



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

7th January 2011

Dear Parents,

After a long snowy break, we have returned to ... snow. It is extraordinary to see our pupils strolling comfortably through the arctic conditions without coats, hats or scarves. They tell me that they find these garments cumbersome.

Perhaps they are missing their clothes. A sweep of our classrooms and house rooms during the holidays produced an unprecedented number of articles in lost property. Next Wednesday, at lunchtime, these will be laid out on tables in Brooks' House room. We hope pupils will take advantage of the opportunity to collect their belongings.

We have certainly hit the ground running this term. Our IB pupils are sitting their trial examinations, our GCSE pupils are revising furiously as they face important modules next week, and our sportsmen and sportswomen, weather permitting, will be in action this Saturday and throughout next week. The Oklahoma! cast have a full schedule of rehearsals in preparation for their February performance.

Five new pupils arrived in the Upper School this term. Three of them are Americans, which gives me an opportunity to practice my accent. They have been warmly welcomed and will contribute much. I have attached the Lent Term activity schedule. You will observe the tremendous energy directed towards supporting pupils' revision for the examinations. I hope you will encourage your child to participate in sports and activities and to make sure they are making use of the revision sessions being offered.

I am also writing to all Year 11 pupils and their parents inviting them to meet with me. We set clear targets for every pupil, and hold ourselves accountable for adding substantial value to the results our pupils achieve in examinations. Last year, we were once again successful in doing this, but I want to make sure that we are partnering effectively with pupils and parents to ensure the best possible outcomes. Experience teaches us that success in summer term examinations depends upon preparation now.

A new year is always an opportunity to reflect and to plan. We are currently finalizing our strategic plan which we will be discussing further at our **Parents Information Evening on 3rd February**. We are also planning further developments to our campus, particularly our biology labs. At the end of last term, I asked for your views on the length and dates of Michaelmas Term. We have decided to leave these unchanged in 2011. We did add two days of school in the Lent Term 2012, which will now end on Friday, 30th March 2012.

May I wish you and your family a warm weekend.

Yours sincerely

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