

### Principal's Newsletter

28 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always a delight to welcome pupils back after their half term breaks and, as we officially say goodbye to meteorological winter today, it has been another busy week across campus.

Thank you to all who attended the Ch9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday. It is always heartening to see high parental engagement at these events, and a delight to witness the many proud faces of both adults and children alike as they emerge from discussions with their teachers, but this evening was a particularly important one ahead of the Ch9 GCSE option choices over forthcoming days. I look forward to welcoming primary parents onto campus for their parents' evenings next week.

As part of our ongoing education around antiracism and work towards the Antiracism Award, we welcomed the Anthony Walker Foundation onto site to work with our Ch8 pupils and our trained Ch8 Antiracism Ambassadors. Speaking to the children after the sessions they were very positive and enthusiastic for the opportunity to both talk about and be proactive around such an important topic in society. Next week we welcome the AWF back to work with the second half of the year group, as well as student led reflections around their own cultural identities.

Reading, which continues to be a focus across all phases of the College, received a large boost this week with a kind donation from the Liverpool College Foundation for sets of class readers in the secondary phase. Thanks to Ms Gillies' enthusiasm driving expertise in reading aloud, class-wide reading texts have been introduced to encourage sustained engagement with reading and a culture of reading enjoyment across the College.

Continuing on the theme of reading, I am very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in the primary phase next week (Thursday 6 March) with not only children dressed in book character costumes or pyjamas but also live author events, a writing relay, a book swap and a book fair.

With the start of Ramadan this weekend, I am delighted to share details of this year's Iftar celebration on the 14th of March organised by our Muslim Student Experience (MSE) society:



## **Iftar Meal: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

Following the success of last year's celebration of Ramadan in our first Iftar meal at Liverpool College, we are pleased to announce that this year's event will be taking place on **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. The purpose of this is to share the experience of this month with others from a variety of cultures and beliefs. Doors open at **5.30pm for a 5.45pm prompt start and will finish at 8.15pm**. Adult tickets are £6.50 and children's tickets are £4 (up to the age of 10 yrs). Please book early to avoid disappointment and we look forward to seeing you at the event.

### **Tickets**

Our online ticket office is open now and closes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1pm. Please use this link to access Try Booking. <https://www.trybooking.com/u/k/EMFH>

Our boarders also learnt more about Ramadan this week as Mrs Latham (Head of Boarding) describes:



*On Thursday night, in anticipation of the upcoming start of Ramadan, Mrs. Mohsin visited the boarding house to speak with the Boarders about the significance of the celebration. She shared valuable insights about the traditions and practices associated with Ramadan, and encouraged everyone to ask any questions they had. As part of the evening, she also taught them how to cook traditional Yemeni dishes Khusar and Maraqa which are often enjoyed during the holy month. The boarders even tried making their own samosas.*

*It was a heartwarming experience to witness how food has the power to bring people together, creating a sense of family and community. The event was filled with warmth, conversation, and laughter, highlighting the importance of shared meals and traditions. Ramadan Mubarak to all those observing and celebrating this blessed time*



Chapter 4 enjoyed their residential trip to Robinwood this week, taking part in a range of challenging and exciting activities that developed their skills.

Well done and thank you to all our primary pupils for helping to raise a fantastic total of £1770 to support the NSPCC's important work through the Number Day held last half term.

Over half term a group of secondary pupils enjoyed a fantastic and fascinating trip to Iceland, as James P and Ed H (Ch10) describe:

Day 1:

*After a long morning of travelling, we finally arrived in Keflavik airport.*

*In the airport, we were met by our guide for the week, a woman called Olaf.*

*First, Olaf took us to the bridge between continents where you can see the gap between the Eurasian plate and the North American Plate. Then we went to a nearby geyser that is said to be haunted by a trapped poltergeist. We were then driven to hotel cabin in Reykjavik and went out for dinner at a nearby pizzeria.*

Day 2:

*On our second day, we were up and out early and headed to the lava tunnel.*

*At the tunnel we met our guide for in the tunnel who took us inside where we learned about the formation of the cave. This was a very interesting experience. We then left the cave for the Skogafoss waterfall where we were able to climb the steps to the top and take pictures before heading to the last activity of the day, the glacier walk. At the glacier walk we walked on the solheimjokull glacier, learning how to use crampons and ice axes. The weather while we were on the glacier was torrential rain and freezing cold but eventually we were done. After getting to the hotel and eating dinner, we went out on a walk to see the northern lights. We saw them but not at their clearest but still got some decent photos.*

Day 3:

*On the third day we woke up early again and walked to the nearby lava centre where we learnt about the volcanic activity across Iceland and how they manage it. We then went to the secret lagoon which is the oldest lagoon in Iceland. After we visited the thingvellir national park where*



*we could look across the region, walking along a path through the park. We then visited a lava crater where we hiked up to the top and could look into the crater.*



Day 4:

*On our last day, we started off at the into the glacier experience where we got onto a special bus that drove us up to the glacier where we went inside the manmade tunnel 70ft below the glacier. Here we learned about the formation of glaciers and how they created the tunnel. After leaving the glacier we drove back down to our coach. We then drove to another geothermal spa where we could relax before travelling home the next day. We finished our last night going to a nearby burger restaurant before getting an early night's sleep.*

Day 5: *We woke up at 3 am for an early breakfast and drive to the airport.*

*All together we had an amazing trip, we are very grateful for all the staff who came along and special thanks to our guide Olaf who taught us all about the country and improved our geography knowledge.*



Miss Miller reports that we have some fantastic results to celebrate in this year's British Biology Olympiad competition. Congratulations in particular to Joseph W (Ch13) who

achieved a Gold level award. Only 5% of the students nationally who took part in this competition were awarded Gold. Joseph will now go through to the next round to win a place to represent the UK in the Philippines in July at the International Biology Olympiad. There were also some impressive results from our Chapter 12 students - well done to Jude SF and Lakshaya B for achieving Silver and Ahmad A for achieving a Bronze level award.

Thank you to Miss Shaw, our Biology Technician, for all her organisational work that enabled our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students to participate in this competition.

More success for our Chapter 8 cross country runners to celebrate this week, this time at a national level. Mrs Webb reports:



*Following the selection of Beau R and Mia F (Chapter 8) at the Merseyside Schools Cross Country Championships in January this year, the two athletes were selected to represent Team Merseyside at the English National Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill in London over the February half term.*

*The course was incredibly difficult and far more challenging than either of the athletes had raced before.*

*After battling up the hills and through the relentless mud, Beau R came in 18th and Mia F finished shortly after in 26th.*

*A total of 275 county representative runners raced so the standard was incredibly high.*

*The Merseyside team of 4 U13 athletes scored a total of 90 points earning them the National Championship title. A fantastic achievement for our Chapter 8 students for whom we are incredibly proud of. Amazing success girls!*

Well done to Beau and Mia on this brilliant achievement. The team are now national as well as northern champions!



Our **musicians of the week:**



*Chapter 8 pupils are all hard at work creating original songs using a set of lyrics created in-house. It is always fascinating to see how varied their creations are with many genres of music explored. Today, Ryan G, Charlie L and Oliver N really impressed us as we witnessed part of their creative process and rehearsal - a rock version of this song complete with strong lead vocals and a two-keyboard accompaniment. We look forward to hearing the final result!*



Our **artist of the week** this week is Myar B (Chapter 13):



*Costume inspired by the architectural design of Sefton Park Palm House.*

*Cut on stand, hand dyed satin and silk, hand and machine embroidered.*

*Modelled by Aashika.*

An important announcement from the **PTA** that they will be responsible for the sale of tickets for the Key Stage 2-Key Stage 3 production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at the end of this term. You can find out more information about ordering tickets in the PTA newsletter (sent via MCAS).



A reminder that tickets are now available for our first ever Jazz Evening being held on Friday 25 April in the MV Theatre. Join our very own Jazz Collective, supported by a variety of acts, for a relaxed evening of Jazz and musical entertainment! [Follow this link](#) or scan the QR code to book!

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

- Social Communication and Social Behaviour Workshops: [11 and 12 March](#) and [13 and 14 March](#)

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

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mrs A Haynes  
Principal**