
LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

4 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the sun shines down on campus, both literally and metaphorically, and we say farewell to staff and pupils for a well-earned break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support to make the College community the very best that it can be.



This was very much evident at our fantastic celebration of the diversity of our school at Tuesday's Cultural Diversity Day where the Sports Hall came alive with music, food, flags, fun, facts and displays from over 30 countries of our pupils' heritages. Both students and staff, particularly Ms Kelly and Ms Green, worked hard to create an impressively positive and enjoyable event. Thank you also to all those parents and carers that were able to visit the stalls and celebrate with the pupils before the start of the school day.





More photographs from the day at the end of the newsletter

Secondary staff and pupils walked to Mossley Hill Parish Church this morning to attend a beautiful Easter Service, the highlight of which was the singing from both our Chamber Choir and separately from a group of three pupils. It is most admirable to not only have the confidence to be able to stand up and perform in front of your peers, but to also do it to such a high standard.



Prior to my church visit today I was in the primary phase to applaud the fabulous Easter Bonnet and Hat parade. Such amazing creativity adorned the heads of our youngest pupils, from spring flowers to Easter Bunnies to cotton ball lambs.



I also enjoyed attending this week our latest pupil led reflection, this time on Somalia and Somaliland.

A big thank you to all the pupils and students from our Anti-Racism group, along with Ms Kelly and Miss Green, who have contributed to these wonderful series of reflections this term which have educated, dispelled misconceptions and stereotypes and celebrated cultures and heritages.

Mr Griffith has shared details of an educational visit that our Sixth Form students were involved in this week:



Over twenty of our Chapter 12 biology students attended an event at Liverpool John Moores University this week where they worked with the staff from the Research Centre for Brain Behaviour. The students looked at many different aspects of neuroscience including the functions of the nervous system of the skin as well as visual illusions which prevent overstimulation whereby the brain creates shortcuts and fills gaps based on past experience. The students had a great experience and wish to offer their thanks to Miss Shaw for organising and leading the event.

Congratulations to our 1st XV rugby team who played in the final of the Lancashire Plate competition on Wednesday, as Mr Cartwright reports:

Well done to the 1st XV. Although they were defeated, they played valiantly, all the way to the final whistle. As this is the last match of the season and for Ch13 players their last match representing Liverpool College, we would like to say a particular well done Christian for motivating and leading the squad, as well as the commitment from all of the players in Ch11, 12 and 13. Thanks also to the supporters for giving up their time. Last, but absolutely not least, a HUGE congratulations and thank you to Mr Heeley for his coaching, time, commitment and belief in the team.

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



Following on from last week's production, this week has seen pupils in Ch7 and above engaged with rehearsals for the forthcoming evening of Jazz, a bake sale to raise money for new microphones, today's Lent services at Mossley Hill Church and various musical items in the end of term celebration assembly.

We must thank Grace M, Sophia C, Grace K, Leo P, Joseph W, Joy L, Roberto V, Ines NM, Hannah D, and Luke P for organising and running such a successful bake sale and thanks to all pupils who donated cakes and other items.

The chamber choir gave a haunting performance of 'Were you there' during the Lent service, a real poignant moment, but real recognition must go to Lois H, Poppy M and Amy G who performed 'Reckless Love'. We wish all our musicians a peaceful break.

Ms Gimeno and Ms Kelly are currently on a trip to Valencia with our 6th form Spanish students. Ms Gimeno reports that they are having a wonderful time and has shared some

photos from the trip.



Ms Jones reports on an excellent trip by our Debating Team last weekend:

Mr Barnicoat and I took 11 students to Durham to compete in the Durham Schools' Debate Competition. We were one of only 4 non-selective schools competing, and the only English non-selective school to break into the quarter-finals.

The teams worked very hard and held their own against Grammar and Public Schools from across England and Scotland. Solomon W (C13) and Patrick S (C13) broke through to the quarter-finals after placing 2nd in two rounds and 1st in two rounds (scoring a total of 10 points). Well done to both, especially to Solomon, who was competing for the first time at Durham Schools!

Hannah S (C13) and Zaenab R (C13) performed consistently across the rounds, placing 2nd in four consecutive rounds of debates, narrowly missing out on a quarter-finals place with a score of 9. A worthy way to end their Liverpool College Debating career. Highlights included watching Hannah use the phrase 'hermeneutical injustice' correctly, a concept she had been taught the day before by one of the judges!

Friederike S (C13) and Ismail A H (C11) scored a total of 6 points, placing 2nd in two of their debates. They both spoke with clarity and consideration in the debates and eagerly sought feedback from judges to improve their skills.

Finally, our novice team of Alicja W (C9) and Cori D (C9) scored 4 points and bagged 2nd place in the fourth round. They have been attending debate club since September 2024, so to have the confidence to take part in a national debating competition against much older students is praiseworthy. Highlights included beating two Year 13 students from Dulwich College! Watching their confidence (and competence) grow throughout the competition was a joy to witness!

Accompanying the team were three keen C9 students (Alexandra F, Marina V M and Nuoor A T) who watched every debate, supported the team, and learned a lot. This will serve them well next academic year when they start competing!

An excellent trip - and for most of our Debating team, their last. We thank them for the hard work, passion and enthusiasm they have given to Debating at Liverpool College.

Well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to Ms Jones and Mr Barnicoat who gave up their weekend to enable our students to enjoy this opportunity.

Our **artist of the week** is Zothile B (Ch10)



A reminder that the new term begins for all pupils on Wednesday 23 April. For pupils in the secondary phase, this will be Week A.

Many of our pupils, parents and staff will be marking significant religious celebrations during the holiday period. Happy Passover to all our Jewish families and staff - we hope you will have a blessed holiday. May I also wish all the Christian members of our College community a blessed holy week and Easter.

I hope that you and your families enjoy a peaceful, sunny and restful break.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs A Haynes
Principal**

Cultural Diversity Day

