
Principal's Newsletter

7 May 2021

Dear Parents,

The French say that after it rains, the sun shines. Our experience is turning into the reverse. Our sun dappled idyll is over. We rush through the rain. It is good for the plants and trees but a little dispiriting.

My best wishes to all our Muslim families as they prepare to celebrate the end of Ramadan and prepare for the festival of Eid.

It is also dispiriting to receive a letter from the good Friars of St Anthony of Padua begging our parents not to park inconsiderately and respect the need they have to access their parishioners, and make hospital visits and the like. Our plans for parking have now taken the form of an action plan soon to be filed with the city. It involves all sorts of things, but could all be avoided if we parked legally and safely.

This week we celebrated Steve Doran day, in memory of our beloved colleague Steve Doran who passed away after a battle with cancer in 2017. Photographs of him, his infectious smile, and hail-fellow-well-met attitude appeared suddenly on screens. This day was in part chosen because of Steve's love of Star Wars and coincides with Star Wars day. Indeed, the theme music of these movies has been the steady accompaniment to this week. He would have been delighted to participate in a discussion in my RS lesson about the differences and similarities between the monotheistic conception of God and The Force as portrayed in Star Wars. We miss him.

The day boarders really are a happy and well-fed lot. These Year 9 pupils continue their exploration of the cuisine offered by Chef and they are forming a nice group of friendship, study and activity. This bodes well for our plans to roll out, in what will hopefully be a post - Covid period, this day boarding programme to more years.

The Greek Academy is recruiting again. This has been one of the most successful ventures we have been involved with. The charity Classics for All and Alice Case have set up the Liverpool Classics Hub, located here on campus, one of the regional hubs that make up Classics for All North. These hubs promote the teaching of classics, ancient history and Greek and Latin across the North of England, focusing especially on promoting the subjects in state schools. The Greek Academy is open to pupils from Year 9 up. It offers a pupil a

chance to study ancient Greek on Saturday mornings at Liverpool College. Pupils come from all over the region to enjoy this intellectually stimulating experience and to make new friends. They do very well academically, and the Greek Academy is now one of the few places in the country where state school pupils can study ancient Greek. You can download the flyer [here](#) so you can promote it to your child.

The Halliday Jones Gallery has an opening exhibition focused on the stories of Edward Halliday OL and Stephen Jones OL. These two men represent very different artistic temperaments but they both enjoyed their time at the College and were inspired to become artists through some of the teachers they met here. Worth a look. You only have to click [here](#).

The OLs were much in force during the two OL-Sixth Form football matches played this past week. Mr Cook has written [reports](#) which convey the bonhomie and sporting intensity of this occasion. Somehow the return of OLs to the playing fields is a herald of our ever-increasing freedom. We now await government guidance about masks in schools. Until then, let's make sure we remain vigilant and effective in the suppression of the virus.

Bicycle helmets save lives. As a Dutchman I look upon an English road, from my bicycle seat, as a place of imminent danger and risk. The road infrastructure and the relative dearth of cyclists makes drivers unaware of cyclists around them. For this reason, I wear a helmet and use powerful illumination. The school offers the bikeability course as a way to teach primary pupils how to bicycle safely. Failure to wear a helmet undoes all of that good educative work and example. Watching bareheaded children bicycle to school is a source of legitimate concern and anxiety. Please make sure your child wears a bicycle helmet.

Having made this plea, I wanted to thank all those who do bicycle to school safely. We intend to develop better bicycle parking facilities for each part of the College and continue to ask everyone to consider walking to school or riding bicycles to school.

The sun is peeking out. Hopefully the boarders will have a very dry leavers' BBQ tomorrow. They deserve it.

A message from the [LC Sports](#) team:

Now that LC Sports gym is open again, we are delighted to be able to offer you and any of your family members and also club/team members a free Gym Membership for the remainder of May with no obligation to join. This offer includes classes, a gym induction and also a free PT session.

All you have to do to redeem your free pass is contact the team on LCSports@liverpoolcollege.org.uk or call on 0151 724 4488.

We look forward to seeing you in the Gym soon!

May I wish you and yours a peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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