



Liverpool College

Principal's Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This has been an eventful week with some glorious weather. The school is settling into its routines and it is very inspiring to walk through corridors and through the campus seeing some excellent teaching and focused learning, and talking to pupils about their courses, their activities and their plans. Today 25 members of our Sixth Form departed for Stratford to see *As You Like It* and to participate in a Shakespeare workshop tomorrow.

This **Tuesday, 29 September**, is **Year 8 Parents' Evening** in the Sports Hall from 16.30-18.30. Pupils received a letter to take home about this but in addition, we have placed all the term's events on the website [here](#). Alternatively you can obtain what your child already has, and is known as a Red Book, from the school Reception.

Tuesday is also the day of the AGM of the Parents' Society at 18.30 in the Sutton Timmis Hall.

There are several new activities to announce next week. At our Monday assembly, Mr Harvey will announce the auditions for this year's musical, *The Sound of Music*. I hope you will encourage your child to participate. I was not a thespian at school but was allowed by an indulgent headmaster who was also our theatre director to play small parts and rehearse in my football or baseball kit. The experience was memorable and rewarding even if my acting and singing did nothing to improve the productions. We will also offer Judo, taught by Mrs Jones who has taught in our Preparatory school for 10 years, as a Thursday all-lunchtime activity for Upper School pupils and this too will be covered in assembly. Finally, the University of Liverpool courses in Greek and Egyptian for our Y9-13 pupils begin Monday, 28 September at 129 Mount Pleasant (Continuing Education Department). Our pupils will have an opportunity to begin study in these subjects. The courses run from 16.30-18.00.

Congratulations to our hockey teams who continue their winning ways. Our U18 girls won the county round of the National Tournament. They defeated Merchant Taylors 2- 1, Bluecoat 5- 1 and St Edwards 2- 0, despite not being at full strength. Our U18 boys defeated Bury Grammar School 5-1 in a dominant performance. Tomorrow we have a full block fixture with Altrincham Grammar School. Our U13 and U12 will defend their undefeated record in their fixtures.

The CCF is celebrating a £4500 grant from the Royal Navy for the full re-equipment of our canoe fleet. We have also had confirmation of a visit by a Sea King Helicopter to our school in November. There was also a celebratory air to Mr Donnelly's painting and busking festival, held next to the dining room yesterday. Our pupils' confidence and ability to "perform" in any setting makes a school day an adventure.

I have attached to this letter a description of the Liverpool School's Parliament by Melissa Jones (Y9).

Finally, may I remind you of the necessity to telephone the school in the event that your child is ill and will not

be attending. If you do not, we begin a search and chase for you and for your child which wastes much time and energy and causes anxiety. Also, we will be sending home soon a data collection sheet. This is an important document which I hope you will review, correct, and return to school. We want to communicate with you frequently and having the appropriate up to date contact data is vital. One of the ways we communicate is through our reports; record cards and term reports. I am interested to hear from parents on their experience of these. Are they useful to you? What changes would you like to see in them? Can their timing and content be improved? On this matter, as on all matters, I look forward to your suggestions at principal@liverpoolcollege.org.uk.

I hope you and your family enjoy a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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