



It is finally beginning to feel like summer! Last weekend many of the S3 pupils enjoyed undertaking the qualifying expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and thanks go to Mr Tryon and his team of volunteers for organising this wonderful opportunity for the boys. Next week, it is the turn of the S4 pupils to enjoy the outdoor activities at Pensarn. This is one of the highlights of the Birkdale experience and no doubt the boys will have many tales to tell when they get back.

We also wish our Sixth Formers success in the European Youth Parliament Finals which take place at Liverpool Hope University. The school has always enjoyed great success in this event and we look forward to hearing how they do.

With University applications due to be done next term by the L6, a number of our pupils will also be visiting Oxford and Cambridge next week to get a flavour of what may await them following their A Levels.

A night of variety and talent

Wednesday night saw the arrival of our very first Birkdale School Variety Show - and what an evening of entertainment it turned out to be! Our packed audience were treated to comedy, singing, musicianship, drama, dancing and gymnastics of the highest order - with the surprise addition of one or two staff cameo performances and an astonishing Rubik's cube genius to boot.

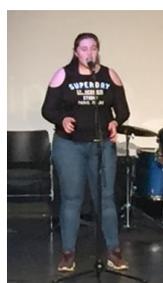


It's fair to say that the standard of talent on offer throughout the school never fails to astonish us. Performers from each year group from S1 to U6 were represented, and they somehow even managed to put our talented staff to shame with the high standards that they delivered.



It would be unfair to single out any individual highlights as each act played their part in delivering a heart-warming, feel-good night of fun for all of our audience. Based

on the success of the evening, we hope to make the Variety Show an annual event near the end of each summer term. Let's hope that next year we will see



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 29 June

EYP National Finals, Liverpool Hope University

U14A, U12A Cricket v Nottingham High School (H) – 10.30 am

U15A, U13A Cricket v Nottingham High School (A) – 10.30 am

Sunday 30 June

EYP National Finals, Liverpool Hope University

Monday 1 July

S4 Pensarn Camp departs

L6 Economics/Business/Politics Trip to London (Houses of Parliament and Bank of England) – 7.00 am-10.00 pm

S1 Parents Evening – 5.00-9.00 pm

Tuesday 2 July

L6 Psychology "Brain Day"

Sheffield Schools Athletics City Finals, Sheffield Hallam University Athletics Stadium – 1.30 pm

Wednesday 3 July

Oxford University Open Day Visit – 7.00 am–7.00 pm

U12A, U12B Cricket v Hill House School (H) – 2.30 pm

the event grow with many more staff, students, and maybe parents choosing to take part in our celebration of Birkdale talent.

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Please help the environment

Local Councillors will be looking to see how parents drop off and collect their children over the coming weeks following concerns expressed by our neighbours about cars idling their engines on the roads around the school. Can we please ask you to be mindful of this and be conscious of the environment by turning off your car engines if you are waiting to collect your children. Your support in this is much appreciated and you may wish to consider dropping off your children a few roads away to ease congestion and also enable them to get a little more exercise each day.

Thursday 4 July

Senior School Enrichment Day (S1-S3)

S1 China Day

S2 History Trip to Quarry Bank Mill, Cheshire

S3 Trip to the National Space Centre, Leicester

L6 UCAS Day

Friday 5 July

Cambridge University Open Day Visit – 7.00 am–7.00 pm

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@birkdaleschool.org.uk if you ever have any news about your child that you would like to have included in the bulletin.