



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

10th September 2010

Dear Parents,

This morning I read the [Liverpool Daily Post](#) with usual interest but unusual pleasure. Kate Anson, our national school champion high jumper is relishing this weekend's competition in Gateshead.

Unfortunately, all rugby players who were looking forward to the start of the season have been disappointed this morning when St Mary's Crosby cancelled all rugby fixtures. We will play all the fixtures during weekdays.

Our new [boarding venture](#) with the University of Liverpool is also featured in today's Daily Post.

The first full week of school makes demands on the desired brevity of a newsletter. There are so many reminders and groups and activities that deserve encouragement and mention.

Early next week we will distribute our activities card for the Michaelmas term. I hope you will ask your child to see it and discuss their extra-curricular commitments for the term. The choice, particularly at lunchtime is fantastic and it is our aim to involve every pupil in various activities. The card does not include, as late additions, rowing for Year 10-13 on a Wednesday and the Tae Kwon Do Club which meets in our Sports Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 16.00-17.00.

Next Monday, 13th September at 18.30 in the Sutton Timmis Hall we will have our annual Try an Instrument Evening. I encourage Upper School pupils who want to begin instrumental study to attend. This is a very busy and exciting term for music and drama, with sing along practices for Les Miserables already beginning this week, the choir growing in repertoire and size and various bands and groups meeting at lunchtimes. The cast list for The Taming of the Shrew will be published at 16.00 today.

Congratulations to Hannah Meehan who achieved Grade 8 with distinction in her LAMDA exam over the summer and Helen Teiman who achieved Grade 6 with distinction.

Next Tuesday, 14th September, is our meeting with Year 13 IB parents in the Dining Room at 19.00. On Thursday 23rd September at 18.30 we will host a Parent Information Meeting in the Dining Room.

Next week, Sixth Formers will have assigned study periods with teachers during some of their free periods. We believe this innovation will allow us to support Sixth Form progress better and improve academic performance. This week also saw the introduction of the Sixth Form Improvement Card. Each Sixth Former will have feedback this week on their performance during the week.

I have shamefully neglected to mention the school shooting team in previous newsletters. The team practices weekly and this year shooting is a Wednesday afternoon games option. The team participated in the Imperial Meeting 2010 at Bisley in Surrey. This was a national shooting competition that the school has been competing in since the 1960s. Canadian and Australian cadets were also competing. Few people are aware of our

shooting range and the College's tradition in shooting. The Junior Shooting Club meets on Mondays at lunchtime.

This week three charities received just over £1600.00 each from the School Council which has raised funds for good causes last year. This is on top of the thousands donated last year to Jeans for Genes, Sport Relief and Children in Need. The charities are

1. Disasters Emergency Committee for Pakistan: http://www.dec.org.uk/donate_now/
2. Help for Heroes <http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/donations.html>
3. Fibromyalgia Association UK <http://www.fibromyalgia-associationuk.org/whatcanyoudo/donate>

The Council asked me to include the web links and wants to encourage you to make your own contribution.

The new School Council Nominations for 2010/11 will be opening on Monday. We will also be bringing four Year 9 pupils to join Liverpool Schools' Parliament for 2010/11 which is now in its 10th year in the city and meets regularly in the City Council Chambers. Being a member of LSP has a great impact on the personal development of individual MSPs.

The Parents' Association are having their AGM on Thursday 30th September at 6.30pm in the Sutton Timmis Hall. All are welcome and if anyone is interested in becoming the new Chairperson and Secretary please [contact](#) either Jane Hawkins or Suzanne Davidson.

Art students in Year 7-9 are undertaking a programme of work with the theme "real artist". Pupils work from easels on their desks stimulated by real objects, ranging from every day items to antiquities. Mr Donnnelly asks that parents look through the booklets provided to their child, sign the back of them, and donate items and objects from lofts and sheds which might inspire artistic vision. Pupils will also be asked to develop an artistic philosophy of their own and their own critical responses to art.

May I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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