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## Principal's Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012

Dear Parents,

What a week!

We have just waved goodbye to our inspection team. They spent four days with us interviewing pupils and staff, observing lessons, rigorously checking whether we meet regulatory requirements and generally coming to a view and judgment about every aspect of our pupils' progress.

This afternoon, the reporting inspector and his team of senior inspectors gave the governors and school leadership their verbal feedback. This verbal report will form the basis of the written report you will receive in five weeks time. This was the first time that the College received an integrated inspection, which means that the report pertains to all parts of the school: Pre Prep, Prep, Upper School, Boarding and Early Years combined. We were delighted by the report whose judgments revealed substantial improvement and indeed excellence in every aspect of school life, across the College. This is a real tribute to the governors, staff, and especially teachers and pupils. I am very eager to tell you just how well we are doing according to the inspectors but it is much better for me to be patient and allow you to read the words of the reporting inspector yourself. When the final report is published I will comment on it in detail.

Next **Monday, February 6th**, we will hold our **Sixth Form Options Evening** at 18.00 in the Dining Hall. It is important for all Year 11 pupils interested in Sixth Form to attend. There will be a general presentation about the AQA Baccalaureate and extensive opportunity to discuss specific subjects with the subject teachers.

Inspection has meant that the marketing for our production of **The Boyfriend** has gone a little off the boil. The annual musical is always a great event and I do urge everyone to come see it. Performances are Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February through Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 19.30. Do not miss this.

Congratulations to Laura Erskine who has been awarded a distinction in her Grade 8 Associated Board flute exam.

Our Year 7 Girls' football team are city champions. Their victory was by the slimmest of margins- a better goal differential than the girls from Bellerive. Sadly, other sports fixtures have had to be cancelled due to the freezing temperatures.

While not quite as cold, the temperature in the sports hall was barely above freezing when we held our first Mini Careers Conference. Ms Todd, Head of UK and EU recruitment at the University of Liverpool gave a keynote address before our pupils attended workshops given by College parents and friends of the College about various career fields. I am particularly grateful to all parents who gave up an afternoon to inspire our Year 11 and 12 pupils and to Mrs Harvey for organizing the conference.

The Paris DT/MFL trip was a great success, although apparently it was even colder there than in Liverpool.

Pupils behaved very well, as Mr Cartwright reports, and the tour visited many of the famous tourist sites as well as Disneyland Paris.

Today, a group of 40 pupils and staff have set off for Poland, apparently searching for even colder climes. -20C was the last reported temperature in Krakow. They will visit the horror and abomination which is Auschwitz, as well as visiting one of the most attractive cities in Europe.

I hope you will stay warm this weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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