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# LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

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## Principal's Newsletter

14 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write part of this week's newsletter from the ASCL school leaders conference here in Liverpool where educators from across the country are gathering today and tomorrow to discuss the key challenges facing the education of young people.



This morning, the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson MP, and Sir Martyn Oliver, Ofsted's Chief Inspector, gave rousing speeches but it was a current Headteacher and this year's ACSL President, Manny Botwe who was without doubt the most inspirational and the one which resonated most strongly with me. He talked of the pride he has in his role working with young people, the privilege he feels of being a school leader and, amusingly stealing a phrase from elsewhere, talked about "Making Education Great Again", comically referring to it as MEGA.

He also talked passionately about the challenges facing schools and young people of today, including financial pressures and poverty, SEND needs, disadvantage, and the pressures of social media. And he was convincing in his propagation of the solution lying in working together to support one another, to build a sense of community and belonging and the phrase 'enforced decency' in the shared responsibility in working with parents and carers to create the best possible opportunities for all the young people on our care.

Regular readers of our school newsletters will know what a busy school we are with the wonderful variety of learning and enrichment activities taking place every day in and outside of the classroom in every part of the College. On occasion, as in all schools, however there

will also be accidents or incidents or other disruptions that happen and in these situations staff follow the robust policies and procedures that we have in place to keep everyone safe. Unfortunately, on occasions in schools as in society as a whole, rumours and misinformation, particularly on grouped social media, can often quickly spread. This has the unfortunate consequence of causing unnecessary alarm and anxiety for both pupils and parents. Please be assured that you will be contacted immediately if your child has been involved in any incidents at school. Importantly, in line with all schools and particularly in society at present, should a serious event or incident occur, or if there is an event that we feel impacts on the whole school community, we have robust and reviewed policies and procedures in place. This includes communicating directly with parents to keep you informed. To this end can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to check their contact details on MCAS to ensure all communication reaches you swiftly and appropriately. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure our school is a vibrant, safe and supportive place of learning.

Back at school we are looking forward to the Iftar meal organized by the Muslim Student Experience. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring together members of the whole College community to share the experience of this month. Thank you to all the students and staff involved in the organisation of the event.

It's been a busy week in Forest School for our primary pupils as Mrs Dutton (Forest School Leader) describes:



*This week in forest school we made bread! The children loved it. We rolled out our pre-made dough (thanks to Mrs Marweld) and wrapped it around sticks that we had whittled the week before. We lit a fire and the children toasted it until it was cooked through. The most fun part was eating it!*

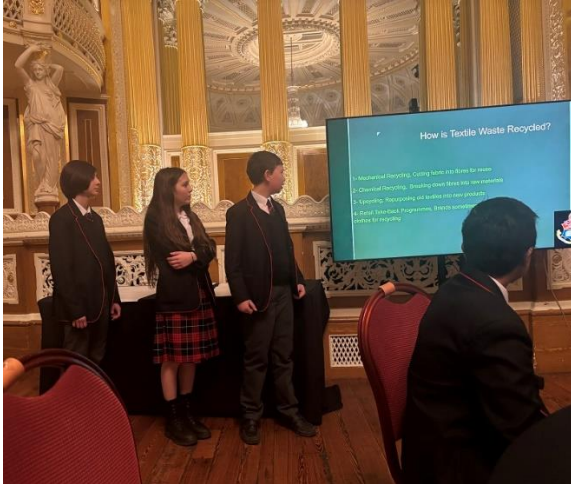
Ms Whittell and Mrs Watson have shared a report on the latest work of the Eco Committee:



*We are delighted to be able to share an update with you from the Schools' Climate Assembly 2025, which took place on Wednesday 26 February, and which representatives of the Eco Committee participated in.*

*The Assembly was held at St. George's Hall and was hosted by Liverpool World Centre. At the event, our Eco Ambassadors presented findings from their research into textile waste to representatives from other schools, as well as experts and leaders in the*

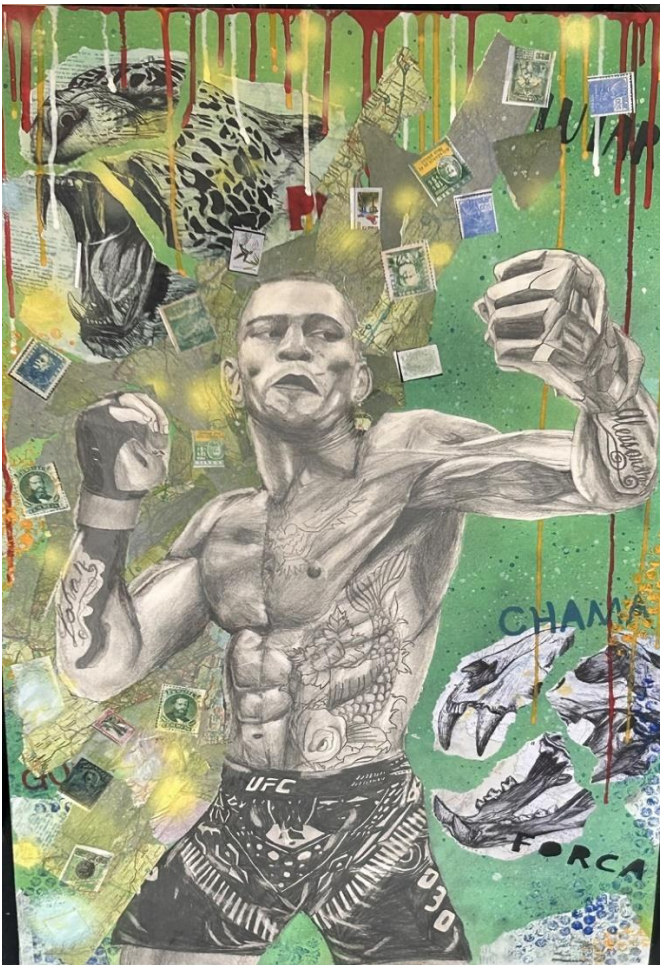
field of sustainability.



*Our representatives engaged enthusiastically and thoughtfully with these experts as they worked together to plan next steps in Liverpool College's sustainability journey.*

*We are very proud of these pupils and we're looking forward to them feeding back to their peers and taking this important work further as the year continues!*

The **artist of the week** this week is Leon M (Chapter 13)



*"Warrior" Collage mixed media on board*

**Our musician of the week:** Chapter 7 pupils are currently learning to perform the 12-Bar Blues, including walking bassline and improvisation. Mabel Mc-R performed the whole thing confidently and fluently in today's lesson - well done Mabel! Next step, improvisation!



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Attendance as we have often highlighted is the essential ingredient of consistent and good progress and pupils cannot benefit from the fantastic learning opportunities we provide every day at Liverpool College if they are not here. When arranging holidays or trips, we ask that parents carefully check the school term dates before making any arrangements. The **terms dates** for this academic year and next academic are available to view on the school website through the Quick Links section or by [clicking here](#).

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.

**Mrs A Haynes  
Principal**