



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

13th January 2012

Dear Parents,

We received some very good results this week from AQA in our Year 13 pupils' Extended Project Qualification. Extended Projects are individualized pieces of research or projects undertaken by pupils with the help of a tutor or mentor on our staff. They are part of the [AQA Baccalaureate](#), a qualification which all our current Sixth Formers are pursuing which consists of at least 3 A2 subjects (Year 13), 4 AS subjects plus AS General Studies in Year 12, the Extended Project and an enrichment component.

This is the first year that every candidate submitted an Extended Project. We achieved a 100% pass rate and 45% of all projects were awarded an A* or A. Particularly noteworthy are Joanne Sarginson and Sarah Kassim who received full marks, a perfect score - Joanne for her pastiche of Jane Austen in a literary project and Sarah with her project 'Creating an architect's model' that the external moderator described as "excellent". The range of subjects matched the wide interests of our pupils, from creating an iphone app (Matthew Jung) to the question 'Is the Large Hadron collider safe and is it worth its price tag?' (Jack Lindon). Josh Cordingley looked at whether elite boxers are born or made and Josh Smith at whether aircraft development depends on war. We are so thrilled with the independent learning this project supports and encourages that we are looking for ways to add an Extended Project Qualification in Years 9-10.

There is some alarm on the part of many of our teachers at the little amount of revision that was done over the Christmas holidays and even more recently in preparation for the examinations which are now coming fast and furious in nearly every subject. The schedule of examinations and revision classes is [available on line](#). It is absolutely essential to structure weekends to include time for revision.

The CCF Navy Section went afloat yesterday on a windy Mersey. Boarding the local P2000, a navy officer training ship at HMS Eaglet, our intrepid Year 10s, led by Sub Lieutenant Rigby, did not suffer any seasickness but instead experienced life and Liverpool from the bridge of a Navy ship. The seas were too rough to leave the estuary. A news article about the day can be viewed on the College website [here](#).

Girls' football is once again being played at the College. Miss Townley is taking a team this term and some of our stars are shining in the league. On Wednesday our Year 7 and 8 team won 2 out of 3 of their games defeating Calderstones and Parklands and only losing to the current league leaders, St Julies. Well done to all the team.

I am always impressed with our Chavasse platoon. Any voluntary activity which includes marching and finishes on the parade ground at 18.00, thus producing a school day for its volunteer members from dark to dark is inherently impressive. This week Ben Diamond in Year 10 was taking a group of keen Year 9s through their drill paces.

This weekend we begin our block fixtures of football against Arnold. The 1st XI have already booked a very impressive 2-2 draw against King's Chester, a traditional football school whose team had already played 22

games when they met our team fresh to football this term. Jordan Moran used a huge gust of wind to lob a despondent keeper in the dying moments of the game. The U12, 14 and 15 football teams are home this Saturday as are our junior netball teams who are playing Rossall School beginning at 10.30.

The hockey league at Wyncote is also underway and our U13s began the league with victories yesterday over St. Edward's and Broughton Hall.

I want to give some advanced warning of a **Year 8 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 24th January** from 16.30 to 18.30 in the Dining Hall.

May I wish you and your family a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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