

18 January 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a super holiday and that your New Year resolutions are still being maintained.

Ofsted Inspection

We have had an extremely busy fortnight starting with the onslaught of the Ofsted inspectors. They spoke so positively about our Sixth Form that I am extremely proud of our students and all their achievements. In that vein my 'bumper' Newsletter will continue to extol the virtues of all the opportunities available to our young men and women.

Sport

We have reports from our football players who travelled to Ellesmere College Shropshire, Girls Hockey and Netball against Birkenhead and Rugby against Bolton.

Hockey

On Wednesday (09/01/19) the Senior Girls' Hockey Team travelled to Birkenhead Independent School for the first match of the New Year. With little preparation especially after the Christmas holidays and the lack of an Umpire on our behalf, we weren't expecting much.

In the first half of the game it quickly became apparent that we had the upper hand as of our quick pace, great interceptions and tackles. By the end of the first half we were winning 2-0 as of two amazing goals scored by Libby Harrison. Even though we were winning there were still pointers to discuss at half time such as the organisation of our short corners and not messing around in the D and just going for a straight strike. In the second half despite a little slip in defence causing Birkenhead to score a goal we took on what was said at half time and scored a further 3 goals. Two of these goals were scored by Gabriella Evans and seemed to be done with ease just going straight into the left hand corner each time. The other goal was scored by Libby Harrison giving her a well-deserved hat trick and Liverpool College a well-deserved 5-1 win.

Football: Interim Report

1st: Lost 3-2

2nd: Won 7-4

The report will feature in next week's Newsletter.

Netball: A report from Emily C:

This week on Wednesday, 16th January, Liverpool College 1st team Netball played a match against Birkenhead Grammar school. This consisted of four, ten minute quarters. Throughout these quarters we performed to a high standard of netball, however the opposition continued to do this too, allowing it to be a close first quarter. Unfortunately, Birkenhead took the lead further allowing the final score to be 35-16. Our second and last quarter we played especially well as we prevented Birkenhead from scoring goals by several impressive interceptions from Eliane and Yasmin which helped our team gain possession, resulting in us scoring a goal.

I would also like to thank Charlotte W, Elysia S and Emily J who played up to the senior team and played very well and fitted in with the seniors within the match. It is unfortunate that we lost, however it means we came out of the match with points to improve on, making us a stronger team and it allows us to be happy with the strengths and turnovers from the match, which will help us move forward.

Rugby: A report from Adam M:

Bolton (A) 26-26

Following the Christmas break it was almost inevitable that there would be a 'rusty' period before our first XV could regain the clinical edge we have become so accustomed to. This was evident in the match on Wednesday afternoon. After a brilliant early solo try by Pieter B our boys went on to concede two very soft scores. Bolton did not seem to need the time to grow into the game as we did and were extremely effective at slowing down our play and even turning over possession on a couple of times during a very frustrating time in the match for us.

However, our side's quality and flare became evident with renewed effort in the second half. We began to dominate possession and territory and eventually took a hard-fought lead. Bolton scored a try in the last couple of minutes salvaging them a draw in a second half which saw Liverpool College grow in confidence.

All eyes are now on our next fixture – the Lancashire Plate final at Preston. Considerable effort has been put in over the past couple of weeks from players and coaches to ensure we go into the Final suitably prepared to end a remarkable season on a notable high.

Sixth Form Open Evening

On Wednesday 9th January 2019 we held our second Sixth Form Open evening of the year which was extremely well attended. We already have over 130 external online applications.

Our thanks to all the Gladstone Scholars and volunteers from Year 12 who helped our hard working staff to prepare and present our Sixth Form to our visitors.

Palace of Westminster

As our nation runs the gauntlet of political tumult and uncertainty Daniel L visited the Palace of Westminster on the eve of the meaningful vote. Daniel L has written this article giving us an insight into the political manoeuvres of our rulers.

There was a visible stir amongst the spectators in the gallery as the Prime Minister entered the room. This would be a text book week for her, one for the history books, not one that would follow a pre-ordained formula.

We have seen recently that the political happenings of this country no longer fit into textbook definitions and instead have tested the very nature of our constitutional framework and stretched our democratic system to its limits. Seeing parliament in action makes one realise how very personal politics really is, real people making decisions which affect everyday situations. From the homeless man who makes his bed meters from the palace's exit to the police officers and kitchen staff who dine amongst their leaders in the palace's eateries. They are all under the influence of decisions made by those in the green room and so are we.

The Prime Minister's statement was underwhelming to say the least. Very rarely will it be so obvious before a vote that the Prime Minister will suffer such a huge defeat. She ploughed on regardless and pleaded with both sides of the house to give her deal 'a second look.' Being in the chamber provides a different perspective on the happenings of parliament as you can clearly see interactions between members that are overlooked by sound bites and TV coverage. Andrea Leadsom covering her mouth from the cameras whilst whispering a witty remark to Philip Hammond. Alok Sharma leaning into the speaker in order to decipher an SNP MP's thick Glaswegian accent.

Parliament will inevitably go through many changes over the next few years. Watching it adapt will be interesting to say the least.

Condolence

The Father of Mrs Hayes, our Sixth Form Manager sadly passed away over the New Year. On Friday I attended his funeral and passed our condolences to Mrs Hayes and her family.

Attendance

We have welcomed a new House Administrator for Butler's and Selwyn's, Mrs Hunter.

Parents must telephone or e-mail the **House Administrators** directly regarding the rationale behind any absence.

Please dial: 0151 724 4000

Select **OPTION 3, SENIOR PHASE (not Sixth Form), then:**

Press 1 for Butler's & Selwyn's (ext 3232)

Press 2 for Brook's Howson's (ext 3247)

Press 3 for School & Howard's (ext 3280)

Please continue to encourage punctual, regular attendance.

Godwyn House Update

On Monday we shall be moving to Godwyn House, our beautifully renovated neo-gothic Victorian villa. I provide below our rules and expectations and we hope that all of our Sixth Form students will treat their new home with respect.

Godwyn House Code of Conduct

This facility is a gift to all of us from supporters, well-wishers and donors who want us to excel within it. It is a common home for the elite of Liverpool College. Any home relies upon trust, respect, and care. In the creation of this facility there is an element of trust and faith that we have imparted onto you. We expect you to treat the building with a great deal of respect and abide by the key elements of the Code of Conduct (as listed below) in addition to our school rules. Your positive and respectful use of this facility will be our way of saying thank you for this gift. We hope that you will enjoy our new facilities and thank those who have made it possible.

- Students are only permitted in designated areas.
- CCTV cameras exist throughout the building. If they are tampered with this will be regarded as an act of vandalism.
- Please exit and enter Godwyn House via the front door or the back door by the Sixth Form Dining Room.
- All food and drink is to be consumed in the Sixth Form Dining Room, not in the work zones or the lounge areas.
- Acts of graffiti will not be tolerated and any abuse of furniture or your environment will lead to immediate disciplinary action.

Our thanks to the wide range of people who have made this renovation possible.

We wish you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Stephen Brady

Head of Sixth Form