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## Principal's Newsletter

8 April 2022

Dear Parents,

Today we are celebrating the end of a productive term in glorious sunshine. A visit to Prep School awards assembly leaves the visitor dizzy. The number of sports and other awards which are won, the high levels of engagement and enthusiasm, the mutual appreciation and affection between teachers and pupils, all of it inspires. After Mr Farnan-Stone's passionate call for justice for all those affected by the Hillsborough disaster during chapel earlier in the week, the Lent Service in Chapel today was a tribute to Ms Green and Mr Bartlett's Chapter 8. A group of Chapter 8s bravely led the service in front of their peers and in front of every other year group, and the student led Chamber Choir provided some amazing music. The pupils who attended will certainly know why it is called the Easter holidays.

I am hugely impressed by Clara B in Year 10 and her commitment to serve her community. She writes:

*I've been volunteering with South Liverpool Zero Waste community for several weeks now. The aim is to reduce the sheer amount of food going into landfill and to build links in the community. This is not means tested. Volunteers collect the food (otherwise destined for landfill) from supermarkets and cafe chains and bring it back to the main hall where other volunteers sort it into categories, bag it up and distribute it to people who have booked a bag.*

*If people want to order a bag or volunteer, they can contact the charity directly through the South Liverpool Zero Waste Community Facebook page.*

Mrs Hall has reported that her Chapter 7s raised an amazing £1,510.36 for Marie Curie from their Daffodil Walk.

Sadly, our Duke of Edinburgh expedition had to be postponed because snow is in the forecast. This seems incongruous this afternoon, but apparently the rules about this are iron and unbendable. Fortunately, many groups did get out. The Year 9 field trip and the Year 10 CCF days went well. These are signs of the return of school to some semblance of normality. The inexperience of our pupils in making these trips does not diminish their enthusiasm for them.

On Tuesday I attended the Boarders' Easter dinner. This community of boarders and day boarders have been the great successes of the school this year. It was amazing to see young

people enjoying each other's company without reference to mobile phones. They conversed, they laughed. They looked back on another successful term.

I have previously mentioned the many building projects that will continue on campus for the next two weeks. We are all very ready for a break. Not since the 2018-2019 school year have we gone to school this many days in a row. Like athletes, we are getting back into shape, but, also like athletes, we need to rest as well as work.

For our Year 11 and Year 13, these holidays are essential periods of revision and there will be some opportunities to have some additional sessions in the break. For all pupils in these years, a successful exam period (again something which has not happened since 2019) depends on some self-discipline and planning in revision.

During my Year 2 playground supervision, a young person approached me tearfully. I am not very good at football, he said. My answer was that this was perhaps true but not a reason for crying, only for practising. He sprinted away and made a significant contribution to his team's solitary goal. We learn everywhere on this campus.

Bringing a sense of Easter, artist of the week this week is Katie L (Y13) who was inspired by Singapore based artist Tilen Ti. Exploring and capturing beauty, familiar scenes and wildlife within our lives and environment to create vibrant pieces.



Mrs Duffy reports that our Year 10 GCSE art pupils are also to be congratulated after their art work was selected to be used on Mersey Care NHS' new information posters.

I hope you and your family will have a splendid, sunny and blessed Easter, Passover and Ramadan.

**Yours sincerely,**

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**Principal**