



## All the Fun of the Fair!

The Birkdale BBQ and Fair took place last Friday evening in the grounds of the Johnson Building bathed in glorious sunshine. There was fun for all the family with food, drink, cakes and lots of stalls to entertain everyone. The highlight for many was the ever popular stocks with Mr Harris and Mr Burch both taking their turn to be soaked by a long queue of students armed with sodden sponges. The Birkdale jazz band, Octopus, played throughout the event and with nearly 500 people attending the atmosphere was fantastic.

The fair marked the start of the academic year, welcoming new pupils and parents and celebrating Birkdale being a family school. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who helped make the event possible and to our sponsors Boardman Wealth Management and Mr Popat from Sparklers Fireworks.

## Charity Focused Friday

As the week has drawn to a close we have spent time thinking of others less fortunate than ourselves and supporting a number of different charities.

Our Harvest assembly was held on Friday morning when Mr Jones, the school chaplain, spoke to us about the power of being thankful. Encouraging us to recognise the many privileges in our lives he also challenged each section of the school to contribute to a collection for three local charities – Roundabout Youth Housing, the Cathedral Archer Project and the S6 Foodbank. More information on how to contribute will follow in a Birkdale Post.

We have also held our annual MacMillan coffee morning today and staff have had the opportunity to donate to this worthwhile charity while enjoying a variety of culinary delights. Finally, the Art and DT departments have put on some engaging activities at lunch to help raise funds for this year's school charity, the Peace Garden School in Nepal.

## Dates for your Diary

### Saturday 28 September

U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B  
Rugby v Ratcliffe College (A) –  
10.30 am

U18A, U15A, U14A v Ratcliffe  
College (H) – 10.30 am **(U14B  
FIXTURE CANCELLED)**

### Sunday 29 September

Old Birkdalian Tree Planting  
Ceremony (Birkdale Square) –  
4.00 pm

### Monday 30 September

S1 Residential Trip to  
Kingswood Outdoor Centre  
departs

U6 A Level Theatre Studies  
Devised Performance  
Examination (Lecture Theatre)  
– 4.30 pm

### Tuesday 1 October

L6 Theatre Studies and English  
Literature Trip to the Globe  
Theatre, London ("Henry V")

S1 Residential Trip to  
Kingswood Outdoor Centre  
returns

Nepa-20 Group Meeting  
(Lecture Theatre) – 1.10 pm



### **Wednesday 2 October**

U18A Girls Netball v King Edward VII School, Sheffield (English Institute of Sport) – 2.00 pm

U15A Rugby v Nottingham High School (H) – 2.30 pm

U14A Hockey v Westbourne School (H) – 4.30 pm

### **Friday 4 October**

S5 GCSE Art Trip to London

### **Saturday 5 October**

U18A, U14A, U14B Rugby v Bradford Grammar School (A) – 10.00 am

U15A Rugby v Bradford Grammar School (H) – 10.00 am

U18A (Boys and Girls), U16A, U14A, U12A Cross Country v High Hazels (A) – 10.00 am

Birkdale Groups and Soloists perform at Dore Male Voice Choir Gala Concert – 7.00 pm

### **Sunday 6 October**

Peak Edges Sponsored Walk in aid of Senior School Charity (9.00 am – 6.00 pm)

## **Inspirational Visiting Speakers**

It has been a pleasure to welcome back two familiar faces to Birkdale this week. On Tuesday, Faye Smith returned to speak to the U6 on how to create a positive impression and best present themselves to future employers and universities. Faye speaks every year to our students and her story and advice always speak powerfully to students. On Friday, we were delighted to welcome Chris Chung back to school as our first guest speaker at the modern languages society. Chris, a former pupil who now studies French and Spanish at Durham University, spoke about the benefits of studying languages at A Level.



## **Departmental Delight**

The Art department put on an impressive showcase event during Thursday lunch break this week. During the event Mr Armitage, our Head of Art, talked to students about the artist Stanley Spencer whilst U6 student Tim demonstrated his amazing portrait skills. Also on Thursday, S3 Latin students attended an archaeology seminar at Doncaster museum. During the day they handled genuine Roman artefacts and tried on the armour worn by Roman soldiers. The verdict: 'We dig the Romans!'

## **Autumn Solos Concert**

The above event is taking place on Wednesday 9 October; please see the flyer on the next page for further information.

*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](mailto:prking@birkdaleschool.org.uk) if you ever have any news about your child that you would like to have included in the bulletin.*



Birkdale Music Department  
presents.....

# AUTUMN SOLOS CONCERT



**Wednesday**  
**9th October**  
**7pm**

**The Octagon**

*Free Entry*  
*Refreshments provided*



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