



Liverpool College

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Y13

Dear families

It is dawning on your sons and daughters that they are now the oldest year group in school and that this is their last year with us! It has been a pleasure to see them this week and to see so many normal school activities taking place after the disruptions of last year.

Many of the year group are busy working on their UCAS applications and if you have any questions about that then please do email me or Mr Leeder who is in charge of the university process. His email address is cleeder@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

My message to the students is copied below for your information and I wish them all a happy, healthy and successful year 13.

Best wishes

Nicholas Griffith

Dear year 13

I hope that you enjoyed a good first week back and are enjoying some signs of normality. Attending the production of *The Frogs* this week was definitely a highlight and well-deserved congratulations go to Molly, Lucy, Kate, Mercedes, Evie and Sairy along with stage team Harriette and Anna for their work in bringing both laughter and tears to my face. The Senior Prefect team were also fantastic in helping the new year 7 with their Induction Day activities and also with their first Saturday of sport. If anyone would like to help a younger form during their PD sessions then please do come and have a chat. Walking around during the PD session today it was also lovely to see the NCOs back in CCF uniform and instructing the year 10s and then to see so many of you enjoying some exercise during the period 7 Games lesson.

Hearing about things from your summer has also been enlightening, none more so than Olivia M's account of her skydive!

'While I was thinking of doing something special for my 17th birthday, I stumbled upon an article about Alzheimer's disease. I was surprised to discover Alzheimer's disease is incurable and is the most common cause of dementia in the UK.

I was moved with compassion when I realised the challenges associated with the condition and how drastically it affect lives of the patients and their loved ones.

At this point I decided to do a fundraising to help the research to find a cure for the disease. I took up the challenge of skydiving to literally push myself out of my comfort zone to fundraise for Alzheimer's Research UK.

It sounds crazy jumping out of a perfectly flying aircraft at 15,000 feet high in a freefall reaching speeds of 120 miles per hour before opening my parachute to touch down the ground safely. It was an incredible experience flying through the air like a bird and I would do it again! I completed my skydiving on 30th August, and in the process I have raised over £2,600 including gift aid for Alzheimer's Research UK. I would like to thank all my friends , family and well wishers for generously supporting this noble cause.'

If anyone would like to donate, please visit Olivia's Just Giving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oliviamathew>

There are a lot of points of information below to try and help you and I would ask that you all complete the Forms poll linked below as soon as possible.

Communications

For the purpose of checking how you receive communications can you all please click on the link below to complete the one-minute survey.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6BvfYJaHkUG-qYCDKtLkpWbiAyGIbdtKnt5opFJsYXBURTI2M1Y3S0NVWERLRVpBRk5NOFZDNVILMy4u>

UCAS

Early deadline is 15th October for Oxbridge, medicine and dentistry.

If you have not let Mr Leeder know that you are intending to apply for any of these areas then please do so as soon as possible.

Lunch

If you do not have a lesson at 12.00 then you are free to leave the school site that hour but must be back in school for 1.30. If you are staying in school to eat and want to use the dining hall can I please ask you to do so around 12.20 before younger year groups arrive. These are the only time you can go out of school during the normal day without having permission.

Games

Thursday period 7 each week. We encourage you to take part and get involved. Changing rooms are in the sports hall building for all activities apart from rugby.

Rugby on the field

Hockey on the astroturf

Dance in the dance studio

5-a-side football in the sports hall

Badminton in the sports hall

Gym in the gym!

Gym

The gym will also be open for Sixth Form use each week at these times only.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.45 to 11.45.

On Monday it will be a boys only session, a girls only session on Wednesday and a mixed session on Friday.

Chapel

Chapel is part of our weekly routine and is a great time to reflect in a calm manner. The chapel rota is listed below. Please meet your House Mentor outside chapel by 1.30. Sixth Form students sit upstairs.

Monday - Brook's and Butler's

Tuesday - Howson's and Howard's

Thursday - School and Selwyn's

If you do not wish to attend chapel as you follow a different religion, then please let me know.

Signing In and Out

If you arrive late and miss AM registration at 09.25 then you should sign in using the lists on the table in the foyer of the Sixth Form building. If you go out for lunch you should sign out and then back in again before 1.30. If you are leaving school at 3.00 to go home then you should sign out. We need to keep up to date registers for health and safety purposes.

Covid testing

Please continue to self-test on a regular basis. If you need kits, they are available from my office - please just help yourself. There will be in school testing this week again on Friday. The venue for this is Selwyn's House space in the Glazebrook building and Sixth Form students are asked to go when they don't have a lesson and in the last 20 minutes of that period. We are interested in how many students have had a vaccine and there is an optional question about this on the Forms poll I linked above.

Covid cases

If you find yourself to be positive, then please do let school know at the earliest opportunity by emailing your House Administrator and myself. We assume that you are ill but if you are able to do so then please email your teachers directly to ask for work.

A lot of my time in the first week has been spent helping the year 12 settle into life in the Sixth Form but you know where I am if you need me.

Best wishes

Mr Griffith