



# NEWSLETTER

## Winter Term - Xmas 2024

Your termly update of what's happening at The Birkenhead Park School in the run up to Christmas

### Innovative & Creative Literacy Award

The Birkenhead Park School was runner up for the Innovative & Creative Literacy Award 2024 by Educate Awards! We're so proud of what we have achieved and know that our students have benefited hugely from all the Literacy initiatives we have.



### 16 before 16 Classic Challenge



6 students have completed our challenge this term, and won a trip to Waterstones to pick a book of their choosing, along with a hot chocolate, which is very welcome with the Winter weather! Well done everyone for such an amazing achievement - our students have read 1020 classic novels so far!



### Family Book Club

Family Book Club has started for the families of our Year 7, 8 & 9 students! If you'd like to join, please visit [www.birkenheadparkschool.com/family-book-club](http://www.birkenheadparkschool.com/family-book-club) to register your interest. Our next meeting for book chat, tea and cake is on Monday 27th January 2025, from 4-5pm.



### Christmas Card Competition 2024



Year 7 student Diya won our competition to design the school Christmas card for 2024, and to have it printed. Well done Diya - a future artist in the making!



## Inspirational Talks



Year 11 students received a hugely inspirational talk from Richard McCann about showing resilience and ambition in the face of adversity. Richard has received many set backs in his life, but is now a successful motivational speaker, passing his knowledge onto our students.

## Year 7 Football

Our Year 7 football team played their first competitive fixture on grass against Ridgeway, and emerged victorious with a hard fought but close 4-5 win. Man of the Match was Oliver, with fantastic goals scored by Oliver, Roman and Mohammed. Congratulations on a great win!



## An Inspector Calls

Our Year 11 GCSE students watched 'An Inspector Calls' at the Liverpool Empire Theatre, as part of their prep for their upcoming exams. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, and a great evening was had by all!



## Peter Pan



Drama Club and high achieving drama students had the chance to visit the Floral Pavilion to watch the pantomime version of J.M. Barrie's 'Peter Pan'. Live theatre is always amazing to watch, and all of our students really enjoyed the chance to experience the performance. It was lovely to see them enjoying themselves - **Oh yes they did!**



# Elf Run 2024



# Xmas Jumper Day





## Man City Trip



Students had the amazing and unique experience of visiting the amazing Manchester City football stadium, where students got to watch the Man City Vs Feyenoord match, which ended in a thrilling 3-3 draw.

## Climbing competition

Students from Years 9-11 have been training for the Youth Climbing Competition, held at the Climbing Hut. We have now heard the fantastic news that **they came first in the Novice category** - thoroughly well deserved after all of their hard work with Mrs Heritage.



## Xmas Food Tech

So much festive baking has been going on in school this term!



## Remembrance Day



We held our Remembrance Day service in November, to remember those who gave their life for us. The service included our students who are cadets.

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# EXTRAORDINARY STUDENTS



## Lilly

Year 9 student Lilly, who is the new Female Strawweight Kickboxing World Champion!!! She now holds 9 belts in total, which is such an amazing achievement at her age.

## Casey

Year 7 student Casey-Jade competed in the North West Championships last weekend, and won all of these medals for trampolining, synchro and DMT.



## Dylan

He is an elite player and extremely dedicated to the sport. He hopes to play professionally when he is older. He currently plays for Birkenhead Boys, who are top of the local Division One league.



# Everton & a message to Merseyside

Our Year 8 students had the honour of representing our community at the premiere of an EVOLVE media event, where spoken word artist Joseph Roberts performed his poem 'Dear Merseyside'. The work supports the 'Clear, Hold, Build and Silence is Not an Option' messaging and is essentially a call for change among our residents, in particular young people, to get them to move away from the draw of gangs and to improve future prospects for all.



Merseyside Police Chief Constable Serena Kennedy and the PCC Emily Spurrell have taken part in the video along with some other representatives of our community.

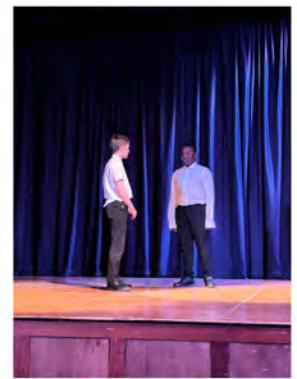
Please take time to watch the video below and to share with your child at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YVPEpinzPM>



# BPS Christmas Show

Our students have worked so hard this term to create what was the most magical and talented show on the Wirral!! We want to thank everyone involved and Mrs Critchlow, for a fantastic performance that we hope will be repeated next year!





# CAREERS

Our career champions have been creating visions boards in after-school club.

David is looking into apprenticeships and wants to get into politics and become President of Romania one day!

Rachel loves looking after people and the environment, would love to work in the community and also loves performing arts!

Lacey loves all animals and dreams of working with dogs in the future!



## **HIVE Careers Fair Trip**

Our Year 10 and 11 students attended the *What's Next?* Careers fair at The Hive, to find out about opportunities available to them after their upcoming GCSEs.

## **Year 11 STEM Careers Trip**

Year 11 attended a careers fair at Liverpool arena, looking at possible career options, and meeting potential future employers - a really fun yet enlightening trip out overall!



## **Year 11 Mock Interviews**

Year 11 are all taking on mock interviews to prepare them for the world of work! We have lots of local business professional giving up their time to support and provide feedback to our year 11's.

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 **TBSPparents** and take the personality quiz with your child at home.

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# REWARDS

## and attendance



We've had a fantastic response this term to our various reward initiatives. Freddo Friday has been hugely popular with forms winning Freddos every week for the most positive points, and the House Cup has been won by the leading House in each year group.

**YR 7** POSITIVITY 9501 POINTS

**YR 8** THOUGHTFUL 9396 POINTS

**YR 9** THOUGHTFUL 8959 POINTS

**YR 10** RESILIENCE 6724 POINTS

**YR 11** POSITIVITY 3935 POINTS



Our Top 3 students over the whole school were Year 8 student Kayla (364), Year 9 student Macy (358) and Year 9 student Lucy-May (343).





# 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 10 Parents' & Carers' Evening  
Thursday 16th January 2025. Please see your letter for information on how to register.

Birkenhead Sixth Form College Open Evening  
for Year 10 & 11 students.  
**Wednesday 29th January 2025**

Wirral Met College Open Evening  
for Year 10 & 11 students.  
**9th January 2025**

Year 9 Parents' & Carers' Evening  
**Thursday 30th January 2025.**  
Further information to follow.

Year 8 Parents' & Carers' Evening  
**Thursday 13th February 2025.**  
Further information to follow.

Year 7 Parents' & Carers' Evening  
**Thursday 27th February 2025.**  
Further information to follow.

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[www.birkenheadparkschool.com/uniform](http://www.birkenheadparkschool.com/uniform)