



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

12th March 2010

Dear Parents,

The Upper School is preparing for a week of charity support for Sport Relief with Mr Hutchinson and Mr Turbitt, history vs science, as one of more eagerly anticipated races. Holly Lewtas in Year 7 has set an even more outstanding example on her own initiative. When inviting her friends to her birthday party this weekend, she asked them not to bring presents but only to participate in Sport Relief and to use the money for their gifts to sponsor the events.

We can look forward to a visit from HRH Prince Richard, The Duke of Gloucester on May 4th. The Duke has kindly agreed to open our refurbished CCF buildings and inspect the contingent. This forms part of our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the cadet movement in this country generally and the Liverpool College Cadet Corps. We are so honoured because Liverpool College was one of the founding schools in this movement. We will provide details of the event in the future for parents and non- CCF pupils who may wish to be involved in the visit.

The Chaplaincy team are developing a number of different strands to the spiritual life of the College. For those who appreciate an open-ended, non-directive approach to spirituality, next week there will be the 'Reflection zone' – open every day in the back room of the library, billed as "images & objects to feed the soul". For those who want to engage in more discussion and debate there are plans to run an Alpha course from September 2010 (www.alpha.org.uk). We are also hoping to provide an opportunity in November for pupils in Year 10 and above to be confirmed. For parents and staff who would like to be involved in supporting and praying for the spiritual life of the College, the chaplains are organising a short prayer meeting on Thursday 25th March, 8.45-9.30am (in the meeting room upstairs from Upper School Reception). This time may be unsuitable for many working parents, but you can register your interest with our Chaplains, the Revds Jeremy and Jill Duff at chaplain@liverpoolcollege.org.uk.

We celebrated some excellent exam results this week. Mr Leeder and Mr Richards and their A level Business Studies group are especially to be commended. They achieved 6As and 2Bs in a re-sit of a module, an amazing turnaround in their academic fortunes and an example of what good teachers who are motivating their pupils can do.

Our Science GCSE science module results were also very pleasing. It is remarkable that 33% of all grades were A* with an amazing 19% of all results being 100%! Congratulations to our science teachers and to Year 11 for these very encouraging results.

Congratulations to our U16 girls hockey team, now County Champions. They defeated St. Mary's, Crosby 1-0 and Merchant Taylors' 4-1 to win the trophy. We are now U18 and U16 County Champions as well as U15, U14 and U12 City Champions.

The [drama competition evening](#) on Monday was an example of the raw power of theatre. On the simple stage of our drama room, pupils delivered monologues, duologues, and poems and were able to grab and retain the attention of their audience immediately. Abby Middleton's "The Way I Remember You" and Helen Teiman's "Boarding School" brought us immediately into an emotional vortex. Tom Martin and Adam Titchmarsh and Hannah Meehan made us laugh. More subtle was the humour of Sean Daley and Nick Rooney from David Walker's "Macbeth on the Loose."

The competitors will be in St George's Hall next week to perform their works in the Liverpool Performing Arts Festival.

Next term, Year 7 and Year 8 pupils will have an opportunity to follow a basic cooking course offered by parent volunteers. The idea is to perfect several interesting recipes. The classes will take place on a Thursday at lunchtime.

The U15 rugby team lost narrowly in the semi final of the Lancashire Vase. There was an excellent effort by the team against excellent opposition.

Our [First XI footballers](#) played in a large independent school tournament at the King's Chester school on Wednesday. They defeated Wolverhampton Grammar, Hulme Grammar and Arnold School, drew with Leeds Grammar and lost 1-0 to tournament winners Manchester Grammar.

This weekend we play Bury Grammar School in a football block fixture – all details can be found on the calendar section of the website.

May I wish you a very pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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