

Tenacity Trumps Adversity!



The start of a school year can often be a challenging time, but this year has trumped the lot! With all the COVID related issues facing us at the moment it has been a genuine source of inspiration to see pupils and staff persevere and ensure school life continues in all its fullness. This week the History Department organised a trip to Kenilworth Castle as part of the S5 GCSE studies, the first school trip since lockdown. Aided by excellent early autumn weather the day was highly successful and included expert guided tours of what was one of the great castles in English history.

With some staff self-isolating and working from home, we have embraced this challenge and utilised technology to ensure pupils still get access to their normal teacher. Using Google Classroom, some teachers have been able to deliver their lesson remotely to the pupils in their classroom. It has been a real team effort and one which has encouraged innovation and creativity to maintain a high-quality learning experience!

Results Success



Many congratulations to our S5 and U6 pupils who received their GCSE and A Level results over the summer. It has been an incredibly difficult and nervous time for every young person and we are immensely proud of our pupils' positivity and resilience. There were many success stories with the vast majority of our U6 students securing university places in an institution of their choice. Shown here is Joanna, who secured a place at Cambridge to study Natural Sciences as well as Jonathan and Eshaan who both achieved a full set of top GCSE grades. Well done to everyone.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 12 September

U14A, U14B, U12A, U12B
Rugby v The Rodillian
Academy (A) – 10.00 am -
CANCELLED

1st XV, U15A, U13A, U13B
Rugby v The Rodillian
Academy (H) – 10.00 am –
CANCELLED

Monday 14 September

U6 Exams Week begins –
**DEFERRED TO MONDAY 21
SEPTEMBER**

Saturday 19 September

1st XV, U13A, U12A Rugby v
Queen Ethelburga's College
(H) – 10.00 am – **CANCELLED**

U15A, U14A Rugby v Queen
Ethelburga's College (A) –
10.00 am - **CANCELLED**

Birkdale Gets Active!



The sporting life of Birkdale is always full and varied and this week has been no exception. Staff have been keen to get the pupils outside and working together in a wide variety of sports. Despite the lack of fixtures, the U12, U13 and U14 rugby teams have got back to practice to make sure they are game-ready when the time comes. It even looks like they enjoyed some unusually pleasant weather at Castle Dyke! S5 students enjoyed their first Senior Games afternoon with some opting for badminton in the Sports Hall while others ventured out to Stanage Edge for some climbing in the beautiful September sunshine!



School Photographs

Today has been photo day for all pupils in S1 to S5. Each pupil has been given an order form which they should bring home with them after school. This features a QR code which you can scan with your phone for instant access to the photos; alternatively, you can just order online in the usual way at www.schoolphotographs.co.uk using the photo ID and key quoted on the order form. If your child has lost their card, please ring The School Photography Company on 01295 452832 (option 1) and they will email a replacement order form to 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@birkdaleschool.org.uk if you ever have any news about your child that you would like to have included in the bulletin.