



8th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Too often it is very difficult to see the end in sight. I know so many of our Year 13 ask themselves 'what is the point?' as they struggle through an essay on Liberalism or as they write up a Chemistry Practical. That is why I have requested our former Head Boy and Head Girl to write about their experience thus far.

This week we will hear from Sam R: This is a reminder to us all that the struggles, stresses and strains are truly worth it.

Coming to the end of my second term after the maelstrom of Michaelmas, I've had some time to reflect on my time at Oxford thus far. Perhaps understandably there is an assumption that a social life at Oxbridge is miniscule, verging on non-existent, with no time left after the admittedly heavy workload. This is entirely false, and there's a remarkable amount to do, ranging from the classic student clubbing experiences via the Oxford stereotype of rowing, to more esoteric groups such as the Oxford Society of Bibliophiles and many more besides. This, two essays weekly and the much shorter eight week terms necessitates an efficient approach to the work-life balance; one that can seem daunting, but is incredibly rewarding. The College system (analogous to the House system at school) creates a very personal University experience, and encourages cross-year friendship groups with each college having certain characteristics.

With regard to the work load, put simply it is large, though again decidedly manageable. One of the benefits from the tutorial system, aside from actually engaging with, rather than merely being talked at, is that because of the personal relationship you build with your Tutors, they are on the whole very understanding about extra-curricular activities and will make an effort to accommodate students' other commitments.

This can only ever be a reductive summary of an incredibly diverse experience, one which will undoubtedly change student to student, but hopefully gives an impression of the vastly challenging, rewarding and fun experience that has characterised my time at Oxford.



Next week we will hear from our former Head Girl, Eva.

Sport

Our sportsmen and women saw action on the Rugby Field, the Netball Court and the Football pitch. Our boys put in an earnest performance in the Sevens tournament at Birkenhead.

Rugby Report from Adam M:

7s Tournament – Birkenhead

Even in the tough conditions the twelve lads who went to Birkenhead put in a very good performance in the 7s competition. The tournament was blessed with high quality teams, such as Kirkham and Wirral and being able to test ourselves against sides of such calibre is always exciting.

The weather played a big part in preventing any team being truly being able to play the fast paced game that's associated with 7s. Nevertheless, we managed to finish top of our group, with strong wins over Bolton and Stockport, as well as a narrow defeat to the hosts, Birkenhead.

We were frustratingly closely beaten by Rydal in the cup quarter finals. Overall, it was a well-rounded and good representation of Liverpool College's quality on the rugby pitch. If nothing else it provides for a suitable warm-up before our long awaited final at Southport next Monday.

Netball

Emily C describes the girls' performance as 'improving' and they enjoyed a competitive game against St Mary's Crosby.

We played a match against St Mary's during our Games session on Wednesday. Unfortunately we lost 22-6 but they were a good opposition to play against.

Although it was a loss, we had some brilliant play from our team with some amazing interceptions in the defence with players Eliane and Sophie along with Yasmin on the other side of the court with great shooting.

We played well as a team, kept calm and maintained having our heads up throughout the match. Thank you to everyone who played.

Football

The footballers are the heroes of this week's Newsletter, getting to the final of our very own tournament. Huge thanks to Mr Griffith for organising this impressive tournament that has become a beacon in the football scheduling, attracting many of the region's schools to attend. Well done to our boys! Reports from Daniel W.

On Saturday we competed in a football tournament against Stonyhurst College, The Grange and Emmanuel College. The tournament's rules stated that it was a 9 a side game with 12 minutes a half.

1st Game

Liverpool College vs Emmanuel College

This match was against a team who had travelled all the way from Newcastle so we knew that they had the intention of going back to the North East with the win and possibly the Cup.

The match started off quite well with an early goal from Captain Daniel W assisted by an excellent run and pass from Ste R. Following the goal there was some brilliant play from Emmanuel College who were making a lot of quick one touch passes to get in behind our defence but Max E marshalled the defence and prevented the danger. Liverpool College's lead did not last as Emmanuel broke quickly and converted the chance.

Emmanuel then converted another chance shortly after through a misunderstanding at the back. With the game at 2-1 we knew we needed to find a goal and we found the goal through a set piece with Adam S jumping higher than the rest to convert it home.
Final Result: 2-2

2nd Game

Liverpool College vs Stonyhurst College

This match against Stonyhurst was always going to be a tough game as they had won the previous games early in the season. This was a game in which we needed to win as The Grange had already won their first game.

The game started off not as good as we would have liked with Stonyhurst getting an early goal in order to open the lead. However we were resilient until the very end and created a chance in which Captain Daniel W pressurised the defence into conceding a mistake with Brendan R capitalising and slotting it home to make it 1-1.

Final Score: 1-1

3rd Game

Liverpool College vs The Grange

This game was the most important game of the entire tournament because we knew it would decide who won the Cup. The game started off well with Liverpool College making a break towards the goal however it didn't materialise with The Grange scoring a goal from a corner soon after before the half time whistle. The game was 1-0 with not long to go and Max E popped up with a goal after a through ball from Adam S. The game then became dangerous as Grange players through body's forward to get the ball and win the game. With the score tied Grange managed to sneak an unlucky goal in through a pass back from one of our defenders. The game ended 2-1 but the team fought bravely throughout and deserved a lot more than what we got.

Final Score: 2-1 to Grange

Thank you to Mr Griffith for organising us and coaching us during the Tournament.

Rugby Dinner

On Thursday 4th April the College host our annual Rugby Dinner. The details will follow in my newsletter next week. Hopefully we will be able to display our winners' plate. A reminder that the much awaited Lancashire final will take place on Monday 11th March 7pm Southport Rugby Club.

Old Huytonians

Mrs Rooney, an Old Huytonian has furnished our Sixth Form home with memorabilia from Huyton College. For your information Huyton College was a girl's private school that amalgamated with the College in the early 1990s. It is very generous of the Foundation to lend us so much memorabilia and remind us of the wonderful past our great school has enjoyed.

Extended Project Qualification: cleeder@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

The Year 12 are now working in earnest on their EPQ. Please see below a schedule that the students need to adhere to as to make the deadline in June.

- **January – Topic/ Tutor/Research**
- **Feb/March – Title Confirmed and 1,000 words written before Easter**
- **April/May – First draft/Final draft**
- **June – Presentation. Final Article and Log Book**
- **July/August – Marking and Feedback**
- **September – Final Adjustments**

Summer 2019 Public Examinations Timetable

Mrs Hayes, our Exams & Sixth Form Manager chayes@liverpoolcollege.org.uk has provided a link to our website where the College combined examinations timetable is published.

http://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/images/Summer_2019_GCSE_A_Level_Timetable_External.pdf

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 the **House Administrators** directly regarding the rationale behind any absence.

Please use the College telephone number 0151 724 4000 then key in the appropriate extension number for your son/daughter's **House**:

Butler's & Selwyn's (ext 3232)

Brook's Howson's (ext 3247)

School & Howard's (ext 3280)

JRR Tolkien

Mr Griffith sent me a trailer for new film about JRR Tolkien. Within the trailer, our boys and I made it and provide a link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjBkkkicLOY>

I am afraid that our newly found stardom is so minimal that we won't be able to abandon the current treadmill of life for one of Hollywood glamour.

I wish you and your family a very pleasant weekend.

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form