

24 January 2020

Dear Parents

On Thursday we saw the momentous events in Jerusalem in which Prime Ministers, Presidents and Princes congregated in the Holy Land to remember the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz.

In Chapel this week Eve W, Millie I and Mr Blair (Student Teacher) led our service and discussed the horror of Auschwitz which they encountered when they visited last term.

Mr Blair relayed a story in which a Jewish couple and their family suffered physical abuse. This happened in Edinburgh in September 2019! Despite the well documented horrors of the past, hate and prejudice are all around us and if we do not remain proactive then we could easily fall back into the abyss that we now refer to as the Holocaust.

As the philosopher Edmund Burke said

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing”.

Lecture

During Friday’s Lecture we welcomed Amnesty International. They spoke about their mission and vision for the future. I am always amazed and humbled when such organisations and their stake holders take such life changing risks regarding human rights and those who abuse such rights are held to account.

Hockey

My sincerest apologies to the girls; I did not mention their Hockey fixture. Gabby M has produced this account:

On Saturday 11th January, the Liverpool College Girls First XI team travelled to Oswestry to play hockey.

Oswestry dominated the goal area during the first half but we had a strong defence and made attempts to push to the top and score, however their defence was also strong and they unfortunately managed to score at the end of the second half yet we played very well defensively, intercepting many other goals. This brought the team down, but made us more determined in the second half.

The game became more intense and we started the second half strong with Emily J scoring a goal making it 1-1. From that point we were determined to not let Oswestry win and came together as a team to prevent that, ending the game with resilience on 1-1.

The team would like to thank Mr Cook, Ms Arnold, Miss Evans and all other staff for helping out and organising the game.

Football: A report from Daniel G:

Despite key players missing, Liverpool College earned a well-deserved 1-0 win against QEGS in what was a tight encounter on Saturday morning. The visitors came to the College with clear intent to press us from the off and disrupt our possession-based game, but injuries early on and a lack of quality in the final third prevented them from taking the lead in what was a half slightly edged by QEGS.

In the second half, the College took control of the game and passed the ball around with more pace and accuracy. QEGS made the game a battle with many tough tacklers within their side, but the College matched that intensity and fought for the victory. Our defence was barely tested in what was a fierce encounter, yet one in which the College controlled the intensity throughout.

The only goal of the game came from a well worked set piece. Max E whipped in a superb cross towards the back post and Alex H met that cross with a wonderful header across the keeper, giving the QEGS number 1 no chance. The game struggled to burst into life but the College found a way to win the match and you can't say they didn't deserve it.

Man of the Match goes to Jake P who was tenacious in the tackle and displayed his range of passing throughout.

PP Stars of the Week

Year 12: Anthony Smith, Elizabeth Stevens, Patrick Craig

Year 13: Katie Miller

Eco Committee

A report from Miss Whittell: twhittell@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

The Eco-Committee has been working with the Catering team and are liaising with Liverpool City Council as we move forward in improving our recycling scheme across the campus.

In addition, the Committee will be launching a school competition in which students will be invited to present their own designs for a school reusable water bottle, to be introduced in September.

We are also supporting Year 7 Selwyn's Recycling Project.

1) Students are being encouraged to collect bottle tops which will be melted and used to make plastic sheets for use in DT lessons; and

2) Students will make their own Eco-Bricks out of plastic bottles, which will be used by the Forest School in Prep to build waste bins, whilst reducing plastic waste.

Public Lectures

From School Governor, Mrs Alice Case: info@liverpoolclassicsclub.co.uk

Liverpool Classics Hub Co-ordinator: www.classicsforallnorth.org.uk

There will be two free public lectures next week in Merseyside that might be of interest to a wide variety of students (Classics, Languages, History, Politics/International Relations) and parents.

- Wednesday 29th January 6.00pm The Athenaeum, Liverpool.
Dr Peter Stone UNESCO Chair in Cultural Property Protection & Peace at Newcastle University will talk about "The protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict"
- Thursday 30th January 6.30pm at Merchant Taylors' Girls School in Crosby.
Dr Ben Cartlidge from the University of Liverpool will talk about "Secrets and Syllabaries: Recording deciphering Linear B" looking at the decipherment of Linear B and exploring some of the meanings of reading and writing today.
This is part of the Merseyside Ancient Worlds series of public talks which Liverpool College is part of.

Both events are free to attend. Please reserve tickets on eventbrite. Further information on both talks and links to reserve the tickets can be found on <https://classicsforallnorth.org.uk/events>

If any students would like to attend the talk at Merchant Taylors' School but require transport, please talk to Dr McNamara jmcnamara@liverpoolcollege.org.uk as she will take a minibus if there is sufficient interest.

Cambridge <https://www.magd.cam.ac.uk/admissions-and-outreach-team>

Sandy Mills, Schools Liaison Officer from the Admissions & Outreach Team at Magdalene College Cambridge is giving a talk here at Liverpool College on Tuesday 11th February in the Mossley Vale Hall from 4.30 -6.00 pm. The talk is for interested Year 12s, Year 11s and their parents.

Work Experience 6th – 10th July 2020: jmcnamara@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

I am pleased to announce that Dr McNamara has launched this year's Work Experience programme for Year 12 pupils at Liverpool College. The first stage is for pupils to begin researching and finding a placement. The responsibility is very much upon our students to secure a placement, as we feel this reflects real life and the experience of trying to find employment. Please refer to Dr McNamara's letter below/attached.

Sixth Form Open Evening: sloveridge@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

The next Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 6th February from 4.30pm - 6.00pm and we encourage you to let friends and family know.

<http://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/admissions?showall=&start=3>

Y13 Parents' Evening: 29th January 2020

On Wednesday we have two important events. The Year 13 Parents' Evening and the Plate Final against St Edward's. Parents' evening commences at 3.30pm in the MV building and the Art Block, whilst the rugby final is at Preston Grasshoppers KO 3.00pm. We wish the boys every success and hope they can bring home the silverware.

My meetings with Year 13 students and parents commence on Thursday and will continue to the half-term. Mrs Hayes will notify you as to when we will meet.

I wish you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form



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Year 12 Work Experience

I am pleased to announce that we have launched this year's Work Experience programme for Year 12 pupils at Liverpool College.

In today's economic climate, a meaningful experience in the world of work is becoming increasingly important as young people prepare to leave school. We have asked pupils to research and identify an area of work they would like to experience and then seek to secure a week-long placement at their chosen company or business.

The dates for placements **Monday 6th to Friday 10th of July 2020**. This is the last week of term, and thus presents a chance for students to finish their Year 12 with a meaningful real-life experience, in preparation for the UCAS experience next year. They may also choose to find a placement which continues in their summer holidays. If pupils are undertaking Duke of Edinburgh expeditions during this week, then we highly recommend that they find a summer work placement instead.

The first stage is for pupils to begin researching and finding a placement. The **onus is very much on the student to attempt to find themselves a placement**, as we feel this reflects real life and the experience of trying to find a job. We will give advice and help to get this process up and running. The school does have a selection of contacts in a variety of jobs, but these are on a strictly first come first served basis. I am always available to offer any guidance, and my e-mail address is at the top of this letter, while Mrs Drew our Careers Advisor has a wealth of experience, advice and contacts. We would advise that pupils ask family contacts as well as writing to companies that they may be interested in working with. If pupils prefer, or if it is more appropriate, they may undertake a summer-school or course during this week. **The point is to give them leave from school to pursue something useful for their career or degree.**

I hope you and your child will find the programme interesting and valuable. Your son/daughter/ward will be bringing home a form on which to fill in the details of their placement. Please ensure they complete the form, **that you have seen and signed it**, and that it is returned to me by **Friday 3rd April**.

Yours faithfully

Dr J. McNamara
Assistant Head of Sixth Form