

18 October 2019

Dear Parents

I must apologise for not writing to you last week but with Founders' Day and the Banding examination on Saturday we had a rather busy week. I hope to make it up to you in the edition that we produce this week.

Founders' Day

Our Founders' Day was a great success and we enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of our great Cathedral and the wonderful music from our angelic choristers. I personally enjoyed the fantastic rendition of Deep Peace, a Gaelic Blessing (John Rutter) as it was performed by the choir at my own wedding fifteen years ago.

Our thanks to all those who made the Service possible: Mr Bishop, our Director of Music dbishop@liverpoolcollege.org.uk and his Musicians, the Gladstone Scholars, our Chaplain, Mr Hammersley phammersley@liverpoolcollege.org.uk and the Principal's PA, Miss Bamber who co-ordinated the whole event. sbamber@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Founders' Day Dinner: Boarding

Tuesday evening saw the Boarding students, Boarding and Sixth Form staff and invited Senior day pupils to attend the annual student Founders' Day Dinner. It was a wonderful evening in which we delighted in fine food and celebrated the international nature of our great school.

Nikita A, one of our Prefect Boarding students has written this account:

On Tuesday 15th October, we experienced an event in the honour of the establishment of Liverpool College. I loved seeing everyone dressed in elegant clothes, all having fun and enjoying the dinner together.

The whole table service was done in the best way possible, and you could feel the energy of all of the people who came there to celebrate. During the dinner everyone was talking between each other and enjoying the food.

This event was finished with a really good speech from the Principal about the history of school and the reason for our meeting which helped myself and others realise the depth of this occasion.

I honestly enjoyed all the time spent with everyone there and cannot wait for another event like that.



Old Lerpooians' Dinner

On Friday evening, the Head Boy, Chinedum A and Head Girl, Olivia P attended the OL Dinner in which the Guest Speaker was the Rt Hon Jake Berry MP, Minister of State for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth. Our honoured guest is one of three OLs serving in Parliament. His speech made clear his determination to see Liverpool and the region flourish by driving a policy of devolution and decentralization. Mr Berry, Olivia and Chinedum held court as they waxed lyrically about their time at the College. Olivia has written this report:

On Friday 11th October, Chinedum and I had the privilege of attending the OL's Dinner at the Artists Club. It was a wonderful experience as the Head Boy and I met many of the Old Lerpooians who had attended the school from 1940 up to those who left in 1990.

Meeting The Rt Hon Jake Berry MP was an enriching experience as he explained his ideas surrounding politics and how proud he was to have once attended Liverpool College. He explained how the school had shaped him as a person and we couldn't agree more on how attending Liverpool College is an experience we are all thankful for.

Before we sat, Chinedum read the Latin Grace and after a thoroughly enjoyable meal, we heard from the Principal who highlighted all the wonderful achievements within our school throughout the years. Reading the names of the OL's to show our appreciation was well reciprocated and overall the Head Boy and I really enjoyed our evening.

Old Lerpooians' Senior Golf Competition

The Old Lerpooians hosted the Senior Golfers for a day of competition. The Old Boys won but the boys did play with a keen standard that didn't embarrass. They then enjoyed the hospitality of the OLs' who undoubtedly advised them on how to improve upon their game.

Liam M has written this report:

On Thursday George S, Dylan L, Sean C and I competed in the annual Old Lerpooian Golf Society tournament at Childwall Golf Club. It was a classic battle in which youth would meet experience.

The day commenced at lunch time which presented a great opportunity to mingle with our predecessors from the College and a chance to reflect on how the College has grown and developed over time. Shortly after, it was tee-off time and our game faces were on.

We were all placed in separate teams of 4 (1 current student and 3 Old Lerpooians) in which the current student would go head-to-head with one of the other Old Lerpooians. The scoring system was based on the Stableford system, in which a player scores 3 points for birdie (1 under par), 2 points for par, 1 point for bogey (1 over par) and so on. At the end of the round, the point collation from the current students would be put against the Old Lerpooians for the chance to win a trophy. The boys all agreed that the first hole is usually the worst, so with that swiftly behind us, we progressed through the course and our golfing skill began to improve. The weather conditions were not kind to us as the rain began to pour through the middle holes, providing some make-shift peat bogs in the rough; these were not easy to negotiate our way out of but we made it work. The weather subsided and we all finished the back nine strong and satisfied with our performance.

Despite our best efforts, our team came up short on the points tally and we were well and truly beaten by our elders which provided us with some food for thought ie *you can't supplement experience*. We all played some good golf but George, the most experienced in our team, scored an impressive 22 points to prove that he is a highly skilled young golfer.

I would strongly encourage students and parents reading this Newsletter to try playing golf if you haven't before, because it is a great sport that develops discipline and commitment but also is a gripping hobby. I only started in the summer but I was quickly addicted and I am committed to keep improving.

All in all we had a great day and it provided us with the opportunity to broaden our golfing horizons and improve as players on a new and unfamiliar course. For this, on behalf of the team, I would like to thank the Old Lerpooian Golf Society for providing this excellent day.

Rugby

There has been much Rugby played throughout the world and Liverpool College has proved to be a leader in School Rugby. Our Club Captain, Sebastian C has produced the accounts of our past matches.

Liverpool College VS Cheadle Hulme

On the 12th October Liverpool College headed up to Manchester, where they would play a tough game against an inform Cheadle Hulme side.

The early 7:20 meet certainly had an impact, as the lads were very tired during the first 20 minutes of the game. This was shown through Cheadle dominating most of the possession, within the College's half. Nevertheless, some very well organised defence meant Cheadle were unable to get a try. However, an eventual missed tackle allowed them to score the first try of the game, making the score 7-0.

After conceding a try, the boys began to form an attack of their own, spending the remainder of the first half in the Cheadle 22m. Unfortunately, after many attempts, the boys were unable to get a try of their own, and a fortunate kick and chase from the opposition, meant Cheadle scored their second of the game.

Half time score: 14-0

The second half began with the College being on the front foot attacking well against the Cheadle defence. However, an unlucky turnover meant they were forced to start defending. Once again, a nice kick into the corner from the opposing fly half meant the defending was now being done in the College's 5 metre. The defending finally fell through and a missed tackle meant the opposition had scored once again. The try furthered Cheadle's momentum as they continued to attack in the Liverpool College half, before scoring their 4th try of the game.

Following the try, the lads understood that they had to finish the game strong. They began to attack with many phases of bulldozing crash balls. Finally, the attack became too much for the opposition, and Michael C scored a try, making the game finish at 28-7. The defeat was disappointing, and the lads understood this. Nevertheless, the defending throughout the game was impressive, and the eventual try showed the passion within the boys.

MOTM: Very difficult to choose from the 8 members of the pack, due to the desire and commitment, to score the final try.

"How we win the game shows something about our character; how we lose shows all of it."

In addition, we have the local Derby against St Edward's College to prepare for this Saturday. I wish all our boys every success. Upon our return from half term, the Senior players travel to the Isle of Man for a mini tour.

House Dash

During our Games session on Wednesday over two hundred Sixth Formers completed the 'House Dash' in Sefton Park. This was a great success and saw Ben C and Lucy M enjoyed the accolade of Sixth Form victors. I believe I won the over 45 category! Our thanks to Mr Cook and the PE team for organising this event.

PPC Stars

Year 12 Ruari Wilson (6)

Year 13 Katie Miller, Mollie Disley, Kieran McNeilly (6)

Year 12 Robyn Deveney (6)

Year 13 Amelia Stallworthy, Katie Miller (6)

Well done to all.

Liverpool College Eco-Committee (LCEC) twhittell@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

The Liverpool College Eco-Committee was established this term. The Eco-Committee is formed of pupils from Years 7 to 13 and provides a forum in which our keen Eco-Warriors can discuss the ways in which we as a school and a community can act to reduce our carbon footprint. The Eco-Committee will report to the Parliament of Houses at regular intervals throughout the year. Our Sixth Form Eco-Ambassadors are Yazmin H, Elysia S and Gaetano M-S and we look forward to their updates throughout the year. Yazmin has written the following:

I am very excited for our school to begin the journey of becoming more environmentally conscious and I believe the formation of the Eco-Committee is the perfect first step.

As a group we will not only discuss plans to decrease the impact we have on our school and local environment, but we will also work towards achieving the Bronze Award of the 'Eco-School' scheme. To do this we will firstly need to identify and assess the school's core environmental downfalls through methods such as surveys. Then, by next year, be able to plan and deliver our solutions.

As a group we are very passionate about the thought of the positive changes soon to be made.

Oxbridge (cleeder@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)

On Tuesday at 5.00pm Mr Leeder sent the final Oxbridge and Medical application. We wish all our students every success and thank Mr Leeder, Mr Broekman and all the tutors for ensuring that these applications have entered the system with the best chances of achieving success.

It is now a waiting game. In the meantime, we have arranged interview practice for your son/daughter on Monday. If you cannot attend, we have other events in the future.

Oxford/Cambridge University Pre-Interview Admissions Testing

<https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/oxford-tests/>

Test Date: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 at 9.00 am in Godwyn House

Whilst many of us take a gasp of breath and thank the Almighty for a time to rest and take break, Mrs Hayes our Sixth Form Manager is opening Godwyn House to ensure that students can sit many of the associated examinations that they have to undertake as a result of their applications. Once again this is an example of how staff at Liverpool College go the extra mile for our students. Many thanks to Mrs Hayes.

The Quality in Careers Standard Award

<http://www.qualityincareers.org.uk/what-is-the-quality-in-careers-standard/>

Liverpool College has been awarded the National Quality Award for Careers Education, information, advice and guidance. This award recognises that we deliver a high quality careers programme, which meets the Government standards measured by the 8 Gatsby benchmarks. We are one of the first schools in the country to achieve this quality award.

Careers: jdrew@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

In November our new Assistant Careers Leader, Mrs Drew will be arranging individual discussions with our Year 12 students to ascertain career direction and focus. The appointment times will be issued in the second half of the Michaelmas term.

Year 13 Reports

The Year 13 reports are now available and should enlighten you as to the progress made by your son or daughter. Please contact your son or daughter's House Tutor to discuss any issues that may have developed.

Y12 Brook's: Miss Nixon: enixon@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y12 Butler's: Mr Hutchinson: ihutchinson@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y12 Howard's: Mr Cartwright: pcartwright@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y12 Howson's: Miss McKay: cmckay@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y12 School: Mr Wilson: gwilson@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y12 Selwyn's: Mr Brady: sbrady@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y13 Brook's: Mr Leeder: cleeder@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y13 Butler's: Mr Barnicoat: abarnicoat@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y13 Howard's: Mrs Gimeno: igimeno@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y13 Howson's: Dr Atkins: eatkins@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y13 School: Dr McNamara: jmcnamara@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Y13 Selwyn's: Mr McAlea: rmcalea@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

I will have contacted you directly if I am troubled by what I have read.

Leadership Skills <https://www.ncsyes.co.uk/>

From Dr McNamara, Assistant Head of Sixth: jmcnamara@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Our Year 12 will receive a lecture from NCS this Friday, offering them the opportunity to sign up for their amazing holiday courses which offer the chance to develop leadership skills in all sorts of ways; volunteering, project managing, adventure training.

The letter below explains a little about the courses and their aims, and explains what is involved in signing up. The students will know more by the end of Friday.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The NCS (National Citizen Service) are due to attend your child's school to discuss the Autumn 2019 programme with Year 12 students. NCS is a nationally recognized programme for those aged 16-17 which takes place during non-term time. It's a great way for young people to learn the skills for work and life they need to succeed in the future, whilst having an amazing time.

When we visit to give a presentation about NCS, all students will have the chance to show their interest by completing a form and returning this to school. They can then sign up for the programme online through the NCS website or through the NCS Contact Centre.

What happens on NCS?

- **ADVENTURE: Phase 1** - Feel the freedom of the outside world for five days away from home, taking on adrenaline-fuelled activities like rock climbing, canoeing and archery. Your team will cheer you along every step of the way, sharing in every challenge, every success. Then you'll have a few days back at home for a much-needed rest!
- **DISCOVERY: Phase 2** - Next up, you'll spend a few days developing you. You'll meet with local business leaders and pick up all kinds of useful skills for your future. From practising speaking in public to learning how to budget, you'll get A LOT out of this phase.
- **SOCIAL ACTION: Phase 3** - Now it's time to make your mark. Back at home, you and your team will devise a social action project based on an issue you feel passionate about. You have the skills and confidence to do anything – the more original, the better! This is your chance to feel proud by making a real difference in your community.
- **CELEBRATION: Phase 4** - Finally, take stock of all you've done. You'll have overcome challenges, pushed yourself into new and exciting territories, and had experiences you never thought possible. Celebrate your achievements with your fellow NCSers at one great event before exploring all the opportunities NCS opens up to you. This is just the beginning!

NCS costs £25, with all meals and activities covered. We may be able to offer bursaries to those who need financial support.
Want to find out more in the meantime? Contact us at askncs@ingeus.co.uk.

Sixth Form Readers

Due to the success of our Reading Mentor Scheme, Mrs Gannon, Head of Pre-prep (ggannon@liverpoolcollege.org.uk) has asked for Sixth Form volunteer readers to work with our younger pupils. Any student who is interested should register with Mrs Gannon.

November GCSE Re-sits

A number of students will be undertaking their resit English or Mathematics GCSE when they return after half term and they are all in receipt of their timetables from their House Tutor. It is essential that those who are entered present and that they spend much of the holiday preparing for these examinations. The resit examinations commence on the morning of our first day back from holiday, 4th November in Godwyn House.

http://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/images/November_2019_Mathematics_English_Re-sits_Only.pdf

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Mon 04 Nov	08:45	1:45	AQ A	8700/1	English Language Paper 1
Tue 05 Nov	08:45	1:30	ED EXL/GCSE	1MA1 1F	Non Calculator (F)
Tue 05 Nov	08:45	1:30	ED EXL/GCSE	1MA1 1H	Non Calculator (H)
Wed 06 Nov	08:45	1:45	AQ A	8700/2	English Language Paper 2
Thu 07 Nov	08:45	1:30	ED EXL/GCSE	1MA1 2F	Calculator (F)
Thu 07 Nov	08:45	1:30	ED EXL/GCSE	1MA1 2H	Calculator (H)
Mon 11 Nov	13:30	1:30	ED EXL/GCSE	1MA1 3F	Calculator (F)
Mon 11 Nov	13:30	1:30	ED EXL/GCSE	1MA1 3H	Calculator (H)

Vice President's Award

After the half term, on Monday, 11th November, we will be honoured with a presentation from two OLs, Judge Clifton and Mr Lawrence Holden, who will set out the terms and conditions for the prestigious Vice President's award. This is an award presented to a worthy Sixth Form student who contributes to the 'outside community' and has given their time and skills to those in need.

Rome Classics/History Trip

Today I travel with Dr McNamara and pupils from years 10-13 to visit the most amazing city in the world.... Rome. The itinerary is below and we look forward to reporting back to you.

ITINERARY – Tour to Rome, October 2019

Date	Details
Friday 18th October	04.00-04.15 Drop off at Liverpool College to board coach to Manchester International Airport. 07.15-11.10 (local time) Jet2 Flight LS791 to Leonardo Da Vinci International Airport (Rome, Fiumicino) 13.30 Check in to Hotel Noto 15.00-20.00 Walking tour to Pantheon, Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain 20.30-21.30 Evening meal at Ristorante La Famiglia and return to hotel.
Saturday 19th October	08.00 Morning visit to Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill, the central sites of political life in ancient Rome. In the afternoon we shall visit the Baths of Caracalla, the largest set of baths in Rome. 18.30-20.00 After a quick change at the hotel, we will have our evening meal at Ristorante Gusto, inside Termini Station. 21.00-22.00 We will be taken by coach to Bowling Roma for an evening of bowling.
Sunday 20th October	8.30-16.30 We shall spend the day travelling to and exploring Ostia Antica, the ancient port of Rome. It is a site similar to Pompeii in that there is lots of see and it is in remarkable condition. 19.00 onwards After changing back at the hotel, we shall have our evening meal at Hard Rock Café, and then students will be allowed some free time for shopping and exploring within a clearly defined area.
Monday 21st October	10.00-11.30 Visit to Museum of the Ara Pacis, a fantastic monument erected by emperor Augustus. 13.00-17.00 Guided tour of St Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel. Religious Sites: A mandatory dress code must be respected and maintained during the entire visit. Shoulders to knees should be covered: Sleeveless blouses, miniskirts, shorts and hats are not allowed. 19.30-21.30 Final evening meal at Pasta and Social International. This is near the Colosseum, so we should be able to have an evening walk and some free time round this area, with the opportunities for photographs of the Colosseum at night.
Tuesday 22nd October	08.40 Coach transfer to Leonardo Da Vinci International Airport. 12.10 Jet 2 Flight LS792 to Manchester Airport 15.00-15.30 Approximate pick-up time at Manchester Airport for transfer to Liverpool College. 16.00-16.30 Estimated arrival time at Liverpool College. Pick up on North Mossley Hill Road.

As we approach this unprecedentedly extended half-term break we do reflect on what has occurred. I could wax lyrically about all our achievements but what I find most impressive is the fantastic integration that has occurred within the Sixth Form.

The joy I feel when I see so many young men and women from a vast array of backgrounds join together in the union that is Liverpool College Sixth Form is truly enlightening. This is testament to our collective endeavours that ensures that the future generations of Lerpoolsians will lead this city, country and beyond as they advance forth to find their way in life.

I wish you and your family a very pleasant mid-Michaelmas break.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form