



The  
**Birkenhead Park**  
School

**Spiritual**  
**Moral**  
**Social**  
**Cultural**

## *April* Newsletter

### **Assemblies**

18 / 04 / 18  
24 / 04 / 18

Politics - Democracy  
Politics - Parliament

### *Form Focus:*

- ★ On the 18th April, students focused on parliament and the General Election process.
- ★ Then on the 24th April, students were introduced to the House of Commons and the role of MPs.

### *Kontiki* School Visit

A class of 23 Danish students from the Kontiki school in Hillerød (20 miles North of Copenhagen) spent two days buddied up with Birkenhead Park School classmates as part of our annual international exchange program.

As part of the activities organised to give them an introduction to life in British schools, the European counterparts interviewed each other to learn about the opposite's culture, school systems and national values.

This is now the fourth time that Kontiki students have accepted the invitation to visit us at Birkenhead Park School in what's proven to be a very successful cultural exchange programme.



THEME OF THE MONTH

# POLITICS

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## Phoebe makes final 20 in national young writers competition

The Wicked Young Writers Awards provides a blank canvas opportunity for anybody aged between 5 and 25 to produce a piece of creative writing on a subject of their choosing. This can be a story, play or poem so long as it fits within 750 words.

There have been over 4,000 entries to this years competition from across the UK and Y8 student Phoebe has been shortlisted into the top 20 for her story *Imperfection*. This is a phenomenal achievement and something that we're all immensely proud of, her story itself is a great representation of the school's value of thoughtfulness. Phoebe can now look forward to the awards ceremony on Thursday 21 June, held at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London where she'll be in the company of best-selling author of the How to Train Your Dragon series, Cressida Cowell.

Good Luck Phoebe!

### History

Recent History lessons have introduced students to considering the morality of war, relating this to our current and challenging involvement in the Syrian conflict. There's been particular attention paid to the societal impact of this war on Syrian civilians. We then considered whether it is ever right for a country to invade another, exploring the politics of the Vietnam war and the role of a leader in these situations to represent the people.

### Mathematics

This half term, students in Maths were focussing on discussions around circles and Pi. They have been looking at the origins of Pi, a historical development that has played a defining role in the culture of Mathematics. From this, students were able to link circumference and diameter problems to real life examples. Students have also been investigating speed, distance and time by conducting experiments with paper aeroplanes.

## Y7 Pupils experience a Day in the Life of University Students

Forty-five of our Year 7 students paid a visit to The University of Liverpool last week, experiencing a day in the life of a model student. The schedule for the open day involved a walking tour of the University's city campus, our students' first ever lecture, an introduction to clubs & societies plus some early advice on how to budget for an entire year!

The purpose of the visit was to raise awareness of the opportunities that our young students have open to them as they progress through secondary school, perhaps sparking an interest in University life as just one of those many options that they will come to consider in the future.

**Next Month: British Values**