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Dear Parents

We are always striving to prepare our students for the future. In that vein Dr McNamara arranged a lecture that focused upon Pensions! This was not the most glamorous of lectures but many found it insightful and felt mindful that the issues raised focused their understanding of what 'old age' would be for their generation.

The sports teams have been in action during the week. Unfortunately, all the fixtures for last weekend saw cancellations due to the sodden pitches. We hope that the footballers will have a resumption of their sporting calendar this weekend.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Nye T who has been selected for both the U18 and U17 England Camps. This is an amazing achievement which is down to endeavour, industry and raw talent.

Birkenhead 7's Tournament

On Wednesday, a squad of 11 players travelled to Birkenhead where they would compete in a 7's tournament.

7's rugby is different to the usual type of rugby that the boys play as it includes a team of 7 a side on a full-sized pitch, with each half consisting of 7 minutes of high intensity rugby.

It was the first time the team had played 7's all season, however in the first game against Sandbach School they showed real promise both offensively and defensively, with a couple of tries being scored by Stephen R and Isaac C. Unfortunately, Liverpool College fell short when Sandbach scored the winning try in the last few seconds of the game.

The second game of the group was against Kirkham Grammar School, who are undoubtedly one of the best rugby teams in the country. Kirkham displayed a good rugby performance, and despite their best efforts, the boys were unable to stop them. Nevertheless, Liverpool College stuck at it and Stephen R could have had a try to his name against them, but the layout of the pitch meant he ran past the dead ball line, and the score was disallowed.

The third and final game of the group stage was played against St Anselm's. The game itself was very close and could have went either way, with a try being scored by Chris R and Stephen R. However, some very tired legs meant that a few mistakes were made, in which St Anselm's were able to capitalize on, leading to them winning the game.

The final game of Liverpool College's journey in the Birkenhead 7's tournament was against Merchant Taylor's in the quarter final of the plate. The game itself was winnable for the boys, but their lack of 7's rugby experience and low energy levels allowed the opposition to use pace on the wings to score a couple of tries. Liverpool College still put all they had into the game and Leo B was able to secure a try. Overall, disappointing to not come away with a win. However, the performances did improve greatly throughout the day, and there is no denying the potential this 7's team has.

There is another competition to be played on Sunday, where hopefully the boys can continue to improve, and hopefully come away with some silverware.

Man of the Match: Stephen R for his fantastic performances in both attack and defence.

Hockey: A report from Gabrielle M

On Wednesday Liverpool College First XI Hockey team travelled to Birkenhead School for a friendly match.

Birkenhead dominated the goal area in the first half, unfortunately meaning we conceded two goals. However, our defence was excellent and we intercepted many more.

We started the second half with high spirits but Birkenhead were more determined and pushed our defence, scoring another goal and leaving the team downhearted and tired. Sadly Birkenhead ended up scoring one final goal and despite the team really pushing up to their defence in the second half, we were unable to intercept their defence.

Birkenhead have given us a lot to work on and we hope to return stronger. The team would like to thank Mr Cook and Jean for helping and organising the game.

Law Taster Day

On Wednesday 18th March our Year 12 potential Lawyers have an opportunity to attend a Law event at the University of Liverpool. We have twenty places and if your son or daughter wish to attend they must contact our Assistant Careers Adviser, Mrs J Drew. jdrew@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

11.45	Arrival	Meet at Guild of Students Mount Pleasant
11.45-12.15	Campus tour	Delivered by Student Advocates
12.15-1.00	Lunch at Vine Court	
1.00-1.25	Mini Subject Lecture Law Sherrington LT1	Introduction to Law: Tilly Clough
1.25-14.00	Law seminars – students split into small groups to discuss topics.	
14.10 - 14.30	The Student View: Preparing for University and Student Life at Liverpool Student helpers talk about their experiences at Liverpool with a Q and A	
14.30	Depart	

Next Generation

This week I spent every afternoon and early evening speaking to our current Year 11 and their parents about progression to our Sixth Form. It seems no time ago since I was having similar conversations with Olivia P or Brendan R amongst many others we interviewed who have matured to adulthood and are now ready to embark on the next stage of life's great adventure.

The reality is that our home-grown talent wants to return to the Sixth Form based upon much of the anecdotal evidence provided by our Year 12 and Year 13 students.

Gladstone Scholars

The Heads of House and I will launch the application process on Friday 20th March in our Sixth Form Lecture.

The selection dates will be announced in forthcoming Newsletters and training will commence at the Gladstone Library <https://www.gladstoneslibrary.org/> to select the Heads of House and the College Sixth Form Leadership.

We are living in difficult times with the ever-pending threat of a global pandemic. What makes us strong as a nation and as a College is our ability to be stoic and carry on when the maddening crowds are waxing and wailing. All precautions have been taken and until we are told by our masters in Whitehall, we continue to strive forth, enjoy life and gorge on every educational opportunity that we have presented to us.

Kind regards

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