

# The Birkenhead Park School

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Happy New  
Year!

Welcome Back

What's been  
happening recently:



The  
**Birkenhead Park**  
School

# Our latest OFSTED report:

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**“Pupils are growing ever more proud to attend Birkenhead Park School. There has been a turnaround in culture brought about by the new behaviour policy.”**

**“Pupils have responded positively to the school’s higher expectations. They behave well and are developing strong learning habits.”**

**“The school has strong ambitions for the academic achievement of all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).”**



**Our Year 10 students had a talk in assembly with Paula Blakemore, Vice Principal of Birkenhead Sixth Form College, about what to expect in college when they move up after their GCSEs, and how it differs from school. BPS staff are always on hand in school to give advice as part of our Careers programme too.**



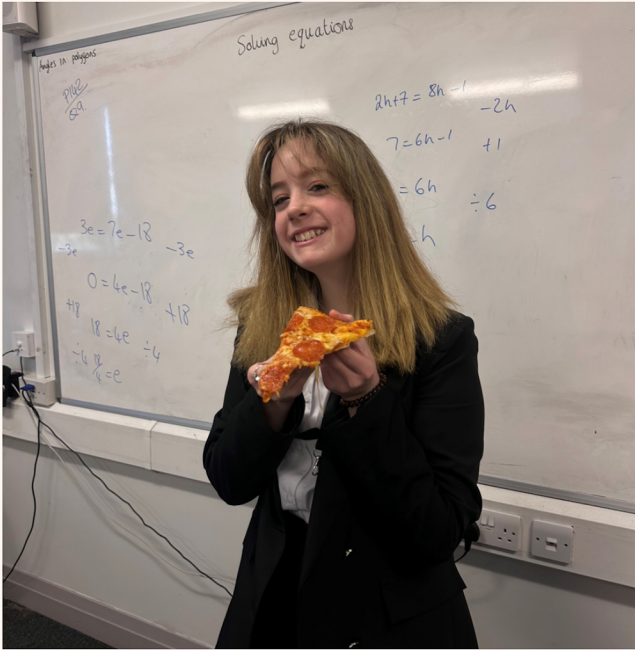
**Our 'Countdown to Mocks' programme has started for our Year 11 students, in preparation for their upcoming GCSE exams. Please visit our website for further details on revision intervention timetables, and what you can do to work effectively.**





# Job Well Done:

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## Congratulations on 100% attendance to forms:

-7B3

-10B1

-11A2

*Celebrated perfect attendance  
with a pizza party!*



## Must Know:

Congratulations to the students who completed last term's Must Know. The Top 10 students received a reward for their hard work over the Christmas break!

### Top 10:

-Victoria Rathnow

-Rachel Church

-Macey-Sue Westcott

-Jordan Furtado

-George Howden

-Amani Jomah

-Mia Wellman

-Esther Ughelu

-Isabel Nelson

-Sofia Rice



## Chess Tournament:

Our very own Year 9 student, Daniel Church, is a two time winner of the Winter half-term Chess Tournament!

# Educational Trips:

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Our students behaved immaculately on their trip to the chemistry department of LJMU. After a very productive day learning about ions, 3 students were awarded Amazon gift vouchers, Charlotte Alcock, Makanaka Tawanda and Alghert Nxheci, for their outstanding contributions.



Our students attended Tranmere for the Holocaust Memorial Education day (Pro-peace & anti genocide). They participated fully and enthusiastically in workshops around antisemitism and came up with some fantastic creative solutions and a presentation of work which will be used in an online publication!



Our students had the once in a lifetime opportunity to speak live to scientists onboard the RRS Sir David Attenborough (built here in Cammell Lairds, Birkenhead!) about their work in the South Pole, Antarctica, and the experiments they are conducting regarding the giant iceberg that has broken free.

They then took part in a virtual tour of the ship, and Year 7 student Jess was interviewed by Granada TV to appear on the News. What a day with Wirral Council!



# Our Next Books:

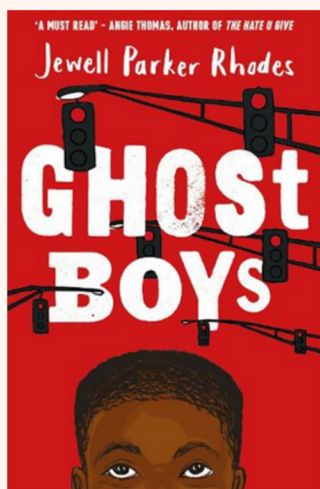


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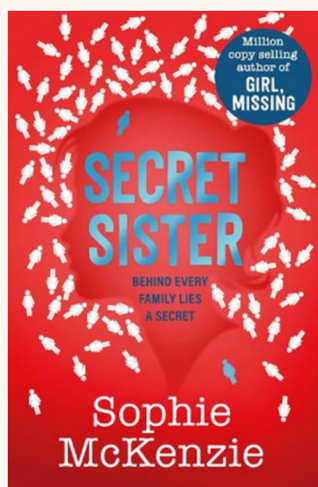
Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 were given six books to vote on for their next Big Read book.

*The winners are...*

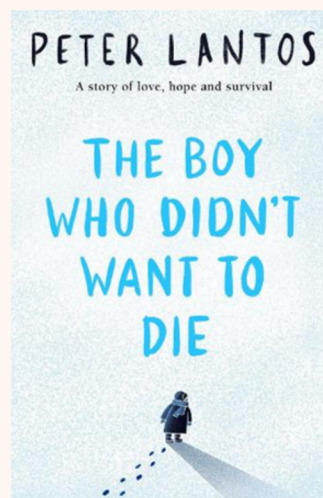
## Year 7



**1st Choice**



**2nd Choice**



**1st Choice**

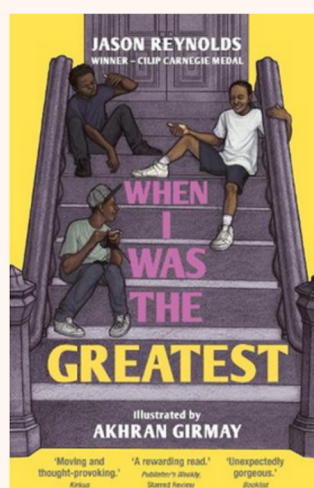


**2nd Choice**

## Year 9



**1st Choice**



**2nd Choice**



# What's been happening in lessons:

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***Year 9 Art students designed a skateboard deck with their own graffiti tag after studying graffiti art last September.***



***Food Technology students made Fiorentina pasta with all fresh ingredients!***



***PE Students are learning table tennis, skills of boxing and how to perform a set routine on the trampoline.***



# Career Talks:

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***Knowsley Safari Park visited BPS to talk about what it is like to work at a zoo and how to become a zoo keeper!***



***Our students had the opportunity to take part in careers related performances and workshops, talking about job skills and goal setting.***





# After School Clubs:

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# Upcoming for February:



6th

## Book Fair



The book fair is coming to BPS the 6th to the 9th! Come to the library after school and pick yourself up a new book.

8th

## Parents / Carers Evening



Year 8 will be having their Parent's night on Thursday 8th February, from 4-6:30pm. This gives you the opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress with their subject teachers.

19th

## Half Term

Half term starts Monday the 19th to Friday the 23rd of February.

26th

## Year 11 Spring Mocks



Year 11 Spring Mocks start on Monday 26th February. Make sure you are working hard, showing up to intervention, and your hard work will pay off when you sit your GCSEs in *less than 60 schools days!*

29th

## Parents / Carers Evening

Year 7 will be having their Parent's night on Thursday 29th February from 4-6:30pm. This gives you the opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress with their subject teachers.