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Dear Parents

Generosity is one of the most formidable of human traits. The ability to give to those in need and to improve the lives of many is a credible behaviourism that sets the human race above the rest of the animal kingdom. Yesterday we enjoyed the manifestation of this trait when the Rushworth family officially opened the new Music Department. It is their fiscal generosity that will enable our school to have one of the most celebrated music facilities in the city. Many of our Sixth Form students enjoy these facilities and on behalf of the Sixth Form we thank them for their generous benefice.

Those of you who spend many an hour supporting our 1st XV will note that we have a new kit. This kit was generously sponsored by the Caine family with whom we are extremely grateful.

Sporting our new kit, the Senior Rugby squad travelled to the Isle of Man to play against King William's College and on Saturday the 'Island' team. We recorded a draw and a win. Our club Captain Sebastian C has written the following account of the KWC match.

Liverpool College Vs King William College

The time had come for the memorable trip to the Isle of Man, where the lads took on King William's College, in the annual memorial game.

Both teams seemed prepared and ready for the game, and this was shown from the fast pace upon kick-off. King William dominated the game at first with their constant attacking play, but Liverpool College's good defensive performance meant that they were unable to score. However, an eventual penalty given away by the lads meant King William were able to take 3 points from a penalty kick.

The boys responded to going behind very well, with a new-found aggression and intensity coming into their game. The attacking play from the lads was very strong, and they were unlucky to not score on a few occasions, because of dropped balls or mis-placed passes. However, the opposition defence eventually fell through when Nye T scored a try under the posts.

After the try was scored, a few of the lads became tired, and many penalties were given against them for offside. Due to the penalties, King William were able to keep the ball in the Liverpool College half, and an eventual try was scored, before the end of the half.

HT score: 5-8

The second half began with a slow start from the lads, and King William punished them by scoring yet another a try. Despite being down by 15-5, Liverpool College kept their heads held high, and were desperate for another try of their own.

This try eventually came, when Nye T took a quick penalty and was able to manoeuvre his way through the defence, before scoring in the corner.

The College felt it was necessary to keep this momentum, and began to dominate possession in the opposition 15m. The continuous pick and drive tactic by the forwards made it very difficult for King William to defend, and Luke T was able to power his way over the line, levelling up the score.

After the try, the lads seemed to switch off, and King William were able to score a try in the corner, after a show of nice hands from the backs.

The game was coming to an end, and Liverpool College were behind by 5 points. They gave it their best efforts, but King William were willing to put their bodies on the line when defending. However, some quick thinking from Nye T, meant he was able to score a try in the last play of the game, completing a wonderful hat trick.

Overall, a brilliant presentation of commitment and determination was shown by the lads, with one of the only negatives being the penalties being given away for offside.

MOTM: Nye T for his impressive hat trick and overall play throughout the game.

Rugby

During the week we played The Rossall School. After a first half in which we dominated having a 27-point lead, the boys from Fleetwood came back at half time and managed to secure a draw.

Netball

The girls are in action over the weekend and we look forward to reporting their achievements in the next week's Newsletter.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is an extremely significant and poignant day for the nation, your city, our College and for me personally. We are aware of the huge sacrifices made by our OLS in all our national conflict. Our gratitude to their service was remembered on Sunday and Saturday. Major Ridley, our CCF Contingent Commander has written this report describing memorial events that many of our Sixth Form contributed to over the weekend.

This year the CCF extended its role in the national Act of Remembrance, taking part in three events across the city. On Saturday, they played a key part in the Anglican Cathedral's performance of Jenkins 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace'. The Director of Music, Stephen Manning, was full of praise for their efforts reporting, "We have received countless messages of congratulations which make particular reference to the role the cadets played. The general consensus has been around remarking on how well turned out they were, how smartly and accurately they went about proceedings and how this greatly contributed to the theme of the overall evening." The recently reformed Corps of Drums once again stole the show as they filled the Anglican with the sounds of their beating.

On Sunday, hundreds of our cadets marched, sang, spoke, drummed, and stood in respectful silence as they took part in a parade and service of remembrance. Once again, they were universally praised for their appearance, hard work, and degree of respect they demonstrated through their words and deeds. Finally, Monday saw a small banner party accompany the Principal to the old Collegiate building on Shaw Street where they continued a long running tradition of joining OLS in an Act of Remembrance there.

It is moving to hear the comments from members of the armed forces and wider public who encountered our cadets over the weekend and indeed those who saw them training for their events. I would like to pass on their gratitude for the respect paid by your children, who are indeed deserving of our praise.

Remembrance

I mentioned how the Remembrance Sunday is significant to me. Aside from the many members of my family who served in conflicts from WWI up to the recent conflict in Libya in which my cousin (piloting a Hercules) was involved in rescuing British subjects from the oil fields as the Gaddafi regime collapsed. The poignancy of Remembrance Day became personalised in 1987 when as a young boy attending a Boarding school (Portora Royal School) in Enniskillen N Ireland, a bomb was planted near to the cenotaph and exploded during the service, killing 12 people. I was fortunate not to have attended as it was the tradition for all the boys to be present. We had our DoE bronze expedition at the time and returned home to a town whose heart was ripped out by this single act of terror. A Father whose daughter died in his arms under the rubble went on television and stated how he forgave those who killed his daughter. This true sense of forgiveness was almost biblical in its kindness and the generosity of spirit demonstrated saw the onset of what was known as the 'Spirit of Enniskillen' which began a peace process that saw the cessation of violence in N Ireland.

I mention these events as we are now facing division and derision as we approach another general election that is Brexit-based. Whatever slight or injustice we feel, we must always seek resolution and forgive those who do us harm or with whom we disagree. The alternative is that we run the tumult of hate and retribution which can only cause more harm and sadness.

Vice President's Award

In 1840, Liverpool College was founded on a commitment to educate the whole person.

On Monday, His Honour Gerald Clifton (Liverpool College Scholar, Brasenose College Oxford, MA) and Mr Lawrence Holden (Liverpool College, former President of Liverpool Law Society & former Pro-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool) gave a talk to our Year 13 about the importance of contributing towards the wider community ie personally going above and beyond the expectations of school life.

Indeed, many of our students volunteer at care homes and hospitals and many raise money and/or work for charities. In line with our school motto: "Non solum ingenii verum etiam virtutis", "Not only the intellect but also character" Judge Clifton and Mr Holden wish to acknowledge and reward this effort with a Vice-President's Award to celebrate how our students are learning the skills of collaboration, developing wider and richer relationships and experiencing the many satisfactions of contributing to the welfare of others. Applications to be with House Tutors by 8th January.

Lessons from Auschwitz

Eve W and Millie E travelled to Poland to visit Auschwitz with our student teacher Mr Blair. Their experiences are truly heart rendering.

On the 12th November, we had the opportunity to travel to Poland in order to visit Auschwitz. Prior to our visit, we attended a seminar in Manchester where we discussed Jewish life prior to the Holocaust and had the privilege to listen to the testimony of a Holocaust survivor. Hearing her words helped us to think about the individual lives that were affected by the Holocaust, rather than the statistics of it. This was a concept that the organisation was keen we kept in mind during our visit to Poland.

We arrived at the airport at 4:30pm, and met with the *Lessons from Auschwitz* co-ordinators before flying to Krakow.

We firstly visited the town of Oświęcim, which during the war was Germanised to 'Auschwitz', for the purpose of furthering our knowledge of pre-war Jewish life. We visited a museum that contained documents and artefacts relating to Jewish culture and heritage and saw the town's only Synagogue to survive the war. The huge extent to which the town had been changed was apparent as we learned that Jewish people once referred to Oświęcim as Oshpitzin meaning 'guests' in Yiddish, as this was once a place that welcomed persecuted Jews.

From there we travelled to Auschwitz I. As soon as we arrived, the atmosphere of our group changed instantly. Seeing the infamous 'arbeit macht frei' on the entrance after seeing pictures of it so many times was surreal.

Our guide led us into various blocks, including one that was named 'material proof of crimes', containing thousands of suitcases, shoes, pairs of glasses, brushes. One of the most harrowing sights was a room full of human hair, which was sold by the Nazis and used to make products. One of the last things we saw was the Book of Names, which listed the 4.2 million known people who died in the Holocaust (1.3 million deaths are still unidentified).

After seeing Auschwitz I, we then travelled to Auschwitz II Birkenau. This was a very different experience; one reason being that this camp was nine times larger than Auschwitz I. In addition, while Auschwitz I held exhibits and had the feel of a museum in parts, Auschwitz II gave more of an insight into the living conditions of the camp and had largely been unchanged. We walked through the camp along the train track that runs through its middle, before reaching the building in which the prisoners were given their uniforms and had their heads shaved. The Rabbi who had accompanied us on the trip delivered an amazingly heartfelt speech, highlighting the issues of anti-semitism in our society. He then spoke about the metaphor of fire, saying that it can be used to spread light but was also used in the cremations at the camp. We then lit candles at the end of the train track, and walked back to the entrance. Even at the end of the kilometre-long walk, the amount of candles we had lit meant that they still stood out clearly in the darkness.

We cannot describe the day sufficiently with words and so we strongly urge anyone in the years below us to take this opportunity when it arises. We would like to extend our thanks to the LFA team and the Holocaust Educational Trust for providing such an experience to young people. Eve W & Millie I <https://www.het.org.uk/lessons-from-auschwitz-programme>

Open Evening

We had a splendid night on Wednesday when we welcomed nearly two hundred internal and external potential Sixth Former students to our Open Evening. Our Gladstone Scholars did a superb job guiding Year 11 students around the College.

Rushworth Centre for Music

On Thursday, Mr Jonathan Rushworth officially opened the Rushworth Centre for Music. As the red ribbon was cut and guests entered the newly refurbished Godwyn House, the College Orchestra played Vaughan Williams' 'Flourish for Wind Band'. The Principal introduced Mr Rushworth who then addressed the assembled pupils and guests.

Following a vote of thanks from Mr Bishop, our Director of Music and a presentation of a gift from Leo B (7 Selwyn's), the guests enjoyed two further musical performances from Madeleine E (9 Selwyn's) and Evelyn I (9 Butler's) who sang the vocal duet 'Shallow', and Alex M (10 Howard's) who performed 'Smack Talk' on electric guitar.

Following further thanks from the Principal, guests were given guided tours of the new music centre, hosted by pupils demonstrating their learning so far. We are extremely grateful to the Rushworth family for their generous gift to Liverpool College.

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Year 12 Parents' Evening

We look forward to meeting you all on Wednesday, 20 November 3.30 – 6.00 pm.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form