

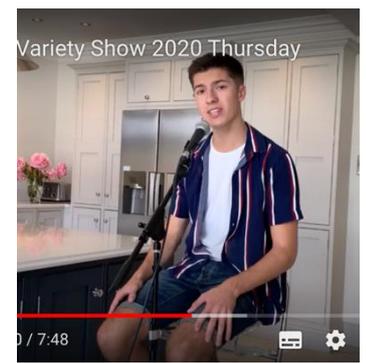
Parent Bulletin

Friday 3 July 2020



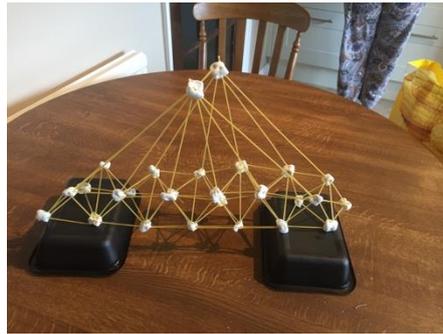
Medsoc Momentum

This week saw the final meeting of the Birkdale Medical Society. Despite the lockdown, and move to remote learning, a group of 22 students and staff have continued to meet every Friday lunchtime to explore careers in medicine and dentistry. Whilst it has not been possible to have guest speakers this term, students have been able to access a series of tutorials via The Medics Portal including sessions on Problem Based Learning, Ethics and Aptitude Tests. Some students have also attended some virtual work experience run by the Royal College on General Practice. Many thanks to Mrs Wildman and Mrs Jones for continuing to run this society, the students should be well prepared for their UCAT test next term!



What a Performance!

This week has seen Birkdale's very first virtual variety show. Following last year's hugely successful inaugural event in the Heeley Hall, students this year submitted their auditions to Mr Low and his team, and the successful acts have found themselves performing online via the school Twitter feed. Acts have included joke-telling, playing the bottles(!) and a performance from the Birkdale Backstreet Boys! With so many different performances Birkdale really is a school with a lot of talent. Well done everybody!



Activity Days

It's been fantastic to see what Birkdale students have been doing over the last two activity days. Designed to encourage boys away from their computer screens, the days have required students to take part in physical, creative or departmental challenges. We have been really impressed with the way boys have chosen to spend their time and what they have achieved; one more opportunity on Monday before the end of term!

I'm a Believer

We love sharing the different performances from the music department in the bulletin and this week we have something a little different. Please find below a link to a video of the joint Sixth Form choir, with the Sheffield Girls' School, singing *I'm a Believer*. To enjoy the video, click here: <https://youtu.be/SCLvBrG-ZOQ>



Keep on Running

Congratulations to L6 student Josh who has raised nearly £3,000 for NHS Charities Together. To achieve this, Josh set himself the challenge of running one mile every hour for 24 hours! If you want to see his Strava stats or donate please see his Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/josh-clark03>

Thank you Meem!

Following all her hard work with sorting and selling second-hand uniform, we want to say a massive thank you to Meem Sharp. As a result of her efforts she has raised lots of money for the Friends of Birkdale School (FOBS) and provided Birkdale parents with a great service. Thank you!

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