning break.

Please send some loose change in with the boys to spend, and if anyone fancies baking or buying any cakes please send into the office on the day. Any boys sending cakes in will receive a community merit. All proceeds go to the Birkdale Parents Association. Many thanks.

PARENTING 2000 – 5 WEEK COURSE FOR DADS/MALE CARERS

Parenting 2000 are delivering a 5 week course to Dads/Male Carers. The course is designed to increase understanding of children's mental health and to help with strategies to talk to and listen to our children and young people. There are still a few spaces on the course beginning Thursday 27 February 5.30pm -7.30pm and a flyer is attached. A further course which begins in April is open to all parents/carers. If you are interested in either course, please contact Parenting 2000 directly on 01704 380047.

Mrs Donker

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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

Poetry By Heart
@poetrybyheart
Replying to @erohemi, @BirkdaleHS_Eng and @BirkdaleHS
Well done to everyone who took part! And we'll done to your champion - we'll see you in the next round!

Birkdale High School
@BirkdaleHS
7CW working hard to improve their table tennis, making good progress in their small class #whowillwinthematch?



Helen Jeffery
@erohemi
@BirkdaleHS_Eng @BirkdaleHS
Video made and ready to upload to @poetrybyheart



Birkdale High School
@BirkdaleHS
7SEM celebrating their achievements of amazing attendance, punctuality and behaviour with a cheeky chocolate award #chocolatefriday

Birkdale High School
@BirkdaleHS
Thank you to @BirkdaleHS_PE for answering this question raised today at our Yr7 parents and carers' evening



Birkdale High School Retweeted
Birkdale High Art
@BirkdaleHS_Art
Delight with these Steampunk title pages from 8TA @BirkdaleHS #steampunk #creativeboys



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@BirkdaleHS
Thank you to all our Year 7s parents and carers for your attendance tonight. Over 92% of you were here to discuss your son's progress.

Birkdale High School Retweeted
Birkdale High Art
@BirkdaleHS_Art
Some more fabulous Steampunk title pages this time from 8TC #steampunk #creativeboys @BirkdaleHS



Birkdale High School
@BirkdaleHS
So proud of these boys. The double again. Good luck in the North West heats... #proudheadteacher

BirkdaleHS PE @BirkdaleHS_PE · 7 Feb
Well done to the @BirkdaleHS u14 and u10 badminton teams who were crowned Merseyside champions in the @BodintonEng national schools badminton competition #dastocourt #Badminton #winners



Birkdale High School Retweeted
Southport College
@southportcol
High School Pupils are in our kitchens, frantically baking in our #cakeoff. Judging starts at 12pm and we can't wait to see (and taste) the fab cakes they bake. Good luck everyone! @greenbankhs @StBedesSLS @BirkdaleHS @RangeHighSch #VEW2020



Birkdale High School Retweeted
BirkdaleHS PE
@BirkdaleHS_PE
Well done to ex @BirkdaleHS pupil @Kyle9Joseph #goalmachine

Wigan Athletic @LaticsOfficial · 5 Feb
3: GOOOOAAAALLLLL!
What a start for Latics as @Kyle9Joseph heads home from a Luke Robinson corner.
(1-0)
#wafc | #FAYouthCup

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LOVE MY COMMUNITY

14th February 2020

On Friday 14th February, all the schools in the Southport Learning Partnership will be carrying out fundraising activities in aid of the Marfan Trust, a small charity that researches Marfan syndrome and supports those affected. The children of Southport chose this charity as they heard about a family that suffers from the condition.



Marfan syndrome is an inherited disorder of the body's connective tissue which can lead to medical problems affecting the heart, eyes and skeleton, requiring treatment to prevent serious complications.

Over 18,000 people are affected by Marfan syndrome in the UK, with many more anticipated to be living with the condition undiagnosed. 1 in 3,000 population worldwide are believed to have Marfan syndrome.

Marfan syndrome is a genetic disorder. This means people are born with Marfan syndrome, however they may not notice any of the signs until much later in life.

Marfan syndrome affects the eyes, skeleton, lungs and heart.

For more information visit www.marfantrust.org

What are we doing at Birkdale High School?

On Friday 14th February children can wear MUFTI for the day in return for a £1 donation.

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable - March 2020

| Date | | | Periods 1 & 2 | Period 3 | Periods 4 & 5 |
|--------|-----------|------------|--|--|---|
| Week 1 | Monday | 2nd March | History Paper 1 (1 hour 15 mins) | Spanish Listening - Option B Foundation (35 mins) Higher (45 mins) | English Language (1 hour 45 mins) |
| Week 1 | Tuesday | 3rd March | Drama Written Paper (1 hour 45 mins) PE Paper 1 (1 hour) | Geography Paper 1 (50 mins) | Drama Practical (2 hours) |
| Week 1 | Wednesday | 4th March | Computer Science Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins) | Spanish Listening - Option C French Listening - Option C Foundation (35 mins) Higher (45 mins) | Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calculator) (1 hour 30 mins) |
| Week 1 | Thursday | 5th March | Design & Technology (2 hours) | | Hospitality & Catering (1 hour 30 mins) |
| Week 1 | Friday | 6th March | French & Spanish Writing Foundation (1 hour 10 mins) Higher (1 hour 20 mins) | French & Spanish Reading Foundation (45 mins) Higher (1 hour) | RE Paper 2 - Christianity & Paper 3 - Islam (2 x 1 hour) |
| Week 2 | Monday | 9th March | English Literature (2 hours 15 mins) | | Biology Trilogy (1 hour 15 mins) Triples (1 hour 45 mins) |
| Week 2 | Tuesday | 10th March | History Paper 2 (2 scripts) (1 hour 45 mins) | | Chemistry Trilogy (1 hour 15 mins) Triples (1 hour 45 mins) |
| Week 2 | Wednesday | 11th March | Physics Trilogy (1 hour 15 mins) Triples (1 hour 45 mins) | | Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator) (1 hour 30 mins) |
| Week 2 | Thursday | 12th March | History Paper 3 (1 hour 20 mins) | Spanish Listening - Option D Foundation (35 mins) Higher (45 mins) | PE Paper 2 (1 hour) |
| Week 2 | Friday | 13th March | Computer Science Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins) | | Mathematics Paper 3 (calculator) (1 hour 30 mins) |

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable March 2020

| Date | | | Periods 1 & 2 | Period 3 | Periods 4 & 5 |
|--------|-----------|------------|--|---|--|
| Week 2 | Monday | 9th March | Spanish Speaking | | |
| Week 2 | Tuesday | 10th March | Spanish Speaking | | |
| Week 2 | Wednesday | 11th March | French & Spanish Speaking | | |
| Week 2 | Thursday | 12th March | French & Spanish Speaking | | |
| | | | Drama Practical (2 hours) | | |
| Week 2 | Friday | 13th March | Drama Practical (2 hours) | Drama Written Paper (1 hour) | |
| Week 1 | Monday | 16th March | History Paper 1 (1 hour 15 mins) | Spanish Listening - Option D Foundation (35 mins) Higher (45 mins) | RE Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins) |
| Week 1 | Tuesday | 17th March | Computer Science Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins) PE Paper 1 (1 hour) | Spanish Listening - Option B Foundation (35 mins) Higher (45 mins) | English Language (1 hour 45 mins) |
| Week 1 | Wednesday | 18th March | Geography (1 hour 45 mins) | Spanish Listening - Option A Foundation (35 mins) Higher (45 mins) | Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calculator) (1 hour) Higher Statistics Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins) |
| Week 1 | Thursday | 19th March | Hospitality & Catering (1 hour 30 mins) | French Listening - Option C Foundation (35 mins) Higher (45 mins) | Biology Trilogy (1 hour 15 mins) Triples (1 hour 45 mins) |
| Week 1 | Friday | 20th March | Design & Technology (2 hours) | | Chemistry Trilogy (1 hour 15 mins) Triples (1 hour 45 mins) |

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable March 2020

| Date | | | Periods 1 & 2 | Period 3 | Periods 4 & 5 |
|--------|-----------|------------|---|----------|---|
| Week 2 | Monday | 23rd March | English Literature (1 hour 45 mins) | | RE Paper 2 - Christianity & Paper 3 - Islam (2 x 1 hour) |
| Week 2 | Tuesday | 24th March | History Paper 2 (2 scripts) (1 hour 45 mins) | | Foundation Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator) (1 hour) Higher Statistics Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins) |
| Week 2 | Wednesday | 25th March | French & Spanish Reading Foundation (45 mins) Higher (1 hour) | | Physics Trilogy (1 hour 15 mins) Triples (1 hour 45 mins) |
| Week 2 | Thursday | 26th March | Computer Science Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins) PE Paper 2 - 21 (1 hour) | | |
| Week 2 | Friday | 27th March | Music Paper 1 (1 hour Audio & 30 mins writing) | | Foundation Mathematics Paper 3 (calculator) (1 hour) Higher Mathematics Papers 1 & 2 (2 x 1 hours) |



Viewing external exam information via EduLink One.



From the link on your son's home page you are able to select from the following three options:

EXAM TIMETABLE

From here you will see a copy of your son's timetable, with the date, start time and duration of each exam he has been entered for, rooms and seats will be arranged after all entries are finalised

EXAM ENTRIES

This is a list of the qualifications your son has exams in during the summer 2020 season. It gives details about the exam board, qualification level, specification name and code

EXAM RESULTS

This is a list of all external exam results your son has achieved so far. It gives details about the year of the exam, exam board, qualification level, subject and specification code



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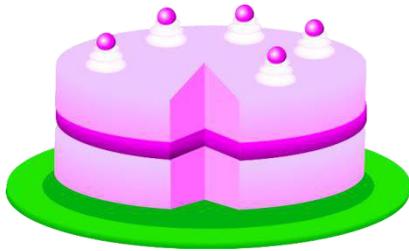
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Cake Sale

Friday 14th February

Morning Break

In the Media Hall

Don't forget to bring your cash!

Cake donations welcome Friday morning
too.

Youth Connect 5 for Dads and Male Carers

What is Youth Connect 5?

A 5-week course for parents/carers of children and young people which aims to improve understanding of mental well-being. We look at how our behaviour is linked to how we feel and how to build resilience and communication within the family.

Venue - The course will be held at Parenting 2000, Morningson Rd, Southport, PR9 0TS.

Course Dates

Week 1- Thursday 27th Feb 5.30-7.30

Week 2- Thursday 5th March 5.30-7.30

Week 3- Thursday 12th March 5.30-7.30

Week 4- Thursday 19th March 5.30-7.30

Week 5- Thursday 26th March 5.30-7.30

To book onto the course please email or call 01704 380047 and ask to speak to Carole Holt (carole.holt@parenting2000.org.uk) or Claudia Aldersley (claudia.aldersley@parenting2000.org.uk).