
Principal's Newsletter

18 September 2020

Dear Parents,

My newsletter this week is a little short. Because of my operation, it was written on Wednesday and can therefore not report on all the events of the week.

I want to thank all of you for your cooperation with the school's response to the Covid measures put in place. As you will have observed from media reports, many schools are responding to cases and suspected cases. Thus far, we are not aware of any case of transmission within our school campus. For many of you, the scarcity of testing is a further frustration. We do know however that self-isolation works and is effective in slowing or halting the spread of the disease.

From time to time, pupils and parents contact me with tales of classmates posting on social media. These posts allegedly reveal some pupils and families completely ignoring or even trampling on the self-isolation advice and guidance we sent you. I must urge you to follow this guidance and take responsibility for your child's whereabouts.

Earlier in the week, we sent you a message from the local authority asking you to wear a mask when dropping off or collecting a child from school and ensuring you follow all social distancing guidelines.

We have also collated on our website the Covid-19 public health guidance as well as links to sources of further information and support including a very useful guide for parents on coronavirus absences. Please [click here](#) to access the website page.

Year 13 school leadership roles have been finalised this week and I am very pleased to announce that the following students have been asked to act as Head of House. Their teachers were united in a belief that there was a strong field and as ever, such decisions are not easy:

- Brook's - Yazmin H
- Butler's - Elysia S
- Howard's - Madison W
- Howson's - Ruari W
- Selwyn's - Robyn D
- School - Imaan A

In addition, Ruari and Elysia have accepted the role of Head Boy and Head Girl. They have both displayed outstanding long-term commitment to the school and an excellent academic record. Congratulations to them both and to all our new Heads of House.

We continue to plan for life "beyond Covid". We have plans to launch the Day Boarding programme in pilot format this term, further develop teacher professional development and peer to peer coaching, deliver and develop new programmes that support pupils to improve their behaviour. Indeed, this period has been a time of reflection and development of new ideas. The governors continue to meet and review not only our response to Covid but the way we are driving the improvement of the College forward.

I promised to introduce you to some more members of staff:

Mrs Hutchinson has joined us full time this year as a teacher in the Humanities and English faculties in the Secondary Phase. Mrs Hutchinson spent some of last year with us on a part time basis.

Mrs C Doran will be familiar to some pupils and parents having worked for part of last year at the College. She has joined us as a member of staff in the Inclusion team, working as a Learning Support Assistant.

Miss Beepat also joins the Inclusion Team as a Learning Support Assistant. She knows the College well having spent some time last year at the College providing support to individual pupils.

Saturday morning sport is a big success. My thanks to all the staff who are involved in making this so.

Another new sports initiative this year in the Secondary Phase is the House Sports Leaderboard designed to generate some friendly house rivalry. Pupils are awarded House Sports points for outstanding play, effort, punctuality and appearance, and attendance. Mr Cook (Director of Sport) reports that George W (Y9 - School House) is the current leader in individual house sports points while Selwyn's House tops the house rankings after the first week – the points totals so far are:

- Selwyn's - 79
- School - 73
- Brook's - 50
- Butler's - 47
- Howson's - 39
- Howard's - 38

I include a [link](#) to my whole school assembly. I wonder what some future historian of Liverpool College will make of these unprecedented days.

May I wish you and yours a happy and sunny weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal