

22 November 2019

Dear Parents

Slowly but surely the Christmas season is soon upon us. The lights and decorations are beginning to appear in our cities, towns and shops. I note with amusement the idiosyncratic nature of the individual family traditions that we all have.

My own family do not open our Christmas presents until after the main course of the Christmas Day feast (frustratingly at about 5.00pm) and we always have to play Pictionary in which my mother-in-law has the same stick-man image to explain every particular scenario in which we are fundamentally left clueless.

A member of my Form declared that they have a tradition of bobbing for apples whilst others enjoy a full English breakfast on Christmas Day morning. Others enjoy the gift of new pyjamas on Christmas Eve.

As time progresses our families enjoy the addition of new members (through marriage, re-marriage, birth, adoption) who add to the wonderful chaos of life and bring new traditions that can seem exotic to our normal behaviours. This is not dissimilar to our Sixth Form family in which we receive people from throughout the city and via our Boarding community throughout the world.

Godwyn House

Ironically, we are housed in a building that was once a family home. Like many modern families we come in many different forms and have many a disagreement, but we are all in concord that the most enduring aspect of any family is that we are all one and care for each other as we set out to embrace the future.



Rugby

The Rugby brothers enjoyed mixed fortunes over the last five days. Sebastian C has presented us with his excellent account of both fixtures.

Liverpool College Vs Newcastle Under Lyme

Liverpool College travelled to Newcastle Under Lyme, where a close game would have taken place had it not been for the vast amount of injuries within the College's team.

Due to the large number of injuries, many of the younger players were called up for one of their first games of the season. Despite the inexperience in the side, the lads stepped up, and displayed the pride that comes with wearing the first XV shirt.

The game started very well with both teams being fairly even however, an injury within the first 10 minutes meant that Liverpool College were forced to play with 14 men for the majority of the game. This disadvantage was shown, as Newcastle was able to exploit the constant one-man overlap when attacking and scored many tries from it.

Nevertheless, the College showed a lot of determination throughout the game, not letting their heads drop at any point. A special thank you to all of the younger lads who stepped up to the occasion and allowed the fixture to take place. They showed great levels of commitment and attitude for the unfortunate circumstances.

MOTM: Cieran R for helping raise the spirits of the team and for his overall performance throughout the game.

Liverpool College Vs AKS

Liverpool College travelled up to Blackpool for their mid-week fixture, in the quarter final of the Lancashire plate.

There was no denying the fact that both teams seemed desperate to win the game, and the sound of the pre-match squeezes suggested they were ready for the game ahead.

The game started quickly with Liverpool College on the attack and AKS defending very well. However, some nice hands from the backline allowed Max E to score the first try of the game.

The second try for the lads followed soon after the first, when Sahil S ran a well-timed line, allowing him to bulldoze over the try line.

The dominance continued throughout the game and the boys played some outstanding rugby in both attack and defence which allowed them to score numerous times during the game.

The tries came with Max E (3 tries), Sahil S (one try), Isaac C (one try), Nye T (one try), Luke T (one try), and Stephen R (2 tries).

The overall performance from Liverpool College was fantastic with the 58/0 score-line being sensational. Once again it is clear to see the potential in the side, and hopefully the lads can go all the way in the Lancashire plate.

MOTM: Very difficult to decide due to the whole team performing exceptionally well. However, both Max E, and Sahil S stuck out for very positive reasons. Therefore, the forward of the match goes to Sahil S for his consistently well-timed lines which dominated the AKS defence, and the back of the match goes to Max E, for his brilliant hat trick.

Netball

The Netball sisters played Birkenhead on Wednesday. Their commitment is undeniable but our cousins from across the water outplayed us and we now have to review what we can do to raise our game.

Year 12 Parents' Evening

On Wednesday we invited our Year 12 Parents to attend parents evening. They gathered in the Mossley Vale building to discuss aspirations and areas in which we can improve. I was delighted with the attendance and hope that you received candid advice on how your son or daughter can progress.

Brook House

During NSI time on Thursday we welcomed Brook House to the College. This is an organisation focused on the sexual health of young men and women from 16 - 25. They presented the concept of consent and what that means.

It can be an uncomfortable conversation to have with our young men and women; however, it is best that they are informed rather than ignorant of the challenges they face as they embark upon establishing intimate relationships. <https://www.brook.org.uk/>

Year 13 Meetings

On a more pragmatic note we are undertaking meetings with Year 13 students who are failing to achieve their target grades. Mrs Hayes is strenuously arranging the meetings with parents in which we are developing action plans that will help to lead to success in the summer.

Year 13 Trial Examinations

Our Year 13 Trial Examinations will commence on Thursday, 12th December.

During LC time, students are being directed to create their revision timetable and ensure that they are focused on the necessity to embark upon revisiting their Year 12 work, as well as recent studies.

The results will be presented in a similar fashion to that of the August results day.

Year 12 Examinations

The Year 12 will have a formal summative examination in the same period. This will provide us all with a truly reflective progress report.

UCAS

The UCAS application is slower than in previous years. This is based upon the directive of the Principal that staff cannot predict grades in which there is no evidence that the students are actually achieving - despite their targets.

I must reiterate if there is no consistent evidence of achieving a particular grade, you cannot expect professionals to predict the inconceivable.

Sixth Form Student Absence: Telephone Message Procedure:

Please do not leave telephone messages under the Sixth Form option.

Use the SENIOR PHASE OPTION 3.

All absences should be reported to your son/daughter's **House Administrator**.

0151 724 4000 Select Option 3, Senior Phase (not Sixth Form) then:

Press 1 for Butler's & Selwyn's House (ext 3232) lhunter@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Press 2 for Brook's Howson's House (ext 3247) cdavies@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Press 3 for School & Howard's House (ext 3280) rbradley@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

PPC Stars of the Week

Year 12 Ellis Knox

Year 13 Jack Matthews

Free Public Classics talk at Liverpool College

Dr Llewelyn Morgan, Professor of Classical Languages and Literature at Oxford University will be talking on the topic of "Hercules, World Traveller" on the evening of Tuesday 26th November at Liverpool College. The talk will be in the MV Hall and will start at the revised time of 6.45pm. Dr Morgan is an old boy of the College.

The event is free but you do need to register for tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hercules-world-traveller-tickets-77088207905?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Alice Case

Liverpool Classics Hub Coordinator

<https://classicsforallnorth.org.uk/>

Classics Library

Our Sixth Form Home, Godwyn House welcomed Jimmy Mulville the co-founder of 'Hat Trick' Productions to view the development of his Classics Library which he has generously funded. The Library is due to be completed by Christmas. https://www.hattrick.co.uk/jimmy_Mulville

Mr Mulville's 'rags to riches' narrative was partly enabled by the kindness of a former Liverpool College Classics Master who found talent in a young boy who deserved a classical education. Though Mr Mulville never formally attended the school, the generosity of this scholar set him on the road to success and fortune.

Spanish Trip

On the subject of inspiring teachers, Mrs Gimeno is undertaking a Spanish immersion trip to Seville. I am delighted that so many students wish to attend.

Our thanks to Mrs Gimeno for leading the trip.

Support

Too many families suffer distress and anxiety in silence and are often too proud to discuss any issues that they may encounter. As I mentioned in my opening parlance, we are your extended family and if you have concerns or issues we will do our very best to support and aid you in whatever angst you may have.

I wish you and your family a very pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form