

### Principal's Newsletter

5 July 2024

Dear Parents,

On Monday, the governors met for the last time in this academic year. After the meeting, I was able to attend the first evening of the LC's Got Talent show taking place in the MV. The governors, including the newly elected parent governor and newly appointed foundation governor, had expressed their collective determination to keep developing the entire breadth of the LC curriculum, especially those areas which are not strictly academic but relate to our motto: not only the intellect also character.

My visit to the MV confirmed just how strong the parental, pupil and staff commitment to this broader curriculum is. We watched amazing performances on pogo sticks, with glitter and dance numbers and in the case of Jack C a professional level rendition of a Les Mis song. All this had been organized by the combined energy of the PTA, the irrepressible Ms Javeed seeming to operate both front of house and back stage with her crew of volunteers, as well as Mrs Harper, Mr Stamper, Mr Beardsmore, all the Chapter 3 and 4 teachers and a panel of Judges from the secondary phase and from the primary phase kitchen as Ms Sandra Bird also gave her verdict. The whole thing was full of the energy and verve which are a hallmark of the school.

At this time of year, the Pre Prep and Prep seem to excel in making every school day wonderful. The awards assemblies gave parents a great view of how the LC+ curriculum operates and the variety of activities every pupil engages in. This admixture of doing things together, for example all playing the ukulele, while also allowing pupils to show off and develop their individual talent was a theme of these awards assemblies. Next week we will see the senior school version of these beginning on Monday at 15.15 for Chapter 7 and then onwards each day through Chapter 10 15.15 on Thursday.

Yesterday's Primary Speech Day and Awards Ceremony is still very much in the front of our minds. Mr Bygroves and Ms Aspinall gave us a message to take forward into school life: DO WHAT'S RIGHT, PLAY AS A TEAM, NEVER GIVE UP. The pupils themselves seemed to perform in ever greater ensembles and numbers. Artie H on the trumpet, Bailey S on the piano and the primary group The Box of Frogs. There was even an embryonic staff band. Who knew that Mr Atkinson was in fact a bass player?

Next week we will also gather at the Palm House on Wednesday for another Arts evening, as this festival of performance continues in what we hope will be sunshine.

Our boarders went to Gravity Max on Thursday and had a spectacular time. We are developing a Middle School (Key Stage 3) after school club programme which we intend to use to provide every pupil with opportunities to mix with the boarders in doing some of these activities.

Congratulations to Joseph W in Chapter 12. In the national Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, which had almost 13000 entries, Joseph scored in the top 0.54%, achieving the Roentgenium Award and an invitation to attend a residential camp in Cambridge in the summer holidays. There were many other good performances in the competition including Mann FN who picked up a Gold certificate and Wesley Y, Amy P and Hannah S who gained Copper awards.



Well done and thank you to the pupils who took part in a community engagement activity in drama this week: Ava B, Roisin H, Lois H, Coco A, Sam J, Mackenzie P and Nicholas D. Mrs Harper reports:

*A small group of pupils brought joy to the residents of Larkhill Care Home this week performing songs and drama scenes. They even had a sing-a-long with the residents. A lovely time was had by all.*

Our musicians of the week:

*This week's **musicians of the week** come from the three events of the week. Monday and Tuesday's LC's Got Talent events, hosted by the PTA were fantastic showcases of the myriad of talents our pupils across the college possess. Every performance across the two evenings showed merit and the winners were selected by the judging panel and audience. Two of the musicians of the week come from these performances were pupils who had gone above and beyond what was asked. In Monday's show, Patrick C of Ch 3 wowed the audience with a fully choreographed, propped and costumed performance of 'Come Alive' from 'The Greatest Showman'. His performance was full of energy and passion and took a lot of bravery to pull off in front of such a large audience. Tuesday's show brought forth another set of musical and dramatic multiplicities and a clear stand-out was Gabby S of Ch 9 who sang a dazzling rendition of Adele's 'When We Were Young'. A shout-out must also go to Joe N of Ch10 who had three hats on at these events, that of Lighting operator, sound technician and general solver-of-tech problems.*



*The final event of the week was the Prep Awards ceremony which always showcases a variety of performances from soloists and groups to the whole school singing. One pupil who stood out at this event was Artie H of Ch 4 who played Pam Wedgewood's 'Hot Chilli' on the trumpet. Artie's*

*tuning, articulation and dynamic contrasts made for an extremely musical performance of this piece. Well done to all!*

## **PTA Update**

*Well done to all the finalists ranging from Ch3-10 who took part in the final show of LC's Got Talent*

*You were all amazing!*

*Congratulations to our winners over the 2 shows:*

*1st Prize: Will - (Pogo Will Ch4) and Harriet S (Ch5)(Singing Victoria's Secret by Jax - £100, trophy and appearance at The Arts Celebration event at the Palm house on Wednesday 10th July)*

*Our fireworks event tickets will be going on sale today at 6pm. You can take advantage of our early bird sale by purchasing our limited EB tickets on <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/liverpool-college-pta-fireworks-bonanza/2024-11-08/17:00/t-xmxdmrq>*

*We have a few selections of tea towels left. If you would like to purchase, you can do so on <https://liverpool-college-pta.sumupstore.com/>*



As we do not produce a newsletter on the last Friday of term, this will be my last newsletter of the year. This afternoon's principal's detention will also be the last. After 16 years of writing a weekly newsletter, it is difficult to have an exact count of the pages and words that have been produced but it appears substantially more than 500 newsletters have been written and more than 1000 pages of updates on school life produced in that time. My thanks to Ms Bamber my PA who turns my scribbles into something elegant and coherent. The newsletters will be shared with the Lerpoolians who are curating our archive so that they can serve as a record of some of the activities of the school during this time. I have enjoyed writing this newsletter. They are an exercise in reflecting on all the positive things that happen in one week on this campus. All the learning, all the joy, all the effort, all the progress, all the innovation and commitment. Writing the newsletter has helped me stay focused on the job that I had to do, and on the job others were doing. In the future, the College will keep on finding ways to communicate its amazing journey to you.

May I wish you a dry, restful, and restorative summer.

**Yours sincerely,**

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