



We have enjoyed a busy first couple of weeks and I am delighted at how our new pupils have settled in so quickly.

Next week sees the arrival of our visitors from China; this heralds a new opportunity for Birkdale as we look to develop a partnership that will help our pupils develop a greater understanding of their role within a global society.

On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, we are very much looking forward to meeting parents of our new S1 pupils. Similar events for other year groups will be taking place in the coming weeks.

The Birkdale Prayer Fellowship meets in School House on Monday evening and you are most welcome to come to this occasion.

Details of our Open Mornings can be found towards the end of this bulletin. We are grateful for the support of the pupils in running this event – they are our very best ambassadors.

U18 football

Well done to our U18 football team who represented the school admirably last weekend when they took part in the national ISFA 6s competition at Chigwell School, Essex. Despite not progressing in the competition, they held their own in a particularly tough group including: Ardingley, Charterhouse, Alleyns, Forest School, and Repton. Thanks to Mr Rodgers for organising this fantastic opportunity.

Great Birkdale Bake-off Returns

Following hot on the heels of Paul, Pru, Noel and Sandie, Birkdale Senior School's very own baking competition relaunched this week with a line-up of eager S2 bakers ready to display their creations. This week was 'Freestyle' – sticky chocolate Brownies were conjured up by Heath Justice, and Oliver Jermy produced some marvellous marshmallow chocolate sticks! One pupil in particular however took the offer of 'freestyle' to its limits.....Ramez Farag opted to bring in a piece of marinated and roasted beef, accompanied by braised potatoes and vegetables! Needless to say, future weeks will include strictly baked products only, when the competition begins in earnest – but well done

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 15 September

U14, U12 Rugby v Mount St Mary's College (H) – 10.30 am

U15, U13 Rugby v Mount St Mary's College (A) – 10.30 am

Sunday 16 September

Sixth Form Physics Trip to CERN returns

Monday 17 September

U6 Physics Visit to Jodrell Bank Observatory

Nanchang Teensen
International Education Centre
Visit starts

S1 Parents Evening with Form Tutors (S1B) (Library) – 6.00 pm

Birkdale Prayer Fellowship
(School House) – 8.00 pm

Tuesday 18 September

U15 Football v Bootham School (ISFA Cup) (H) – 3.45 pm

Wednesday 19 September

U18 Rugby v Lady Manners School (NatWest Cup) (A) – 2.30 pm

S1 Parents Evening with Form Tutors (S1L) (Library) – 6.00 pm

to Ramez for 'thinking outside the box!' GBBO takes place on a Wednesday from 1.15pm, and this half-term all S2 boys are welcome.

Daredevil Sal Abseiling for Charity

S3 pupil Salahudeen Hussein, together with fellow Sheffield Royal Marine Cadets, demonstrated nerves of steel recently as they abseiled 100 feet off Millers Dale Bridge in the Peak District. This was a sponsored event to raise money for charity. Well done Sal!



Open Days 2018

Our Open Days are coming up this term for each of the main entry points of the school. They provide an insight into life at Birkdale and the amazing opportunities available to our pupils. If you know of any family members or friends who may be considering Birkdale for their child, please let them know the dates. Everyone will be very welcome! Further details can be found on the school website or by contacting our Registrar on 0114 266 8409 or email: admissions@birkdalschool.org.uk



Open Days

Prep School
Saturday, 6 October - 9.30am-12noon

Senior School
Saturday, 10 November - 9.30am-11am

Sixth Form
Tuesday, 13 November - from 6.30pm



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It is always a very great pleasure and privilege to tell you about the achievements of our pupils both in and outside of their involvement at Birkdale. Please do not hesitate to contact me at npietrek@birkdalschool.org.uk if you ever have any news about your child that you would like to have included in the bulletin.

Thursday 20 September

U12A, U12B v St Olave's School (H) – 2.15 pm

U13A, U13B Rugby v St Olave's School (A) – 2.15 pm

S1 Parents Evening with Form Tutors (S1M) (Library) – 6.00 pm

London Research Trip
Presentation Evening (Lecture Theatre) – 7.00 pm

Saturday 22 September

1st XV, U14 Rugby v Queen Ethelburga's College (A) – 10.00 am

U15, U13, U12 Rugby v Queen Ethelburga's College (H) – 10.00 am

Sponsored Walk Around Chatsworth House in Support of International China Concern – 10.30 am