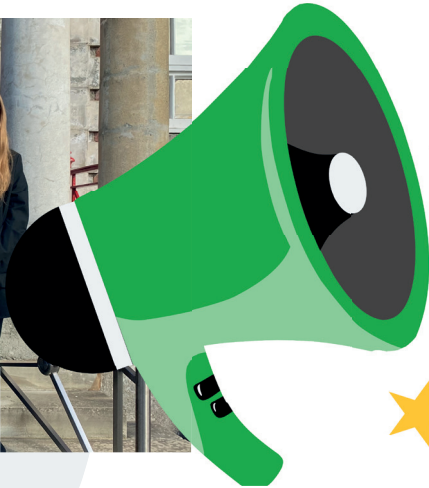




Newsletter

October 2025

As we head into the October Half Term, we're reflecting on another exciting and action-packed term at BPS. **Here's a look at what our amazing students have been up to!**



THANK YOU

The Birkenhead Park School has changed beyond recognition.

Under the leadership of Mike Kilbride MBE and Head of School Nicola McNamee, the hard work and commitment of our staff, students, and their families have transformed the school - with Ofsted recognising that we are on a "rapid journey of improvement."

Our students are achieving the best results in the school's history, attendance is amongst the best in Wirral, and our classrooms are calm, focused, and phone-free.

We want to thank everyone in our school community for their continued support and belief in what we are building together. This is only the beginning of our transformation - and the best is yet to come.



Liverpool Echo Visit

This month, The Birkenhead Park School was proud to welcome a visit from the Liverpool Echo.

The reporter spent time speaking with students and staff and saw first-hand the positive changes happening across the school.

The resulting article highlighted our strong focus on improving attendance, raising expectations, and creating an environment where every student can thrive.

It was a pleasure to share what makes BPS such a special place to learn and grow!

**Scan to view the
news story**



George BBC Appearance and Essay Publication

It has been a fantastic couple of months for George, one of our outstanding Year 11 students!

George, who volunteers as a Junior Leader and Ambassador at The Hive, recently featured on BBC North West Tonight as part of The Hive Ambassadors, who are finalists for the BBC Radio Merseyside Make a Difference Awards - recognising individuals making a positive impact in their communities.

In addition, George's thoughtful essay on the importance of youth workers has been selected for publication in The Young Writers Annual Showcase, highlighting his dedication and insight.

We are incredibly proud of George and all that he has achieved!



BePART Primary School Day



Recently, we had the pleasure of welcoming 90 pupils from Cathcart Street and Bedford Drive Primary Schools to The Birkenhead Park School for our BePART Primary Day!

They spent the afternoon experiencing life at BPS, meeting staff, chatting with current students, and taking part in a range of fun PE activities – including climbing, trampolining, table tennis, and kin ball.

It was a fantastic day, and we look forward to welcoming some of these pupils back in the future as they begin their secondary school journeys.



Educate Awards Shortlist

The Birkenhead Park School is celebrating after being shortlisted for two prestigious Educate Awards!

Our Senior Attendance Manager Ms Tidsdale has been named a finalist for **Support Star of the Year**, recognising her outstanding commitment to student wellbeing. Additionally, the school's Trust, BePART Educational Trust, is in the running for **Most Inspirational MAT**.

These nominations highlight the dedication of staff and the Trust's shared vision for providing outstanding opportunities for young people.



Most Improved Attendance on Wirral

The Birkenhead Park School is proud to have achieved the most improved attendance on the Wirral for the 2024–25 academic year - now holding the highest attendance among all non-selective schools in the area.

This success is the result of a whole-school approach and the dedication of our five-strong attendance team, led by Senior Attendance Manager Ms Tidsdale, who has been shortlisted for Support Star of the Year at the 2025 Educate Awards.

Improving attendance has been a key priority for the school, reflecting our wider commitment to raising standards and ensuring every student reaches their full potential. Regular attendance is essential not just for academic success, but for building confidence, routine, and resilience - all of which are central to life at BPS.

We're incredibly proud of this achievement and of Ms Tidsdale's well-deserved recognition. The school remains committed to building on this momentum and continuing to provide the support every student needs to thrive.



Junior Leadership Team

Congratulations to our newly appointed Junior Leadership Team!

They did an incredible job welcoming visitors to our recent Open Evening. Their positivity, ambition, resilience, and thoughtfulness truly shone through, reflecting the values at the heart of our school.



Harley won gold in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competition



A huge congratulations to Harley, one of our talented students, who won gold in a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competition in September in Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Hosted by All Stars BJJ, the event saw Harley dominate the competition, winning all three of his contests by submission. This incredible achievement is a testament to Harley's hard work, discipline, and skill.

We're all extremely proud of him!

Year 11 Careers Day

Our Year 11 students recently took part in two valuable careers events.

During Careers Day, they attended workshops and received expert advice from organisations including Shaping Futures, Career Connect, and Wirral Met College, helping them explore post-16 options and build key employability skills.

On a separate day, they took part in mock interviews with external visitors, gaining confidence and practising real-world communication. A big thank you to everyone who helped make both events such a success!



One year of being a phone free school

The Birkenhead Park School is proudly marking one year of being mobile phone-free - a move that has had a significant impact on student focus, behaviour, and well-being.

While the school has long had a no-phone policy, the introduction of secure phone pouches last September embedded the change into daily life. Students now lock away their phones each morning and unlock them only as they leave the site.

Since the rollout, staff have seen improved classroom behaviour, stronger peer relationships, and greater engagement in lessons. Many students say the change has been a relief, giving them a break from social media and a chance to be more present.

Assistant Headteacher Mrs Dawes said: "A year on, we can proudly confirm that phones are no longer an issue. The behaviour and attitudes of our young people are extremely positive and much more focused on school and study rather than peer-to-peer issues or social media platforms. We have also seen a boost in their well-being and social engagement, which has made our school community stronger than ever."

The phone-free initiative is just one part of the school's wider journey of improvement - proving how small changes can make a big difference.



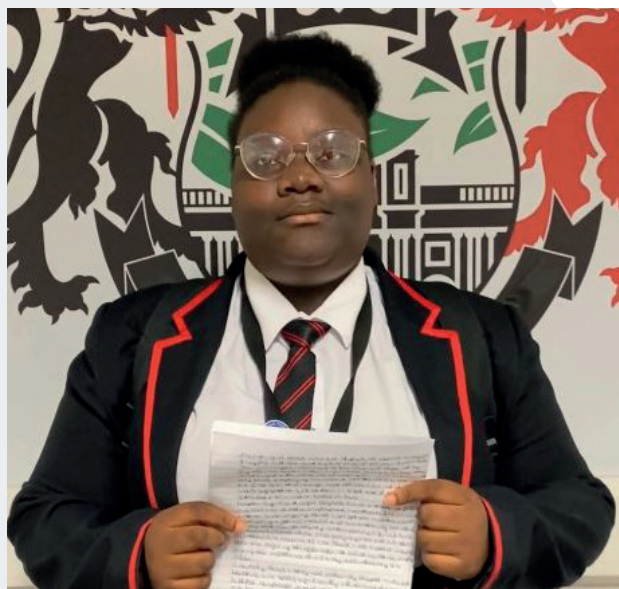
Black History Month Assemblies

To mark the beginning of Black History Month, members of our fantastic Junior Leadership Team delivered powerful and informative assemblies to each year group, exploring this year's theme: Standing Firm in Power and Pride.

They highlighted key historical moments - from both World Wars to the Windrush Generation, the Bristol Bus Boycott, and the legacy of Claudia Jones - while also sharing personal reflections that made their presentations especially impactful. To conclude the week, we were delighted to welcome the families of our Junior Leadership Team into school to watch their children speak.

It was a proud moment for all and a meaningful celebration of student leadership and the important conversations they inspired across our school community.





Black History Month Speech

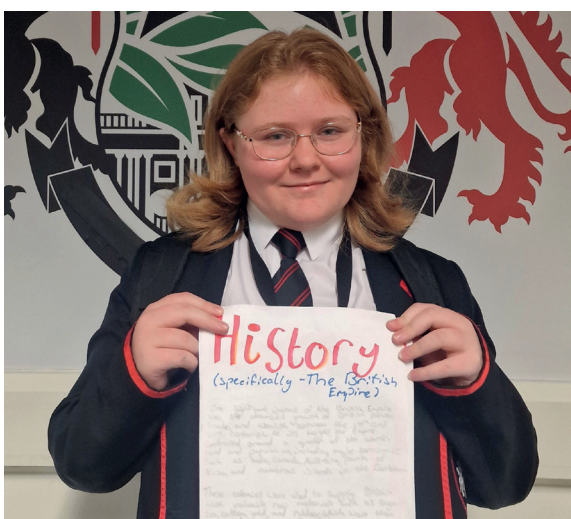
For Black History Month, one of our outstanding students, Oprah, wrote an eloquent and powerful speech that was shared in class.

Her words highlighted why Black History is a vital and profound part of human history. She reflected on significant moments, explored its influence on music, literature, and the arts, and emphasised the importance of education on this important topic.

Year 9 student's first flying experience

A huge congratulations to Year 9 student Rio, who recently had his very first flying experience as part of his involvement with the RAF Air Cadets.

Taking off from Blackpool, he took to the skies with confidence, dedication, and enthusiasm. We are all incredibly proud of this amazing achievement – well done, Rio!



Extra Independent Work

Everyone at The Birkenhead Park School would like to congratulate Scarlett, one of our KS3 active learners, for producing some impressive work independently.

Scarlett chooses topics that interest her and takes the initiative to explore them in greater depth - a fantastic example of independent learning.

Well done, Scarlett!



Army engagement presentation



A group of our students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Liverpool Hope University for an Army Engagement Presentation.

The event provided a fascinating insight into life in the British Army, with students learning about over 100 different roles and career paths, speaking with serving personnel, and hearing first-hand experiences from those in the forces. It was a fantastic and informative day that gave students a deeper understanding of the diverse opportunities available within the Army.

Cooking Club

Cooking Club has got off to a fantastic start this term, with students recently making tacos as part of their culinary adventures.

Our talented students embraced the challenge, showcasing creativity and enthusiasm in the kitchen. It's been a great way for them to develop new skills while enjoying delicious food together.



Day in the Life Video

We recently shared a short video capturing a 'day in the life' of students at The Birkenhead Park School.

Created especially with future students in mind, the video offers a glimpse into daily life at BPS - from The Big Read and engaging lessons to extracurricular clubs and our phone-free environment. It's a great way to showcase the welcoming, vibrant atmosphere that makes our school community so special. **Scan the QR code to watch.**



'Here and Now' Workshop

Our Year 7 and 8 students recently participated in the impactful Here and Now workshop, delivered by the team at Odd Arts.

The sessions combined live theatre, interactive discussion, role play, and debate to explore important topics such as extremist ideologies, discrimination, diversity, and social cohesion. It was a thought-provoking experience that encouraged students to think critically about the world around them.



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Staff at The Birkenhead Park School hosted a successful Macmillan Coffee Morning, coming together to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event featured a tempting array of cakes, many homemade by our talented staff, and a raffle with fantastic prizes. Thanks to the generosity of all involved, over £440 was raised to support Macmillan's vital work with people living with cancer.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and helped organise the event!



Netball Team

This month, our netball team celebrated their first win of the season with a hard-fought 1–0 victory over The Oldershaw School.

The players showed fantastic passion and teamwork, making everyone at The Birkenhead Park School proud. Netball Club runs every Tuesday after school – students interested in taking part are encouraged to come along and get involved!



Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many Year 6 pupils and their families to our Open Evening in September. The event was met with wonderful enthusiasm, and we received highly positive feedback from our visitors.

A special congratulations to Aaliyah, who delivered a powerful speech on kindness during the Head of School's talk, and to Oscar and Ethan, who impressed the audience with their performance from Blood Brothers. Their talent, along with the support of all our student helpers, truly showcased how much students thrive at The Birkenhead Park School.



Mosque Visit

A group of our students extended their learning beyond the classroom with a visit to the Shah Jahan Mosque - the first purpose-built mosque in the UK!

They observed Muslim prayer, explored the mosque's rich history, and deepened their understanding of Islam through thoughtful questions and discussion. This trip brought their RE lessons to life and is just one of the many ways our students engage with diverse faiths, fostering respect, understanding, and cultural awareness.



London Trip

A group of our history students had a fantastic day exploring London!

They saw iconic landmarks including Westminster, London Bridge, and Big Ben; walked through the historic Great Hall in the Houses of Parliament - where Henry VIII once played tennis; took part in a workshop where they created their own petitions and discussed key issues; and even watched a live debate in Parliament.

It was a brilliant opportunity for students to step beyond the classroom and experience history up close!



A huge well done to all our incredible students for their amazing achievements this term! Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm continue to impress us all.

**Have a restful break – we look forward to seeing you back,
ready for the new term!**