



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

19th November 2010

Dear Parents,

This **Monday November 22nd** is an **INSET morning**. We will begin with lessons at 09.05.

This Saturday, 20th November, Mr Brady will host a Year 13 IB History workshop in his classroom from 12.00-16.00. He will offer similar workshops for his A Level pupils during the Christmas holidays.

On **Tuesday, 23rd November**, there is a **Year 13 Parents Evening** in the Dining Room from 16.15 to 18.15.

On **Saturday 27th November**, the Parents' Association will again host a **Christmas Market** from 13.00 to 16.00 in the Sports Hall. This is always a great occasion with pupils performing, an appearance by Father Christmas and opportunities to purchase gifts and other accessories. The Parents' Association raises substantial sums of money which are then given to support programmes in the school. At a recent meeting, the Society decided to give money for the purchase of needed tents which will be used on various expeditions.

On Monday 29th November we will begin the GCSE Trial examinations. It is on the basis of these examinations that we make a determination about the level of examinations for which we enter candidates. These trial examinations are therefore important and I hope you will encourage your child to prepare thoroughly for them.

This has been an extraordinarily eventful week. Shortly after the last newsletter was emailed, our Year 10 drama class performed *Memories of Lizzie*, a play which left no one in doubt about the violence and tension lurking behind the 19th century American rural idyll.

On Saturday, we played a full block of fixtures against Arnold in rugby and against Cheadle Hulme in hockey.

On Sunday, we held our annual Remembrance Day and Parade. The honorary colonel of our contingent, Major Walter Clarke, accepted the salute. The parade was excellent, certainly the best in my time at the College, and our pupils and our CCF officers and staff paid fitting tribute to those who gave their lives and risk their lives for our freedom. The service of remembrance was greatly adorned by a performance of Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus*, which, to the extent one may speculate about such things, is surely part of the music of heaven.

There followed a well attended lunch for leading cadets, their parents, OLs, governors and the staff of the CCF. This occasion appears to grow in size annually and is a sign of the great support that exists for our CCF. We raised over £450 for the Poppy Appeal.

The next day, Monday, we hosted OFSTED for a boarding inspection in conjunction with the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Every school is nervous about inspections, but this one proved to be a wonderful experience for pupils and staff. The inspectors were thorough but reasonable and fair. They interacted

extensively with pupils and staff. Their verbal report to us was highly complimentary of the school, staff and pupils, describing the school as very, very happy and praising the progress pupils made and their strong relationships with each other and with their teachers. Mrs Kendall, our Head of Boarding, has done a marvellous job beginning a boarding programme and tradition at the College. The inspection affirmed her and her staff's efforts and our decision to host boarders. It was an unqualified triumph.

Wednesday was Speech Night, an event many, but by no means all of you attended. This celebration of the school's achievements included a fantastic Latin Oration. It appeared from the quality of the Latin that Cicero himself had penned an encomium on the College. Mr Ken Othen who writes these masterpieces beamed with pride as it was brilliantly performed by Gemma Cunliffe, Nicholas Rooney, Georgina Potts, and Tomasz Chadwick. The guest, Sir Howard Newby, Vice Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, who has done so much to inspire and nurture our partnership with the University, gave an address about the importance of a global perspective and presented the prizes. The event was also marked by some excellent musical performances by Laura Davidson on flute, by our growing choir, by our Corps of Drums, who to the delight of their peers performed in the dark, and by the jazz band, with Tim Cunningham in the solo.

Yesterday, we defeated St Margaret's U14 in a great game of rugby before setting our sight once again on the arts. I travelled with Mrs Hall and Mr Loli and our senior drama students to see *The Bacchae* at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester. Greek tragedy is not light and fluffy fare and indeed we were metaphorically miles away from the X Factor. Our young actors admired the ability of the actors to bring this ancient and profound story to life.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Mr Harvey was giving a concert with Melanie Dennerley on cello and Julie Edwards on violin, both peripatetic music teachers at the College. Mr Donnelly tells me the quality of this performance was remarkable.

Today the sun is shining on our hockey players, away in Manchester for the U16 Northwest Finals. This afternoon and tomorrow we will play our block fixture against St Edwards. The First XV and U12 will play at home at 10.00. I hope you will consider attending.

May I wish you and your family a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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