

25 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a hugely successful summer half term and we are very proud of our students; they are continuing to work really hard to ensure our core values of positivity, ambition, resilience and thoughtfulness are embedded in everything that we do.

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 have had a brilliant start to the exam season. The offer to our Year 11 students continues to be exceptional; this includes a comprehensive in school intervention programme, pre-exam support, Saturday revision and May half term masterclasses. All of this has a clear purpose: to ensure our students are prepared for every examination and our message has been clear for some time now, the students who work the hardest will make the most progress. Please encourage your child to continue to attend school every day and participate in the Saturday Revision and May half term masterclasses.

We continue to be really clear with our students about expectations, standards and positive behaviour. The feedback from colleagues is that students have shown 'exemplary behaviour' and that they have been 'focused and hardworking' in all their exams. We thank you for your continued support with this.

The examination season really is a marathon where positivity and resilience are required, well done to our students who are continuing to demonstrate these core values. Mr Lodge is also organising an exciting Year 11 leavers' assembly for our students on Tuesday 20th June and the Year 11 Prom on Friday 7th July.

Year 7 – 10 End of Year Assessments. Monday 19th June – Thursday 29th June

To support teachers to accurately assess students' progress we have scheduled formal subject assessments. These assessments are designed to test knowledge from this academic year so that we have strong indication of student progress. You will be informed of your child's performance on these assessments in their end of year report. More details regarding the end of year assessments will be shared this you after half term by Mrs Clarke, Assistant Headteacher.

Class Charts

In order to further improve our communication with you, we have subscribed to Class Charts and aim to be up and running with it by July, in readiness for September.

You will be able to use Class Charts to keep track of your child's behaviour, view attendance records, access their weekly timetable, view assigned homework tasks, track recognition/detentions and view announcements from school.



Please ensure we have your most up to date email address by emailing:

jgr@birkenheadparkschool.com

SEND Family Drop in

Following the success of our previous family drop in event I'm delighted to share that we have scheduled **Thursday 22nd June 2pm - 4pm** for families to again drop in and speak to our school SENCOs Ms Weekes and Mrs Canham. Everyone is welcome, we simply ask that you contact Mrs Dixon on the email address below to book in so that we can plan to accommodate the relevant number of families.

Jdi@birkenheadparkschool.com

School INSET Day – Friday 30th June

School will be closed to all students for staff training.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach - Tuesday 18th July

As we approach the end of this academic year, we are organising a trips day on Tuesday 18th July. Please remind your child that students will only be allowed to go if they have 95% attendance from when we launched the trip in March, that is no more and 3 days off school. Students have also taken part in a plethora of enrichment activities including a visit from the Kontiki School Denmark, Tranmere Rovers Football Club, Theatre Trips and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Finally, I continue to be overwhelmed on how our students have adjusted to, and risen to the challenge of perfect uniform, positive behaviour, homework and improved attendance. Thank you for continuing to work with us to provide the best possible educational experience for the young people of Birkenhead.

I hope you have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend, and we will look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday 5th June.

Kind Regards

Peter Mee
Head of School