

7 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a busy start to the new term, and we are thrilled to share some updates with you about our school community.

First and foremost, we want to share our immense pride in our students. They have been working tirelessly to ensure that our core values of positivity, ambition, resilience, and thoughtfulness are embedded across the school.

Learning Habit – Attendance and Punctuality

As always, I want to draw your attention to the importance of attendance and punctuality. Recently, an academic study highlighted the critical link between education and health. It emphasised that regular attendance at school not only contributes to academic success but also plays a significant role in improving life expectancy. Conversely, poor attendance has been linked to health risks comparable to smoking or heavy drinking.

These findings demonstrate the critical importance of education not only in shaping academic success but also in supporting healthier and longer lives for our children. We encourage you to speak with your children about the value of education and its impact on their future well-being.

New Year 7 Cohort of September 2024

I am delighted to announce that we are full and oversubscribed for our new Year 7 cohort. This is a testament to the progress that the school has made over the last 18 months in establishing itself as the school of choice for the community of Birkenhead. We are excited to welcome these new students into our school family.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Our Year 11 students have had an excellent start to their mock exams. They have been supported with high-quality teaching and learning, intervention sessions, and Saturday school, ensuring they are fully prepared for every assessment. We are pleased to report that our students have exhibited a strong work ethic during their exams and we thank you for your continued support in reinforcing expectations, standards, and positive behaviour.

Must Know Challenges

I would like to share some exciting updates regarding the progress and achievements of our students in Key Stage 3. Over the recent half term, our students have participated in "must-know challenges" aimed at developing positive learning habits. I want to congratulate each student who completed this challenge and embraced this opportunity. Your encouragement and support at home are crucial in reinforcing these positive habits, and I kindly request that you continue to motivate your child to participate in upcoming challenges, including the one scheduled for Spring Break.

Reading

I am thrilled to announce that our students have collectively immersed themselves in the world of literature, with an impressive total of 484 classic books read thus far. This remarkable achievement not only reflects the enthusiasm and engagement of our students but also the importance of developing a love for reading. I encourage you to continue reading with your child, as this will support future academic success.

Learning Habit - Homework

I would like to remind you of the importance of homework completion. Homework assignments serve as invaluable opportunities for reinforcing classroom learning and positive study habits. It is important that students complete their homework each week, ensuring they are completed to a high standard and submitted on time. Your support in reinforcing this message is much appreciated.

Learning Habit – Equipment

Additionally, I would like to emphasise the importance of ready for learning. Students are reminded to come to school equipped with essential items such as their bag, PE kit, and pencil case. By ensuring they are adequately prepared for the school day, students demonstrate a readiness to engage in their learning and once again supports academic success.

Access to Toilets

In our ongoing commitment to prioritising the safety and well-being for all students, our staff members will now be required to record each student request on Class Charts. This decision has been made to efficiently monitor and address student needs while also upholding their privacy and dignity.

Y7 Parents' Evening

We were delighted to see so many supportive parents and carers, alongside our students, at the recent Year 7 parents' evening. The positive feedback we received about our students thriving at BPS was heart-warming. Your involvement and engagement in your child's education make a significant difference, and we are grateful for your continued support.



Y9 Options Evening – Thursday 14 March

Next week promises to be a busy and exciting time for our Year 9 students as we prepare them to make their option choices. I would like to invite you to our Option Evening on Thursday, March 14. All the information and timings for this event have previously been sent out by Mrs. Clarke, Assistant Headteacher. The event provides the opportunity for you to explore the various options available and interact with teachers. We encourage your participation to ensure that you support your child in making informed decisions.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students.

Best wishes,

Peter Mee
Head of School