

12th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending the Year 8 Parents' Evening Information Evening, which took place this week. It was lovely to see so many supportive parents and carers as well as our Year 8 students. We hope you found the evening informative in terms of key learning habits and gained an understanding of the extensive academic and pastoral support available for Year 8 students.

I have attached an electronic version of the Important Information for Parents and Carers leaflet.

Class Charts

As you will be aware from previous letters, we recently started using Class Charts at Birkenhead Park School. If you haven't done so already, please download the app and use your child's unique code to set up the account.

SEND Family Drop in

Following the success of our previous family drop in events in the last academic year, I am delighted to share that we have scheduled the following dates below for families to drop in and speak to our school SENCO Mrs Canham. Everyone is welcome, we simply ask that you contact Mrs Dixon at the email address below to book in so that we can plan to accommodate the relevant number of families.

Friday 22nd September 8:30am – 2:30pm

Monday 25th September 8:30am – 2:30pm

jdi@birkenheadparkschool.com

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.

Unfortunately, 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/>

I do hope that you will take this opportunity to complete the survey. Do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you require further information.

Learning Habit: Attendance

As you already know, I unapologetically write about attendance in almost every letter, as it remains a crucial target area for us. I want to remind everyone that our school target is 100% and that anything below this is not an acceptable level of attendance. Thank you to all of the families who have engaged positively with our efforts to support the attendance of every student in the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year leader.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Mee
Head of School

Year 8



The
Birkenhead Park
School

Important information for parents and carers

PARENT PARTNERSHIP



Assessment Dates:

W/C 15th January 2024

W/C 24th June 2024



Parents Evening:

Thursday 8th February 2024



Home/School agreement:

By sending your child to The Birkenhead Park School, you are agreeing to our expectations and Learning Habits. More information can be found at www.birkenheadparkschool.com/home-school-agreement



Class Charts

Please download the Class Charts App to view important information about your child's daily interactions in school. You can keep up to date with their behaviour and attendance, along with viewing announcements and tracking homework tasks.



Year/Pastoral Leader contact details:

Mr Lodge

gld@birkenheadparkschool.com

Mrs Kirwan

pki@birkenheadparkschool.com

LEARNING HABITS



Uniform:

Perfect uniform: Full school uniform, including black school shoes, is expected to be worn by all students every day.

Full details: www.birkenheadparkschool.com/students/uniform



Behaviour:

Positive behaviour: We expect students to meet the school's relentless routines which are based on the school's values. This supports a safe and disciplined environment.



Punctuality & attendance:

The school expectation is that students attend and are punctual 100% of the time.



Homework:

Students are expected to complete all homework assigned to them each night.



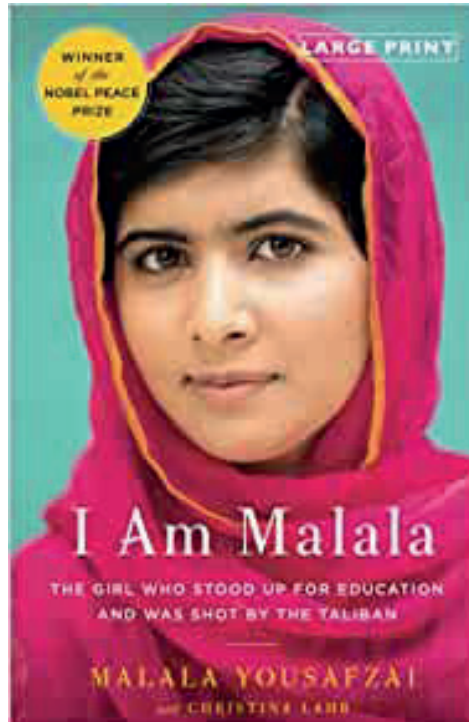
Equipment:

Students are expected to arrive every day with the correct equipment to support their learning.



The Big Read:

The Big Read takes place every form time for 30 minutes. Staff model excellent reading to students and read an exciting range of books, some of which the students have voted for.



SEND contact details:

Ms Weekes - Assistant Headteacher/SEND Strategic Lead
wek@birkenheadparkschool.com

Mrs Canham - Key SENCO Contact
mcm@birkenheadparkschool.com

Miss Masters - SENCO Assistant
mas@birkenheadparkschool.com

Mrs Dixon - SEND Admin Support
jdi@birkenheadparkschool.com

Our team provides support to students who have an identified SEND such as ADHD, ASC, learning difficulties, mental health difficulties and language needs.

We are an inclusive school and we get to know our SEND students well so that they are supported academically, socially and emotionally.

We would encourage parents who feel that their child may have a potential SEND to contact us for a consultation.

We will work closely with you and your child to ensure that you both feel listened to and involved in planning the support that your child needs. We hold regular SENCO Family Drop-Ins and SEND Progress Reviews, and we encourage parents to connect with the team for support and joint working.

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