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## Principal's Newsletter

24 June 2022

Dear Parents,

Mrs Gannon reported to me on the enthusiasm shown by pupils and parents for the first Pre Prep sports day in three years. The Chapter 2 participants and their parents and carers had never been involved in a sports day before. There were plenty of volunteers for races and competitions.



The Prep School have already concluded their sports day festivities whilst the senior school is undertaking the event on June 27. The PTA are looking for four parent volunteers to support staff at the event (this is split into 2 sessions - 9.30am-12.15pm for Ch7 and Y9 1.45pm-4pm for Ch8 and Y10) - if you can help please contact the PTA on [pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk).

The Prep School are receiving back into the building various groups who have had overnight experiences. Chapter 3 have been away at the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, sleeping high up in a tower affording amazing views, as Miss Brown reports:

*The pupils have had a fantastic time on their residential trip to the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre this week! They took part in a range of workshops, conducting exciting science*

*experiments to create weird and wonderful keepsakes, explored the galleries and watched a science show! The pupils then journeyed in the glass elevator to the top of the building, to set up camp in the spectacular observatory. With uninterrupted 360° views, they enjoyed watching the sunset and sunrise, a stunning backdrop to the iconic Runcorn and Mersey Gateway Bridges, and ended the night with a film under the stars.*



The Lakeside trip, a long-standing rite of passage from Prep to Secondary will return after a gloriously sunny week in the Lakes.

The Year 11s have departed, but I have already seen them back on campus. The reason is Legally Blonde the musical, a show whose preparation has had disruption and obstacle but is now on final approaches to performance on Wednesday (29 June) and Thursday (30 June). Tickets are still available for the performances and can be purchased from main Reception.

A huge congratulations to Mrs Helen Rigby, erstwhile police officer, receptionist, now Lt Cdr Rigby of the Navy CCF section. Lt Cdr Rigby's volunteer service has been recognized by the award of the Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate of Meritorious Service for 'exceptional service' to Cadet Force Adult Volunteers. Her citation for the award states:

*Lt Cdr Rigby has diligently served the cadets of Liverpool College since 2011. In that time, she has successfully led a strong Navy section through significant periods of change, her police background ever ensuring high standards and successful outcomes. The Navy section has*

*flourished under her leadership and cadets have benefited greatly from the trips, training, and experiences organised by Lt Cdr Rigby on their behalf for over a decade.*

*More recently, the staff and cadets at the newly formed Belvedere CCF have also been fortunate enough to make use of her expertise, following her appointment as their School Staff Instructor. In this role, she has supported and guided their development into a well-established and successful Cadet Expansion School.*

*Lt Cdr Rigby's impact has stretched far beyond what could be expected of a CFAV. In particular, her role managing and delivering the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Liverpool College has been particularly remarkable. To date, Lt Cdr Rigby has successfully supported hundreds of participants in achieving the award; advising and guiding them through their Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and Expeditions. Their success is undoubtedly owed to her dogged persistence and belief that all young people can and should succeed.*

I especially enjoyed some teaching moments this week. I was amazed at the geographical and cultural knowledge of Chapter 2 in the assembly I had with them earlier in the week. My topic was architecture and the way it is local, and the conditions which lead certain people to build certain houses for themselves. Pupils were able to identify dwellings from across the world, describe why they were designed and built in a certain way and understood the sourcing of building materials. It was a highly encouraging performance from the group. After exams, it is not easy to teach Chapter 7s but all of us in the class were especially moved by a beautiful set of recitations from the Quran, recited by some Chapter 7 pupils. There was a hushed silence among peers as the power of this practice of these pupils' religion became clearer and clearer. It is always best when we learn from each other.

There is much planning effort under way for next year. We have already shared timetable changes in the secondary phase. The builders are back in the Prep School, as we have won some capital funding to reconfigure and modernize our classroom space. This work will start towards the end of the summer. I have seen some early adopters of the new school tracksuit, now available from the school shop.

Our artist of the week is Jacob A-G (Chapter 7) with *Fauvist Landscape*:



May I wish you and yours a glorious weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr H van Mourik Broekman**  
**Principal**