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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a really positive start to the new school year, it has been a week where students have adjusted to even higher expectations, new routines, and early starts! Our dedicated staff has worked tirelessly to create a safe and supportive environment where every student can succeed, and I'm sure that by working in partnership, we will continue to improve the life chances of the students who attend our school.

Attendance and Punctuality

I unapologetically write about attendance and punctuality in almost every letter, and I cannot stress enough the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Consistent attendance ensures that your child can fully participate in their education. Please make every effort to have your child arrive at school on time every day.

Exciting Extracurricular Activities

This year, we are thrilled to offer an enhanced range of extracurricular activities. These activities provide valuable opportunities for your child to explore their interests, develop new skills, and make lasting memories. We have had over 150 students participate this week in a range of enrichment activities. Please check our social media feeds and website for updates and encourage your child to get involved!

Year 6 Open Evening

I am delighted to share with you the success of our Year 6 Open Evening, which took place on Wednesday 20th September. The evening was filled with excitement and enthusiasm as prospective families had the opportunity to explore our school and meet our dedicated staff and amazing student ambassadors. They had a glimpse of the exceptional educational experience we offer here at Birkenhead Park School. As you may be aware, our current year 7 is full and oversubscribed. We do encourage all our Birkenhead community to submit their preferences as soon as possible to guarantee a place at our school.

Download Class Charts and Support

To help you stay informed about your child's progress, we encourage you to download Class Charts, our online tool for tracking homework, behaviour, and achievement. This valuable resource will help you stay engaged in your child's education and provide the support they need.

Responsible Parking

In our commitment to being good neighbours and ensuring the safety of our students, we kindly ask all parents and carers to be considerate when parking near the school. Please avoid blocking driveways, double parking, or parking in restricted areas. Let's work together to maintain a safe and harmonious environment for our community.

Ofsted Parent View

As you may be aware, schools and academies in the UK are subject to short notice Ofsted inspections. This means that we will receive a call the afternoon before the team is due to visit us. Ofsted believes that by doing this, *"parents and all those interested in what is happening in our schools can have absolute confidence in Ofsted's findings."*

We are therefore encouraging you to use Ofsted's online facility; 'Parent View' to offer your thoughts about Birkenhead Park School. Your views are important to us and are used to continue to make improvements at the school in order to support all our students.

Ofsted expects parents and carers to complete the questionnaire every academic year, as your views may change. If you did it last year, we would be really grateful if you took the time to do it again. The link that you will need to complete the online questionnaire is:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Together, we can make this school year a truly positive and enriching experience for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year leader in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Best wishes,



Peter Mee
Head of School