

Principal's Newsletter

17 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the melting of the ice and snow and the arrival of some beautiful winter sunshine the new term continues apace.

Having sat their mock examinations with such diligence before Christmas, Chapter 13 has been a focus for the College this week as I have been meeting with Heads of Faculty to discuss the mock results and determine appropriate interventions to give our students the best possible chance of success in the summer. Your support in the forthcoming challenging months for our eldest students is appreciated and this was evident in the Chapter 13 Parents' Evening on Wednesday when over 80% of parents had face to face appointments with the subject teachers. Thanks also to parents and carers for responding to the persistence of our Chapter 12 students in completing the parental survey. This is part of our efforts to enhance and facilitate communication with parents and carers with the aim to make Liverpool College the best it can possibly be for the children in our care. Your feedback, and particularly the very many positive comments, is much appreciated.

We were delighted to welcome CRED (Leeds Beckett University's Centre for Race, Education and Decoloniality) to Liverpool College this week for a presentation to Liverpool schools on the history of Liverpool's links with the slave trade. Mr Mike Boyle, a Liverpool social and economic historian, gave a fascinating lecture titled 'Liverpool's role in Transatlantic Slavery and Its Legacy' that covered not only hundreds of years of history but also how that history shapes the Liverpool of today, a valuable education for anyone connected to the city.

I also met with senior leaders this week to hear the progress they have been making with their priorities for this academic year and was delighted by the many initiatives taking place throughout the College, particularly around reading and inclusion. I do hope that you are aware of the many activities taking place every day across the campus, including class reading, pupil led groups from eco-awareness to anti-racism and Empower, our girls' group, mini class tests for retrieval practice, pupil surveys around homework and the opening of the new build classrooms. We will continue to work on how we can more effectively share with you the remarkably varied daily life of all our pupils at Liverpool College.

As we work together to ensure the safety of children in our care there are occasions when we need to check pupils' belongings for potential contraband, including banned mobile phones. Often this will serve to clear a pupil's name when someone has reported to us a genuine concern that 'xxx has brought xxx into school'. Pupils are most often very cooperative and all middle and senior leaders have had training in expectations, policy and practice when it comes to searching pupils' belongings. Information about searches has always been included in our behaviour policy (section 8.6 of the policy), and we would like to inform you about an update to the policy in terms of the type of communication you will receive in the event that a search of your child's belongings takes place. Parents and carers will always be informed of a search and this will be done via MCAS with a brief comment as to why the search has taken place (called a 'belongings security check' on MCAS). A member of staff will telephone you only when a prohibited item is found. We have also added some further clarity to the behaviour policy with an addition in section 8.4 on 'communication with parents and carers' in the event of a sanction being issued to a pupil. Please take a moment to review the updated policy on our school website – [click here](#) to access the policy. Thank you for your continued support.

Next week I am very much looking forward to welcoming Lord Derby to the College to preside at the Liverpool College Foundation's AGM. The Foundation provides a great deal of support to the school, particularly financial support, that enables us to undertake innovative plans and promote educational excellence, such as through our Wilton Scholars programme, as well as keeping our facilities updated.

More congratulations this week for our Chapter 11 football team as they progress further in the National Cup as Mr Muscatelli reports:

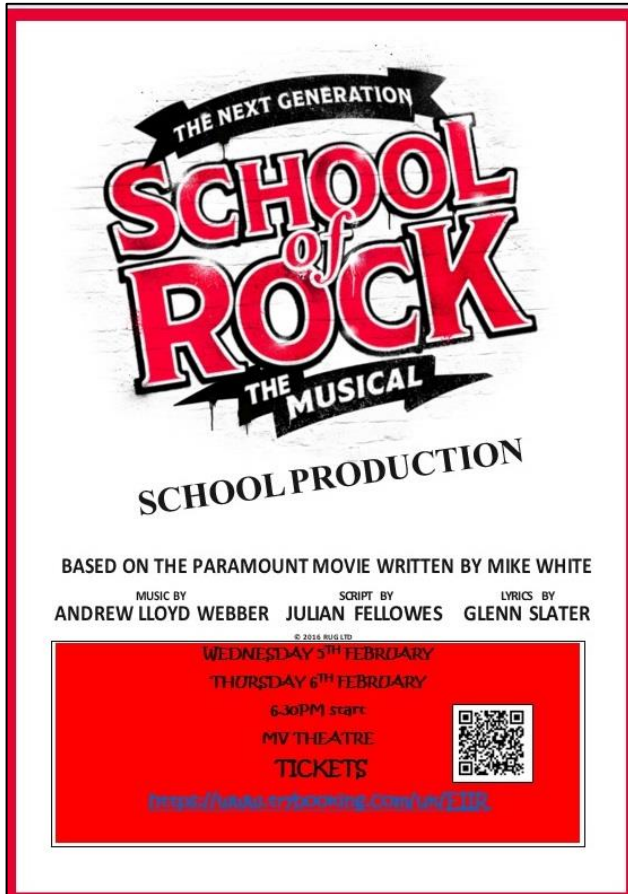


Congratulations to the U16 football team, who took a break from their GCSE mock examinations to reach the next round of the ESFA National Cup.

The team were in the unfamiliar position of going a goal down against a strong, imposing Sandbach squad but remained calm and trusted their own, and their teammates', abilities.

After half time, they started to impose their dominance, show their class and overturned the deficit to run out 2-1 winners. It was a pleasure to watch from the sidelines.

Congratulations to every member of the squad, good luck in the next round..... and your mocks.



SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS, GET OUT THOSE BOOKS, AND TUNE THAT GUITAR— Let's get ready to rock!

It's time for Liverpool College pupils to showcase their amazing talents in our secondary phase musical 'School of Rock!' taking place in the MV Theatre on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 February at 6.30pm.

Tickets are now on sale – don't miss out!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EIIR>



Mr Harvey reports on a new series of LC Press podcasts:

Primary Prefects have been participating in the College Podcast: LC Radio this week. It was a great opportunity for them as they got to answer questions about their time, journey and experience in the Prep School.

Their episode will be released on LC Press: www.lcpres.org.uk in the podcast tab and on Spotify too!

A massive well done to all prefects who took part, some of the questions weren't easy! Keep an eye out for more pupil episodes in the future!

Our **artist of the week** this week is Ethan G (Chapter 9) with his final piece for his Mersey arts Scene project. Paint and pen.



This week's **musician of the week** is Christian D (Ch 7) for his flawless solo performance on the ukulele in his music lesson this week. His playing was confident, contained a variety of strumming patterns and was a real joy to listen to. Well done Christian!



May I wish you and yours a pleasant and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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**Mrs A Haynes
Principal**