



It has been a very busy and exciting time this week as we have welcomed pupils back to Birkdale to begin a new school year. The term has started at full speed with a wide range of activities and events already taking place, making us feel like we've never been away!

At our Activities Fair on Thursday we had 39 different groups and societies represented so there is certainly no shortage of opportunity for pupils to try something new this year. We are very keen for all pupils to get involved with clubs and activities at Birkdale so please speak to your son or daughter and encourage them to join in. The schedule is still in the process of being finalised, but will appear on the school website shortly.

Next week looks equally jam-packed with the U13 cricket team playing in the Yorkshire Cup final against Prince Henry's School on Tuesday, auditions for Les Misérables continuing and individual and form photos taking place on Friday. If you have more than one child at the senior school, and would like them to be photographed together, please ask them to come to the Octagon at the time indicated on the schedule, there is no need to pre-book.

Birkdale Family BBQ and Fair

We are very excited about the upcoming family BBQ and Fair taking place after school on Friday 20 September 4-7pm. This event promises to be a lot of fun with a huge variety of stalls and activities to enjoy including Beat the Goalie, Name the Teddy and Malteser Smash! There will also be music from school bands, refreshments (including a bar) and a Birkdale Bake Off competition.

This is a whole school family event and we hope everyone from pre-prep to sixth form will join us. Please see the recent Birkdale Post for further information and how to get your ticket.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 7 September

Rugby training – all years
Castle Dyke 9.30-11am

Sunday 8 September

Physics Trip to CERN returns

Monday 9 September

Clubs and Societies commence

Nepa20 Launch Meeting (S4 and Sixth Form) – Heeley Hall, 7.00 pm

Tuesday 10 September

U13A Cricket v Prince Henry's Grammar School (venue: New Rover CC) – 12.00 pm

U14A, U14B Rugby v Hill House School (A) – 2.15 pm

Wednesday 11 September

OPRO Gumshield Fittings (am)

Thursday 12 September

U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B
Rugby v Hill House School (H) – 2.15 pm

Friday 13 September

Individual and Form
Photographs (all day)

Saturday 14 September

U13A Football v Foremarke Hall (A) – 10.30 am

CERN Trip



Despite it being only the first week of term, we have already seen our first group of students set off on a school trip. On Thursday a group of U6 students travelled to Geneva to visit the CERN facility and the massive hadron collider. This is a well-established and popular trip run by the Physics department, in conjunction with the Languages department, where students get to see first-hand one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering as well as sampling the delights of fondue!

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