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**Archbishop of York**  
Visit



The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, visited The Birkenhead Park School on Thursday and sampled a taster of Year 7 History and English lessons. The Archbishop's visit was part of his 'Believe in Birkenhead' mission which encompasses three days of activities in the region that included a morning at the school with our students and staff.

Along with a Q & A session with students and a tour of the school facilities, the Archbishop took part in lessons which were taking place. The Archbishop of York, along with his fellow clergy visitors from local parishes, joined students in answering questions.

During the session, the Archbishop told a student: "You are unique and if you do not give everything of yourself in the best possible way then it is other people who miss out. It is not just through hard work but your own determination and passion to push yourself enough."

His words reflect the vision and values of the School in positivity, ambition, resilience and thoughtfulness, and gave the students a lot to think about afterwards. Charlie in Year 8 said: "I feel as though the Archbishop has given me a huge confidence boost and made me realise I can believe in myself and therefore achieve the best grades possible in school."

Charlie's Year 8 classmate, Lily, agreed and said: "The Archbishop was really approachable and easy to talk to, he gave me some important life lessons." After his visit, the Archbishop visited Birkenhead Sixth Form College to meet with students and staff.



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The Archbishop took part in a Q & a session with students at The Birkenhead Park School

## Some of the questions asked by our students

If you were born in Uganda how come you ended up here?

What is the main part of your job?

Which celebrity today do you think is a good role model for young people?

How do you get to become a bishop?

## Letter from The Archbishop after his visit

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*Dear Helen,*

Thank you for welcoming me and the 'Believe in Birkenhead' team to your school during our recent visit. It was tremendous to both see round the school and to meet the Year 11 students who engaged so enthusiastically in conversation and had great ideas.

I recall that Lily was ready to provide my first clerical collar when President Mugabe is no longer in post. You have some terrific students there. I thank God for you, your staff and your students, as this new school year gets under way.

I was glad you were also able to meet with Dan Finn, so that you can take forward with him the discussion in the future, about being involved with the Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award.

With every blessing,

*Helen*

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