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Dear Parents

As I write this Newsletter our Senior Rugby boys will be attending the memorial service for 'The Fallen' at our compatriot school in the Isle of Man. They will then go on to play two matches over the weekend, whilst back on the mainland, Major Ridley and his CCF contingent will be representing Liverpool College in a number of memorial events culminating in the school's Act of Remembrance in the Chapel on Sunday.

Rome Trip

I hope that you all enjoyed the half-term break. The highlight for me (in addition to spending time with my family!) was accompanying 53 students and colleagues to Rome. What a city...what a trip! Please enjoy the report compiled by our wonderful Sixth Form Classicists, Ashima V and Eve W.

During the first week of half term, a group of the school's Classicists had the privilege of experiencing the awe-inspiring city of Rome.

After a 3am start and a two-hour flight, it seemed as though as soon as we had touched down in the homeland of Virgil and Caecilius, we were immediately touring the streets of Rome. We were instantly taken aback by the grandeur of the city, first visiting the ornate Trevi Fountain and then the breath-taking architecture of the pantheon. Later in the evening we feasted on authentic Italian pizza and after an exhausting but exhilarating day, we returned to the hotel and darkness enveloped our eyes.

Our second day began at 6am, which we realised was worth it when we saw the Colosseum illuminated by the sunrise. We continued from there to the Forum, the centre of Roman public life. Later that afternoon, we visited some Roman baths, which gave an insight into some of the impressive feats of the architecture of the Roman world.

The next day we took the metro to a site away from the city, a town that was known as Ostia Antica, where we were able to gain an insight into the lives of more ordinary Romans. The tranquillity of the site was a great contrast to the afternoon's activities when we ventured around the Spanish Steps.

Our last day saw a visit to the Ara Pacis before we turned our attentions away from the Ancient world and visited the Vatican City, where we saw incredible architecture and works of art.

It was with great sadness that we returned to Liverpool after such a brilliant trip and we would all like to thank Dr McNamara for making this trip happen and allowing us to see all these beautiful sites. Without her organisation we would have not been able to have this opportunity.

Oxford & Cambridge University Admissions Tests. <https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/>

During the half-term, Mrs Hayes opened Godwyn House for our Oxbridge potentials to undertake the subject-specialist papers as set by the Universities. Twelve students undertook these papers. When Mr Broekman first arrived at the College he introduced an ABCD award for staff. This was an award for going 'Above & Beyond the Call of Duty'. Mrs Hayes certainly did this by undertaking days of her holiday time to ensure that all was in place so that our young men and women had the opportunity to complete these tests. Our thanks for all her efforts in running the examinations and managing our Sixth Form

Netball

Our Senior Netball girls preformed with valour against St Mary's. Although they recorded two losses they both played well and scores flatter what I viewed as an excellent show of skill and talent. Mrs Achillios has written the following report.

A lovely match against St. Mary's on Wednesday 6th November. Great team work from all who played. *Players' Player of the Match* goes to Jessica L in GD for her interceptions. *Opposition Teacher's Player* goes to Wendy Y for her control in receiving the overheads and *LC Teacher's Player* goes to Molly D for her determination and aggression in attack. Well done Ladies! We look forward to our next game on Wednesday 20th November at LC against Birkenhead School.

Rugby

On Saturday 20th October I was strolling around the Colosseum surrounded by the relics of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen, imagining all of the gladiatorial conflict, bloodletting and excitement. This paled to relative insignificance as I was being bombarded with reports of our own adversarial and gladiatorial rugby match being played in the leafy suburbs of South Liverpool. We defeated St Edward's in an enthralling game in which the College came out as the victors in a 7:5 defeat of our old adversary. Sebastian C has included his account of proceedings. We hope to hear of similar successes when the boys return from the Isle of Man.

Liverpool College VS St Edwards College

The game started quickly with St Edward's on the attack. However, despite their best efforts, they couldn't break through the Liverpool College defence. Eventually, the ball was turned over. The boys then began to dominate the game, attacking in the St Edward's half. It was Derby Day and the lads travelled to St Edward's College where they would battle it out in the biggest game of the season. Both teams were prepared, and both teams wanted to win; the game was very important to both sides. Unfortunately, the lads were unable to score a try, leaving the game at 0-0, within the first 20 minutes.

Throughout the remainder of the second half, St Edward's retained most of the possession and were attacking at full force in Liverpool College's 22M. Despite their very impressive defending, a few tired players meant St Edward's were able to score a try in the corner, ending the first half at 0-5.

Liverpool College's determination to level up the score was proven in the second half, due to them dominating possession for 30 minutes, of the 35-minute half. The consistent phases of crashing the ball into the St Edward's defensive line, allowed the boys to move out of their 22m and into the opposing 5m. The determination to score continued, and it was clear to see that St Edward's couldn't handle it.

Finally, after seeing a small space through the ruck, Michael C was able to score the try, which levelled up the game. The conversion scored by Luke R, meant the score was now 7-5.

For the last five minutes of the game, St Edward's attacked Liverpool College with everything they had. However, a few big hits from Luke T and Dan D meant the boys turned the ball over, before kicking it out to end the game.

The overall performance from both sides was fantastic. However, the passion, determination, and pride shown by the boys representing Liverpool College first XV was sensational. If the team continues with these performances throughout the year, big achievements will be made.

MOTM: A tough choice to decide, due to the bravery shown from all the forwards. Having said that, the big hits and consistent running from Luke T gave him the honours.

Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

You will have received an email regarding DoE. A reminder that all enrolment forms should have been completed and payments made. If anyone wishes to apply they have until the end of this week. As part of the Gold DoE Award you must complete an Activity First Aid Course prior to completing the Expedition Section. This course is 16 hours long and is completed over two consecutive days. An instructor will be in school on the following weekends: 30th November - 1st December 2019 & 18th - 19th January 2020. There are twelve places available on each weekend and these will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact hrigby@liverpoolcollege.org.uk as soon as possible with your preferred weekend course. Please note if you do not complete this course you will not be eligible to attend the expedition next year.

Lecture

Our lecture today was led by the Rt Hon Stephen Twigg MP. We enjoyed an excellent discussion and we felt that despite all the tumult of recent years in British Politics, our young men and women are much more politically aware and versed in the challenges and machinations of our political overlords than ever before. Please contact Dr McNamara, Assistant Head of Sixth Form if you wish to discuss our Lecture programme. jmcnamara@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Year 12 Parents' Evening

The Year 12 will have their Parents' Evening on Wednesday 20th November. Parents of our Year 12 students will receive an email to book their appointments. If you do not receive the email, please use <https://parents-booking.co.uk/liverpoolcollege> and login.

Bookings close on 19th November.

Year 12: Extended Project Qualification:

The Year 12 should now have a working title for their EPQ and an intense amount of research should have commenced. The taught element is being undertaken by Tutors in NSI time and we expect tutorial meetings to have commenced this week.

Year 13 Reports

By now you will have received the Year 13 reports either by hard copy or on the Sims App. If you wish to discuss this with me or a member of the Sixth Form team, please contact Mrs Hayes.

Sixth Form Open Evening: Gladstone Scholar Guides

We have an important event next Wednesday in which our Sixth Form is open to the city to come and view all that we have to offer. All Gladstone Scholars are expected to attend and work as Guides during the evening. It is a wonderful event and we look forward to welcoming all visitors whether they are internal or external candidates.

Sixth Form Student Absence: Telephone Message Procedure:

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**.

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

Progress, Attendance & Punctuality

This week the Sixth Form Tutors and I met to discuss progress, attendance, punctuality and the general attitude to learning of our tutees. We are generally pleased with the progress made although there are students who are causing some concern. Mrs Hayes will contact you if we require a meeting.

Sixth Form College Chronicle

The first Sixth Form College Chronicle of the academic year has been published. It contains articles on a diverse and original range of topics and is available to read on our website.

http://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/images/downloads/SixthForm/october_newsletter_2_-_Copy_-_Copy.pdf

Liverpool College Music Centre

From Mr Bishop, Director of Music (dbishop@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)

We are pleased to announce that on Thursday, 14 November, Mr Jonathan Rushworth will formally open our new Music Centre. The orchestra will perform alongside soloists and the guests will be given a tour of the new facilities.

This will be an extremely busy half-term with much to occupy all our young men and women, whether it is Sport, Mock Examinations, EPQ, Music, UCAS, Parents' Evenings, Tests, PPI and Reports, there is much to do and with good time management and endeavour we will succeed and reach the Christmas holiday, ready for the well-earned break.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form