



### Walkers Challenge Themselves for Charity

Fundraising for The Peace Garden School in Nepal continued this week with 45 walkers completing a gruelling but picturesque Nine Edges Challenge. The 23 km walk took place on Sunday and started at Stange Edge before finishing at Birchen Edge near Baslow. Despite the threat of some inclement weather the day turned out better than expected and walkers 'enjoyed' a mixture of showers and sunshine. The day was a great opportunity for many of the students travelling to Nepal at Easter to raise money for this year's school charity as well as to get to know each other better.

Not so lucky with the weather but just as impressive were S2 pupils Dan, Dan, Will and Robin who completed the St Luke's Nightstrider event on Saturday. Walking through the night, and heavy rain, they completed 13 miles around the city raising over £800 for the St Luke's Hospice charity. There is still time to donate at their JustGiving page - (birkdales2nightstrider). Well done boys!



### Autumn Solos Concert

The music department Autumn solos concert took place on Wednesday evening featuring 15 brilliant musicians from across the school. With pupils performing from S1 right through to the sixth form the evening clearly demonstrated Birkdale's talent and commitment to music. Well done to all those involved.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Tuesday 15 October

House Badminton 5 – 12.40 pm

U15A Hockey v Tapton School (H) – 4.15 pm

Iceland Trip Information Evening (Lecture Theatre) – 7.00 pm

#### Wednesday 16 October

U6 Biology Trip to Malham Tarn departs

A Level English Language Conference, London

U16A Football v Hall Cross Academy (A) – 3.30 pm

#### Thursday 17 October

House Badminton 6 – 12.40 pm

U18A Rugby v Hill House School (H) – 2.15 pm

U13A Hockey v Sheffield Girls High School (A) – 2.30 pm



**Friday 18 October**  
U6 Biology Trip to Malham  
Tarn returns

**Saturday 19 October**  
Senior School Open Morning –  
9.30 am

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

### Capital Birkdale Artists

On Friday last week, GCSE and A Level Art students travelled to London to visit some of the art galleries on offer. Taking in three galleries in one day pupils enjoyed exhibits in the Tate Modern, Tate Britain and National Gallery. The day was valuable preparation for upcoming coursework and students were able to appreciate paintings produced by some of the world's most famous artists.

### DT Department is Cutting Edge



We were delighted to welcome Mrs Helen Timmins into school this week as she presented a new Gerbil 2020 cutter to the design and technology department. Mrs Timmins demonstrated the features of the cutter which is commonly used for cutting vacuum-formed plastic and routing wood.

The Gerbil cutter was generously donated by a Mr Terrence Libby. Mr Libby also donated some specialist tools and a trolley, allowing the machine to be used in several different workshop areas. Mr Offer (head of the design and technology department) said "We are extremely grateful to Mr Libby for his generosity and for Mrs Timmins for giving up her time, the new machine should allow the students to make more complicated products to a higher quality finish."

(No gerbils were harmed during the exhibition of this machine.)

*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.*