

14 September 2018

Dear Parents,

The summer now seems a distant memory and our Sixth Form are well embedded in the challenges and opportunities of Sixth Form life.

The Heads and Deputy Heads of School have proven that they are very worthy appointments. This was evident when they assisted with the opening of our new Pre-Prep School with Mayor Joe Anderson who described Eleanor H and Rhys H as 'model students'.

### **Gladstone Scholars**

Our special thanks to all the Gladstone Scholars who braved the storms to show prospective parents and Year 6 students around the school. We had over one thousand visitors who waxed lyrically about how impressed they are with our Scholars.

On Friday we invited Sam Riley (Head Boy 2017/18) to provide advice for our Year 13 as they embark on their Oxbridge application process. Sam's advice was invaluable and we appreciate the time he gave.

### **Alis Test Dates: Year 12**

Next week we have the Alis testing by the CEM Centre Durham. Alis is an adaptive baseline assessment for students aged 16-18 that provides information to help us identify our students' strengths and weaknesses and see how they are likely to perform at A Level.

Alis assesses three key areas: Vocabulary, Mathematics and Non-verbal ability.

### **In House Groups**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Room</b>
Monday 17 September	Y12 Brooks	Period 5	IC12
Monday 17 September	Y12 Butler's	Period 5	IC11
Monday 17 September	Y12 School	Period 5	IC3
Thursday 20 September	Y12 Howard's	Period 3	IC3
Thursday 20 September	Y12 Howson's	Period 3	IC12
Thursday 20 September	Y12 Selwyn's	Period 3	IC11

### **Week 3: Testing**

The term has started well and we are delighted with the progress made thus far. The Week 3 Testing for the Year 12 will commence next week and will be completed by the 27<sup>th</sup> September.

The Year 13 are working earnestly at their EPQ and UCAS applications.

**From Mr Leeder, Assistant Head of Sixth Form/UCAS & EPQ Co-ordinator:**

### **Extended Project Qualification**

AQA Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) has proved to be popular with students and teachers alike. It provides an opportunity for students to extend their abilities beyond the A Level syllabus; stand out and prepare for university or their future career. It can also be used to earn extra UCAS points.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>UCAS Points</b>
<b>A*</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>8</b>

A reminder to all of Year 13 that the EPQ is a compulsory part of education at Liverpool College, and that all students should be completing the project according to the timeline previously released.

Regardless of what Universities say to individual students, an EPQ often proves to be the difference in gaining entry to a university of choice on results day.

Failure to complete an EPQ will be regarded as a serious disciplinary offence that can result in withdrawal from public examinations.

### **UCAS**

UCAS is now open and we look forward to submitting the first applications from our Year 13 soon.

**From Dr McNamara, Assistant Head of Sixth Form: Lecture Programme/Work Experience**

#### **Work Experience Dates: 1- 5 July 2019.**

Students will return to school for the final 3 days of term.

House mentors have spoken to students regarding their Work Experience.

### **Debating Society**

This year will be the busiest year so far for the Liverpool College Debating Society.

#### **An update from Mr Barnicoat:**

We will be entering more teams than ever into more competitions. We are hosting an Oxford University debate training session for all schools in the North West and our Sixth Form will be leading lower years into intellectual battle for the first time. This is also the first year since I have led the Society that we will be able to build on genuine experience. We are no longer novices and I am hopeful that this will lead to our most successful year. Moreover, I am delighted to be able to draw on the talents of our most experienced debater, Saffiyia Gaffar, as she has offered to give up valuable time during her gap year to return and help to coach the teams.

## **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

I am delighted to be accompanying the Year 13 Gold DoE students to St James' Palace in November to be presented with their award from HRH the Earl of Wessex. This should inspire all those on the cusp of achieving their award to complete the final elements.

## **Sport**

### **Rugby**

Congratulations to our Rugby teams who have enjoyed great success since the start of term. They had convincing victories against Oswestry School and St Edward's.

Well done to our Coach, Mr Heeley and our team captain Adam M for his excellent leadership and work ethic. Here are their team reports:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Game (H) Oswestry: 27-0 Victory**

The season started off with a great performance and result against a strong Oswestry side. What was most encouraging to witness was the willingness and determination from every player, especially considering the cold and wet conditions.

From the first minute the forwards displayed their dominance, several times winning possession back from the opposition's scrums and lineouts.

Christian Caine fantastically led the backs who looked like capitalising every time the ball went wide.

Extra praise deservedly went to the year 11 players who really stepped up and proved they are more than ready for Senior rugby.

Tries: Pieter B, Adam M (x2), Matthew S. Man of the match: Nye T.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Game (A) St Edward's: 24-32 Victory**

Famous for being one of the most anticipated fixtures of the year, this match did not disappoint. Considering the past three matches against our biggest rivals hadn't produced a single win, this game had extra pressure.

Similar to the match on Saturday morning, we showed excellent composure in the first half and the individual quality across the team was too much for the home team to cope with – resulting in four brilliant worked tries.

St Edward's came back into the game during the second half but Luke R's successful kicking from the penalty tee always meant we kept them at arm's length.

Tries: Rhys H, Chris F, Pieter B, Adam M. Man of the match: Rhys H.

## **Hockey**

Unfortunately the Senior Girls Hockey fixture was cancelled by the opposition. We have a 1st XV fixture against Bolton School on Saturday we hope that the positive run continues.

Sport website link: <http://www.liverpoolcollegesport.org.uk/>

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Sports Co-ordinator: Mr Cook: [jcook@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:jcook@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)

## **Detentions**

Sixth Form Detentions will resume next week. The overwhelming reason for Sixth Form students being awarded a Detention is if they have been late twice in one week or they have failed to complete a task on time. You will be contacted by e-mail if your son or daughter has a Detention.

Please remember to use the e-mail address assigned to your child's **House** to contact the Head of House or House Administrator regarding reasons for lateness or absence:

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We wish you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

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