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## Principal's Newsletter

3rd September 2010

Dear Parents,

The beginning of a new year inspires all: pupils, teachers, parents are united in the appreciation of the pure potential and enthusiasm of learning.

Our Year 7 arrived bringing sunshine and were immediately whisked away to various houses, classes and teachers. Today, they already look more relaxed walking with new friends around the campus, and we are very enthusiastic about the results of their Yellis tests which reveal them to be a cohort with a lot of academic promise.

A further 7 pupils have joined Years 8 and 9. More than 70 pupils are enrolled in our Year 12 undertaking the AQA Baccalaureate course of A Levels. The mood is excellent and this again promises to be a talented and very qualified cohort. Our new University and Careers advisor has established herself in the library, and some of our Sixth Form pupils will be taking up the option to study Philosophy and Logic at the University of Liverpool on Thursday afternoons, starting in late September.

Further changes for the Sixth Form include a general lecture and seminar programme on Thursday afternoons and weekly feedback and improvement cards from their teachers.

This term's activity calendar can be viewed on the website [here](#). Some of the activities offer real enrichment and educational potential. I hope you will encourage your child to choose new activities this term. Pupils will also receive a copy of the activity calendar.

We are getting used to the new dining room. It appears so much bigger than the previous incarnation, and much better lit as well. Today, there are the inevitable traffic flow hiccups as we set new patterns of dining, but already there are comments about improvement in options and food.

Another totally new sight is our boarders walking into the new dining room to have their breakfast. Our boarders have now arrived and are settled into their boarding houses, Robertson and Lightbody Halls. They come from Korea, Kuwait, Italy, Taiwan, Hong Kong and mainland China. They are ambitious, earnest and having a lot of fun. This exciting new venture will add an international dimension to our school and improve the quality of our Sixth Form.

Our maintenance team have done a fabulous job converting these halls into boarding houses. We are going to introduce weekly and occasional boarding. This means pupils at the school who wish to board can do so for a period of time, for example, when their parents are on holiday.

We are holding a Parents Information Evening in our new dining room on Thursday 23rd September at 6.30pm. We will be discussing the results of last term's parent, pupil and staff surveys, teaching and the school's response to those results. We are also holding an information evening for Year 13 parents of IB pupils on Tuesday 14th September at 7pm.

It seems that the arrival of Indian summers always coincide with the beginning of school term. I had the privilege of teaching a lesson on Islam to a Year 8 class. I was duly impressed, particularly with Peter Convery's understanding of parts of the Koran and its teachings. On days like this, in classrooms with pupils like him, I am conscious of the privilege of being a teacher.

I wish you and your family a wonderful warm weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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