

Principal's Newsletter

21 June 2024

Dear Parents,

This is more like it. A week of sunshine and outdoor activities has given us confirmation that this is in fact summer term. Indeed, there is a slight air of festival on campus this morning as so many pupils not taking exams or revising immediately ahead of them or recovering from them are out and about in the sort of learning activities at which we excel.

Today parents, grandparents and carers are gathering along the rope to watch their children at Pre Prep Sports Day. It is a time of joy. Reception pupils, guided by Chapter 6 guides, are undertaking several events such as Jelly on a Plate, Sack Race, Paddle Run etc etc. This afternoon we are expecting Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 parents. It is all organised so well and positively, and Ms Shackell continues to glue the entire thing together with her capacity to speak and commentate and direct on the microphone.

The theme of athletic competition and outdoor discovery is literally everywhere. There are the house rounder competitions in the senior school, and today our Prep School is off to play tag rugby at St Margaret's in a large festival.



Earlier in the week the primary phase pulled out all the stops for Environment Day, which for many pupils in Chapters 2-6 included explorations in Sefton Park and extra sessions of Forest School. There was also a France Olympics Day where Ms Jones donned the traditional garb of the French and pupils combined races, sprints, events and language learning. The love of learning, the energy at these events, if it could only be bottled up and sent throughout the world, would dissolve the cynicism of many.

We had good news about our phonics assessment, details of which can't be published yet, but our rigorous team teaching in this area is really bearing fruit and our pupils all made excellent progress in their phonics.

The Chapter 12 have been busy with examinations and will now be away on work experience, meaning the school is truly in examination mode as Chapter 7-10 prepare for their internal exams and we look forward to two major events next week. The Chapter 11 will have their Formal in the Palm House while Chapter 6 are off to Lakeside for their residential trip.

Mr Griffith (Head of Sixth Form) has reported that the A Level summer exam series has finally finished for our Chapter 13 students:



The final day of A-level exams has seen our Chemistry and Further Maths students in school for the last time. We are very proud of their efforts and grateful for the support of their families over these difficult weeks of intense preparation and exams.

The Further Maths students are pictured celebrating being the final six to finish with a nice ice cream!

The **musicians of the week** from Mr Bishop:

There are so many pupils in Godwyn during break and lunch times practising for end of term events including the PTA LC's Got Talent and the Expressive Arts Awards Cafe. Miss Clark is in the midst of preparations for end of term events in the Primary Phase - our musicians are truly 'working right to the end' across both phases of the school. It's proving increasingly tricky to choose just one or even a few musicians of the week.

However, two drummers have stood out. In the Primary Phase, Jonah F has been outstanding in rehearsals for the Primary Phase Big Sing - accompanying the entire primary phase in their collective performance in their upcoming Speech Day. Similarly, in the Secondary Phase, Riley A (Ch 9) is to be found in the recording studio almost every morning practising the drums, advancing his skills in technique and improvisation. His playing is at an advanced level due to his dedication to practice and we look forward to hearing him perform with The Staggs at the forthcoming end of term events.



Our **artist of the week** this week is Myar B (Ch12) - *St George's Hall and St John's Gardens*.
Gouache



Mrs Harper has sent details of an end of term event to look forward to:

*Tickets are now on sale for the **'Arts Celebration Evening'** at The Palm House, Wednesday 10th July, 6pm.*

The Arts Celebration Evening is an event that will showcase the incredible talents of our students in the fields of music, drama, dance, and visual arts.

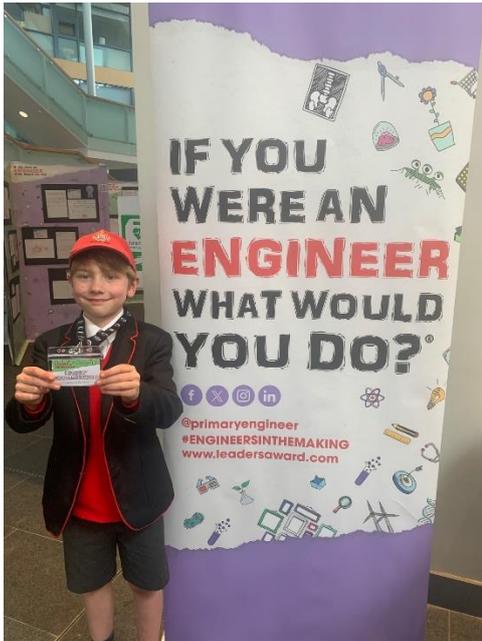
Tickets are available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DPBG>

It's been a hugely successful week for College pupils at various engineering and STEM competitions as Mrs Doran reports:



Congratulations to Heidi B and Riley A in Chapter 9 who are the new MSC North West Science and Technology champions of 2024! Travelling to Liverpool Hope University, the participating pupils worked in pairs alongside other schools and took part in a full day of challenging workshops, each targeting a different aspect of STEM. The most challenging was perhaps that involving the programming of Mindstorms robots to navigate a predetermined course. The winners will now go forward to the National STEM Championships next term! A massive well done to all involved.

And:



Beating over 70,000 students nationwide, Liverpool College pupils celebrated massive success on Wednesday in a national Engineering competition.

Pupils had to identify a problem they had observed in real life, invent a solution to that problem, illustrate and annotate their creation, promote their product through a descriptive 'Pitch Letter' and meet a real engineer. We had over 750 students participating in this incredible creative thinking design engineering competition.

This year Liverpool College had ten year-group category winners and a further ten runner-up highly commended entries - the highest number from any one school in the entire North West!

- *The Winning Young Engineers were: Alexander D (Ch3), Julia V D H and Sienna S (Ch7), Orla D and Tanvir H (Ch8), Aiden H and Bailie H (Ch9) and Jeffrey L and Orla C (Ch10)*
- *Runner Up 'Highly Commended' awards were: Jack G (Ch2), Noah M (Ch4), Mia F and Noah J (Ch7), Darren M and Arad E (Ch8), Lois H and Amy G (Ch9) and Jack T and Charlie P (Ch10).*

Well done to all who entered this year - the standard from Liverpool College was described as absolutely phenomenal by the judges!

Mrs Doran has information on many more Wilton Scholar events, competitions, and amazing learning opportunities enjoyed by pupils on the school's website news page – [click here](#) to find out more!

This week a group of pupils and students in the secondary phase have had the opportunity to train as Peer Mental Health Mentors. Mrs Scott (College Mental Health Coordinator) explains:

I am thrilled to announce that a group of our students from Chapters 8-12 have successfully completed the MYA TOTEM training program and are now certified peer mental health mentors!

The TOTEM program, which stands for "Talking Openly To Embrace Mental Health," provides pupils and students with the skills and knowledge to become confident peer mentors with a specific focus on mental health and emotional well-being.



Over two intensive days of training, our students learned how to support their peers, promote mental health awareness, and tackle stigma within our school community.

These newly trained mentors will play a crucial role in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment at our school. They are now equipped to provide their classmates with valuable support and guidance, helping to create a safe space where everyone feels heard and understood.

We are incredibly proud of these pupils and students for their dedication and commitment to improving mental health within our school. Their efforts will undoubtedly make a positive impact on our community, promoting resilience, understanding, and a sense of belonging for all.

Please join us in congratulating our new peer mental health mentors for their hard work and for taking on this important role. We look forward to seeing the positive changes they will bring to our school.



PTA Update - LC's Got Talent Tickets!

Tickets for the talent show are now on sale:

- *Show 1 (finalists Ch3&4) Monday 1st July 7-9.30pm*
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/t-eamjzlg>
- *Show 2 (finalists Ch5-13) Tuesday 2nd July 7-9:30pm*
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/t-avmagpl>

Feedback needed: *We are looking for feedback as to how we do our discos for primary and looking to trial out "Silent Discos". Please see our newsletter for more information.*

A reminder from Mrs Crook (SENCO) about the virtual group drop-in advisory sessions in June offered by the Liverpool ASD Training Team. These are for parents who have early concerns of social communication/social interaction difficulties or whose children have a referral/diagnosis of ASD. [Click here](#) to find out more information.

It may be difficult to revise this weekend for some pupils, but I hope they can combine enjoyment of summer with preparation for some summative assessments which will reveal to them and to us how much they have learned and how well they are progressing.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal