

16 November 2018

Dear Parents,

On Thursday we hosted our first Sixth Form Open Evening of the year. It was a great success and we thank all our wonderful Year 12 and Year 13 Sixth Form students for their time and efforts. As usual they are excellent ambassadors of the school and our visitors remarked upon how wonderful they are. Special thanks to Eleanor H, Daniel L, Ruslana L, Ida A and Matthew B who spoke with great confidence and eloquence during our Q&A session in front of a packed auditorium of pupils and parents.

Remembrance Parade

The Remembrance Service and Parade went extremely well and the Hon Colonel Walter Clarke commended the students on their marching and behaviour throughout the whole service and parade.

Rugby

The Rugby players returned from the Isle of Man relatively unscathed having played some outstanding rugby in terrible weather conditions. Adam M has written the following match report.

St. William's College: 5-5 In constant heavy rain, an almost swamped pitch and 50mph winds, our First team put up an extremely strong display against our oldest rivals on the Isle of Man. No surprises that the terrible conditions led to a cagey and slow game; however, the quality of rugby from both sides was still remarkably high. It would have been impossible for any team to play expansive rugby that day and short, narrow drives close to the breakdown was the forced tactics of the match. An impressive team try finished off by Rhys H saw us take the lead in the first half. Unfortunately for our dominance in possession and territory in the first half an hour we could not add any more points. This fixture is special to King William and they came straight back at us with renewed effort. In the last play it was 5-5 with both teams threatening to steal the win. Joe F impressively held up one of their players up over the try line – securing the draw. Man of the Match: Luka B

Swimming

We are delighted to note the wonderful swimming success of Jack R and wish him every success:

As a swimmer I have had many proud achievements, the pinnacle of my career so far is being placed 3rd, winning a Bronze medal for the 200m Breaststroke in the English National Championship. Further on from this I progressed to make the British final in the 50m Breaststroke at British nationals. Looking to the future I have my first International competition coming up in Barcelona for which I am currently training hard, having just returned from a training camp in Mallorca and also towards the British Championships in April which I have recently qualified for. This is an event which will incorporate world trials where selection process will begin to select a team for the World Championship next summer.

Athletics

Max B has detailed his most recent athletic triumph:

My season has been successful so far. Since the end of the track season in August it has been the relay season which consists of a team from each club in a certain region of the country (e.g. the North) competing against each other. My first achievement of the season was winning bronze at the senior Northern XC relays which was a great triumph for myself and also the club. Two weeks later, on the 3rd of November, it was the under 20 national XC relay championships. Going into the event we thought we had a good chance of getting close to a top 5 finish as we had a very strong team of three. The race is over three legs and each runner takes a leg each. My team mate Dan was on the first leg of the race and had a bad fall but still managed to finish in fifth place. It was then my turn to take over on the second leg, where I started in fifth place. I managed to work to the front pack of the race quickly to give me the best chance possible. Coming to the end of the race I still felt strong and this gave me the confidence to take the lead and come in first on the second leg, running 8 minutes and 56 seconds for 3K. It was then up to our final runner to bring the Gold home on the last leg. He was up against some very good runners and current GB athletes. Coming into the final straight of the race we were in third place but was dipped on the line to miss out on the National Bronze. Although we did not medal, it was great to get involved in such a prestigious race and compete with such a high level calibre of athletes. The relay season is now over and it is time to stay focused on what comes after Christmas which is the individual Championships such as the Merseyside, Northern and National.

Year 12 Business Studies Annual Branding Taste Test

Miss McKay, our Business Tutor reports:

Whilst the Year 12 Business class study the elements of Marketing and the vital components, they also take part in a 'Branding Test Taste' every year.

Branding is business identity and how consumers are able to recognise and establish relationships with a business. As consumers we tend to purchase products based on a brand's reputation and conducting this test allows us to identify that not all of the successful brands necessarily taste the best or even better. Cheaper brands still offer consumers a good quality product.

The students were blindfolded and had the opportunity to distinguish the difference between Coca Cola and Aldi Coke, Pringles or Aldi's own brand and Cadbury's Chocolate Fingers and Aldi's Chocolate Fingers. Students enjoyed taking part and many failed to get all three correct which is the result that 'own brands' can taste extremely similar to those more successful brands.

Children in Need

Mrs McCone has been working hard to raise money for Children in Need. She has created a 'Guess who the teacher is?' from a baby/toddler picture library which includes myself. There was 'Guess the name of the Teddy?' and a Sixth Form Netball Game v Staff (in which the staff won). This has raised a substantial amount and I will report how much money was raised next week.

A week in the life of a Head Boy at Liverpool College

I have asked Rhys H our Head boy to write a brief profile highlighting the fantastic opportunities available to all the students in the College:

It would be an understatement to say it has been a busy few days. It all started at 5.30am on Friday, when my taxi arrived to transport me to John Lennon Airport. There I met up with the remainder of the 1st and 2nd XV rugby teams before we set off on our journey to the Isle of Man, where we play in the College's longest standing annual rugby fixture against King William College. Adam's match report will surely say enough about the torrent conditions at kick off time. However, we stuck through it and I was lucky enough to break the deadlock in an enthralling game of rugby which ended at a 5-5 draw. Probably a fair result, yet the single greatest highlight of the match was seeing players from both teams embracing each other in the clubhouse after the full-time whistle. Afterwards we attended a Remembrance service, in which 1st XV captain Adam M and I both laid a wreath on behalf of Liverpool College. The following day we played another rugby match against 'The Islanders' - essentially an All-Star team from the Isle of Man and came out victorious. All round it was a successful trip which never lets down. After returning home on Saturday evening, I attended the school's Remembrance service on Sunday morning, co-ordinating the collection process and talking to guests afterwards. As ever it was an excellent service with the hard work of all members of the CCF paying off. I just about had time to watch Liverpool dispatch of Fulham 2-0 before my next journey.

I returned to John Lennon Airport after being invited to an Applicant Insight Event by Ulster University. After a safe flight into Belfast, members of the University team took me to my room in brand-new student accommodation right in the city centre. After some breakfast on Monday morning, I boarded a coach to Coleraine, about an hour and a half away from Belfast and home to the University's Optometry building. I relished finally having some free time and used it to continue my work on a Biology essay. Upon arrival, a group of 8 students including myself were introduced to the facilities at the Coleraine campus, which were very modern and impressive. I was shown the basics of the sight test, and even allowed to use an ophthalmoscope and slit lamp in demonstrations with the other students. In the afternoon I also took part in some blood analysis following a crossover with Biomedical Science students. Furthermore, we were taken on a tour of the student accommodation on campus as well as the University's brand-new £5 million sports facility. Overall it was a very informative and productive trip, and definitely a recommendation for any student seeking a friendly and different student experience.

That wasn't the end of the travelling! After catching up with the school work I missed on Tuesday, I travelled to Cardiff for an interview at Cardiff University on Wednesday morning. I am writing this on the train back home and await a response from the University, whose facilities were like no other and catered to people of all ocular backgrounds. I felt the interview went well, but if it wasn't for my knowledge of *Action Potentials* thanks to recent Biology lessons, who knows how it would have gone?

I return to school on Thursday for my Spanish PPI assessment as well as some speaking practice in the afternoon. Fingers crossed for the best results and for a normal Friday after a unique and productive week.

Our Head Girl will undertake a similar précis in subsequent newsletters.

Mathematics Challenge

On Thursday, our team of two Year 13 and two Year 12 Senior Mathematicians travelled to Manchester to undertake the UK Mathematics Challenge Competition. Rares has written this account:

I would first like to thank Mr Daly for selecting me to represent Liverpool College at such an important and prestigious event and it was a pleasure to give back to the institution that has given me so much.

We were one of tens of teams competing from across the North-West and we knew that we had to perform at our best if we were to fulfil expectations.

The competition consisted of three rounds in which we had to work as a team in order to overcome interesting mathematical challenges ranging from a mathematical crossword to questions, which had to be solved by different members of the team in a specific order. This was due to us having to use the results from the previous questions in order to solve them, so trusting each other's mathematical skill was a key factor in coming out on top of the situation.

After three hours of hard work and intense focus we came fourth. We were very pleased with our result and were so close to being invited to the London nationals. I am sure this will only empower my soon-to-be Year 13 colleagues to better their result next year.

Construction Master Class

Mrs Hayes, our Sixth Form Manager reports:

On Thursday, Mrs Doran, Mrs Hayes and a group of students from the secondary phase attended a Master Class regarding careers in the Built Environment.

We all listened with great interest regarding the many different careers available and the various ways to gain entry into the industry. From Work Experience, Apprenticeships and Internships to Undergraduate and Graduate opportunities, including gender equality in the industry, our interested students were inspired to consider a career in the built environment with all that it has to offer and the support and opportunities available to them from the major players.

Our thanks to Mrs Doran for arranging the visit and to Mr Orton, Pre-construction Manager and Miss McGuckin, Assistant Design Manager at Kier. <https://www.kier.co.uk/careers/>

PPI Results

The PPI results will be inputted by staff on the 21st November and we would hope that you would have them by Year 12 Parents Evening on 28th November.

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December Trial Examinations: Year 13 A Level:

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Wednesday, 12th – Friday, 14th December 2018
Morning Session: 8.35 start / Afternoon Session: 1.35 start
Venue: Sports Hall

Please use the link to the College website for the combined GCSE & A Level Trial Examinations timetable. http://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/images/December_2018_Trial_Examinations_GCSE_A_Level.pdf
Dates also displayed on the College App.

Oxford & Cambridge Update

We have received our first Oxbridge interview offer. Ayesha J will travel to Cambridge to undertake the two day tumult. We now begin the preparation for the two day process.

We hope all our other Oxbridge potentials have the same opportunity. There are many other wonderful offer stories which are too numerous to quote.

UCAS

This has been a quiet week for completed applications.
Please ensure your son/daughter completes their application.

Year 13 Leavers' Dinner

I have provisionally booked our Year 13 Leavers Dinner on the 25th June 2019 at the Racquet Club.

What I enjoyed most about this week was overhearing a Sixth Form student speaking to prospective parents about the qualities of our Sixth Form. What he stressed above all else was the quality of teaching and the genuine relationship of friendship and connectivity that occurs between teacher and student in our Sixth Form. I am very proud of this and really do thank our staff and pupils for forging this unique and special relationship.

I wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form