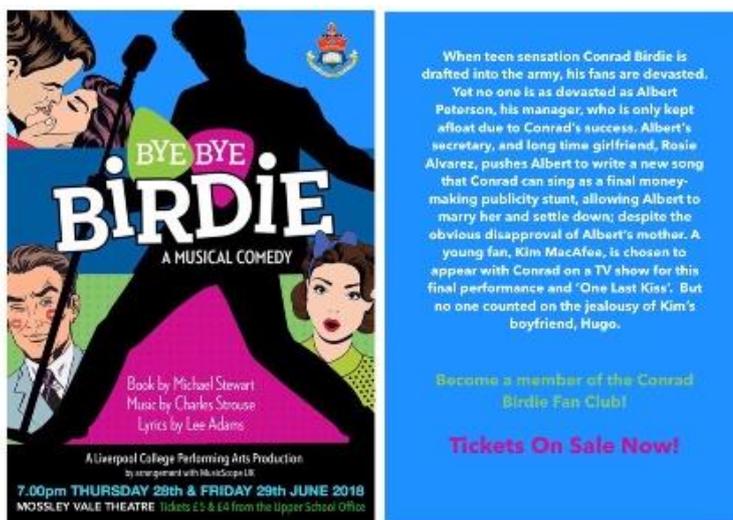


Principal's Newsletter

22 June 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy news. We have received news of the birth of two boys. Mrs Hughes has given birth to a son whom the couple have called Sebastian and Ms Hirst gave birth to a son named Oscar. Mothers and babies are doing well.



Some advance notice. Next week on Thursday and Friday night *Bye Bye Birdie* will finally be performed. Few of our productions have ever been more affected by illness and other setbacks, but the intrepid band of thespians has finally brought it to performance. A definite act of learning with character.

Also on Wednesday, June 27, at 6pm in the Dining Hall we will hold a Parent Information Evening. We will be discussing some of our plans for next year and seeking input from parents about our website, app, and other communication efforts.

Friday is environment day. We are following the advice to think globally and act locally. Our Year 4 and 5 pupils will for the first time be video conferencing with a scientist in Australia. They will be learning about the impact of plastics on our planet from Dr Tom Glaze, a doctor of marine biology who is part of an elite team of experts trying to save the Great Barrier Reef. Locally we are installing recycling bins across the campus, making sure that any waste

is properly recycled. These light blue bins will litter the campus, inviting us to do much better in keeping our beautiful campus plastic free.

As I have written previously, one change next year is our strengthening and expansion of the house system across the College.

In the senior phase, our pastoral structure will be house based. Your child will therefore have a house mentor and a head of house and assistant head of house. Mr Fox, as Assistant Principal for Senior Guidance will be in overall charge of the house system. There will be a leadership structure of pupils in each house, weekly house assemblies, house competitions, and also house awards and rewards, and house sanctions. We will be able to answer any questions you may have about this at the parent information evening.

The heads of houses and assistant heads of houses in the senior phase are as follows:

House	HoH	AHoH
Brook's	Mr Turbitt	Miss McCone
Butler's	Miss Robbin	Mr Bartlett
Howard's	Mrs Hall	Miss Stone
Howson's	Miss Miller	Mr Farnan
School	Mr Scott	Miss Whittell
Selwyn's	Mr Ridley	Mr Heeley (maternity)

As I have already mentioned, there will be a small change to our uniform policy to accompany this change. At the beginning of next year, your child will be supplied with a thin iron on or stitch on ribbon to signify their house. This will be part of the uniform.



Congratulations to Hannah T in Year 7 who engaged in the sort of charitable and service activity we try to encourage at every level of the school. She ran a vegan stand at a "this girl can" event in the Shewsy - a youth club involved in a lot of community work in Everton.

Last weekend, the CCF had pre army camp training, getting young cadets ready for their first army camp experience now only two weeks away. Today, the Year 9 DofE bronze assessed expedition are being prepared by Ms Rigby and her team. The Year 12 are away at the University of Birmingham, many prospective Year 12 pupils are visiting for a taster day, and we are being "inspected" for a quality mark. A typical day in other words.

The theme of the week has been examinations. These are now finished for Year 11 and Year 13 and for all the other members of the school. I am struck by the excellent attitude of pupils towards these examinations when I walk the hallways and classrooms. Almost all are focused on doing their very best. The level of challenge in the exams themselves is frequently very high. The attendance during these examinations is more than 99%, which is either a sign of how seriously the pupils and parents take them or a sad commentary on all the other days of school which some people find unimportant. I have once again had to sign a number of fines for parents taking pupils on holiday in term time. Please make sure your child attends school. I believe if we took the attitude we take during exams to every day of learning in the year, our attendance would be 99% and our pupils would be the winners.

A close call outside the senior school gate on Queens Drive. A car parked on the curb reversed and nearly hit a mother walking her daughters from school. She had to resort to banging on the back of the car to prevent being struck. Bus drivers and neighbours, including our friends at St Anthony of Padua, and other parents gaze with slack jaw at the shenanigans of some entitled and selfish drivers, willing to abuse anyone who reminds them of the law and standards of safety. It is a sad sight and an embarrassment for our school. It is difficult enough for us to develop the character of all the pupils in the school. It seems an unmanageable expansion of our remit to be compelled to educate drivers about how to drive and park.

Prince William is less in the news now that his brother is not about to get married in a Chapel and has settled down to his duties as father and king in waiting. It is nevertheless a thrill when our pupils meet such a person which happened this week. Mrs Doran reports:

On Tuesday, selected students from Year 12 were given a once in a lifetime experience whilst attending the International Business Festival at the Liverpool Exhibition centre. Lucky students met with HRH Prince William and discussed their opinions about the world of work and their future aspirations in business enterprise. Earlier that day, the students had participated in a workshop entitled 'Voyage of Discovery,' which provided them with an opportunity to showcase and develop their entrepreneurial business skills. In addition, they received expert advice from industry experts on topics such as target setting, developing product concepts and creating a personal 'brand.' The Duke of Cambridge spent time talking to the students about their experiences of the world of work and their vision of the future.



The fortuitous students were also able to hear the Prince deliver his speech to the Conference which celebrated Britain as a 'champion of trade and a hub for commerce...' He went on to say 'There is perhaps nowhere in the country that embodies this more than Liverpool'.

The students ended the day by exploring the world's largest business festival, meeting with delegates and exhibitors at the event. It was a day I am sure will be forever remembered by our students.



Omar K in Year 6 also met the Prince during his visit in his role as Junior Lord Mayor and member of the Liverpool Pupil Council.



We played the MCC with a select Liverpool team. At one stage our bowlers had them 12 for 3 but as ever these experienced players plugged away to a very respectable total which we could not match. Everyone enjoyed the day and we were complimented on our hospitality.

On Monday, five Year 8 pupils were selected to represent the College at a football training event on the Wirral. Mr Cook reports:

This event was organised by the Real Madrid Foundation who sent five academy coaches to spend the day with a number of pupils from schools throughout the North West. Our pupils: Libby H, Alice D, Isabella F, Evie H and Sadie T participated in a number of drills and finally a mini Champions League Tournament during the afternoon. The pupils represented the College superbly portraying excellent manners and they surprised the Real Madrid coaches by speaking in Spanish to them from knowledge they have picked up in their Spanish lessons.



Classics has staged a resurgence at the College. Our first Latin class has just finished its GCSE, and the numbers for Classical Civilization and Latin options are set to grow next year. The Classics Hub brings together schools across the region to promote and support the teaching of Latin, Ancient Greek and Classical Civilization. I mention it now because one aspect of its activities is the Greek Academy which meets on Saturday morning. Pupils from schools across Merseyside learn ancient Greek. The first GCSE candidates have just taken their examinations. Next year this academy will be available to pupils from Year 9 upwards. Something to plan for.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Principal