



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

18th September 2009

Dear Parents,

This has been an excellent week. Pupils are responding well to the new House rooms and also to the emphasis on uniform compliance, punctuality, and homework completion. As some of your children may have told you, we have included a daily lunchtime detention as a consequence for pupils who are not complying with uniform expectations or dress code in the Sixth Form, as well as for other minor infringements of school rules or failure to meet expectations. Most pupils have already understood that they must come to school in the appropriate uniform and be ready for lessons on time, having completed their homework. Your support and guidance in helping us create this environment of high expectation and preparation for school is essential and greatly appreciated.

On **Monday 21 September**, **Y10** parents are cordially invited to the GCSE induction evening in the Sports Hall from 4.30 to 6.30pm. Subject teachers will be present to guide you through the programme for the next two years and answer any questions on coursework and examinations. This evening always proves to be important and useful to Year 10 pupils and their parents. Please make plans to attend if you are a Y10 parent.

May I refer **Y11** parents to a letter from Mr Hall, our Head of Science, regarding GCSE Science examination dates, which is available to download from the College website [here](#).

Our activity programme is now under way. Design Technology and Shooting are proving particularly popular. It is particularly pleasing to see our choirs rehearsing regularly and our CCF band working with Mr Bishop. There are, sadly, too many pupils who do not take advantage of any activity. I hope parents will discuss with their child what extra-curricular activities he or she can and should do.

This lunch time will be the first full House competition Friday with various year groups involved in basketball and table tennis. The House competitions are listed in the diary your child will receive after assembly on Monday. This small booklet contains much important information and is yet another way for you to keep up with all events and opportunities. If you would like an extra copy of the diary for your own personal use, they are available, for £2 from Reception.

Our shooting team will be spending the weekend competing at Altcar. Our Year 7s are on their first camp together in the Peak District, beginning on Sunday. We are also playing a full list of rugby and netball fixtures against Birkenhead School. In short, this is a typically active weekend with a variety of trips and opportunities for pupils. Our school is able to offer pupils much because we can rely on the support of parents in bringing pupils to school for fixtures and trips and scheduling family time around these important school commitments. We expect pupils chosen for a team to play for the team. If a pupil does not turn up to a fixture or event for which they have been chosen, they let themselves, their teammates and their school down. They will receive a detention. As a comparatively small school with big sporting and extra-curricular commitments, we must insist on this level of pupil and family commitment.

Our girls hockey team had an excellent mid week result in the first senior girls hockey match at the College. The team drew 3-3 with Merchant Taylor's in their opening league fixture. Results in rugby against St Mary's were more mixed with the headline performance being the U13s who won in style and the U12s in their first Upper School match as a year group drawing three tries to three.

The opening of our refurbished hallways and classrooms was a great occasion, and happily several parents were able to join us for a reception and tour afterwards. Some pictures are available on our website. We are now looking forward to Saturday, 10 October when we will host an Open Day. Experience teaches us that recommendation from current parents is the most frequent and most effective way of bringing new families to our school community. I hope you will spread the word if you are happy, and call me if you are not.

On Friday 2nd October we will be taking part in this year's Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans for Genes is a national charity which raises money to fund care and support for children and families affected by genetic disorders, many of which can seriously affect a child's life. It also funds vital research into the causes and potential cures of these conditions. A letter from Dr Downes with further information about the day is attached to this email.

I have received a number of complaints from parents about people parking in the Pre Prep car park at the beginning and end of the day. With certain exceptions for disability or illness, there shouldn't be any necessity for people to park in the car park unless they are a member of staff. People who do park there or who drive quickly and recklessly into the car park are deliberately putting their own children, and other children at risk. Could I ask everyone to drive and park with extreme caution and to avoid parking in the Pre Prep car park at the beginning and end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

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