

### Loving Language



A team of budding S4 linguists took part in the Business Language Champions competition today. Working entirely in Spanish, the team were tasked with promoting the World Health Organisation by producing a two-minute video, a 200-word poster and an infographic. The pressure was on to achieve this as they had to work to some tight deadlines, follow regular instructions delivered via video call and even make phone calls to experts in their target language!

### Hitting the Right Note



The music department have been pulling out all the stops this week with lots going on across the school. In music lessons S1 have been learning to play the ukulele; pupils have had a great time learning this instrument – even if you can't see their smiles behind the face-masks! Outside of lessons, the department have been running vocal and instrumental groups for every year-group and next week the U6 vocal group is completing a singing workshop and recorded performance in St Mark's church. Encore please!

### Individual Success

Congratulations to S4 pupil Zach who achieved full marks in the recent UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. This result is made even more impressive as it is normally only completed by Sixth Form pupils. Zach will now tackle the British Mathematical Olympiad Round One later this month with the potential to be selected for the British Maths Team.

Congratulations also go to S3 pupil Seth who recently achieved a Merit in his grade 8 singing exam. This is a fantastic achievement at a very high level and we look forward to hearing more from this singing sensation!

### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 25 November**  
ABRSM Visit

S5 Reports published

Rugby "Bubble" Competition  
(U15A, U14A, U14B) – 4.30 pm

**Thursday 26 November**  
Rugby "Bubble" Competition  
(U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B) –  
4.30 pm

**Friday 27 November**  
History Society Public  
Speaking Competition ("Who  
was the Greatest Briton?")  
(personal attendance for the  
L6, remote participation for  
the U6) - 12.45 pm

## Lunch Clubs Prove to be an Epic Success



The S3 lunchtime baking competition continued apace this week. A mind-blowing fifteen bakers produced offerings for the famed 'bread week'. The boys involved rolled up their sleeves, donned their aprons, and produced an impressive display including seeded rolls, banana loaves and a plaited loaf! This week also saw the start of a brand new S1 Myth Club. Thirteen pupils took part in a Greek Mythology quiz with Tendo, Shaun and Tristan taking the top three places. We look forward to hearing more from these two popular lunchtime clubs!



## Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health



A new incentive has been made available to school staff and parents to support the wellbeing and mental health of young people. Anyone associated with Birkdale can complete a free qualification in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health.

The course is a Level 2 qualification, can be completed as self-study over six weeks and usually takes between 15-30 hours.

To learn more about this opportunity please see the link below:

<https://vimeo.com/430636206>

If you would like to register your interest, please use this [Link](#).

Please be aware, you must sign up by 25<sup>th</sup> November and there is a withdrawal fee of up to £125 for non-completion without genuine reason.

*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.*