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## Principal's Newsletter

5 April 2019

Dear Parents,

When the ships of the Royal Navy pass the Eddystone Lighthouse, the sailors rejoice because they know they are about to arrive home in port. That is the feeling of the last week of term. All celebrations appear to reach a fever pitch, and many events and projects are concluded.

This week, our choirs performed at the Cathedral with the visiting choir from Spain. Our debating teams returned from Durham University's competition having performed admirably as one of only 4 non fee-paying or non-selective schools out of the 40 schools invited. Particular congratulations must go to Jan and Lehtu from Year 10 who made it to the semi-finals of the novice competition only to lose to a very experienced Sixth Form team. We also won the Merseyside Magistrates Court Mock Trial competition. An extensive description of the competition can be found [here](#). It is a matter of great pride that our school won so many large competitions against so many top schools this term. We hosted a performance of a play called *Terriers* by Royal Court for Years 7 and 8. Our Year 4s visited the synagogue to learn more about the Jewish faith and Jewish culture. The Year 12 Maths Ambassadors delivered mini maths mastery lessons to Year 7 pupils. The College Column, the middle school newspaper was published with its eclectic content of reviews, house competition results, and observations about the dangers of nut allergies. Yesterday, we had a wonderful awards celebration and dinner for our rugby players. There was a palpable sense of tradition, unity, and celebration as we recognized the work of coaches and players which has brought the College so much sporting success this year.

It is all rounded off with today's assemblies and Lent services. In the Prep there was a festival of awards, and in the Pre Prep, I stumbled upon one of the winning entries in the House poetry competition judged by our published poet parent, Deryn Rees-Jones, written by Rowan C in 1Q:

### *Best Friends*

*Catch you when you fall*

*Likes to kick a ball,*

*Kind words to say*

*Likes to play*

*Who can it be?*

*It is you and me!*

In the senior school assembly, we said goodbye to the wonderful Ms Robbin, who will be succeeded as Head of Butler's house by Mr Bartlett. Ms Robbin has been promoted to a higher sphere, becoming associate headteacher at New Heights School. She is a person with a talent for care, concern, and patient work with pupils in pastoral settings. Her contribution to our school in her biology classroom, with the CCF and on numerous trips and expeditions has been enormous. We will miss her terribly and know that she will go very far in her career.

There are trips about to depart. No rest for the irrepressible Mr Cook, Mr Heeley and Ms McLindon as they take our Year 7 on the football trip to Arnhem. This tour is becoming a regular event and our Year 7 boys football team went undefeated this term, winning 17 of their 19 matches. Boys and girls will play several Dutch teams in the shadow of the bridge where so much brutal fighting occurred in the last world war. The CCF Year 9 is off for a night under canvas at Altcar. There is also a ski trip which departs a week on Saturday. Admiration for the staff willing to lead these excursions and expeditions can know no bounds.

Congratulations to Emilyneen C, Habeba H and Julia V who won the British Science Week scavenger hunt. There were 30 science questions placed all over the school grounds, which progressively got harder, some were even A level questions! Emilyneen and Habeba achieved an impressive 27/30 and Julia achieved 26/30 - excellent work from all 3 Year 8 pupils as they did better than the Year 12s who also entered.

When we return it will be almost May. Exams will be upon us and we know that pupils who do not use these next 17 days to revise and prepare will be at a terminal disadvantage. Parents have a massive responsibility and opportunity to channel their oasis of holiday into some structured time for revision. There are several revision activities planned for this period and I hope you will encourage your child to take advantage of these.

When we return after the holiday, it will be **Week B** in the secondary phase. Also a reminder that **Wednesday 15 May** is a **Staff INSET afternoon** for all College staff and school will finish at 1pm that day (12.45pm in Pre Prep). There are no afternoon lessons in any part of the school that day and no after school provision.

On 10 May, the **PTA** will be welcoming the Liverpool Gin Company to the main dining room to do a gin tasting evening. Tickets are £20 each and there are only a small number left. If

you would like a ticket, please email [pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk) (payments will be online for this event).

Northern Sports Academy will be running their first Easter Football Camp at Liverpool College next week (8-12 April). Northern Sports Academy offer football from age 4 – 15 and currently have 28 teams in various Merseyside leagues. Please contact them for further information: [info@northernsportsacademy.com](mailto:info@northernsportsacademy.com).

Easter is the season of renewal, new life in a new Spirit. I hope that you and your family will experience these holidays as a peaceful time of renewal and hope.

**Yours sincerely,**

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**Principal**