



Newsletter

October 2026

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!

The Birkenhead Park School shortlisted for prestigious Educate Award:

The Birkenhead Park School has been shortlisted for Most Inspirational Secondary School at this year's prestigious Educate Awards.

The category recognises secondary schools that have demonstrated exceptional achievements during the 2025-26 academic year, with judges looking for innovative practice, measurable impact, meaningful enrichment opportunities and a commitment to inclusion, belonging and whole-child development.

Over the past academic year, the school has continued to develop engaging initiatives including BPS University, Ignite Speeches, The Big Read, oracy and careers education, alongside more than 75 educational visits last year and a programme of more than 30 extracurricular clubs each week.

Headteacher Mrs Dawes said: "This is a wonderful recognition of the hard work, dedication and ambition of our whole school community. It is incredibly rewarding to see the difference our work is making, particularly when our students are engaged, growing in confidence and making the most of the opportunities available to them."

The Educate Awards ceremony will take place at Liverpool Cathedral on Friday 13th November.



Freshers' Fair

In the first week back, our Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed exploring our Freshers' Fair.

From sports and creative activities to academic support, students had the chance to discover the fantastic range of extracurricular opportunities on offer.

Lots of our young people signed up to various clubs and are eager to get involved, develop new skills and try something new!



Open Evening success

We were proud to host a wonderful Open Evening and welcome so many fantastic families into The Birkenhead Park School.

It was great to meet so many future students and share a glimpse of what makes our school community so special.

A huge thank you to our members of staff who put on excellent interactive displays and supported our visitors so brilliantly, as well as our Junior Leadership Team who represented our school with confidence throughout the evening.



BPS raises £500 for Macmillan

Staff at The Birkenhead Park School recently came together for a Macmillan Coffee Morning.

The staffroom tables were filled with delicious cakes (some homemade by our wonderful staff) and there was a raffle with great prizes up for grabs.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised an amazing £500! All funds went to Macmillan Cancer Support, helping them continue their incredible work supporting people living with cancer.

A huge thank you to our fantastic members of staff who organised the event, baked, donated, and helped make it such a success!



Inspiring visit from Birkenhead Sixth Form College



Our Year 11 students were visited by Assistant Principal of Birkenhead Sixth Form College, Jen Ludwig, who spoke to them about next steps, college life and opportunities after Year 11.

It was a great opportunity for our young people to find out more about their options and what comes next.

Brilliant black history month speeches

For Black History Month, a group of our Year 10 students delivered informative and impactful speeches during assemblies for each year group. The theme centred around honouring our community and looking back at Merseyside's Black History timeline.

Macaria, Trisha, Angel, Kayla, and Omesiri spoke to our school community about the stories of key local figures, including Dorothy Kuya, Dr Gee Walker, James Clarke, and Charles Wotten.

They wrote the speeches themselves and spoke with incredible eloquence. We are extremely proud of their leadership and maturity.



Olivia's martial arts medals

All of us at The Birkenhead Park School would like to congratulate our Year 8 student Olivia, who recently competed at her second-ever martial arts competition.

She faced competitors from around the UK and achieved two golds in kumite and one bronze in the team kata.

Well done, Olivia! You did an amazing job representing the North West!



Kendal to star in Elf the musical

We are very proud of our talented Year 7 student Kendal who successfully auditioned for BOST Musicals' Elf the Musical and will be performing at the Liverpool Empire this November.

Kendal will be part of the magical ensemble and has already started rehearsals for the show. She loves acting in her spare time, so we're delighted to see her passion for performing take her to the stage of such an iconic theatre.

Well done Kendal, we can't wait to hear all about your fantastic performances!



Rio receives most improved cadet award

A huge congratulations to Rio in Year 10, who recently received the Most Improved Cadet Award with the Air Cadets.

This incredible achievement is a result of his hard work, dedication and commitment over the past year. Rio was presented with a prestigious trophy and certificate at a special awards ceremony.

We're incredibly proud of him and all that he has achieved throughout the past two years with the Air Cadets. Well done, Rio!



Ofsted recognises dramatic transformation at The Birkenhead Park School

The transformation of our school has been recognised by Ofsted, with inspectors praising the significant improvements that have taken place across the school in recent years.

The new report provides powerful independent recognition of the school's journey, with Ofsted declaring that "pupils' experiences at this school have improved dramatically."

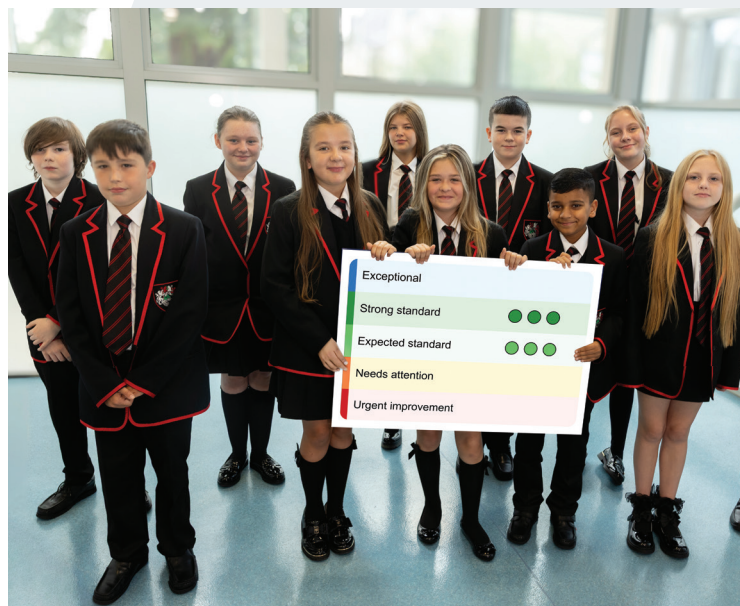
Mrs Dawes, Headteacher at The Birkenhead Park School, said: "We are incredibly proud that Ofsted has recognised the transformation of The Birkenhead Park School. Those of us who are here every day can see just how far the school has come, but to have inspectors recognise that pupils' experiences have 'improved dramatically' is a very special moment for our whole school community.

"We have worked hard to create a school with high expectations, where young people are encouraged to be ambitious for themselves and are given the support and opportunities they need to succeed.

Above all, we are proud to serve our local community. Our families have supported the school on this journey and placed their trust in us to provide the very best education we can for their children. This achievement belongs to our pupils, staff and families, and we hope the whole community can share in our pride."

The report describes a school children want to attend, where pupils are "incredibly respectful towards staff and each other" and lessons are very rarely disrupted. Inspectors also found that pupils "feel safe, supported and cared for in school which contributes to them wanting to be here."

The report also recognises a school at the heart of its community, noting that parents and carers recognise the improvements that have taken place and speak positively about how well the school communicates with them.



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Rubi wins muay thai gold

Congratulations to our Year 9 student, Rubi, who won gold at the Muay Thai GB British Championships!

This is an incredible achievement and a testament to all of Rubi's dedication and training. By securing 1st place, she is officially the champion for her weight category.

Well done, Rubi, we can't wait to see what you achieve next!

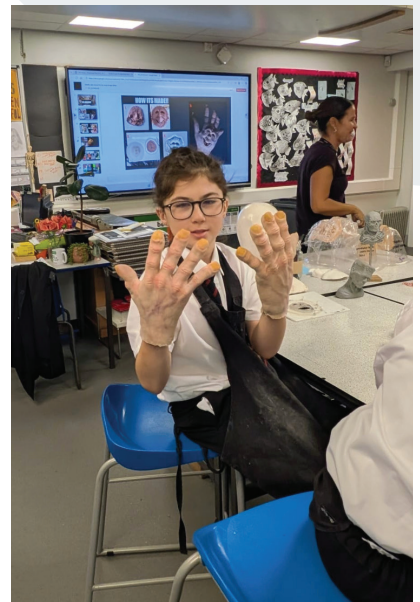
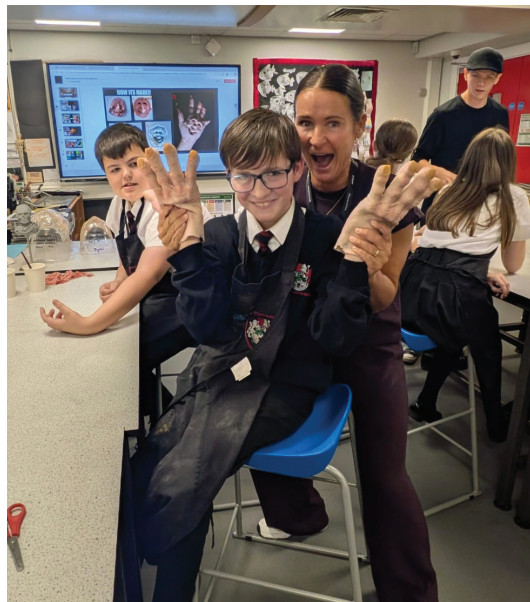


Year 8 enjoy engaging SFX workshop

A group of our Year 8 students recently got hands-on in an engaging SFX workshop held by former The Birkenhead Park School student Charlie.

Charlie, who is now a professional SFX artist working with major productions, including with Netflix, spoke to our students about his career and taught them how to create realistic, theatrical injury effects using professional make-up techniques.

Our Year 8s had a great time learning new skills and exploring their creativity.



Students get creative in cooking club

It has been a great start to the year for our extracurricular clubs – especially Cooking Club!

Students have made a range of interesting dishes, including 'squashage fingers' (a brunch meal that uses mince and various flavourings) and a delicious orzo primavera pasta salad (a Mediterranean-inspired meal with roots in Italian and Greek cuisine).

Everyone has built a lot of confidence in the kitchen and thoroughly enjoyed tasting the delicious results of their hard work.



Newly appointed Junior Leadership Team

Congratulations to this year's appointed Junior Leadership Team!

Our Junior Leadership Team have had a fantastic first few weeks. From brilliantly helping out at Open Evening to running activities with our younger students, they have excelled and truly embraced their roles.

Leadership opportunities like this are just one of the many enrichment experiences available to students here at The Birkenhead Park School, and we look forward to seeing what our JLT achieve during their time in Year 11.

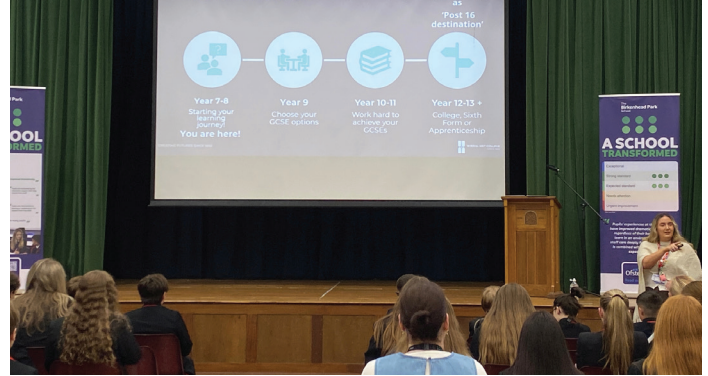


Wirral Met inspires Year 8 students

Our Year 8 students recently attended an assembly by Wirral Met College.

Alysha, School & Community Liaison Officer at Wirral Met, spoke to our young people about further education, life at college, and the array of opportunities available to them.

Our students were fully engaged and took away lots of valuable information about their future options.



Year 11s build confidence through Careers Day

Our Year 11 students took part in an engaging Careers Day.

Throughout the day, they connected with fantastic guest visitors, including Wirral Met College, Career Connect, and the Steven Gerrard Academy. Students took the time to reflect on their skills, map out their future aspirations, and explore exciting career pathways.

Our young people also participated in practical workshops to build CVs, polish their interview techniques, and discover what employers are looking for. They showed plenty of ambition and took a lot of value from the day!



BPS musicians perform at Black Horse Hill



A group of our talented Year 8 and 11 students visited Black Horse Hill Junior School for a very special assembly performance.

Our Year 8 band played amazingly alongside Mr Ross, while our Year 11 students delivered a fantastic performance as part of their BTEC assessment.

The primary school children absolutely loved the live music, and it was a great opportunity for our musicians to showcase their guitar and drum skills in front of a brand-new audience.

History students visit Kraków

Recently, a group of our Year 9, 10, and 11 students visited Kraków, Poland, to bring their History GCSE studies to life.

They spent time exploring the city's rich heritage, including visits to Wawel Castle, the Kraków Barbican, the Rynek Underground Museum and more. They also took a tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a deeply moving experience that allowed them to pay their respects and engage with history on a truly profound level.

The trip was hugely impactful for our young people, who were fantastic ambassadors for The Birkenhead Park School throughout.



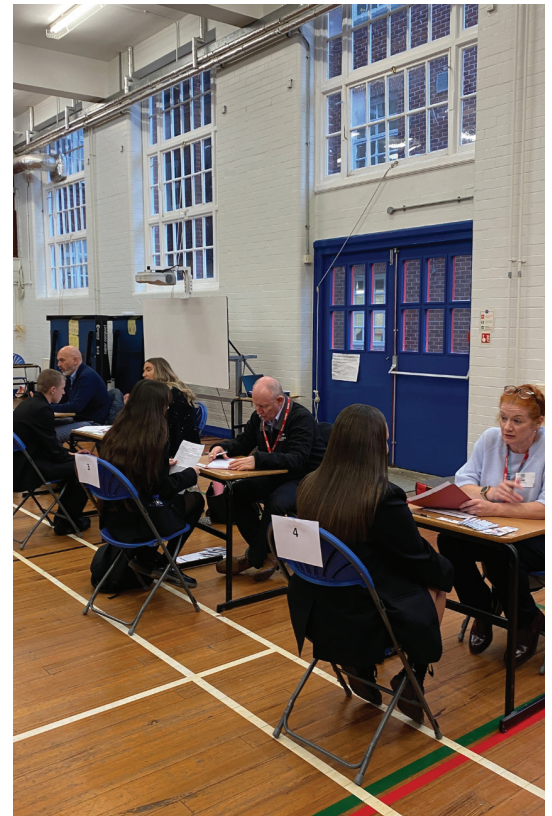
Year 11 complete mock interviews

Our Year 11 students took part in formal mock interviews with a diverse line-up of real employers and educational providers.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our visitors from Wirral Met College, Birkenhead Sixth Form College, the Royal Navy, Career Connect, HSBC, Barclays, and Liverpool John Moores University for taking the time to conduct these interviews.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to hone their skills, practice their technique in real-world conditions, and receive invaluable feedback as they prepare for their future careers.

The maturity and professionalism shown by the year group was exceptional.



Year 7 students take on karate

A group of our fantastic Year 7 students spent some time at the Birkenhead Karate Academy.

The group had a wonderful time learning fundamental martial arts techniques and working hard to master their basic punches. They showed great focus and did an exceptional job throughout the session.

A huge thank you to Year 8 student Olivia, who came along to support everyone.



Fantastic football wins for Year 7

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 boys' football team who have had a highly successful start to the year.

This month, they won their fixture against St John Plessington Catholic College and visited the Co-op Academy Bebington to play multiple games - winning 4/5 of them!

Our students have worked amazingly as a team and shown great resilience over the past few weeks to achieve these impressive wins. Well done!



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.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back for a new half term!