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Dear Parents,

As an historian I often raise the issue of legacy and what history will make of us when we are no longer on this mortal coil.

On Thursday, Mr R W Peach, an OL of the school, opened the Peach Enterprise Centre for Business and Economics. His generous donation has enabled us to move into Godwyn House and have the Sixth Form facility that we can be truly proud of. Our thanks to Mr Peach, Mr Broekman, Mr Flynn and Mr Lyons and his team who have made the Sixth Form a home for us all to enjoy, establishing a long lasting legacy for generations to come.



'It's been a fantastic day; the Principal has enabled me to have many special memories including the time in the Cathedral. It just adds to the pride I have in the school and all it is achieving.' Roger S W Peach

Speech Night

A true celebration of our school took place in the celestial surroundings of our great Cathedral. The wonderful choir and orchestra treated us to a medley from the musical Phantom of the Opera whilst Samuel C played Chopin with such dexterity that we felt touched and moved by his talent and musical prowess. The Latin Oration by the Heads of School was flawless and the speeches from Mr Broekman and our guest speaker, Lucy Pearson inspired us all to realise that we must always live for the here and now and be fulfilled as we undertake this great journey that is before us.

An evening such as this would not happen without the dedication of all the staff. Our sincerest thanks to Miss Bamber for her tireless attention to detail which has made this yet another speech night to be remembered.

On Monday I travelled to Rosslyn Park to assist Mr Heeley as his logistics expert and driver rather than U18 Sevens coach. It was a fantastic two days in which the boys played some super rugby. We enjoyed each other's company and had 'much banter' throughout our mini tour.

For many of our Year 13 it was their last ever game for the College and I too felt that it was end of an era as I have decided that my direct involvement in College rugby will finish this season. I have been fortunate to coach many rugby teams over the last 18 years at the College, winning a Lancashire Cup, three Lancashire Plates, Birkenhead and Adams Sevens as well as organising tours to Canada, Ireland and the Isle of Man. Despite the victories and silverware, I hope that my legacy as a rugby coach will have been to engender in generations of boys a long lasting joy for the game that I have truly loved.

Rugby Awards

On Thursday night we will celebrate the year with an awards evening in the MV Hall (6.00pm) followed by a dinner for the 1st and 2nd XV in the Dining Room (7.30pm). Please pay £15.00 pounds to the school office by the latest Tuesday.

Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens Tournament <http://www.rpns7.co.uk/>

Ben B's account of our visit to the nation's capital and our participation in the largest gathering of boy's rugby in the world will appear in next week's Newsletter.

Hockey

Whilst the rugby players travelled to London, our girls played against St Edward's and Merchant Taylor's in a mini tournament. Charlotte LBB has written her report that does demonstrate real character in the face of adversity. I have also included the report from last Wednesday's fixture.

On Monday (25/03/19) the girls senior hockey team travelled down the road to Wyncote to play St Edward's and Merchant Taylor's in U18 county tournament. Our first game was against St Edward's and with no substitutes, coursework deadlines and looming of exams we put up a great fight. However the game was dominated by St Edward's centre midfield who was an absolute amazing player scoring 2 goals for them leaving the score 2-1. Then we were left to play Merchant Taylor's, 3 girls down due to some girls having to be back at school for coursework.

During this season we have had a few games against Merchant Taylor's. Our last game with them did not represent great sportsmanship and this game followed the same pattern. With lack of players we played very defensively and as time went on Merchant Taylor's became more aggressive and agitated as they knew they should have been winning by many. In the last 10 minutes of the game Sadie and Libby managed to make a break and we scored. We finished the game 1-0 and considering Merchant Taylor's have girls who play for County this was a massive achievement. The St Edward's teacher commended us on the game and our united effort. I was so proud of the girls and I feel we did Liverpool College proud. It was a great finish to my last hockey game at Liverpool College. Well done girls and thank you for an amazing season.

Last Wednesday (20/03/19) the senior girls hockey team played King's Macclesfield on the first sunny day of the year. In the first half of the game it became apparent that they were the stronger team but early on Lydia W managed to score a great goal putting us ahead. Sadly, Kings managed to react quickly scoring 2 goals but really should have scored more if it wasn't for great goalkeeping skills from Eleanor H. At half-time the score was 3-1 leaving us quite deflated. In the second half we began to play better hockey gaining a few short corners but we tended to mess around in the D not just going for a straight strike. Another slip in defence caused Kings to score a goal. After this we finally got into shape, Lydia scored a cracking goal from the top of the D. In the last few minutes I also managed to intercept a ball, get around the defence and score another. In the last few minutes the girls put in a great effort to try equalise but sadly the score finished at 4-3. . Well done girls; although we didn't win we put up a great effort!

When the rugby players returned on Wednesday I noticed the famous green and white hoops of Stoneyhurst College playing the 'beautiful game' against our 1st XI. Max E bolted out of our bus and bounded across the field to see if he could play. He made an overwhelming impact here and in London...what a talented and devoted sportsman!

Football

Our outstanding football Captain Daniel W has compiled reports on the fixture from the weekend and on Wednesday.

Liverpool College vs Birkdale (H) 22/03/19

This match was at home against Southport's Birkdale School as they had won their last few matches we knew we were not going up against an easy opponent. We started the game off quite well with Cheung making an impact upfront putting Daniel F through on goal but was quickly covered by their goalkeeper. Ben Jones had some brilliant play down the right cutting in but having the ball deflected by the defender. This was then followed by a quick break by Birkdale who ultimately converted it through an unlucky deflection against the run of play. The game followed with a few malicious tackles from Birkdale school who then followed this with a lucky goal with a lob which was carried through by the wind. We were not prepared to go down without a fight and managed to get inside the Birkdale defence with Jacob Till who was fouled in the penalty area which was shortly converted by Cheung. We pushed for an equalizer with Ben J going close and Ste R tormenting the defence but we could not find the equalizer.

Respect was shown at the end from both teams and it was a very close game with both teams having attempts. Many thanks to Mr Griffith and Mr Muscatelli for giving up their time to manage us and lead us during this match.

FINAL SCORE : 2-1 to Birkdale

Liverpool College vs Altrincham Grammar (H) 23/03/19

Altrincham Grammar had been in very good form coming into this game with a record of 6 games unbeaten so we knew it would have been difficult. However the game did not start how we had hoped with Altrincham getting an early goal through a misunderstanding at the back. This goal was shortly followed by another fluke Altrincham goal which was forced in by the wind.

We did not succumb to the pressure and continued to press for a goal however we were forced back once again by Altrincham who scored another through a deflection. We decided to change the formation at half time to make it more attacking to hopefully get a goal on the counter. We played well and almost scored through a header from a corner but a good save from the goalkeeper kept the attempt out. Altrincham scored against the run of play and instead of submitting to defeat instead we decided to keep going until the end and through our persistence we found the back of the net with Jak Wood. With the game coming to an end and as we were pushing for a second, Altrincham decided to commit numerous amount of fouls in order to stop us gaining momentum. We would like to thank Mr Griffiths and Mr Muscatelli for taking time out of their weekend to manage us.

FINAL SCORE : 4-1 to Altrincham

Liverpool College vs Stonyhurst College (H) 27/03/19

Having played against Stonyhurst only a few weeks ago during a tournament which took place at our school in which we drew 1-1 we were eager to avenge this result and come away with a win. We started the game off with a goal by Ben Jones after some good play down the right. This was then followed by an excellent goal by Cheung from a free kick who looped it over the wall and into the back of the net. The game started to become aggressive as Stonyhurst knew that we had been playing well and frustration made them lunge into tackles hoping to injure our players. However this was then followed by some excellent defending from Frank T and Jay B who marshalled the backline and kept the Stonyhurst attack at bay. Cody then wrapped up the victory with a fantastic run and finish past the keeper with a great assist from Daniel Fisher. Many thanks to Mr Griffiths and Mr Muscatelli for taking their time to be with and manage us.

FINAL SCORE : 3-0 to LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

North West Classical Civilisation and Latin Challenge

Our intellect was challenged when Dr McNamara and Mrs Alice Case hosted the North West Classical Civilisation and Latin Challenge. Congratulations to all involved. Please read Eve W's excellent report that celebrates our success.

Last Saturday, Ieuan, Sarah and I took part in the CICERO competition, along with Classics students from around the world. It entailed three parts: first, an hour long 'Cultural test'- an individual exam encompassing questions about legendary animals, some so obscure even the teachers present admitted to not knowing one or two.

Next followed the team competition; a series of questions testing the upper boundaries of our knowledge of Classics and Latin. We prevailed in both fields, resulting in our victory over the other teams. Afterwards, in a break from our competitive endeavours, we were privileged with a thought-provoking talk by Prof. Alison Sharrock in which we discussed mythical beasts such as the Centaur and the Minotaur.

After my teammates departed, I was left with the arduous task of the Latin translation, which was Herculean to say the least, especially since we were up against students who study the language five days per week. Nonetheless, we enjoyed considerable successes, coming first in both the Cultural Test and the Team Challenge.

Yet perhaps more valuable than our successes was the new-found knowledge acquired from the day. Our thanks go to all that were involved in the organisation of the day.

PP2 Results

We now have the PP2 results I will write to those Year 12 we are concerned about. The year 13 parents have a fantastic opportunity to speak to staff next Wednesday. If you are concerned you must attend this pivotal evening. The booking system is available for you to book your appointments with a member of staff.

It is one week before we embark upon the Easter holidays and we hope that the legacy of what we have learned will continue to help us to improve and ensure that success will be your lasting testament as you embark on the completion of your time in the College.

Attendance

Please continue to encourage regular, punctual, attendance. Students should be in school by 8.20 am, registering at 8.25 am.

Parents must telephone or e-mail their son/daughter's **House Administrator** directly regarding the rationale behind any absence. Please use the College telephone number 0151 724 4000 then key in the appropriate extension number below for your son/daughter's **House** (*not Sixth Form option*):

Butler's & Selwyn's (ext 3232)

Brook's Howson's (ext 3247)

School & Howard's (ext 3280)

If a student is late, they must sign the Late Register to ensure school records reflect their time of arrival and the reason for lateness. This will also avoid unnecessary calls home.

Unauthorised Absence

It has been brought to my attention that a number of our students are intending to work at the races this week. To be absolutely clear, this is totally unacceptable and will not be treated as work experience but as an act of truancy.

Parking

Father Kevin from St Anthony's Church has unfortunately once again had to request that we remind our students and parents not to park in the grounds of the Church. Going forward, their car park gates are to be locked due to parking issues.

We ask that our students and parents respect Father Kevin's request.

I wish you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form