



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents

Our students were pleased to see exam week come to an end and over the coming weeks they will learn how well they have done in all of their subjects. As we anticipate their likely successes we have already begun to prepare to recognise and celebrate their achievements in the upcoming KS3 and KS4 awards afternoons. These afternoons were a great success last year, giving all of our students the chance to come together and reflect on not only each other's recent exam performance, but the year as a whole and some of its defining moments. Primarily, these events are for students and we keep it within the school day because we really wouldn't want any of them to miss these opportunities.

We do hope that you, as parents, may be able to join us for each of these awards afternoons but we recognise that this can be difficult and is not always possible. Please do be reassured that whether you are able to attend or not, we value and appreciate the tremendous support you have given to your children and the school throughout the year.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr M A Pennington
Headteacher

General Notices

School uniform: We would like to remind all parents that our main school uniform provider is Trutex schoolwear, London Road, Liverpool. For your convenience, Trutex hold stock of all items of school uniform however, some items are also available from John Lewis. Please be aware that it has been brought to our attention that the John Lewis website may not be up to date. If you have any concerns please refer to the uniform information detailed [here](#). Thank you for your support in helping our students maintain high standards at all times.

Summer recital: will take place on Wednesday 12 July at 7.00pm in Shirley Hall. Tickets are available to purchase through parentmail and we look forward to welcoming you to the evening.

Trading day and non-uniform day will take place on Friday 14 July. Year 10 students will be hosting the event with various activities and cuisines on offer across the day. Year 7, 8, 9 & 12 students will be able to take part in activities or purchase items at set times of the day. Proceeds from trading event will go to the school library appeal.

Students are also welcome to wear non-uniform on this date and will be asked to donate £1.00 for this privilege. Money raised from the non-uniform aspect will be donated to charities chosen by our KS4 students. Details of all monies raised will be shared in the end of term newsletter in July.

Trips day and summer residentials: On Wednesday 19 July Years 7 – 10 will enjoy trips to Chester Zoo, the Crococy trail, Blackpool pleasure beach and Alton Towers. During the last week of term, annual residential trips will depart to Salou and Barcelona, Amsterdam and Paris, led by our Spanish department, Art department and MFL department respectively.



Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance

As we approach the end of term, a lot of planning and preparation is going on behind the scenes for our new and exciting curriculum provision for KS5. A significant feature of this is the Extended Project Qualification or EPQ. The EPQ is worth UCAS points and universities and employers recognise the skills developed by student when taking this qualification. It allows students to enhance their techniques of research, referencing, analysing, reflecting, collating and presenting to others. Students can choose any topic to research, providing their choice is not replicated in their A level specifications and gives them scope to explore a controversial and challenging debate. We look forward to working with students on this fabulous qualification.

Progress and Achievement

To celebrate the end of their GCSE and A level exams, our Year 11 and Year 13 students will enjoy their proms this week. Information has been shared with students regarding timings and arrangements for each of the events.

Subject News

Music: On Friday 23 June, a group of our musicians, supported by Mr Emery and Miss Horton, participated in the welcoming of Prince Edward to Liverpool at the Blue Coat Chambers in the city centre. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school and their musical performance was very well received by the royal guests.

PE: Sports Day will take place this Friday 30 June. The event will be held on the school sports field. Years 7 and 8 will participate during lessons 1 and 2 and Years 9 and 10 will participate during lessons 4 and 5.

Chemistry: The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge took place last week and a number of our Year 12 Chemistry students participated in the competition. The students should receive their results before the end of term. BMAT preparation sessions for Year 12 start this Thursday 29 June at 3:30pm and all prospective medical applicants are welcome.

French: The annual Bordeaux exchange has recently taken place, led by Mrs Jackson and the MFL department. The French students were welcomed to Blue Coat and spent time shadowing their hosts during some lessons and our students have enjoyed their visit to Bordeaux over the last few days. Thank you to parents and students who were able to offer their time as a host family for the French students during their visit.

Parents' Association

Grand summer raffle: This year's Summer Raffle will be drawn on Friday 14 July 2017.

The 'student only' raffle prize is a fantastic £300 Liverpool ONE voucher, and the main raffle prizes include Beats headphones, cash, champagne, some great vouchers and lots more!

Students have received two books of tickets via their form tutor and we look forward to announcing all of the prize winners before school finishes for the summer term.

Development Office

Tod Family Celebrations: Earlier this month we had the pleasure of welcoming back members of the Tod family, as we officially unveiled the latest addition to the school House system. Named in recognition of the longstanding contribution of the Tod family, Tod house will sit alongside Blundell, Bingham, Graham, Shirley and Styth, from September. The event provided the school with an opportunity to not only thank the family but also to illustrate their impact. Sir Alan Tod, honorary treasurer during the 1950s and his nephew Ian Tod, who also held the position from 1976 to 1991, were extremely well respected by members of the School community. The contribution of the Tod family continues to this day through the Sir Alan Tod travel scholarship scheme, which has enabled Year 12 students to enjoy educational visits to countries such as Iceland, Greece, India, France and Nigeria.

Class of 2017: We were delighted Old Blue Daniel Nicolson, from the Class of 2003, could officially welcome our latest cohort of Old Blues to our expanding international alumni network. Daniel is founder and managing director of Cleversteam, a global digital agency whose client list includes Sports England, and fellow Old Blue and Olympian Steve Parry's organisation Total Swimming. We look forward to keeping in touch with the Class of 2017 and welcoming them back to the School for their first official Old Blues event in January 2018.

