

Principal's Newsletter

5 March 2021

Dear Parents,

Just three more sleeps, as they say in Year 1. We are ready for school to begin and I refer you to the Covid-19 guidance page on our website [here](#) where you can access a copy of our risk assessment and the detailed letter from Mrs Haynes to secondary parents about routines for each year group, testing and the wearing of facemasks in the secondary phase. You can also read the latest letter to parents from Liverpool's Director of Public Health and Director of Children's Services. Year 11 and Year 13 parents will also be receiving a letter today confirming arrangements for the way the College will determine the grades at GCSE and A Level.

Mrs Doran continues her full programme of enrichment activities and you can read about some of them [here](#). My visits to the Prep and Pre Prep yesterday were particularly heartening. The staff excelled, exceeding perhaps even the pupils, in the care taken in their character costumes for World Book Day. Harry Potter stalks the hall but there were also T-rexes, various Avengers, characters from Toy Story. Mrs Roberts and I, looking at the especially energetic class playing next to the MV, briefly speculated on the things which really excite pupils: fancy dress, dress down days, and high winds! Somehow the movement of air outside the classroom can affect the energy level of the pupils inside it.



Mrs Hardisty is harvesting poetry and art for the [Liverpool Heartbeat's](#) Superhero competition.

I want to share Enzo S in Year 7's effort and submission to the judges which moved me deeply because of its spiritual maturity.

The Heart of Liverpool

You may ask one simple question.

What makes the heart of Liverpool?

Is it the fame? Is it the Community? Is it the landmarks? Is it the football club?

It may be.

Is it the people? Is it the schools? Is it the police? Or the smiling faces that greet you?

It may be.

Is it the luckiness of the rich country we are in? Or is it the fact that this city will accept anyone?

We have stopped being a family many years ago. We are now something unstoppable. You ask someone to pass the salt, and they give you soup. You know why? Because soup is better. And our most powerful tools aren't the orders that we give. But, the respect that we give no matter what. We've evolved beyond having to argue at each other.

We could live a million years, and we could spend every second of it doing important things. But at the end of all of it, we would have only lived a fraction of a normal life if we didn't get to be with each other. We have a gift that was given to us. And we'd have a hole in our heart, if we weren't with each other. Because there would be something missing from that hole. Something that was supposed to fit there. Everyone else. And if we couldn't have that, then it would be too late. We'd just stomp around to prove that we exist.

When I first went to school in Liverpool, it was scary. Because change is always scary. But then I grew into it and I wasn't so scared. I grew into it because of the friendly, welcoming community.

So you may ask one simple question.

What makes the heart of Liverpool?

And I have an answer.

Everything.

Some parents have requested copies of Intent 2022. You can read more about the process we have begun in imagining the direction of our school after the pandemic [here](#). You can request the document by sending an email to intent2022@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Mr Cook has, as ever, ambitious plans for sport in the secondary phase upon our return. While we await the starting gun for team sports, we will definitely be exercising outside during PE lessons and during games lessons. Mr Cook has studied the runes of the weather reports and recommends appropriate clothing, including bringing a few more layers to school. The last thing we want to do is to have to go inside with masks on rather than outside to exercise.

May I wish you and yours a dry, warm, and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Hans van Mourik Broekman
Principal