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## Principal's Newsletter

10 June 2022

Dear Parents,

In conversation with some Year 11 pupils, they pointed out to me that they are only about half way through their 25 papers for GCSE exams. It really is a long march for young people. The whole process continues swimmingly. Our pupils have prepared well and are clearly doing their best and we are so proud of all they are doing.

About 145 Year 11 pupils will no longer need their blazer in a few weeks' time. May I ask you to consider donating uniform items to the PTA who are holding a massive nearly new uniform sale on July 6. This will really help families keep the cost of uniform down.

Speaking of proud, tonight we will hold our Sports Awards evening in Mossley Vale. It is remarkable how much sport gets played at the College. Just this week we have had delegations to cricket matches, athletics competitions, and dragon boat races. The trip to Madrid was a triumph. Our pupils played well, behaved brilliantly, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the home of the slayers of the red dreams. Mr Cook and the staff who continue to rally to these projects deserve so much credit.

Pride, love, and memory combined to make the send-off for John "the lollipop man" Goudie very special. His cortege drove by the school where pupils lined the streets applauding. Such a moment teaches perhaps the most important lesson that anyone can learn. In the end, it is what we do for others out of love which will define us and which will make the world better. We were so pleased that John's family allowed us some small part in recognizing this prince of a man.

Bella L in Year 13 has been informed that she is to receive a very distinguished award for courage and bravery from Lord Lingfield DL – the Order of Mercy Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Community Service for Cadets. Bella provided important medical support to a victim of an attack. Only 5 people in the entire cadet movement in the country will receive this award this year. I can think of few people who will make a better paramedic than Bella and, this is precisely what she hopes to study at university next year. Bella will be asked to wear this order of mercy award on any formal occasion!

Visiting the art work up for the moderators, one is struck by the amazing creative abilities of our pupils. The volume and quality of work is staggering, and somehow, there seems a new depth to the expression of pupils' voices and insights in these works, possibly borne of the crucible of covid lockdowns.

The artist of the week this week is India W (Chapter 7) for her fauvist interpretation of New Brighton Lighthouse. She has been learning about colour theory and the concepts of Fauvist painting.



Success also for our Year 9 and Year 10 physics and biology pupils who did exceptionally well in national competitions. Teachers see in their strong performance intimations of the success which lie ahead.

Advance notice of the final school musical of the year, *Legally Blonde*, taking place on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June in the MV Theatre. Tickets cost £7.50 and will be available from the main school office.

Mrs Crook (SENCO) will be holding a coffee morning on 30 June between 10-11.30am for parents of children who have an ASD diagnosis or are on the ASD Pathway. This is an opportunity for a group of parents to ask questions or discuss concerns they have with their child with the Liverpool ASD Training Team who will be attending as well (there will not be an opportunity for one to one appointments).

For planning purposes, if you would like to attend please email Mrs Crook ([kcrook@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:kcrook@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)) or Miss Crosby ([jcrosby@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:jcrosby@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)).

Mrs Crook has also asked me to inform you that the Liverpool ASD Training Team are holding a virtual drop in advisory session for parents on Friday 24 June (9.30 - 11.30am). The

team advise that it is for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to pre and post Autism diagnosis. It is also an opportunity to speak with ASD trainers and other parents. The sessions will be 2 hours long, you can choose to join anytime within those two hours or stay for the duration. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place. Please contact the team directly to book - email: [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)

News from our amazing scout troop:

*Our Beaver section completed their Community Impact badge on Monday, now we are telling the world!! What a great way to teach youngsters about leaving behind a better world.*

*"In our lodges we chatted about what we could do to protect our environment and how important this was. We drew posters with our ideas and litter picking was something we thought we could do for the environment in our local community!! We now need to tell the world what we did!!" Well done to our Beavers and to the fabulous Beaver leaders who organised and co-ordinated it. Thanks also to the local Green Party for supplying the litter pickers and for their support.*

A special notice from LC Sports about their Summer Gym Membership offer:

- *Just £99 for 12 months Gym Membership*
- *No joining fee*
- *No contract*
- *Classes included*
- *Free exercise programme and Nutrition plan*

Email on [lcsports@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:lcsports@liverpoolcollege.org.uk) or call 0151 724 4488 to find out more.

I wish you a sunny and dry weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr H van Mourik Broekman  
Principal**