



Liverpool College

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## Principal's Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Dear Parents,

In Book I of The Georgics, which although ostensibly about farming, is, like so much poetry, really about the transcendence of our lives, Virgil proclaims that time conquers all.

This week the sense of time rushing forward to sweep us all along has been a dominant theme.

Today we celebrated the transition of our Year 11 pupils to Sixth Form. They looked back with a certain nostalgia on their progress in the College so far and looked forward with enthusiasm to the possibilities and opportunities of Sixth Form studies. Their exam leave began today.

Yesterday, General Wildman inspected our CCF contingent, praising the enthusiasm and openness of our cadets. At the end of the inspection, we unveiled a plaque sponsored by the Battle of Britain Society commemorating the service of five very distinguished OLS who played an active part in that decisive battle. Family members of these heroic pilots had in some cases travelled from great distances to be with us to mark the occasion. It was chilling to see the photographs of the future pilots our Bursar had found in the school magazine. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricketer caught in pose, unaware that within 18 months he will be flying a spitfire. Such experiences are experiences of time and the preciousness of peace and education.

Like a shot across bows, GCSE examinations have actually begun. In drama, pupils performed before their examiner in what must be an excruciatingly intense moment of accountability. In art, several days of intense creative endeavour are spent in quiet production of original art work within the art building. On my perambulations, I peered through the window and felt the creative tension outside. A sign, an indication, of what is to come as the AS and GCSE examinations kick off next week.

Mr Lolis, our Actor in Residence, is beginning an 'Acting for Camera' course this Monday. Any pupil who is interested in taking part should go to the Drama Room during lunch time on Monday. Places are limited and all scenes will be showcased at the Arts Festival in June.

A final reminder about the May Ball, now 8 days away. I understand it is still possible to obtain tickets for this event. Further details are available on the College website [here](#).

We played a tremendous cricket match at U14 level against St. Margaret's. The final score was an unlikely draw of 135 runs a piece. Thrilling stuff. Earlier in the week the U14s easily defeated The Grange School by 8 wickets.

Tomorrow is a busy day of sport with rounders matches at home against Birkenhead and cricket matches at home and away against St. Anselm's.

Miss Hannah reports on an auspicious start to the summer term of sport. The Liverpool Schools Rounders

League started last week with the Year 9 and 10 fixtures. The Year 9 team won all their matches with some outstanding batting from Eleanor Clark and Beth Evans and are in an excellent position to qualify for the finals. The Year 10s had a mixed afternoon. They beat Shorefields with some excellent batting from Alex and Beth Pye, but unfortunately their fielding skills did not match their batting and they went on to lose to Parklands and Calderstones.

Yesterday the Year 7 and 8s started their leagues. The Year 8s underperformed in their first game losing narrowly to St Edwards, but improved in their 2<sup>nd</sup> beating Belvedere 9 - 5. They will have to play well in their remaining games in 2 weeks time to qualify.

The Year 7 team made an excellent start to their season beating Gateacre with some excellent batting from Rhiannon Morris and fielding from Beth Andrew. Unfortunately, they lost their second game narrowly to St John Bosco, but demonstrated the potential to do well in this league.

On Wednesday the girls competed in the English Schools Athletics Competition which is a team event, where individual athletes gain points for their results based on a national scale. In both the Junior and Inter competition the College finished 4<sup>th</sup>, but there was some pleasing individual results. Our highest scorers in the junior competition were Lydia Helsby who finished first in the hurdles gaining 21 points and 15 points in the discus event. Her sister Beth scored a total of 30 points in the high jump and 800m. In the Inter event our highest scorers were Charlotte Sweenie and Beth Evans with 23 and 21 points respectively.

They travel to St Edwards on Wednesday for a triangular athletics match with them and St Marys.

The boys have been busy also at the English Schools Athletics Competition.

The Junior boys did very well coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. From a small number of boys we were able to field a team that finished ahead of much bigger schools like St Edward's. Notable performances were recorded by Jack Field, Joseph Yarney and James Doyle,

Notable achievements also at Inter boys level for Jojo Ferguson, James Povey, James Washington, David Ruddock, Adam Anson, Brandon Rose and Tony Hammond.

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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