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Dear Parents,

So often we extol the virtues of leadership qualities in our students. Following the horrendous attacks in New Zealand last Friday we witnessed out of the depths of despair the fantastic efforts of the New Zealand Prime Minister bringing calm and stoicism to a frantic situation that has galvanised a nation into a spirit of togetherness and courage.

We spent our NSI time discussing extremism and the threats it places on the nation and our local community. The overwhelming conclusion is that tolerance and acceptance is the fundamental foundation of what British Values should proclaim.

Godwyn House

As with any new house move it does take some time to become embedded.

Mr Peach, an OL has provided a generous donation that has enabled the creation of the Business and Enterprise Centre on the second floor. We will be delighted to host the official opening next Thursday.

Our sincerest thanks goes to Mr Lyons and his team who have worked continuously to turn Godwyn House into our Sixth Form home. It is truly a unique and desirable facility in which our students are thriving in this environment. We have requested funding from the PTA to help us create an outside area that replicates the interior and provides a calm space to relax and enjoy the beautiful environment that we inhabit.

Speech Night

As the Head of Sixth Form this is by far the highlight of my academic year. I read with pride the destinations that our young men and women have travelled to and applaud as they receive their much deserved rewards.

Please ensure that your son and daughter meet their House Mentor in the Well of the Cathedral by 7.00 pm. This is the last role our Gladstone Scholars will undertake. As always, we look forward to the Latin Oration from the Heads and Deputy Heads of School.

Gladstone Scholars

As the present encumbrances of this role hang up their robes it is now up to the current Year 12 to fill the vacuum. Those who wish to apply must write to their Head of House by the 5th April to apply to be Gladstone Scholars. They should write one side only explaining why they should be appointed.

We will announce the successful candidates on our return after the Easter Holidays.

London OL Dinner

On Saturday night our Head Boy and Head Girl attended the OL dinner at the RAF Club in London's Piccadilly. The black tie evening was enhanced by an excellent speech by our former Bursar and OL Mr Ric Thompson. Rhys H has written his account of the evening:

Our trip to London for the annual Old Lerpoolian Society was a unique and eventful time. The journey to London began after boarding the 10.17 train to London Euston from Lime Street. Eleanor and I used the free time on the train to catch up on some work and then relax, both looking forward to the evening ahead.

After arriving at the East India Club in St James' Square and checking in, we were able to have a look around the highly exclusive club, in which only former students of prestigious schools can become members, with Liverpool College being one of them. A truly beautiful library and various members' lounges were some of the club's highlights, alongside the bar of course. With a few hours of spare time before the dinner, we decided to have a stroll around London, visiting the House of Commons and the London Eye. After enjoying a quick snack on the Thames we headed back to the East India Club to prepare for the evening ahead.

The evening at the RAF club was truly unique: another prestigious London club, it was amazing even to be able to experience such a venue. We were able to chat with a variety of Old Lerpoolians and hear stories from their time at the college. It was also good to catch up with last year's Head Boy, Sam R and fellow student James P as they told us about their University experiences thus far. We then headed back to the East India Club for some rest before an early start. A fantastic breakfast followed on Sunday morning and then we headed back home, satisfied with the enjoyable evening - an event I can certainly see myself revisiting in the future.

Geography Field Trip

Miss McCartney led our Year 12 students on a residential field trip to Wales. Despite the weather the students undertook an exceptional amount of field work. Our thanks to Miss McCartney and Mr Griffith who gave their time to make this trip possible:

Year 12 Geographers were out of school last week in Llanberis, North Wales, undertaking fieldwork which will go towards their independent investigations (20% of the final A-Level). They braved the wind and rain and visited Newborough Beach to look at sand dune succession, walking up to the Pilot's cottage to look out over millions of years of history in the form of pillow lava on the beach. They also visited the seaside town of Llandudno to look at environmental quality as well as deciding whether Llandudno was a clone town.

Unfortunately there was no time for ice cream as bad weather set in, but well done to everyone who took part in the trip.



Oxbridge Trip

Mr Leeder delivered our Oxbridge potentials to Aintree on Wednesday to cogitate and deliberate with the great and good of academia to ascertain if the hallowed spires are the institutions they have the potential to attend. Yannicq has reflected upon his experience:

The Oxbridge Conference in Aintree was useful to me in multiple aspects. I learned about all the courses I was planning to do and am now aware of courses I had not considered taking.

Attending the conference, I also learned how competitive the application to these units really is. A massive amount of students attended and it was a great reminder to double or triple my efforts and as such inspired me to work harder to achieve my goal. A major aspect to the inspiration was awoken when the Student Ambassadors described their student life. The way they described their Oxbridge sounded like an atmosphere I would enjoy.

The tips given to us regarding applying cleared up many questions I still had about Oxbridge and as such was extremely helpful. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend this conference and all of the advantages it brought.

Rugby

Adam M wrote his final deliberation and assessment of his team's performance last week. Christian C has undertaken the role of commenting on our performance at the prestigious Stonyhurst Sevens in which we narrowly lost in the quarter final:

We arrived to the tournament with five minutes to go until the first game; cold and tired. The hosts picked us off with clinical and precise attacking along with rock solid defense. Shortly into the second half a covering tackle made by Christian Caine led to injury which inevitably placed him on the sidelines for the rest of the tournament.

The second game saw us play AKS - a team in which we beat comfortably and without any real concern about them getting the advantage on us. The first half was slow but the second half we ran away with it, beating them convincingly.

The third game we played Bolton, a game which we could have easily won but fatigue played a factor. We put up a good fight but it inevitably led to our demise which placed us into the Quarter Final of the Plate competition.

We played the quarter final against Rydal Penrhos - a team who have become a lot better over the last few years. This game was full of action and scores. Max E scored a full length try, even though he was exhausted he still played on. We were trailing at first but managed to bring it back to where we were ahead. Up until the last play of the game it looked as though we were progressing but Rydal managed to score a try and even converted. This took us into extra time where golden score was the rule. We looked the most threatening but silly errors and unnecessary penalties saw the opposition gain vital yards and they ended up winning the game which saw an end to our competition. The player of the tournament by far was Max E. His constant determination and excellent game saved us in many situations.

We learned a lot from this tournament which will be put into practice in Rosyln Park!

Rosslyn Park Sevens

On Monday Mr Heeley and I will travel to the world famous Rosslyn Park Sevens Tournament with our young men. The experiences of the last two tournaments will have furnished our men with the nuisances of this intrinsic game.

Rugby Dinner

The 4th April is the proposed date for the Rugby dinner.
Tickets will be available from Monday at the school office.

Hockey

It was a pleasure to see our Senior girls in action against King's Chester. I witnessed some super individual and team performances from our girls. The ladies Captain, Charlotte LB has written this report of their performance.

Attendance

Please continue to encourage regular, punctual, attendance. Students should be in school by 8.20 am, registering at 8.25 am.

Parents must telephone or e-mail their son/daughter's **House Administrator** directly regarding the rationale behind any absence. Please use the College telephone number 0151 724 4000 then key in the appropriate extension number for your son/daughter's **House** (*not Sixth Form option*):

Butler's & Selwyn's (ext 3232)
Brook's Howson's (ext 3247)
School & Howard's (ext 3280)

If a student is late, they must sign the Late Register to ensure school records reflect their time of arrival and the reason for lateness. This will also avoid unnecessary calls home.

Year 13 Parents' Evening Wednesday, 3rd April

If parents are content with the progress made they need not attend. For parents who do wish to attend, please book your appointment through the usual booking system. <https://parents-booking.co.uk/liverpoolcollege>

Sixth Form Interviews

I am currently in the process of interviewing potential students who wish to join our Sixth Form. When I ask the standard question "Why leave your present school for Liverpool College?" They overwhelmingly refer to the positivity with which our parents and their children describe the College.

As with everything it is a team effort and our success is only ever achieved by all stake holders communicating and working in unison. Our thanks for your continued support.

I wish you and your family a very pleasant weekend.

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form