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## Principal's Newsletter

2nd July 2010

Dear Parents,

Today is very much the day after the night before. The Arts Festival, an evening of expositions of art, design, and performances of drama and music produced the paradigm-shifting sight and sound of music performed on the gallery of the ICT classrooms. Pupils enjoyed opportunities to display their work and perform.

Simultaneously, at the residence of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, Mr Brian Donnelly and Jodie Corry-Smith in Year 13 unveiled their commissioned garden sculptures. They both gave short talks about what working together as artists had meant to them and made me and the other Liverpool College attendees very proud.

We hired Ms Julia Dolowicz this week. Ms Dolowicz has extensive experience as a university admissions officer and careers counsellor, as well as being the author of the book "7 Steps to writing your UCAS Personal Statement". She will work as a part-time careers and university specialist, creating a careers library, and developing a careers and university advice programme. This summer the careers section of the Upper School part of website will include links and resources for pupils and parents. Ms Dolowicz will be available for parental consultation.

I did not hear Roz Gibson (Year 10) sing at the Liverpool Echo Arena but 7000 others were there to enjoy her performance with the Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Choir as part of their contribution to the Schools' Supersing concert. Our parents and pupils were able to hear her outside the DT rooms, solo, with Mr Bishop accompanying. Well done, Roz.

Matthew Jung in Year 11 has provided still more evidence of the quality of design technology in the school. Matthew has won a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship. Matthew receives a cash award for the nationally recognized quality of his design. The Arkwright Scholarships are an attempt to embolden budding engineers and designers. Arkwright Scholars pass a rigorous selection process and will be Ambassadors of flourishing Design and Technology and Maths Departments in their schools.

Scholarships are supported by industry, charitable trusts, the services, institutions, associations and personal donors. Scholars are actively encouraged to develop the partnership with their sponsor which can result in work experience, specialist support for their design and technology project and even sponsorship through university. Matthew's achievement is a great credit to him, his teachers and the College.

Congratulations also to Mr Gunawardena. He has received an outstanding teacher award from the Institute of Physics. Only a handful of teachers receive this award annually. In making the award the panel wrote;

*These awards are made to those, who in the opinion of the panel, have made an outstanding contribution to the teaching of physics and have inspired their pupils. Many congratulations to you on being selected for the award and for your continuing good work in teaching physics, inspiring pupils and supporting colleagues. The panel were particularly impressed by the citations from students, as it is these vignettes which help build up a sense of what a teacher is actually like in the classroom.*

Congratulations to Kathryn Kinloch in Year 7. Kathryn won the gold medal and trophy at the Liverpool Schools' diving competition junior event.

Last Friday was the Annual Inspection of the CCF. The event was attended on this occasion by about 80 OLS who even marched on under their former contingent commander, Major Walter Clarke. It was emotional day of memories. The sun shone, our pupils were in every respect excellent, and it was moving to see and hear in the speeches at the regimental dinner that evening, the gratitude and esteem of the Old Lerpoolians for their old school, the contingent and their teachers. Such days and evenings, shared by pupils and teachers, inspire us all.

Last Saturday evening as part of a concert titled The Organists Entertain- which featured Mr Bishop, the Corps of Drums performed in Hymn to the Fallen. The previous evening they had performed at the CCF regimental dinner. Because we hear their performances intermittently, everyone commented on the clear improvement in the playing of the Corps of Drums.

Unlike Sports Day, the annual MCC cricket match was able to proceed. The College played well and the spirit of these encounters is always excellent. I was extremely impressed with some of Jonathan Sharp's batting. To see a Year 10 pupil face down the MCC bowling attack was very encouraging.

As I write many of our Y7-8 pupils are hopefully addressing store clerks in French demanding "pain" not pain and generally indulging in an intensive introduction to all things Gallic.

The weeks are very full now. We await IB results, the formal licensing of our Chaplains by the Bishop of Liverpool, Prep School Speech Night, final school assembly, and countless awards and recognitions.

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

Yours sincerely,

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