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Dear Parents,

I am writing this Newsletter from the newly renovated surroundings of the new Sixth Form Home, Godwyn House. There are many people to thank for all their hard work and endeavour in ensuring the building could be occupied on the 21st January. Mr Broekman and Mr Flynn have worked tirelessly to ensure that the finance was in place to restore and equip our building. Consortia for meeting the deadlines and undertaking the mammoth task of organising the logics of converting the Pre-Prep building to a dedicated Sixth Form area. Messrs Lyons, Graham and Peter who have done a magnificent job to make the facility unique, comfortable and a place we now proudly call home.

Chapel Presentation

I attended Chapel yesterday and was overwhelmed by the depth of William R's presentation. William R and Melina B travelled to Poland to visit the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. William spoke about his experience with such insight and emotion that I included his transcript in my Group Call e-mail to parents.

Sport

Our Footballers continue to enjoy success. Daniel W has written the match reports from the QEGS game and the Ellesmere game.

Our thanks to Mr Griffith who continues with great enthusiasm and fortitude to lead our Senior Footballers.

Match 1 - Ellesmere College (A)

We travelled down to Shropshire for our first game of the season away to Ellesmere College who had previously won their last game by a staggering 6-0 so we knew that we had to perform well in order to get a result away from home.

We decided to start the game off with a 4-3-3 formation and we started the game off quite well with Hasan O making a great run behind their defense however was unlucky not to score. Ellesmere College then had a great opportunity to score but was well defended by Jago J and Jay B. Ellesmere had another chance at goal, however was well saved by Liverpool College Goalkeeper Dylan L.

We then made a good play down the right wing with Ben J skipping past not one but two players before being tackled by the goalkeeper. Ellesmere then had a quick break and ended up scoring. Play continued and Ellesmere had a chance and was converted meaning Liverpool College were 2-0 down at the break.

Our Manager decided it was a good idea to bring on Jacob T who played some fantastic through balls and ended up scoring shortly after. With the game at 2-1 Liverpool College kept pressing for an equalizer however the opposition striker fell to the floor in the penalty area with the defender winning the ball and the referee who had already had a tough game with many decisions, awarding a penalty to Ellesmere College who ultimately converted it. However Liverpool College did not want to give up and we decided to fight on and ended up scoring another goal through Jacob T. Our resilience was very satisfying, however ultimately we lost the match 3-2 with both teams playing great football. Many thanks to Mr Griffith who took his time out of his day to take us.

Final Score: 3-2 to Ellesmere College

Match 2 - Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (A)

After our near loss to Ellesmere College on the Wednesday the team were prepared to avenge for that loss and come home with a good result away to Queens Elizabeth Grammar School. We knew that QEGS proposed a difficult obstacle to overpass but we had the confidence and belief that we could get a result. Due to a few injuries our team had lost a few members from the near loss to Ellesmere College and we brought 5 year 11 pupils with us.

We decided to start with a 4-2-3-1 formation and we started off bright with Ste R making an excellent run down the left wing and was just intercepted by the goalkeeper. Jak W made a great tackle which set the tone for the match as we were prepared to fight as every one of our players were hungry to win the ball and the desire was there from the very start. QEGS started to apply the pressure with a few good passes and were through on goal before a perfectly timed tackle from Max E who alongside Frank T played brilliantly throughout the match. We strung a few key passes together with Luc H setting up Brendan R through on goal however was tackled and Jago's follow through was just saved by the Goalkeeper. After the interval we decided to make a change with Dom R coming in to bolster our attacking options. Ste R made a great run towards goal and was unlucky not to score however Jak W made a great shot which deflected off the defender and into the back of the net.

With the score at 1-0 we needed to be compact and Jay B made an excellent tackle to stop an attack from happening. The game was near to a close with QEGS pushing all their players forward in attempt to get the equalizer we were resilient and brave in our tackles and played with real desire and hunger to achieve the win. There was a sense of real pride within the team who were determined to make the school proud by going out there and bringing home the win. Every loose ball was won with real grit and the atmosphere around the team was incredible not one player was prepared to lose this game and I can honestly say it was one of the greatest games of football I have had the pleasure to take part in.

The full time whistle blew and both sets of teams shook hands as the respect was shown from both teams. This performance did show the school motto that it is not only the intellect but also the character and our team showed the character to carry on until the end and not give up.

We would like to thank Mr Griffith and Mr McAlea who took their time out of their weekend to accompany us and lead us to an incredible victory.

Final Score: 0-1 to Liverpool College

Mock Examinations: Results

The Year 13 Mock examination results are now available to you. The results are not as we would have hoped as a number of students have failed to meet their target grades. As a result we have developed the following strategy to ensure success in the summer.

- Meetings will be arranged with the Head of Sixth Form to discuss targets with parents. Mrs Hayes will write to you to arrange meetings.
- SLT Year 13 Form Tutors will discuss objectives and targets and will monitor progress throughout.
- Faculties will report to the Head of Sixth Form regarding the progress made by the students.
- Extra lessons and Faculty intervention plans are put in place. Mathematics have already embarked on their system.
- The pupils who are underperforming will have timetabled supervised study with Head of Sixth Form and the Deputy Head of Sixth Form.

As I stated to the students today in our NSI period, there is time to rectify the status quo if hard work and endeavour is embarked upon.

Attendance

Please continue to encourage regular, punctual, attendance. 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)**

Oxbridge

Congratulations to Ben S who received an offer from Oxford. So many of our students have received amazing offers which they all richly deserve. This should encourage and spur them on to be successful in the summer.

Lancashire Plate Final

Our 1st XV are in action on Wednesday against St Mary's Crosby in the Lancashire Plate Final. It will be an extremely competitive game and we hope our boys will return with the silverware. Your support will help to push them over the line. The match is being played at Preston Grasshoppers on Wednesday 30th January KO at 2.00pm.

I wish you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form