

Principal's Newsletter

24 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the strong winds blow with gusto around the campus during what could be a miserable third week of January, I am delighted to have many positive things to share with you this newsletter.

It was a pleasure to welcome members of the Liverpool College Foundation for their AGM this week and to be able to share some of the wonderful aspects of College life that the Foundation have kindly contributed to, including the delightful 'Sarah's Library' in PrePrep, the Wilton Scholar's programme and recent anti-racism training for both staff and pupils from the Anthony Walker Foundation.

Reading remains one of our foci at the College and I was delighted to bump into a steady stream of Chapter 12 volunteers heading to the PrePrep to read aloud to our youngest learners. This is a true reflection of the benefit of our 'all-throughness' and the power of a good book to bring people together.

Next week I look forward to taking Prep reflection on Monday, joining Chapters 11 and 13 as they take a break from their studies on Tuesday to have their year group photographs, and welcoming parents and carers of Chapter 10 pupils on site for their parents' evening.

As you will probably be aware, this Monday (27 January) is Holocaust Memorial Day. This year will also mark the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. This international day remembers the 6 million Jewish people killed in the Holocaust. It also remembers the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution and in genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Darfur and Bosnia. You can find out more information on The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust's website [here](#). Pupils will be marking the occasion in school during LC+ time.

Congratulations to the 1st XV rugby team who progressed to the final of the Lancashire Plate competition this week. Read the match report on our website [here](#).

Well done also to our Sixth Form physicists as Miss Yates reports:

Chapter 13 students have recently competed in the Physics Olympiad. This involved online zoom preparation sessions by Oxford University and sitting a 200-minute-long exam full of complex problem-solving questions in Physics.



Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and as a school we had two notable outstanding achievements. Mann N achieved a gold award, putting him within the top 12.8% of entrants from the UK and overseas and Joseph W achieved a 'Top Gold' award, the highest possible award, putting him within the top 4.8%. Congratulations to both the above students, and all who entered, the Physics department are very impressed!

Parents particularly in the secondary phase will know about the careers advice, events and opportunities that are available to our pupils through Mrs Drew's regular newsletter ([click here](#) to access the careers newsletter on our website). I've included below a sample of some of the opportunities that pupils and students have been able to participate in this week as part of our LC+ curriculum:

Mrs Drew reports:



Chapter 9 pupils attended a small careers event in school run by the Liverpool Women's Hospital to give our pupils information about careers away from the medical wards. Our pupils had the opportunity to speak to the finance, computer coding, procurement departments and watch a demonstration of how to use a handheld doppler to listen to a baby's heartbeat from one of the hospital's midwives'. Our pupils learned so much in such a short time; one student told me she didn't know she could work in finance in a hospital, and it had given her something to think about.

Meanwhile on Wednesday, a number of music scholars and theatre tech pupils visited Adlib Audio for careers workshops and hands-on demonstrations of their equipment used for on-location events. The workshops were designed to give pupils insight into every aspect of events, from planning, stage management, artist management, finance, sound, lighting, AV, Front of House and much more.

Max M (Ch9) said "I learned a lot about how the technology behind



sound and lighting for live music gigs has evolved over the years and lots of behind the scenes information about how different effects are achieved. I got to see the production of equipment used to achieve these various effects up close.

We got to experiment and try out state of art equipment like microphones, headphones and lighting. The best bit was getting to steer the spot light and getting free merch; hats, badges, lanyards, pens and other things. It was educational and boss."

Mrs Doran added that: "Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with the 'demonstration of sound systems', hands-on lighting zone and the 'tips and tricks of video editing live music concerts' delivered by a professional videographer, named as students' favourite moments of the day."

A thoroughly enjoyable trip for the pupils!

Mrs Webb has sent a fantastic report on the efforts of our Cross Country runners this week – well done to everyone who took part:



Seven athletes from Chapter 7 and 8 travelled to Formby High School on Friday 17 January to compete for Liverpool College in the Merseyside Schools Cross-Country Race.

There was also the added opportunity of being selected for the forthcoming English Schools National Cross-Country Championships and the Inter-County XC Challenge Race.

These athletes have continued to train with their club throughout the Winter months and did not give a second thought to having to race in the snow or rain.

Congratulations to the following students who raced tremendously well and whom we are all incredibly proud of.

- Chapter 7 - Harry R - 21st, Mya T - 22nd and Emmie T - 25th
- Chapter 8 - Beau R - 5th, Mia F - 9th, Lottie H - 20th, Ezra D - 37th

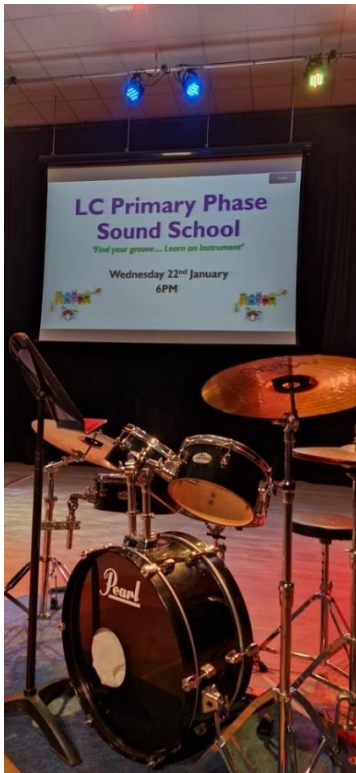
Special mention must go to the Chapter 8 athletes who competed against students a year older than them; as well as to Beau R who has already been automatically selected to compete for Merseyside in both the Inter-County XC against Cheshire and the English Schools National XC Championships being held in West Sussex.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the parents who kindly provided transport to the event.



The final two school cross-country races are scheduled and students who may wish to compete will be informed of the date and venue nearer to the time.

This week's **musicians of the week** are our primary phase pupils who performed at the LC Primary Phase Sound School Instrumental Showcase on Wednesday - the first time they have showcased their talents to an audience. Miss Clark writes:



Under the lights, the MV Hall came to life on Wednesday evening when our talented children shared the progress they have made on their chosen instruments and voices. There was wide array of instruments and musical styles as children from Chapter 2 to 6 shared their performances for a fantastically receptive audience!

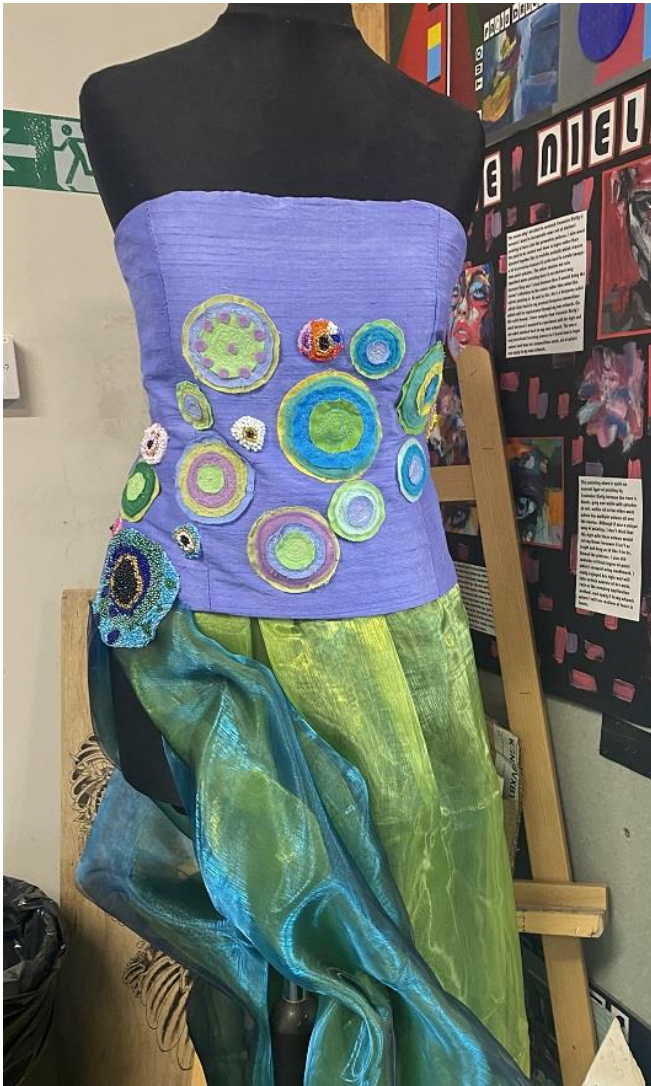
It was a joy to see so many enthusiastic performances, with highlights at every turn. Our new violinists showed exceptional technique and control, some played on multiple instruments, others performed for the first time and others battled colds and flu to attend and perform!

The children approached the evening with enjoyment and professionalism and there was not a nerry hand or lung in the room!

A huge congratulations to all the children and we are looking forward to the next Showcase, which is taking place on Wednesday 30 April! You don't want to miss it! We have shared just some of the many wonderful moments from the evening below.



Our **artist of the week** this week is Millie M (Ch13) -



Hand dyed, beaded, free machined and pattern constructed on the stand.

Silk, cotton and organza.

A reminder from Mrs Crook (SENCO) that we are hosting a workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour led by the Liverpool ASD training team on 5 and 12 February (both session dates need to be attended). If you wish to attend please contact Mrs Crook (kcrook@liverpoolcollege.org.uk). You can find out more about the workshops [here](#).

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

Yours sincerely,

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Principal