

27 September 2019

Dear Parents

It has been an extremely busy week with test results, UCAS reference writing, EPQ log book completions, sports fixtures and the daily demands of living in a vibrant day and Boarding Sixth Form.

There is no doubt that we are an aspirational and high achieving Sixth Form but I am occasionally disappointed when some students abuse our trust and fail to take real advantage of all that we offer. I am personally offended when some students feel that they can leave when it suits or decide upon themselves that activities or Games is not for them.

We are a school in which we celebrate the sum of all the parts and if a student abrogates from that participation they are simply being defiant and petulant. My view is that if they don't want to participate they should leave as our great school only works well when we all work together. In the words of Alexandre Dumas "one for all, all for one".

Rugby

On Wednesday in the second half of our cup game against St Anselm's I viewed the true spirit of Liverpool College. Our Club Captain Sebastian C has written this account of the most enthralling Rugby game I have had the pleasure to watch in recent years.

Liverpool College VS St Anselm's: Report from Seb C

It was the second round of the National Vase, and the boys knew they had a tough game ahead of them.

An unorganized start to the game meant St Anselm's scored a quick try, giving them a 7-0 advantage. The try was soon followed by a penalty kick from distance, increasing the lead to 10-0. The lead gave the lads a wake-up call, and the intensity of the game increased tremendously. St Anselm's were put under a lot of pressure, however a knock-on caused the first half to come to an end.

The second half started with even more intensity and a kick-off into the corner led to a try being scored by Michael C. The lads continued with the constant pressure, and the St Anselm's defence couldn't handle it. Eventually, the pressure led to the College's second try, which was finished by Ryan H.

Despite the lads dominating the second half, a few decisions against them tipped the odds in the opposition's favour. This meant St Anselm's were able to score 6 points from two different penalty kicks. Despite now being behind, the boys lifted their heads high and increased the pressure even more, and finally, a quick thinking tap penalty from Nye T put the college in front once more.

The score was now 19-16 to the college, with 10 minutes left to play. However, a penalty being awarded to St Anselm's, meant they were one again able to kick the ball over the posts, for another 3 points. The college made sure to respond to this, and instantly attacked in the opposition half. After around 20 fazes of forward balls, Paddy S placed the ball on the line, but

the try was disallowed for double movement, therefore ending the game at 19-19. St Anselm's went through to the next round on the away rule.

Overall, an incredible show of effort, determination, and pride by the lads. The defending throughout the game was stupendous, and very unlucky not to have won. MOTM: Michael C for his consistent turnovers and big hits.

Oxbridge

On Thursday our Year 13 Oxbridge candidates attended a UCAS personal statement course organised by the Principal. In addition, I invited former Head Boy Sam Riley, who is currently studying History at Oxford to have lunch with our candidates and provide advice and guidance as to what is required to ensure success in the application process.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Deadline

The EPQ hand in deadline has been moved to **Monday 30th September**. This will take place from Period 2 and will be gathered in the meeting room in Godwyn House. Failure to present the final work and log book will result in a Disciplinary.

Three Week Test Results & Subject Choices

Our students in Year 12 have received their Three Week test results. We would hope that you have had a discussion with them about the results they have received. If you wish to discuss the results, please contact Subject Leaders or myself as the decision to continue with the current raft of A Levels that they are studying has to be the correct suite as it is with them for the next two years.

Subject Enquiries: Faculty Heads

English: Miss E Nixon: enixon@liverpoolcollege.org.uk
Expressive Arts: Miss A McWatt: amcwatt@liverpoolcollege.org.uk
Humanities: Mr J Hutchinson: jhutchinson@liverpoolcollege.org.uk
Mathematics: Mrs J Bibby/Mr T Daly: jbibby@liverpoolcollege.org.uk tdaly@liverpoolcollege.org.uk
Modern Foreign Languages: Mrs I Gimeno: igimeno@liverpoolcollege.org.uk
Technology, Enterprise & Sport: Mr P Cartwright: pcartwright@liverpoolcollege.org.uk
Science: Ms A Ormrod: aormrod@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

The deadline for adjusting subject choices is **Tuesday 1st October**.

Founders' Day

For those of you who are new to the school, our annual celebration of the establishment of our great College will take place on **Friday 11th October** the details of which can be found in the letter sent by Mr Broekman. This is a special day in the life of the College in which we join in union to thank the Lord for our establishment. The service of thanksgiving will take place at the Anglican Cathedral. All are expected to attend.

UCAS

Each Thursday Activity period is devoted to the UCAS application process as is the NSI and LC time with Tutors and their tutees. We know that this is a stressful time and that students can find it all too daunting. As a result, we have employed a full time Careers Adviser - Mrs Drew, whom our students can contact on a daily basis. Please contact Mrs Drew if you require any assistance: jdrew@liverpoolcollege.org.uk.

Expressive Arts Awards Evening

Head of Art: Miss McWatt: amcwatt@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Director of Music: Mr Bishop: dbishop@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

This year's Expressive Arts Awards Evening was held in the Mossley Vale Theatre on Thursday, 19th September. Amongst Musical and Drama performances, awards were distributed to pupils who excelled in the Expressive Arts Department last year to a back-drop of an exhibition of artwork throughout the year. Three new Awards were given this year to Arts Ambassadors in Key Stage 3, 4, & 5. A wonderful celebration and congratulations to all.

Sixth Form Student Absence: Telephone Messages:

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

Use the SENIOR PHASE.

All absences should be reported to your son/daughter's **House Administrator** using the contact details provided below.

Please telephone: 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

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Last November I was invited to St James' Palace to witness eight of our students receive their Gold DoE from HRH The Earl of Wessex. This opportunity is available to all of our students. Mrs Rigby has written a letter to all Sixth Form parents extolling the virtues of achieving this accolade and enclosed the enrolment forms and kit lists. Forms are also available to collect from the CCF office.

Intervention

We will write to each parent to highlight what interventions are on offer.

Predicted Grades

To reiterate, students will not be predicted grades if they are not working at the grades they wish to be predicted. If they prove they can achieve the grades on a consistent basis I have no doubt that my colleagues and I would be very happy to provide the required grade.

PPC Stars of the Week

Year 12 Elysia S, Callum McL, Indie H (9) Year 13 Josh F, Daniel G (8)

Well done to all.

As the week ends we must be thankful for all our achievements and reflect upon what we can do better. I wish you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form