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## Principal's Newsletter

2 October 2020

Dear Parents,

Next week we will be celebrating the foundation of Liverpool College. Throughout the week, pupils will be learning more about the history and mission of the school. On Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>, they will watch a video produced by pupils and staff to mark the anniversary.

History should probably not be viewed as a producer of lessons, but it does provide context. Our current situation, the masks, the Covid-restrictions, the pupils and staff self-isolating are completely unique. History will record the amazing flexibility, cohesion, and team spirit which propelled the school forward at this time. Pupils and students who are self-isolating are engaging well with their academic work. Pupils and students on campus continue to strive, engaging in lessons, doing homework, sitting exams and assessments.

There is a lot of uncertainty around our local and national situation, but our spirit is to move the school and our lives forward, prudently and vigorously. We know that there is a commitment in our society to keep school going, and within this context, we are developing a way to do "Covid Proof School" which is sustainable and educationally effective.

If there is a parallel in history, one would probably have to go back to the College during the WWII years. The Prep School was brand new at the time and bombs did fall on the campus. Many schools, such as our sister school, Huyton College evacuated to rural locations. Not the College. One day of school was lost, the day when a bomb actually fell on the campus breaking the windows of the Prep School. Otherwise, despite terrible economic and social disruption, families and pupils grieving and injured, the whole thing just kept on going. We must approach our current challenges with a similar spirit of determination.

I need to tell you that this week one of our pupils reported being approached by an unknown member of the public outside the Dyson gates (Upper School) on Queens Drive. The pupil was alone at the time and most other pupils had left the area. We reported this incident immediately to the police and have stepped up our supervision at these times. I need to remind you to review and discuss with your child the safe travel and pick up arrangements of the school.

One of the opportunities we will miss this Founders' Day is the chance to thank our donors and benefactors. Now more than ever, I need you to consider making a voluntary contribution to the College Fund. Covid is hideously expensive for schools with timetabling, cleaning and other restrictions all translating to substantially higher costs, and we want to do so much more at this time than our budget allows. The College Fund supports all the things which make Liverpool College unique, sports, activities, and at this time, the delivery of the LC Xponential curriculum, and our attempts to staff and implement a programme which will support pupils who have struggled during the lockdown to get back on their feet and make rapid progress. I hope you will consider making a voluntary contribution either through Parent Pay, or a regular contribution through a standing order. You can read more about the College Fund [here](#).

Freud argued that the bourgeois restrictions of Viennese society were a key driver in the explosion of art. So it seems, spending time at home and having more limited opportunities to travel, has led to some great creativity at school. Ms McWatt tells me she has artists eager to produce more new work. Some of that art work can be found at [www.lcpress.org.uk](http://www.lcpress.org.uk)

May I wish you and yours a pleasant and restful weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr H van Mourik Broekman**  
**Principal**