
LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

10 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! And what a cold and icy start to the new year it has been! Thank you to parents and carers who have braved the icy conditions to ensure children have arrived at school safely despite the difficult travelling conditions. Your support in helping us to keep the College open for all pupils every day this week is much appreciated. I also need to extend my thanks to our estates team, led by Mr Peel (Estates Manager), for going that additional mile every day in the dark and frosty early mornings to ensure that the site is safe and able to open at the usual time.

The term began for all staff on Monday with an INSET Day which included professional development on children's reading skills, adaptive teaching and enhanced rigour around pedagogical approaches in the classroom. We also welcomed the Anthony Walker Foundation who delivered an informative and thought-provoking anti-racism session to all staff. As I reported last term, the Anthony Walker Foundation have been working with a group of Chapter 8 pupils to become anti-racism pupil ambassadors for the school. Liverpool College is now one of 12 schools in the north-west working towards the Anthony Walker Foundation's Anti-Racism Award and I look forward to sharing with you more on this over the forthcoming weeks. Also, on Monday 13 January we are hosting a lecture delivered by Leeds Beckett University's Centre for Race, Education and Decoloniality (CRED) entitled 'CRED – a historical context in Liverpool' which will explore racism as a legacy of transatlantic slavery.



This week has also seen the first lessons in our impressive new Morris Building. The estates, IT and cleaning teams worked hard over the holiday period to ensure the suite of bright and welcoming classrooms were all ready to welcome pupils on the first day back. Staff and pupils have readily and enthusiastically adopted the routines and structures to ensure this building remains a high-quality learning environment for many years to come.



As we look forward to Chapter 11 pupils beginning their GCSE mock examinations next week, the Chapter 13s have had their first official external results this week with their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) results. I am delighted to share that these results were outstanding and demonstrated a significant improvement in grades on previous years, particularly at the top end with a doubling in the number of students attaining the maximum A* grade at over 15% of entries. EPQ grades make a significant contribution to UCAS points and university offers so a huge well done to students and to the whole Sixth Form team for all their hard work. I look forward to congratulating many of the students personally at their Parents' Evening next Wednesday, 15 January.



Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 pupils meanwhile thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Chester Zoo this week. Thank you to the PTA for providing the tickets.

We didn't have a chance to recognise some sporting achievements at the end of last term.

Mr Muscatelli reports on the success of the Ch11 football team in the National Cup in the last week of last term:

After a fiercely fought, and frightfully cold, cup match, they have made it to the final 32 of the National Cup.

They drew with St Edmund Arrowsmith of Wigan, 3-3, and the game ended up going to penalties. Jack P, who had played in goal for the whole game, stepped up and scored the winning penalty to make it 7-6.

Once again, the Ch11 players showed graciousness in victory and were quick to shake the hands of each opponent and their coach.

Congratulations to the whole team for their success, commitment and excellent attitude.

While the Ch7 rugby team narrowly lost their final match of the term on Saturday 14 December, Mr Bijster shared that it was an impressive display of teamwork and commitment:

From 4 tries down, the game finished 4 - 3 with one disallowed right before the final whistle.

The squad rallied, worked together and showed immense progress from where we started in September. Specific impressions from the opposition coach went to Nnamdi I and Cassius A, but man of the match was awarded to Louis D for constant, exceptional and fearless tackling and counter-rucking; a defensive masterclass!

Well done Chapter 7!

Mr Bishop has identified this week's musician of the week:



*Ch 7 pupils are finishing up their 'four-chord song' unit and this week has seen many interesting and different creative performances. This week's **Musician of the Week** is Jude M (Ch 7) who performed his own song, accompanying himself on the ukulele. His confidence in performance was a good demonstration that pupils are continuing to gain confidence and continuing to emerge from the days of the pandemic when performing to an audience was not permitted.*

May I wish you a warm and dry weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haynes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and a period at the end.

**Mrs A Haynes
Principal**