# NEWSLETTER

February 2025

Your termly update of what's happening at The Birkenhead Park School during the Spring term.

#### **Student IGNITE Talks**

Year 8 students were asked to give a talk to their student peers on one of three subjects, including education, inequality or antisocial behaviour. What followed was a masterclass in these subjects, as seen through our students eyes. Each one was well-thought out, concise and clear in its points. Every student deserved their star badge awarded by Miss Dawes.



#### Wirral Cup Football Competition



Year 8 played their first Wirral Cup match competition at the end of January, away to University Academy Ellesmere Port, where they were victorious in a 9-0 victory. Goals were from Abdul (Man of the Match), Jack, Samuel and Mohammed (who is currently playing a year above his age)

Well done to the whole team!

#### **BPS Sports Leaders**

Year 9 BPS Sports Leaders took part in a Wirral School Games Event to support the Mental Health and Wellbeing of local primary school children at Wirral Karate Club. Students Leo, Jake, Emily and Lilly-Ann were fantastic role models, and supported the students from various primary schools in trying something new and fun. They were fantastic ambassadors of our school showing all of our school values.



#### **BPS University Recognition**



Year 8 student Connor has created over 300 flash cards to help with his revision for his upcoming assessments - we know all of his hard work will pay off.

Well done Connor, and welcome to Miss Dawes' "BPS University"!

#### **Re-Freshers Fair**

We held our Re-Freshers Fair this term to showcase our new extracurricular timetable! We now have an extremely wide ranging timetable, including activities with HYPE, and our students can't wait to attend them this term! For more information on our extracurricular clubs from Easter, and our most recent timetable, please visit:



www.birkenheadparkschool.com/personal-development/extracurricular

#### Thoughtfulness in the snow!



It may seem a long time ago when the snow fell, but we have the photos to prove how amazing Year 8 students Jordan and Lewis were when helping Davey the Caretaker in clearing away the snow from the paths. They were recognised for their Thoughtfulness by Miss Chong.









#### **Rowing Club**



Year 9 student Sebastian (orange hat), took part in his first rowing competition for Liverpool Rowing Club, and his team came 6th - what a fantastic achievement for their first time!

### **LEXIA Power Up**

Lily-Ann has just completed the LEXIA Power
Up programme - what a fantastic
achievement!





### **Phone Free School**



We have completed our first term of being a Phone Free school thanks to our new secure phone pouches, and they have been a great success! Year 11 student Grace, said: "I no longer feel the pressure to check and reply in group chats on my phone. I can 100% concentrate more in lessons". Head of School, Mrs McNamee, said: "It's been a massive positive for teaching and learning!"

#### **GLOW Sports**



Six local primary school attended our GLOW Sports event with DJ, run by BPS staff and our Student Sport Leaders. Everyone had an amazing time glowing in the darkness, and the DJ was superb - we had really lovely feedback from everyone who attended! Feedback from the schools included "It was wonderful to see girls who normally shy away from Sport getting involved!"

#### **Netball Winners!**

Our amazing Year 7 & 8 students competed in a netball tournament at SJP, and won the whole competition, remaining undefeated in all of their games throughout.

This team turns up to practice every single week, and have come together to create on of our best teams ever! What fantastic resilience they have shown!



### **Murder Mystery**

Mr Brown's Year 8 Form have been investigating a murder in form time!

Everyone studied the facts and evidence in front of them, and discussed who they thought the murderer was... but were they right? Could they stop them before they struck again?









We've had a fantastic response so far this term to our various reward initiatives. Freddo Friday has been hugely popular with forms winning Freddos every week for the most positive points. The results for the first half of the Spring term are as follows:

**THOUGHTFULNESS 15662 POINTS** 

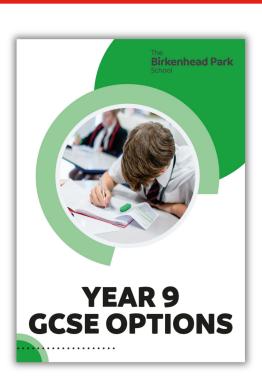
**POSITIVITY 13338 POINTS** 

**RESILIENCE 12724 POINTS** 

**AMBITION 12540 POINTS** 

### **Year 9 Options Choices**

Our Year 9 Students will be choosing their GCSE Options soon, and we are holding our Options Evening on Monday 17th March 2025, from 4-6pm, for students to chat with their teachers about the best choice for them. All final GCSE choices must be made by Friday 21st March at 12 noon.



More information on GCSE subjects is available on our website at: www.birkenheadparkschool.com/students/gcse-options



### What Next? Fair - Friday 28th Feb 2025

#### **Future Fridays Talks**

Jonathan Coleman, from Liverpool City Region combined authority came to talk to our students about the Freeport project, as part of our Future Fridays project. It gives an insight for our students, into job roles in the real world, and what they involve on a day to day basis.





Students have been chosen by their club leaders for their contribution to extracurricular clubs after school!

Thank you for being outstanding and always supporting your club! It's great to see so many students turning up and enjoying all the clubs were have on offer.

Look out for the brand-new extracurricular timetable after half term, with two brand new clubs which were requested by you at the Re-Freshers Fair!

Don't forget parents/carers can log on to unifrog at home a one stop shop for all destinations post 16. Log on using the code **TBPSparents** and take the personality quiz with your child at home.





## **REMINDERS**

Family Fun Night is every Tuesday during term time, from 4-6pm. We will have loads of different activities on for all age groups.

Year 7 Parents' & Carers' Evening

Thursday 27th February 2025. Please see your letter for information on how to register.

Whole School Drop Down Day -**Tuesday 4th March 2025**You will have received a letter with your child's activity details

Year 11 Parents' Evening **Thursday 13th March 2025**Further information to follow.

Year 9 Options Evening **Monday 17th March 2025** 

Comic Relief Cake Sale
Thursday 20th March 2025.

Welcome Evening for new Year 7 students
Wednesday 26th March 2025.
Further information to follow.

Please remind yourself of our uniform policy by visiting <a href="https://www.birkenheadparkschool.com/uniform">www.birkenheadparkschool.com/uniform</a>