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Dear Parents

We have had a week which has seen Parents' Evenings, Cup Finals, football matches, workshops with KPMG and invitations to meet with the Head of Sixth Form to discuss results!

Year 13 Parents' Evening

It was extremely important that so many Year 13 parents discussed issues surrounding progression with the teachers, highlighting the next steps to ensure success. This insight will help both parents and our Year 13 to prepare for the examinations.

I would like to suggest a few areas in which you can help improve the environment by which revision can be optimised.

- 1 - That all mobile phones and technology is abstract from the studying environment.***
- 2 - The environment by which the students study is within a quiet surrounding.***
- 3 - That all students adhere to the intervention provided by the Faculties.***
- 4 - That all students complete at least 18 hours of extra study outside school every week.***

Rugby

Our Rugby Cup Final did not achieve the outcome we desired. Despite this, we are extremely proud of our 1st XV and our coach Mr Heeley. Sebastian C has written this account of the game.

The day had finally come for the anticipated Lancashire plate final, where Liverpool College took on St Edward's College, in what was always going to be a tough and extremely close game, as shown in the teams' previous clash. There was no denying the fact that both teams were massively up for the game ahead and the large number of supporters for both sides created a great atmosphere.

The game started quickly with St Edward's dominating most of the possession. However, a good line speed and drift defence allowed Liverpool College to prevent them from scoring. When in possession themselves, Liverpool College were very physical and the use of the "rabbit ball" followed by a few phases in the back line allowed the boys to gain many yards up the pitch before an eventual bulldozing try was scored by Isaac C, to provide a 5-0 lead to Liverpool College.

There was no denying the fact that St Edward's wanted a quick response to the try, however the consistent defending, and high physicality in possession, allowed the lads to secure their lead going into half time. HT Score: 5-0 The second half began with a couple of players having to come off due to cramping muscles and an injury to the shoulder. This allowed for fresh legs to come onto the pitch in the hope to make an immediate impact. The second half very quickly picked up where the first half left off, with neither side looking better or worse. Unfortunately, a yellow card given to Max E meant that Liverpool College went down to 14 men.

St Edward's did very well in exploiting the one man overlap as they were able to score a try in the corner, putting the game level again. The College fought hard in an attempt to steal a second try of their own, however the momentum was with the St Edward's side, who continued to attack in the back line, with the use of tactical kicking and pace. Eventually, St Edward's were able to take a second try that would eventually win them the game.

Overall a tough defeat to take considering how much the boys wanted to Win, nevertheless, the first half performance was very impressive, and there are lots of positives to take away from the game. A big thank you to all the year 13 players that played their last game of first XV rugby in. Liverpool College shirt. Their efforts throughout the years have been incredible, and we wish them the best of luck in the future. Thank you to everyone that came to watch, it means a lot to see the massive amount of support the team has. Final Score: 5-10 MOTM: Paddy S for his consistent, high quality performance throughout the game, and the immense dedication and effort he put into the game.

Football

Whilst the oval ball had a disappointing result, the round ball protagonist enjoyed a victorious weekend. Ben J has written this account of the game.

4 wins from 5, an exhilarating start to the season meant the Liverpool College boys were ready and rearing for another test.

Liverpool College's superiority was clear for so long, but a combination of St Bede's composure and communication made them tough to break down at times. It took time for Liverpool a college to find their bearings in the first ten minutes. Steven R came close in the opening minutes, whose effort was dragged wide of the post, but it was only after a matter of time that they finally broke down the St. Bede's defence. It was a deserved Liverpool College lead, after dominating the half when they streaked into a two-goal lead.

A masterclass in midfield from Jago J saw his name on the score sheet with a bullet header. The opportunity arose when Dan G, finding the elements of time and space, offered a beautiful delivery for the number 10 to apply the decisive touch.

Liverpool College were caught several times in the second half napping, but a few promising saves from goalkeeper Paddy S saw us keep a clean sheet for the third time this season. The final goal of the game came after Ben J races on to the ball and clipped a cross to the back post, met by Paul M, guiding a sumptuous header past the keeper.

The goals came from Ben J(2), Jago J(1) and Paul M(1)

MOTM – Whilst Matthew G was a strong contender, Jago J was brilliant in all stages of the match. Whether it was tracking back, assisting or scoring, an authoritative performance has surely cemented his place in the number 10 role.

This pulsating contest was a delight for spectators. The Liverpool College defence put on a presiding display, making it tough for the opponent at all times.

St. Bede's showed great character throughout and we wish them luck in future fixtures.

Economics Workshop <https://www.transformationtrust.org.uk/kpmg-workready>

This week, one of the greatest global accountancy firms delivered a workshop for our Year 12 Economists and Business Studies Students. It was a fantastic day which gave so many of our budding entrepreneurs an insight into the future and what opportunities exist. Sixty Year 12 Business and Economics students took part in a KPMG Work Ready Hackathon. The all-day event was delivered by the Transformation Trust and KPMG mentors. Mrs Drew, Assistant Careers Leader jdrew@liverpoolcollege.org.uk reports that the students worked in groups and took part in activities that covered

- *Understanding key emerging technologies*
- *What does a KPMG consultant do?*
- *Coding and mixed reality*
- *Responding to real life business briefs/ client scenario*
- *Learning about the different careers at KPMG and what role would best suit them.*
- *Networking with KPMG volunteers offering insight into what it's like to work at the company*
- *Pitching to an audience*

Our students finished the day pitching to Coca Cola about a way of recycling their products and improving sustainability. The students all engaged and really enjoyed the day. A number of students also spoke to the KPMG mentors about securing Apprenticeships and employment.

Hannah M from Y12 reports:

This Tuesday, 28th January, Year 12 Business and Economics classes took part in a KPMG workshop. It was very helpful to us all because it helped us to identify skills to adapt for our future, as well as introducing us to new and upcoming forms of technology. Not only is our understanding of upcoming technology improved but also as a group our confidence has too. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole day, and finished the workshop with a pitch. KPMG helped improve our listening, speaking, problem solving, pitching and so many other important skills that are essential for future employment.



Test Results/Parental Meetings

I once attended a wedding in which the groom sat before the alter and he had inscribed on his shoes:

'no regrets'

I often think of this affirmation and translate this to our Sixth Form.

Over the next two weeks I am holding over 50 interviews with students and their parents to re-assert the fact that we still have time to reverse any failings of the last summative tests. We hope that the candour of our discussions will result in the realisation that the endeavour over the next few months will result in the statement:

'I did my best and I have no regrets'

Later this evening we will formally leave the European Union. Whatever our opinion. I am sure we are all in concord that this has been a period of much tumult for all those who reside in these Islands.

I wrote a number of years ago asserting the historical similarities with Henry VIII's break with Rome. Whilst the rest of Europe remained attached to the Papacy, we isolated ourselves and became independent from the yoke of Rome. The break with Rome caused many divisions and much of the populace harboured a desire to return to the sanctity of the Papal Domes.

We must ensure that whatever our views on Brexit, that we continue to be welcoming and inclusive and remember that many members of our teaching and student body are from the EU and we are fantastically enriched by their presence.

As we step forward to the unknown let us embrace our qualities and remember the strength of our community that is the mark of Liverpool and our College.

I wish you and your family a pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Kind regards

Stephen Brady
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