



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

12th November 2010

Dear Parents,

This Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday** and our CCF will be on parade before the Service of Remembrance in the Chapel at 10.30. Pupils are expected to be ready for the parade at 10.15.

Next Wednesday is **Speech Night**. I hope parents will attend this celebration of the achievements of staff and pupils. Pupils will need to be at the Philharmonic Hall at 19.00 to register with their House Tutor.

I want to give you some advance warning of the Monday **Staff INSET morning on November 22nd**. School begins at 09.05 that day.

Trial GCSE examinations for Year 11 pupils commence week beginning 22nd November. Revision should be well underway for these important exams. Results will be used by teachers to help in deciding on tiers of entry, where appropriate.

Mr Brady and Ms Hunter led a very successful trip to London and Paris over the half-term break. Now Mr Brady, who appears determined never to take any rest, is enrolling Year 10 and Year 11 pupils for his next trip to Auschwitz in February half-term.

Next week, the music staff will give a teachers' concert in Beechlands at 19.30 on Thursday. Mrs Hall and Mr Loli, not to be outdone, are also taking a trip that day. They will be travelling to Manchester for a performance of the Euripidean tragedy *The Bacchae*. I am sure you will agree that the schedule of this particular day is an example of the exceptional energy of the Faculty of Expressive Arts.

Congratulations to our Kids' Lit Quiz Teams. They travelled with Dr Atkins and Ms Cook to Bolton this week to compete in a quiz for bibliophiles. Because of the rather arcane scoring of this event, we do not know quite where we ended up but we know we did better than ever as the A team won various book and cash prizes.

It was also a week for public speaking. Hope Lappin in Year 11 won the Rotary Public Speaking competition at Childwall Golf Club. Her talk on the impact of the 2012 Olympic Games on her life persuaded the judges. By all accounts, our Year 10 team of James Hill, Melissa Jones and Peggy Howard performed very well in their round of the English Speaking Union competition at Birkenhead School, although on this occasion the judges did not award the top position to our team.

The Sixth Form enjoyed a lecture from Dr Stephen Winkley. Dr Winkley is currently headmaster of Rossall School, and was headmaster of Uppingham for many years. His doctorate is in early medieval Greek theology, a subject on which he could doubtless have discoursed for several hours. Instead, he gave a talk titled "Dilemmas" describing in 50 minutes how the western intellectual tradition had made it necessary for each

individual person to develop a toolkit to make important decisions which can give meaning to their lives. It certainly was 50 minutes well spent.

Tomorrow we play a block fixture against Arnold School, a perennially strong rugby school which will provide a stiffer test for our Year 7 team. This team which includes many newcomers and has a new pupil Jack Field as its leading scorer, have won their last six games.

May I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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