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## Principal's Newsletter

18th June 2010

Dear Parents,

The patio doors of Beechlands were open onto a warm summer evening as nine of our pupils performed at the Summer formal music concert. Antony Wilby played Chopin and sang jazz. Amy Murphy, Ros Gibson and Hope Lappin captivated with lyrical and expressive songs. Tim Cunningham soulfully played his tenor sax. James Sinclair-Ford moved us through Malcolm Arnold's "The Buccaneer". Two Lauras, Erskine and Davidson, showed mastery of difficult classical flute repertoire. Fiona Sinclair-Ford marked her increasing fluency with a well-phrased performance. The talent filled the room and we walked inspired into the twilight of the evening.

**Monday 21st June** is a late start INSET morning. Pupils will begin lessons at 9.05am. On Tuesday morning (8.30-9.00am) our Chaplains will be holding a prayer meeting for staff and parents interested in supporting the spiritual life of the school in the upstairs meeting room (just upstairs from Upper School reception).

Next **Friday, 25th June** is the **Annual CCF Inspection**. On this occasion, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our contingent and of the cadet movement, we welcome our OLs and parents to the event. The parade will take place from 3.30pm on our playing field and behind the Sports Hall.

Teachers and Heads in many independent schools are lamenting the disappearance of teaching and learning in the summer term. The proliferation of modular GCSE examinations for Year 10 pupils, the demands for study leave, trips, and camps, and the fragmentation of our staff in meeting all the duties and requirements of these events and activities, make this term much less effective for teaching and learning. The new developments also have a poor effect on cricket as our summer sport.

Next year, we will have to protect teaching and learning in the summer term. The Year 10 camp in 2011 will take place in the week after term ends. The camp will be compulsory. The Year 9 camp, exciting as it is, will not be able to go ahead in its current format and at the current time. Trips and other expeditions outside of teaching time will provide these needed experiences. Year 10 internal examinations are also under scrutiny. Our Year 10 pupils are now already under tremendous GCSE pressure. It is doubtful Year 10 internal examinations make sense in such a context.

Apart from developing a comprehensive approach to university and careers advice and support, we are also working on a programme of intellectual and personal enrichment for sixth formers. This will take the form of a scheduled series of lectures, workshops, presentations, and educational visits. We will publish this programme on a termly basis. I believe this programme will inspire our pupils to imagine beyond the curriculum and broaden their interests.

I would like to draw your attention to the Parents' Association Ladies Lunch scheduled for Friday 2nd July at the Patio restaurant. Further information about the event is available [here](#). Also this Sunday is the [Summer Fete](#) from 1-4pm.

Mr Bishop will be performing at a gala concert at Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday 26th June at 7.30pm. This

event is in aid of the Cathedral Organ Appeal. Further information can be viewed on the cathedral website [here](#).

Good luck to our Year 8 cricketers who are off on their tour of the Isle of Man. Their season has been very successful so far, as has our participation in the City rounders league. Today is a crucial match for our charges to emerge as undefeated champions.

Three World Cup items are up for auction: a framed signed England Football Shirt, a signed Wayne Rooney England Football Shirt and a framed signed photo of Pele. The funds raised from the auction will contribute towards the Sports Tour and CCF trips. The items will be on display at the World Cup screenings and the Summer Picnic. For more information about the auction please contact Miss Hannah ([nhannah@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:nhannah@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)) or Major Pickett ([dpickett@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:dpickett@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)). The auction is running until the 1st July.

May I wish you and your family a pleasant weekend. Go Orange!

Yours sincerely,

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