

The Birkdale Family Welcomes Girls



This September our Prep School has welcomed girls for the first time. Fifteen girls have joined Birkdale across four year groups as the transition to becoming fully co-educational begins. Just like the Senior School, the Prep School has introduced a new uniform to mark this significant moment in the school's history. Girls have attended Birkdale Sixth Form for over 30 years and it is exciting to now see them in the Prep School as we embrace our vision to be a family school.

Going for Gold!



Despite the restrictions of lockdown, several pupils have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and received their certificates and badges this week. Those receiving their bronze award were Henry, Dae, Joshua, Raihaan, James, Sam, Ivan and Peter. It was also a real pleasure to welcome back ex-Birkdale student Harry who received his Gold award badge ahead of his certificate presentation at Buckingham Palace. Well done to all of the above pupils for their initiative, perseverance and resilience in achieving these awards.

Dates for your Diary

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**

U6 Exams Week begins

Friday 25 September

History Society: The Historical Association Great Debate (Sheffield Round) – 12.45 – 1.15 pm - **CANCELLED**

Keeping in Touch, Keeping Safe

Please be aware that, due to the current circumstances, we are making available to parents a dedicated Covid-19 email address – covid@birkdalschool.org.uk. Please use this to let us know about test results or symptoms of your children or family members.

Please also note the number to use if your child is going to be absent from school is 0114 2668408. This phone line is checked every morning.

When in school, please ensure your son/daughter has their own face covering, water bottle and tissues. By working together, we can help keep everyone safe.

Sporting Superstars!



Congratulations to S2 pupil Thomas on his recent athletics performance. Throwing a personal best distance of 33.5m in the javelin he is now placed 1st in England and 3rd in the UK for his age group. Congratulations also go to S4 pupil Tom who has been representing Yorkshire in U15s cricket over the last few weeks. In the recent match against Lancashire he top scored with the bat with an impressive 34!

Sports practice got off to a great start last weekend and it was really pleasing to see S1 – S4 pupils enjoying their sport at Castle Dyke on Saturday morning. This has continued throughout the week with the U13 rugby squad improving their passing technique in after school training session.



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.