



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

4th February 2011

Dear Parents,

Liverpool College is in Poland today, under the guidance of Mr Brady. Pupils will be visiting the death camp at Auschwitz and the ancient city of Krakow this weekend. The CCF is also leaving this afternoon for a weekend away. The Chavasse platoon, a team of elite volunteers, will be training at Warcop all weekend.

The production of Oklahoma is in its final stages of preparation. There are some important rehearsals in the very near future. The technical rehearsal is from 12.20-2.30pm on Saturday. This is for the principals only. On Sunday, from 10-12pm there will be another rehearsal for principals only. The run through for the whole cast is also on Sunday from 12- 4pm. Next week, there will be several performances of Oklahoma all at 7.30pm in the Sutton Timmis Hall from Wednesday 9th February through Friday 11th February.

All of Year 11 will be out of school all day on Monday at the Poetry Live event at the Philharmonic Hall.

At our Parents Information Evening yesterday, we discussed the draft of the strategic plan of the College, our plans for the Year 9 curriculum and the A level timetable. Parents made several suggestions, ranging from transport to lunch to marketing. One theme was strategies to ensure that lessons were focused and that pupils who were not on task did not inhibit the learning of other pupils. These evenings help us focus on parental concerns and allow us to focus our efforts.

Hockey is now in full swing. Our U13 and U12 boys teams, new this year, won their first two fixtures comfortably against Wirral Grammar for boys. The Wyncote league is in full swing for U13 girls. Our 1st XI threw away a lead against Shrewsbury on Wednesday. Tomorrow we play a full block fixture against Oldham Hulme Grammar School in football. Let us hope the wind subsides.

On Thursday 10th February, our Year 9 DT classes will take their trip to IKEA. I am told it is imperative to arrive at noon because of the crowds that flock to this store as if it was a pilgrimage site.

Next week my interviews with our Year 11 pupils and their parents will continue. These meetings are very informative for me, and I hope not too mortifying for our pupils. They allow me to understand each pupil's ambitions, and hopes, and to have a much better understanding of what they are planning, or have not yet planned. It also gives me an opportunity to describe our approach to Sixth Form and those things which make Liverpool College unique and effective. It is particularly gratifying to see evidence of the hard work and ambition of the Year 11 cohort as a whole. They are well placed to be successful in their examinations this summer. On **Tuesday February 22nd** we will be hosting an evening for all our Year 11 pupils to give detailed information and personal advice about our Sixth Form.

The number of revision classes has grown exponentially, and some are already in full swing. Two full days of workshops in art for both GCSE and A level candidates will take place on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February.

May I wish you and your family a very pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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