

Principal's Newsletter

25 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A short week but a busy one! The Summer Term began on Tuesday with a staff training day where all staff focused on safeguarding training and this year's key priorities of the Sixth Form, inclusive practices and adaptive teaching, SEND provision and developing wider and better readers across the College. Primary staff also very much enjoyed demonstrating our new Opal Play equipment in the primary phase, excelling in their physical efforts creating a demonstration video for the children!

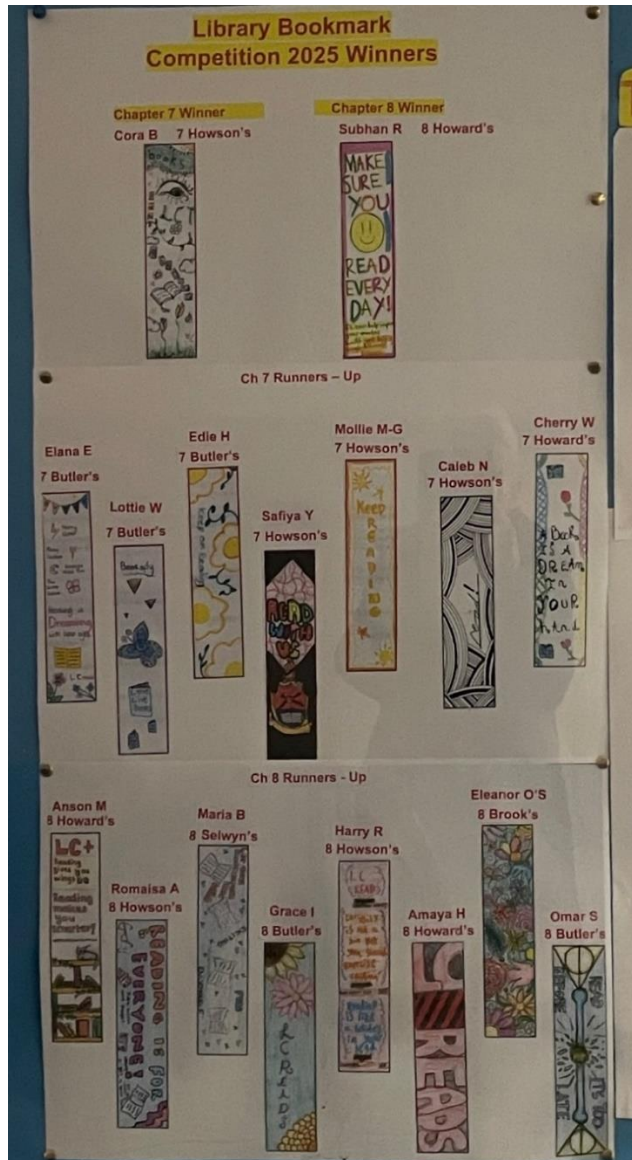
I was also able to thank our operational staff who work through the holidays to make improvements to our campus. A thank you also to those staff who gave up their time to take trips or run revision sessions for our exam pupils in Ch6, Ch11 and Ch13 during the holiday period.

Musical events feature highly in forthcoming days as I am very much looking forward to the Jazz Evening tonight, as well as the primary summer instrumental showcase next week. Thank you to both staff and students for their hard work preparing for these events.

This will be a very busy term with the external exam season about to start in full flow. It is a term that carries great weight for all our pupils as they prepare to transition to the next Chapter of their schooling, and especially for those in Chapters 6, 11 and 13 as they face the external validation of their learning. But it is also an exciting time as we look ahead to next year and our plans to build on the many academic, pastoral, operational and cultural achievements so far this year. This work includes a busy few upcoming weeks of candidate visits and interviews for new teaching and leadership roles in September.

Chapter 13 student Joseph W is celebrating the amazing achievement of being selected for not just one, but two, UK science teams! Our sixth form scientists are entered for the Olympiad competitions and after the first examinations, Joseph travelled to further selection camps over Easter. From these groups of 32, he was then selected for the final team of 4 for both the Biology Olympiad and the Chemistry Olympiad. These international competitions will be held over the summer in the United Arab Emirates and the Philippines and we wish Joseph well.

Secondary phase parents may have noticed that there was an important event missing from the Lent Term this year. Our annual secondary phase **Speech Night & Prize Giving** usually takes place in March but this year due to unforeseen circumstances we had to postpone the event. It has now been rescheduled to **Thursday 15 May** and parents of pupils who have been awarded a prize will be receiving a letter by email in the next few days. All secondary parents will receive detailed information about arrangements nearer the time.



The Library Design a Bookmark Competition 2025 winners have just been announced! Mrs Miller, our secondary Librarian, reports that this year the competition attracted a record number of entries of a very high standard. The winning entries are displayed in the Library, in the Maths Corridor and in the MV building. Congratulations to the prize winners below and also a thank you to Mrs Miller for her organisation of the competition:

Chapter 7

- ✓ **Winner:** Cora B (7 Howson's)
- ✓ **Runners-Up:** Elana E (7 Butler's), Safiya (7 Howson's), Edie H (7 Butler's), Caleb N (7 Howson's), Mollie M-G (7 Howson's), Cherry W (7 Howard's) and Lottie W (7 Butler's).

Chapter 8

- ✓ **Winner:** Subhan R (8 Howard's)
- ✓ **Runners-Up:** Anson M (8 Howard's), Romaisa A (8 Howson's), Maria B (8 Selwyn's), Grace I (8 Butler's), Amaya H (8 Howard's), Harry R (8 Howson's), Eleanor O'S (8 Brook's) and Omar S (8 Butler's).

A message from Mr Harvey:

*On Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 7pm, in the College Chapel, the Music Department will be hosting its annual organ and brass concert (Organ Extravaganza No.3), a concert which is in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund project. This year's concert is **A Night at the Movies!***

A themed concert where visiting organists will play music from the big screen by renowned film composers.

This concert is free upon entry but with an online donation towards the Organ Restoration Fund!

To reserve your space, please click the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHYD>

To make a donation towards the Organ Restoration Fund then please click this link: <https://theliverpoolians.org.uk/supportus>

We will look forward to welcoming you to the College Chapel on Tuesday 6 May at 7pm!

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has received information from the Liverpool ASD Training Team about two new workshops they are running for parents - one on Emotions and also one on Puberty. These are for parents and carers who have already attended a course to understand social communication/social behaviour or an ASD course. Please click on the links below for further details:

- Emotions Workshop – [19 May](#) or [20 May](#)
- Puberty Workshop – [21 May](#)

May I wish you and yours a dry and warm weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs A Haynes
Principal**