
LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

13 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write this about to travel north to drop my son off to start the next stage of his life at university. Many parents will be doing the same over the next few weeks and it is a welcome reminder of our core purpose of preparing young people for success in the next stage of their lives, in whatever form this takes. Never has the quote "the days are long but the years are short" resonated quite so strongly.

This week has seen a continuation of the positive start to the school year. Despite the surprising September downpours and drop in temperatures, the pupils have been enjoying plenty of outside time be it on the sports field in games lessons, playing with others in the impressive Opal Play in the primary phase or socialising with their peers during break and lunchtimes. We are committed to ensuring plenty of outside time for all our pupils and have abandoned the concept of 'wet play' to try to encourage children to be in the fresh air whatever the weather. For this reason, can I take this opportunity to remind parents to ensure that their sons and daughters bring in suitable outdoor clothing. This includes wellies in the primary phase so that they can go outside despite any puddles! The full uniform list can be found [here](#) but essentially a plain black outdoor coat is needed now that summer is becoming an increasingly distant memory. We also have reflective strips that can be worn over black coats as I know many parents may be concerned as the evenings draw in.



I was delighted to represent Liverpool College along with our Head Boy (George W) and Head Girl (Hannah S) and other school leaders and CCF representatives at Liverpool Cathedral last night for the presentation of the Ceremonial Sword of our former pupil Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse VC and Bar, MC to Liverpool Cathedral. It was a beautiful service with exquisite singing from the Cathedral Choir, the Turning of the Leaves of the Memorial Books of the King's Regiment and a display of First World War medical equipment, as well as the formal sword presentation. A particular highlight for me was the bagpipe playing and the lone

piper's rendition of The Lament. Our thanks to The Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association for extending an invitation for us to join them on this very special occasion.

We look forward to returning to Liverpool Cathedral for our own Founders' Day Service on Friday 11 October at 12pm. As I mentioned last week, school will be closed that day with no lessons in any part of the school. Further information about arrangements will be sent to parents nearer the time.

There were large crowds at our Chapter 7 Open Evening on Wednesday and the campus, staff, classrooms and facilities were highly praised by those visiting. The highest praise and compliments however were for all our pupils who accompanied the touring prospective parents and pupils. Sincere thanks to all those pupils who gave up their valuable free time to be such positive ambassadors for the College.

Each week in this newsletter we highlight some of the amazing art our pupils and students produce through our **Artist of the Week** award.

Today's artist of the week, nominated by Ms McWatt, is Sophia C (Ch12)



*Coffee
Biro
Colour Pencil
Creating sketchbook covers*

As I mentioned at the Chapter Information Evenings last week, parental communication is always valued and we work hard to ensure that all our parental details and permissions are up to date. To this end can I ask that you check your details on MCAS to ensure that they are correct.



Even Better

Our 'LC Even Better' postings on social media continue to be popular, especially our school dog Elsie's 5th birthday celebrations!

This year we intend to increase the number of good news stories on our social media platforms. Please follow LC_Even Better on Facebook, Instagram and X! We would like to include more photographs of our pupils taking part in the wonderful array of activities that we offer here at the College. In order to do this, we need parental consent. Please visit the consent facility within MCAS and tick the social media consent button. If you have any questions or issues with MCAS, please email mcas@liverpoolcollege.org.uk.

The senior school pupils are to be commended for their adherence to our mobile phone policy of locking them away daily. I have every confidence that this will continue throughout the year so thank you for your support.

Our Catering Manager, Mr Valentine, has asked me to highlight that the lunch menus in primary and secondary for this term, along with the secondary price list, are available to view on the Catering page on the school website – please [click here](#).

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has received information from the Liverpool ASD Training Team about a number of upcoming events for parents. Please click on the links below to find out more:

- ASD Course (for parents whose child has an ASD diagnosis): [16-18 October](#) and [28-30 October](#)
- Social Communication and Social Behaviour Workshops: [27 September & 4 October](#), [14 & 21 October](#) and [31 October & 1 November](#)

Update from the PTA



- Tickets are on sale for our **PTA Fireworks Bonanza** on Friday 8 November: purchases can be made from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/liverpool-college-pta-fireworks-bonanza/2024-11-08/17:00/t-xmxdmrq>
- **Chapter 7 - Get to know your class event:** at Hollywood Bowling: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/t-qjjpgavr>
- The **PTA AGM** is on Tuesday 17 September at 7pm (on Microsoft Teams) - this is open to all staff and parents to come and choose their new committee or re-elect the existing one. This is also the perfect chance to speak about PTA's future plans for 24/25 and what PTA has done for the school. Teams link for the meeting is available from the PTA newsletter (sent by MCAS).

More information about each event is available on the weekly PTA newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support. May I wish you and yours a pleasant and restful 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**