



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

5th November 2010

Dear Parents,

Next **Thursday**, is a **Year 9 Parents' Evening** from 16.15 to 18.15 in the Dining Room.

Despite the BBC journalist strike, we could hear OL Major Richard Arden (1998) on Radio 5 this morning, describing the March for Honour charity speed march he and members of his battalion of the Royal Welsh are undertaking on behalf of the British Legion. In his seven years of service, Major Arden has already served twice in Iraq and once in Afghanistan. His battalion has lost four soldiers in the last 18 months. It does put our preparations for the Remembrance Sunday parade on the 14th November into context and perspective. More can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-11688146>

The CCF are also in action this weekend in their night exercise "Dark Night" in Warcop.

Charity is the theme of the day at the College as well. The Jeans for Genes charity is an innovative charity which supports research into genetic conditions. The School Council is sponsoring this event. Today most of the Upper School is wearing jeans in support of the work of the charity and we should be able to make a substantial donation to this cause.

For any parents wishing to support the spiritual life of the College, the second of our twice termly prayer meetings organised by the Chaplains will be on Tuesday 16th November, 8.30-9.00am in the meeting room, upstairs from Upper School Reception (ask on Reception for directions). If you can't make these but would still like to support the College in this way please get in touch: Chaplain@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

I have been asked to make you aware of an upcoming Parents' Association Ladies Dinner at The Patio restaurant on November 30th. These are well attended and jovial occasions and a great opportunity for parents to meet each other. For more information and to purchase tickets please [click here](#).

Mrs Lines is absolutely delighted with the work of her Year 12 mathematicians in assembling and developing a revision guide over half-term. Several pupils, including Anita Kalakonda and Michael Chen, have so impressed her that she will be publishing the guides for all pupils (with their permission of course).

Last Wednesday we held a well attended Year 11 Parents' Evening. The ambition of pupils and staff to make this year successful were apparent and the year group has made an excellent start in their Year 10 modular examinations. We have surveyed the pupils in Year 11 and found that there is very little interest in this cohort in the IB diploma. Because of pupils' demand and preference we have decided to offer 20 A Levels in September 2011, and not to offer the IB diploma.

For some time we have been studying the Year 9 curriculum. It irks pupils, parents and staff that it has not been possible for pupils to continue with two foreign languages as well as ICT, PE and RS. We have now

found a way to achieve this, and next year in Year 9, pupils will continue with two foreign languages as well as PE, ICT and RS. This curricular change will be combined with a comprehensive programme of D of E and CCF opportunities. I am convinced this will enrich the educational experiences of our Year 9 pupils next year.

Today is also our annual Primary Schools' Jazz Day in the Palm House. We invite musicians from the Preparatory School and other local primary schools to participate in a Jazz concert conducted and prepared by our very own Mr Harvey.

Mr Harvey, Mrs Hall and Mr Loli are also assembling the cast of the February production of Oklahoma!

The U16 football competition of ISFA is underway and our team defeated Oswestry School 6-1 yesterday. There is a small write up and photo on the Independent School Football Association website <http://www.isfa.org.uk/boys/>

We are very fortunate to have the services of Mr Michael Roberts our new rugby coach. Because we aim to build up a systematic system of coaching and player development, Mr Roberts will continue to work with rugby players who do not wish to play football next term. This work will consist of the development of skills as well as fitness.

Tomorrow we will play rugby fixtures against QEGS Blackburn. We have already played this school at 1st XV level. Tomorrow, our younger age groups will take to the field.

The rowing club is about to switch to more land based training. We will be offering opportunities for pupils in Year 9 and Year 10 to join this club with a view to developing competitive crews in the senior years.

Boys' hockey have had some good results early in the season and face dramatic tests this Wednesday in their league matches against Manchester Grammar and Rossall. It is very pleasing to see the interest in hockey among boys in Year 7.

Yours sincerely,

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