

5 April 2019

Dear Parents,

Easter can be seen as a period of sacrifice whether it is the end of lent in which for forty days we have decided to abstain from an indulgence that we enjoy or in the extreme case of our Lord Jesus Christ when he sacrificed himself to save our soul. In our Lent service this morning the Chaplain and Choir led us in the celebration of Christ's sacrifice.

Our Year 13 are expected to make huge sacrifices over the next few weeks to ensure that they too can celebrate in August when they receive their results.

Please read attached a report by William F on what was regarded as an excellent CCF parade.

On the 26 March Liverpool College Combined Cadet force was subject to its annual inspection. This was unusual in the sense that it was the RAF which would take the lead, for the second consecutive year, a nod to the 100 years since the RAF was founded in 1918. The inspecting officer was Group Captain Will Dole, a senior offer within the RAF with responsibility for recruiting and selection of RAF personnel. As this was my last inspection, it was enormously satisfying to command the Guard Of Honour to welcome our inspecting officer and after spending some time with him it was evident he encompassed the type of leader found in the armed forces; a slight contradiction of the stereotypical belief, Group Captain Dole was a dutiful and humble man who commanded a high level of mutual respect amongst all of our cadets.

The inspection itself consisted of NCOs taking charge of small groups of cadets in a range of activities such as command tasks, lateral thinking challenges, teamwork development and flight simulation. The Guard Of Honour put on a fantastic display of drill and gave the perfect first impression of what the CCF at Liverpool College stands for, leadership, teamwork and discipline. After lunch, Group Captain Dole then headed to the Albert Dock where he was able to observe Royal Navy cadets participating in water sports. Upon return, the inspecting officer explored other RAF activities such as flight simulation, drill routines and command tasks, as well as the army activities of crossing a void and a first aid simulation scenario.

The day concluded with a final parade in which cadets who have gone above and beyond for their respective sections and final remarks from our inspecting officer. In conclusion the day went extremely well. Days like this are a culmination of all of the efforts which the staff and the NCOs put into the running of the CCF and I cannot thank them enough on behalf of the whole CCF for the relentless work they have put into preparing for the day.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Ridley on the new addition to their family, Robin, who was born on 27th March at 7.24pm weighing 8lbs.



Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens Tournament <http://www.rpns7.co.uk/>

Last week our Year 13 Rugby stalwart Benjamin B travelled to London for his last representative appearance for College rugby. He has written this account of his time in the capital.

On Monday 25 March the Senior Rugby team journeyed down to London to take part in the HSBC Rosslyn Park 7's tournament where we were competing in the Vase Competition along with over 150 teams. Our first game started at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning against Rossall who, after an outstanding team performance, we beat 31-19 and the first win of the day. Unfortunately our Captain, Chris C became injured.

We then played Mount Kelly, starting off strong getting the first 7 points but after another injury from Nye T and some loss of communication and structure we lost 26-7. After two and a half hours and lunch we played against Wallington Grammar School, the group winners, where we lost 7-24 despite a great game from Max E.

To finish the day off we played the Kings of Wessex Academy. This was, for most of the team, the last game at Liverpool College so spirits were up and tensions were high. We came out with a 35-21 win to wrap up the day. Max E was player of the tournament after great, consistent performances. Our thanks to Mr Brady and Mr Heeley.

Rugby Dinner

The Rugby theme continues as our boys celebrated with a dinner in the Dining Room to mark the closure of what has been a very successful season. On behalf of the Senior rugby boys we would like to offer our sincerest thanks to Mr Hewitt and Mr Heeley for leading our Senior players throughout the year. They have done extremely well in their first year of occupying the leadership role in College Rugby.

Football

On Saturday we saw our Senior footballers play their last game. Daniel W has written his final report and we thank him for his leadership and dedication to College football.

Match Report by Daniel W

Last game of the season: **Liverpool College vs AKS Lytham**

This was the last game of the season and for some of the players including myself, the last game ever for Liverpool College.

We started the game off with a 4-2-3-1 formation with Dan G leading the line. We started off quite well with Dominic R coming close on the right wing after cutting in with a shot. However Lytham then broke with a counter attack which resulted in a penalty being given and shortly converted. This goal was quickly followed by a fluke Lytham goal following a deflection. We then had some quality play in midfield with a through ball to Simon T who was challenged by the goalkeeper. After this we had some good play down the middle with Brendan R making some good runs through midfield.

After half time we decided to make a few changes with Dan G coming off and Rocco coming on in place. Lytham's lead was then extended to make it 3-0.

We did not give up and fought until the very end with a goal coming shortly after through Adam P's fantastic skill. Following that goal we needed another couple of goals in order to get something out of the game. Fantastic skill by Ethan W managed to lead the team and lay it off to Simon T who squeezed the ball in the net.

We wish to thank Mr Griffiths for his many years of managing College football. All the players you have coached and helped to improve over the years have so much respect for you.

When I first started at the College football was a fringe sport. In a city in which the 'beautiful game' flourishes I was somewhat surprised. The then Principal, Mr Christian asked Mr Griffith to take the lead role in developing an Easter term football fixture list. This he undertook with great gusto, leading to the creation of a fixture list that has seen the College travel the length and breadth of the country as the boys pursue glory.

The footballers have enjoyed great success in the fifteen years Mr Griffith has led the football in the College. In my humble view the greatest of these achievements is the establishment of his annual football tournament. This is a lasting legacy that has installed the College as a 'force du jour' on the footballing circuit. At the end of the season Mr Griffith has hung up his boots and handed the mantle on to Mr Muscatelli.

On behalf of the Sixth Form we offer our thanks for his tireless dedication and commitment to College football.

Huyton, Liverpool College for Girls

For those of you who are unaware, Liverpool College had a sister School based in Huyton. In fact it was called Huyton, Liverpool College for Girls and in 1993 it merged with the Liverpool College for Boys. As the years passed, our Huytonian past was relegated to an attic room in Coneybeare House. As we moved into Godwyn House we felt that this would be great area to display the memorabilia of the past. The Huyton Guild kindly presented the College with a beautifully framed display case preserving remnants of the girls' uniform. We look forward to hosting the Guild in the summer term for their AGM. Our thanks to Mrs Rooney who has helped make our Huyton past come alive.



Celebration Assembly

After lunch on Friday we held our Celebration Assembly in which we presented prizes to students who achieved straight A grades in their PP2. We made a number of other presentations to students who have made impressive efforts throughout this term. This includes William F and Olive M for their leadership within the CCF, Daniel W, Charlotte L-BB, Adam M and Emily C for their dedication to College Sport. In addition we also celebrated the performance of Sam C at Speech Night as well as the Latin Oration as presented by the Heads of School.

Leavers' Service

The 17th May is the proposed day for our Leavers' Service and the commencement of Study Leave. It is during this service that the Principal and I can elaborate on all the efforts made by the Heads of School, and all the successes and glories our Year 13 have undertaken during their time at Liverpool College.

With a final Churchillian quote, we expect our Year 13 to achieve their personal targets and goals.

This is their time and moment to shine!

I wish you all a very pleasant Easter.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form