



17 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good luck to all pupils in year 7 - 9 in their assessments over the next two weeks. They have worked tremendously hard in preparation for these assessments and we look forward to seeing how much they have learned and using the information gleaned from the assessments to inform our teaching moving forward to ensure the best possible outcomes for the boys.

As the weather takes a turn towards colder temperatures and the possibility of adverse conditions, please keep an eye on the school emails, the Arbor app and our various social media platforms for the most up to date information. We will endeavour to keep the school open whenever possible and take appropriate action to ensure that the site is safe for both pupils and staff. We will also be maintaining our high standards of uniform including footwear. On occasion it may be appropriate for pupils to travel to and from school in footwear with additional grip but the boys should always ensure that they have school shoes with them to wear once they are on site.

### **NO.46 BUS TIMES CHANGING**

We work closely with the bus companies to ensure that our pupils' conduct and behaviour is exemplary at all times and to react to any issues that may arise. It had become evident that pupils who catch the no.46 bus from Carr Lane were having to wait a long time for the bus after school. After consultation, Arriva have agreed to move the time by 5 minutes to 3:20pm from Carr Lane bus stop. Hopefully, this will allow the majority of pupils who catch this bus to make it to the bus stop in time and get home slightly earlier. The bus following this will remain at the usual time of 3:45pm. This change will take effect from 21st Jan.

### **YEAR 8 HPV IMMUNISATIONS**

The Sefton School Immunisation team will be attending school on 19 March 2024 to offer the HPV Vaccine to students in Year 8. This is now a one dose campaign. Please opt in or opt out for the HPV vaccine via link: <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/> Please could you complete the form even if you do not want your child to receive the immunisation. If you would like to discuss anything further, amend your child's form or require support, please don't hesitate to contact the immunisation service on 0151 247 6130.

### **CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**

Next month, on Wednesday 28 February and Thursday 29 February, we have our school performance of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! The show starts at 7pm, with doors open at 6.45pm. Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office from Monday 22 January. Tickets are £8 and Concession tickets (for children under 11 and OAPs) are £5. We hope to see you there for what will be a wonderful evening!



### **CHILL FACTOR LESSONS**

50 students and 5 staff attended Chill Factor for skiing lessons last Friday evening. It was great to see so many people make so much progress on the slope. We did have some people try out a whole new technique of coming down the slope on their back whilst keeping their skis parallel (intentionally????? I'm not so sure) and some people were intent on playing human skittles with other groups..... 🤔 but genuinely, I don't think I've ever seen so many complete beginners make as much progress in 2 hours. Our advanced groups really pushed their confidence and technique also! I'm sure that this week's trip will really set them all up for a brilliant start in the mountains. Well done lads! Thanks to Mr Carter, Mr Moss, Mr Manwell and Mr Flaherty for their time and efforts organising beforehand and on the night.

### **RAF AIR CADETS**

Please see the information below from CI Neil D Fletcher of the Royal Air Force Cadets:

I am writing from 281 (Southport) squadron, RAF Air Cadets, where we have several Birkdale High School students enrolled as cadets. I'd love to introduce the RAF Air Cadets to you and the students at Birkdale. We are arguably the UK's Premier Youth Organisation, with a strength of nearly 45,000 cadets and nearly 10,000 Cadet Force Adult Volunteers. We are open to cadets who are in Year 8 and above and have reached at least 12 years of age. The RAF Air Cadet's mission is to encourage and develop a practical interest in Aviation, Cyber and Space, whilst fostering the traditions of the Royal Air Force. Whilst we do not actively recruit for the RAF, many of our members do go on to enjoy great careers within the RAF and other armed forces, as well as public services such as the Police, Fire Service and the NHS...We also have many teachers among our Adult Volunteer staff. There is so much the RAF Air Cadets can offer young people.

We are holding our next open evening on Wednesday 31st January from 7.30pm at our headquarters on Upper Aughton Road, where parents / carers can come with their children to hear more about what we do and some of the amazing experiences they could gain as a member of 281 (Southport) Squadron.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Gareth Banks**  
**Headteacher**



**AIR CADET**

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**Wednesday 31st January**

**From: 7.30PM**



 **ROYAL  
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**AIR CADETS**  
the next generation

**281 (Southport) Sqn**

**Upper Aughton Road, Southport, PR8 5NH**



**BIRKDALE HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**



IAN FLEMING'S

# **CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG JR.**

Music and Lyrics by  
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV Publishing

Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion Picture

Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick

**Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th**

**February 2024**

**7pm**

**Doors 6:45pm**

Tickets available from the school office

Adults £8

Children and concessions £5

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR. is presented through special arrangement with  
and all authorized materials are supplied by  
Music Theatre International, New York, NY  
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com



