



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

8th July 2011

Dear Parents,

It is remarkable how quickly a school becomes eerily quiet within minutes of the end of term. There is a sharp contrast between the tranquillity now, on this Friday afternoon, and the frenetic activity of the week.

There is really too much to report. The awards, rewards, and certificates of our honours assembly take about 45 minutes to distribute, even at Dr Downes' considerable clip.

The important part of the morning was saying goodbye to two members of staff. Melanie Lawrenson has taught art with distinction at the College for 8 years. She had introduced fashion design to our curriculum and was always willing to innovate. Her own qualifications and artistry meant that she was instrumental in the outstanding results achieved by the department.

Ken Othen has been teaching since 1963, after a distinguished academic career at Liverpool Collegiate and Christ College Cambridge. Since 1996 he has been filling in "temporarily" in classics. To me, he exemplifies all I admire in a schoolmaster. He is a gentle but challenging teacher, a scholar, a gentleman and a passionate imbibor of knowledge, trivia, and anything written. Recently, he has taken upon himself the onerous task of writing the Latin oration. One fears we may perhaps not see his like again.

Next week, about a third of our Year 10 pupils are away on CCF camps. Mr Gammon has also published a **schedule of rugby training for senior players** who will be in Year 10 or above. Throughout the summer, they will train **every** Tuesday and Thursday 12 - 1.30pm (meet at Body and Mind). Additional training for senior players will also take place on a Wednesday 7 - 8pm (except 27th July, 3rd & 10th August) at Calderstones Park (meet at Yewtree car park). It would be good to see as many players as possible throughout the summer. At the end of August, there will be pre season training for all rugby players. On Tuesday 30th August from 10am - 1pm there is training for the U 12, 13, 14 and 15's and from 2 - 4pm training for the Senior Squad (Years 11, 12 & 13). There is training for all squads on Wednesday 31st August from 10am - 1pm and on Thursday 1st September from 3 - 5pm training for the Senior Squad. This information is also on our website.

It has been an extraordinary week of contrast. We said goodbye and also hello.

In one week, no, in one day, Wednesday, we welcomed our new Year 7 pupils for September 2011. There is a waiting list for the year and we were duly impressed with the quality of the pupils we met. Mr Buglass and his staff have delivered one of the most academically able and prepared groups. I was told by Sotiris Anastasiou that he thought they would be very good at sport also.

From there it was straight to the reception for IB candidates. I have already written to you about their [excellent results](#). Their excitement and joy in receiving this good news has inspired all of us who taught them.

Yesterday, I was informed that Jennifer Convery's photographs had reached all the way to the semi final stage

of the Natural History museum's photography competition. I was also told that James Doyle and Lydia Helsby had been selected to play English Baseball for England against Wales this summer. This after only playing the sport for a term. We are now also the only school which fields its own team in the baseball league. Next year, we intend to expand our programme to include Years 9, 10 and 11 and to provide transportation to the fixtures.

Henrietta Cook and Elliot Powell, who will begin Sixth Form after the summer, both won gliding scholarships with the RAF. The opportunities available to our pupils in the CCF are too often overlooked. Camps and courses are inexpensive and very high value.

The 1st XI cricket team played some very competitive games against King's Chester, Hutton Grammar School and Cheadle Hulme.

This summer we will take a little break, but building continues unabated. The biology labs will be completely refurbished when pupils return.

Photographs from the [Year 11 Prom](#) have now been uploaded for viewing. Anyone wishing to view the photographs should log in by typing <http://www.scottography.co.uk/> in full in the main tool bar NOT by Googling it. Once on the site, click Gallery and a drop down will appear and you should click "Liverpool College Prom". The pictures are split into Part 1 & 2 as there are so many.

I shall write again in August to update you on results, progress in building, and with a finalized version of our new strategic plan.

I hope you and your family enjoy a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely,

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