



Liverpool College

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## Principal's Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Dear Parents,

This **Monday, 9 May**, is an Staff **INSET** morning. Lessons will begin in the Upper School at 09.00.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** is the **CCF Annual Inspection**. Major General Murray L Wildman, CBE, Chairman of the CCF Association, will be our inspecting officer and we will receive him with our honour guard and corps of drums. He will also unveil a Memorial Plaque presented to the College by the Battle of Britain Historical Society. The Plaque is in honour of five Old Lerpooians who gave very distinguished and courageous service to this country during the Battle of Britain in 1940, namely:- Air Vice Marshal HAC Bird-Wilson CBE DSO DFC and Bar AFC and Bar, Squadron Leader JC Mungo Park DFC and Bar, Air Commodore MWS Robinson CBE, Flying Officer JT Webster DFC and Squadron Leader WHR Whitty DFC. The honour guard will be inspected at 10.30 at Beechlands and parents are welcome to attend.

Also on May 12<sup>th</sup> and again on June 21<sup>st</sup>, our Chaplain Jill Duff will host all parents interested in meeting for prayer at 08.30 in the Upper School meeting room which is above reception. All parents and staff are cordially invited.

On **May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 11.00, we will hold the **Year 11 Transition Service** in the Chapel. We hope and expect that many parents will attend this event which celebrates the conclusion of one phase of the education of our Year 11 pupils and the beginning of another. There will be a reception following the service in the Sutton Timmis Hall. To assist with catering arrangements, I would be grateful if you could RSVP to my PA Susan Bamber: [sbamber@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:sbamber@liverpoolcollege.org.uk).

Last Thursday, our U16 football team won a glorious triumph in the national Independent Schools Football Association Shield Final at Hinckley United FC. It was a game played in an excellent spirit against a friendly school. Perry Ng and Jak McCourt saw us through with two great goals, and the central defensive partnership of Duncan Walsh and Jordan Moran was a tower of strength throughout. The team travelled in style, hauling back an enormous shield which they deservedly won. The team and their coach Mr Griffith were a credit to the College. I am particularly grateful for the support of parents who travelled to the midlands for the game and for the small but determined group of fans who cheered the team on to victory.

This term sees new sports and new clubs. The U18 rounders team have already been declared city champions. Tennis Club has begun and takes place on Tuesdays from 16.00-17.15. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May pupils from Y7-10 will be competing in the English Schools athletics championship at Wavertree from 10.00-15.30. Next week, a coach from the English Baseball association will introduce the game to Liverpool College Year 7 and 8 pupils. English Baseball is best described as an aggressive form of rounders and enjoys a long literary history. It is mentioned in, I believe, Jane Austen's Persuasion as a game played on a village green, and I hope you will forgive me for not looking up and providing the exact reference. The game lost out to cricket ultimately in popularity but has survived in Liverpool and in South Wales. There are leagues and even international matches which we hope some of our pupils will eventually be able to participate in. Exported from

the Liverpool docks it evolved into American baseball, to which it bears some resemblance, which is described in North America as "America's pastime."

We have persuaded Mr Pete Purland, one of the coaches of the U12 England chess team to begin coaching our chess players. His first session will be at 16.00 on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr Purland will be known to many for his long service as a teacher in the College.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a Chinese Ink Painting Workshop in our Boarding Halls. The workshop will be taken by Wei Gan from the Confucius Institute and all materials required will be provided. Parents, and pupils in Years 11-13 are welcome to attend and join this event. Please contact Mrs Kendall. Head of Boarding if you would like to take part: [ekendall@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:ekendall@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)

Liverpool College Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition and the Parents' Association are holding a Car Boot sale on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in the Prep School Car Park from 9.30 to 12.00 (set up 8.30-9.30). All enquiries Major D Pickett on [lccf@o2.co.uk](mailto:lccf@o2.co.uk). The cost is £10 per car with tables available to hire at £2 per table (deposit £10). Please reserve your pitch asap.

Only two more weeks until the social event of the year, the **Parents' Association May Ball**. I believe tickets are still available. This is a friendly and fun occasion, this year in a new venue. More information can be found on the College website [here](#). I look forward to it and hope to see you there.

This has been a busy week. Our IB pupils are storming through their examinations. Next week will be the first full week of school since mid-March and the pace of the extra-curricular and curricular life of the school is increasing daily. An example of this are Saturday revision sessions. Mr Brady and Mr Hutchinson will be having one of these for their Y12 AS and Y13 IB pupils this Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. The workshop for Y12 AS students is from 9.00-11.00 and for Y13 IB students from 11.00-14.00. Next Friday (13<sup>th</sup>), Mr Brady will also be running a twilight revision session for Y12 AS historians from 16.00-19.00.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May there are rehearsals for all Y11 GCSE drama students in preparation for next week's examination. A reminder from Mrs Hall that all the candidates must arrive on Sunday with props and costume and hand in their script with all sound and lighting cues written in.

I am off to our Palm House concert to listen to the assessed performances of our GCSE music pupils, always a moment of quality and discovery

It remains for me to wish you and your family a very pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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