
Principal's Newsletter

27 May 2022

Dear Parents,

This period of school life includes many visits to the Chapel.

This Friday, our Year 11 follow our Year 13 in celebrating their time in the College with a service.

Ms Green is delighted that the weekly chapel services which are continuing throughout this period have been supported by Mr Cartwright's Year 12 class who are volunteering to lead chapel. This small sign of a return of the teaching of younger pupils by older pupils, which we have also seen in the CCF and on several visits by secondary pupils to the Prep and Pre Prep is the best and surest sign that things are returning to something resembling normality.

At the termly parent information evening yesterday, Ms McCartney shared her important work in the sustainability of Liverpool College through the Green Spaces Project. This is a moral as well as an educational imperative and her ideas to include students and pupils are very exciting.

We also discussed the changes to the timings of the secondary school day for 2022-2023. There were very few objections to this post COVID return to the start of the school day and we are making plans accordingly. You can view the structure of the day and the key changes [here](#). There are no changes in the primary phase.

We were also able to announce that the pastoral structure in the secondary phase will be a full Dean (year group) structure rather than a House structure from September and announced the pastoral personnel leading the various year groups now called Chapters. Each Chapter Team (Dean, Assistant Dean and Administrator) will 'move up' with the pupils through the school. Please [click here](#) to view the secondary pastoral structure.

Personal Development in Year 1 has included cooking, gardening and now celebrating the Queen's Jubilee as well as going on an adventure to explore the rest of the school as Mrs Ridley reports:

This term, Year 1P have been on a journey learning that Pre Prep is a very small (but important!) part of a very big school. Every Wednesday we have looked at the map of our campus and picked a different area to explore that we have never been to before. On our walk arounds we have been invited into the new Classics Library, the Learning Support department, the Music department, CCF, the sports hall, we have had demonstrations from DT, we have taken part in Chemistry experiments and we have even had a tour of the Boarding Halls.



The children have loved getting a glimpse of the opportunities they will have in the future while at Liverpool College. The warm welcome we have received from everyone we have met makes us feel like we belong in a big happy LC family. One child was overheard explaining to another "we only have to wait 6 years for this now".



Throughout all this activity we have also been able to conduct a so-called work scrutiny. Here leaders study exercise books and it is always inspiring to see the hard work of pupils and staff reflected in a clear journey of educational progress.

Her Majesty the Queen is rightly celebrated for her amazing reign and longevity during this jubilee year. She gave the country a day off but we had that day off already because it falls during half term. Rather than make a last-minute extra holiday we intend to make Tuesday 1 November 2022 our jubilee year holiday. Half term will therefore be extended by one day from the dates originally advertised and will now run from Monday 24 October to Tuesday 1 November, with term resuming on Wednesday 2 November.

We learned with sadness last weekend that John Goudie, who served as lollipop man at our school for many years, passed away peacefully last Friday, surrounded by his family. John continued to inspire affection and fondness in so many pupils and their families. He encouraged everyone he met, remembered their names and birthdays, and braved the oncoming traffic to get us all across North Mossley Hill Road safely.

Mrs Doran has been busy arranging events to challenge and support our pupils:

Wilton Scholars in Year 7 and Year 8 participated in a superb event this week where their mathematical capabilities were stretched to their limit with a Maths Olympiad Challenge Day. Groups were set progressively more difficult investigations to solve to move through a series of Olympic themed levels. Working in teams, pupils needed to apply mental agility skills and visuo-spatial skills to complete the tasks at pace. The highly engaging event was enjoyed by all.



All Y12 students interested in attending top level universities were invited to attend a talk on Tuesday by Oxford's Access and Outreach coordinator, Anna McMurtrie. Anna explored the many advantages of attending Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, the difficulties they might face and the admissions policies. Topics such as personal statements, student welfare, 'super-curricular activities' and student finance were also discussed. Following the talk, Mrs McMurtrie invited students to ask questions, giving personalised advice to anyone who requested her support, with the offer of further individualised support through email following the event. The event encouraged all participating students to raise their expectations,

