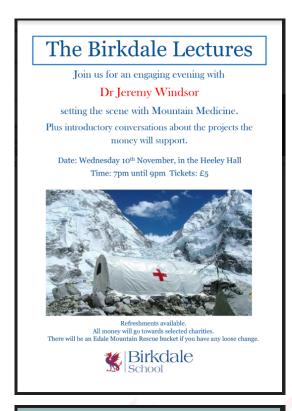


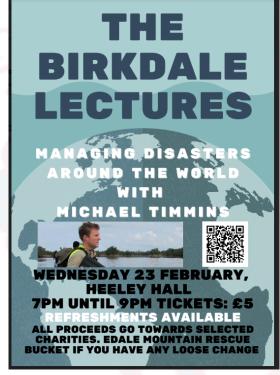
## The Birkdale Lectures

The Birkdale Lectures were set up in 2021 for a dual purpose, to enhance our students' connections to 'real world' professional careers and to support two brilliant charitable organisations; RNV Nepal and Edale Mountain Rescue.

There is a difference between listening to a teacher discuss future options, even if those teachers have come from industry, to listening to someone outside the school setting. The Birkdale Lectures are providing an easily accessible portal into careers or opportunities beyond Birkdale and have already inspired many of the students who have attended.

It is not all about the students and by opening these lectures up to the local Sheffield community, we have seen many people attend from parents to the general public. It has made the events feel more like a university environment, which has been excellent for our aspiring students and with the range of lectures we have had so far, we are hopefully giving all students something that will catch their attention.









A huge thank you must go to those brave enough to come to Birkdale and talk about what they do. Dr
Jeremy Windsor started the year off with a fantastic insight into medicine, particularly at altitude, the Q&A from students and parents went on for some time!
Following on from that was a fascinating talk that led us into the world of risk management, on a global scale, I have had to share Michael Timmins lecture slides with the A-Level geographers, as it was so insightful. Finishing the year with an arts orientation, Matt Grayson has inspired several of our students and their family members to pick up a lens and tell a story through pictures.

The next lecture will be announced in September!



