

## The Beat Goes On



This week in music lessons S1 students have been learning about West African drumming. Lessons explored West African culture and the use of drums at special occasions and celebrations. Students also learned how to play the drum, experimenting with different sounds and playing together as a class ensemble layering a variety of beats and rhythms. The result was impressive in both sound and volume – any one walking past the Octagon will have undoubtedly found themselves walking to the beat of the drum!

## Exploring Economics



U6 student Harris led this year's first Economics Society meeting during Tuesday lunchtime, giving a thorough overview of the arguments for and against the National Minimum Wage. Around 25 members of the Upper Sixth came along to engage in discussion and extend their understanding of this topic.

The Society exists as a vehicle for students to present and discuss topics beyond the syllabus, bringing economic issues to life. It is open to students from all subjects but will be of particular interest to those thinking of applying for degree courses in Economics, Politics, PPE, Business, Management and Finance.

## Collecting Students from School

Please can we ask all parents who collect their children outside school to be considerate of our neighbours. The end of the school day is an understandably busy time and Oakholme and Westbourne roads often become very crowded with cars. We encourage all parents to consider collecting their children a short distance away from school to avoid this congestion.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 19 October

S1 Flu Immunisations

### Tuesday 20 October

U6 Geography Field Trip to Flamborough Head, Hornsea and Mappleton

### Wednesday 21 October

U6 Geography Urban Fieldwork Day, Sheffield City Centre

### Friday 23 October

S2-L6 Grades published

Half Term begins – 3.45 pm

## Night Hike Heroes



Congratulations to S3 students Daniel, Daniel and Peter who once again completed the Night Strider route around Sheffield last Friday. They completed the half marathon course in six hours raising money for St Luke's Hospice. They have raised over £600 with their efforts. This is a fantastic achievement and a great example of personal sacrifice to help others. Unfortunately, the group were without their fellow walker Will on Friday but the boys have planned another walk so he doesn't miss out! Great effort, great attitude!

## Pole Position for Rowan



S3 student Rowan continued his progress as a promising young driver on Monday by attending a development day at Arden Motorsport. He spent his time exploring driver overview, data analysis and time in the simulator – a physically challenging experience for young drivers. He received some very positive feedback from the day with great progress made and we wait with excitement to see what's next for this aspiring young talent.

## School Photographs – Take Two

Friday 6 November will be our second day for taking school photographs. On this day all Sixth Form students will have their photograph taken as well as any student who was absent on the first day. As this is the first Friday back after the half term holiday, please make sure students are looking their best on this date!

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