



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

11th December 2009

Dear Parents,

This week has been extraordinary in its variety and activity. Last Saturday we won every fixture we played in hockey and in rugby. Since Monday, there seems to have been a whirlwind of events, beginning with a moving Service of Lessons and Carols and ending last night with a fantastic fireworks display.

My own agenda has included meeting with British Council, with the designer of our termly magazine, and the AGM of the governing board of the school. At this last meeting, Mr Graham Wood QC, OL and father of recent OLs, was elected as Chairman of the Governors. He will take over from Mr John Robertson, who has served the school so loyally and effectively in so many capacities for so many years, and who has been a huge support to me.

The term has flown by. It has been particularly gratifying to see the positive effects of refurbishment on the pupils, the success of the House system and House activities, the improved standards of behaviour, punctuality, appearance and homework, and the increasing quality of House chapel services. We can celebrate many sporting achievements, good offers from Universities for our first IB cohort, our Associate College status with the University of Liverpool. We can look forward with confidence and enthusiasm to the refurbishment of our dining hall, the launching of the boarding programme, and a Lent term full of activities and events. Our staff work particularly hard, as our school demands a total commitment from pupil and staff alike. I am impressed daily by their determination to help pupils succeed and the difference they make.

Early next term, I will be inviting every Year 11 parent and pupil to meet with me to discuss the GCSE examinations, the school's plans for Sixth Form and the pupils' options. I do enjoy my meetings with pupils and parents, and would encourage you to meet with me if you have questions, ideas or concerns about the school and about how it could be better. As I wrote last week, we will also be sending you a questionnaire next term which I hope you will return to help us with our school improvement plan.

We are ending the term with a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils, the Awards Assembly. I attach a list of the presentations made. The awards and winners will also be published in our termly magazine in January. It is impossible to recognize all the efforts of so many pupils, but our termly Awards Assembly will help us focus on recognizing the commitment of our pupils, and their varied contributions to the life of the College. Their spirit and commitment, nurtured by parents and staff, make the school unique and make us confident about our and their future.

Without wishing to spoil anyone's well deserved rest, I should point out that there are GCSE and A level resit examinations scheduled for January. In GCSE the calendar is:

Biology: 14th January

Chemistry: 18 January

Physics: 20th January

All the examination dates can be found on our website in the Upper School section.

Dickens, that consummate author of the Christmas spirit said:

“Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many, not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”

I hope you have time and opportunity to reflect on your many blessing this holiday season. We look forward to another great term in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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