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## Principal's Newsletter

7 September 2018

Dear Parents,

The world, we are told, divides into two types of people; those who plunge into swimming pools with a run, leap and splash and those who first approach the edge of the pool to dabble their toes and grow accustomed to its temperature.

We are clearly runners and leapers. Our staff across the College have begun with that sense of purpose for which they are justly praised and our pupils are responding well to the accelerating gears between summer holidays of idleness and full on study. An excellent example of this was the [Year 7 House Run](#), the opening salvo in the House cup competition. I do not think many schools would have their entire Year 7 running in a cross country race at the end of their first day of school, but we did, and we can congratulate the winners, George W (School) and Anna R (Butler's) who secured 100 points for their house.

The biggest triumph of the week was the occupation for education of the new Pre Prep. This stunning new facility was prepared for opening through the Herculean efforts of the estates team, the IT team, and the entire Pre Prep staff. This was a moving day with hard hats, extra personnel, and amazing bursts of creativity as teachers and Learning Support Assistants decorated classrooms and converted them immediately into learning spaces. It was a special thrill to watch the Pre Prep lined up on the tennis courts and eventually marching in through the rain.

We will need a little while to settle into the building. Next week, after school club begins and catering will begin in the new kitchen and Sutton Timmis Hall. Parents will hopefully make more extensive use of the Ibbotson's Lane Gate, open in the morning until 08.40 and opened again when school is finished. This gate allows parents to avoid the traffic pile up on Queens Drive by parking on North Mossley Hill Road or Ibbotson's Lane. Next Wednesday, the building will officially be opened by its sponsor and champion, Mayor Joe Anderson OBE. By then, this amazing addition to our campus will be full of learning, and well on its way to becoming the home of a new generation of Liverpoolians.

Congratulations to Mrs Rigby who has been promoted to Lieutenant Commander (RN). This is in recognition of her appointment to Assistant Contingent Commander of our ever growing Combined Cadet Force. Lt Cdr Rigby brings her years of experience leading a strong Navy section to the wider body of cadets and will continue to promote the

opportunities offered by the Navy Section and coordinate the Duke of Edinburgh Award. You will certainly continue to receive her messages reminding you to check your child's e-DofE account as we seek to outdo last year's record level of completed awards. S/Lt McCone will be stepping into her role as OC Navy Section and we look forward to seeing what her enthusiasm brings to the cadet experience.

You may have noticed our new website as promised [here](#). We are preparing for the launch of our app, pending Apple approval, and I will write to you shortly about how we intend to provide you with complete notifications, calendars, and a news stream. The website highlights our real progress in developing the best possible [careers education programme](#). It is exciting to announce that we have entered into full partnership with the Morrisby organisation, the Rolls Royce of independent careers advice. This means all Year 10 pupils and above will have access to the famous Morrisby Profile, a test which not only explores the pupil's interests but also their aptitude backed by trillions of data points and analyses. Morrisby also delivers another careers toolkit for Years 7-9. There will also be a programme of careers masterclasses.

As I write, John the Lollipop man is undergoing an interview by the BBC. He has not looked forward to having the spotlight so obtrusively on him but I hope the news story about him will capture the marvellous spirit of this generous man. He is preternaturally cheerful and good humoured, a balm for the weary, an inspiration to our pupils.

Tomorrow, sport will begin in earnest. You can follow developments on the **LC Sport** webpage which is linked to our new website and can be found [here](#). Teams have been read out in assembly. Our opponents on this occasion are Oswestry School. While the rugby begins, we are also holding our Open Morning for those parents and pupils who are interested in joining us in Year 7 in September 2019. Many pupils will be volunteering on the Saturday morning and we appreciate your support in bringing your children to the school so we can host our guests.

Our 1st XV are then immediately into the fray with a trip to St Edwards in the Natwest competition on Wednesday September 12.

Advance notice of a very important date. The **PTA** will hold its AGM on September 26 at 7pm in the Dining Hall. This is a crucial meeting as our PTA not only provides important funds to the school through its fundraising efforts but organizes the types of activities and events which make our school community work. I would like to encourage anyone who has an interest to attend and consider seriously whether they are prepared to join the committee of the PTA or become an officer. Indeed, without such volunteers the PTA and by some extension the school will suffer and flounder. If you have an interest and would like to know more, you can email [PTA@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:PTA@liverpoolcollege.org.uk).

There are as ever new members of staff. I propose to introduce you to them over the next few newsletters:

- **Mr Newton** joins us as SSI of the CCF and the College's Health & Safety Officer. Mr Newton has just finished 24 years serving in the armed forces and is an experienced Warrant Officer.
- **Mr Ainscough** is our new Year 3 class teacher in the Prep School. Prior to joining the College, he had worked at Clifton with Rawcliffe primary, in York, since 2016.
- **Ms Toner** joins us as a Learning Support Assistant in the Prep School. Ms Toner was a Teaching Assistant and Cover Supervisor at the Beacon CE Primary School where she had worked since 2008.

I am delighted to announce our **Year 13 senior prefects** for this year who are selected after a long and comprehensive process, including a letter of application and recommendation from staff and their peers. These students should be very proud of representing the values and ideals of the College as scholars and leaders:

- Head Boy - Rhys H (Howson's)
- Head Girl - Eleanor H (Butler's)
- Deputy Head Boy - Ben S (School)
- Deputy Head Girl - Bethany G (Brook's)
- Head Boy of Boarding - Rares I (Howard's)
- Head Girl of Boarding - Ruslana F (Howard's)
- Head of Student Welfare and Student Voice - Katherine E (Brook's)

Heads of Houses:

- Brook's - Olivia M and Andrew L
- Butler's - Danny McN and Meloni B
- Howard's - Ben B and Eliane T
- Howson's - Emily C and Daniel L
- Selwyn's - William F and Charlotte L B-B
- School - Elisha R and Matthew B

For pupils in the Senior School (Year 7-11), please remember to attach, preferably by sewing, the house cord to your child's blazer by Monday. We will begin our enforcement of this addition to the uniform at that time. All pupils have received the cord and can obtain one if they have lost it from their house administrators.

One of the features of our school is the study of the classics. Last year, our first Latin GCSE cohort did exceptionally well with 85% of pupils achieving A or A\*. Year 8 pupils or above who wish to expand their intellectual and educational horizons have another fantastic opportunity to do so through the **Greek Academy**, learning ancient Greek from beginner to GCSE in two years. This is free to participate in and classes take place on a Saturday at

Liverpool College (beginning 15 September). For more information, please email Alice Case at [info@liverpoolclassichub.uk](mailto:info@liverpoolclassichub.uk).

May I wish you and yours a very happy and restful first weekend of term.

**Yours sincerely,**

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**Principal**