



**Liverpool College**

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## Principal's Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Parents,

The last seven days have been extra-ordinary for two people in our school community in particular. Mr Doran and Mr Ekenel have installed a new computer network at Liverpool College. I do not think they have slept for seven days but this herculean task is nearing completion. The new network expands our pupils' access to IT and substantially reduces the cost of expansion. We are already discussing various educational opportunities which the new network makes possible. My thanks go especially to Mr Doran and Mr Ekenel for this fantastic achievement and for their determination in leading this effort.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV played in the pouring rain last Friday at Liverpool Saint Helen's Rugby Club. Many people have told me how well they played and how far they have come under the guidance of their coach Mike Roberts. They followed up their defeat of Cowley with an equally impressive victory in the Daily Mail competition in mid-week. Tomorrow we have our block fixture against Arnold School, which will be a tough test.

I want to give some advance notice of the Rugby Dinner at the College on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Intended as a Lad and Dad/Mum event, we hope to celebrate the achievements of our Rugby teams. More details about the event to follow and we will be hoping for a very big turnout.

Hours after arrival from China I watched our 1<sup>st</sup> XI girls hockey team play a very talented Sedbergh side. The score ended 0-0 despite end to end stuff. Our U16 team defeated their Sedbergh counterparts 3-0 with goals from Eleanor Clark and Ella Moss.

The U14 hockey team began their league well on Thursday defeating Childwall and St Julie's.

The attendees at last night's Parent Information Evening discussed topics such as the school shop, the system of academic monitoring, communication with parents from sport fixtures, use of our new texting system, extra-curricular plans, and various other matters. Attendance at these evenings is on a downward trajectory. There are some very loyal attendees and I certainly appreciate their input and hope that we respond effectively to the very good points they often raise.

A reminder that the **Remembrance Day Parade and Service** is on Sunday at **10.30am** and all Year 10 and 11 pupils as well as those Year 12 pupils in the CCF are expected to attend as we pay tribute together with the Queen and the whole country to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Next **Wednesday** (16<sup>th</sup> November) is **Speech Night**. As part of our preparations we conduct a risk assessment. It is in this context that I must advise you as parents that, in the event of a fire or evacuation of the premises, you can collect your child from our emergency muster area, the Philharmonic Hall car park.

Next Friday, Mr Turbitt has organised a sponsored silence to raise money for Children in Need. One volunteer in every tutor group will be sponsored by their class to remain silent all day. Mr Turbitt has organised a special programme during break and lunchtime for the pupils taking part.

This lunchtime I attended a wonderful Palm House Concert. There were several new performers. Lois Slaughter sang beautifully and who knew that Ryan Woof and Alex Stampone were such accomplished guitarists.

A quick reminder of a couple of Parents' Association events - there is a **70s Night** on **Saturday 19th November** and a **Ladies Christmas Dinner** on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. More information can be found on the College website [here](#).

May I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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