

### Principal's Newsletter

29 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive spirit began in earnest last Sunday at the Northwest Cancer Research 'Concert for a Cure' event in St George's Hall. Our very own Preplings Choir and Chamber Choir performed beautiful Christmas songs to a backdrop of the stunning Concert Room. I look forward to hearing the choirs in action again at our upcoming Prep Christingles and the secondary phase's Service of Lessons and Carols.

Reading is a focus for the College this year and our Bedtime Readers event this week certainly heightened reading engagement in the primary phase. Children from all through the primary phase came back to their darkened classrooms after school, dressed in snuggly pyjamas and clutching pillows and blankets, to listen to teachers read passages of their favourite books. Thank you to all who supported the event and especially to Miss Brooke (Primary English Lead) who organised all the sessions.

I enjoyed meeting the boarders this week to hear about their experiences of boarding and they were very forthcoming with their views on personalising their bedrooms, room inspections and bathroom facilities. It was lovely to hear such positivity about the Liverpool College boarding experience from both our residential and day boarders; joining them for their evening meal that evening I can certainly see why they appreciate it so much!

The academic element of 'not only the intellect' was in full swing this week with our Chapter 13 students sitting their mock A Level examination throughout the week. Well done to all students for their hard work and commitment to these examinations, and also to the staff who ensured the smooth running of the sessions.

Thank you to parents and carers for their attendance at this week's Ch8 parents' evening. An impressive 93% of parents/carers came to hear how well their children are achieving in their second year of the secondary phase; thank you also to those who kindly completed one of the parental surveys that evening. It is always helpful to hear your views on how we are doing as a school, and a delight to read so many positive experiences. Thank you for your time and for your kind words.

On the subject of parental engagement, a reminder that we will be holding our **termly Parent Information Evening** on Thursday 5 December at 5.30pm. This is open to all parents. You can register for the event (which will be held online on Microsoft Teams) by emailing Ms Bamber on [sbamber@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:sbamber@liverpoolcollege.org.uk). We would like to update you on our plans as well as giving parents an opportunity to ask questions and make observations about how we can further improve the school.

Also next week I am looking forward to taking secondary reflections, speaking with middle leaders across the College to evaluate our progress through the academic year, as well as meeting with other secondary headteachers across the City.

I was delighted to receive from Mrs Kelly a copy of the Black History Month newsletter that she has produced. In the newsletter, Mrs Kelly has collated the work and activities undertaken by staff and pupils across the College to celebrate and participate in Black History Month - from art competitions to history lessons and science projects it is a wonderful collection. You can access a copy of the newsletter on our school website [here](#).

The official day was last week but secondary phase pupils marked International Men's Day on Thursday this week. Focused on the themes of: mental health awareness, support for boys in education and development, and challenging harmful stereotypes about manhood the day helped raise awareness of men's wellbeing and also recognised the positive value men bring to their families, communities and society.

Mrs Kelly and a group of Chapter 8 pupils who have been selected as our school's ambassadors attended a training day for the Anthony Walker Foundation's Tackling Racism Award this week. Mrs Kelly explains more:

*On Thursday, six pupils from Chapter 8 attended the first session of an Anti-Racism Training course led by the Anthony Walker Foundation at Merseyside Police Training Academy in Allerton. First of all, the pupils had the opportunity, whilst on the site to explore the different motorcycles used by the police, learning how fast, heavy and loud they are. They then went on to visit the horse's stables where they treated the ever hungry but friendly horses to a snack. Students also learnt about some of the tasks of crime scene investigators by producing slides of their own fingerprints and distinguishing between paint and the blood of a horse.*



*In the later part of the day, the pupils worked well with other ambassadors from schools from across Liverpool to discuss traits of racist behaviours and how to react to them. Dr Gee Walker, the mother of Anthony Walker gave an inspiring talk to the students. She explained that when she was asked what is the answer to racism, after careful deliberation, her conclusion is education.*



*The new ambassadors thoroughly enjoyed the day and feel ready to lead others in recognising and responding to racist behaviour in a Chapter 8 training session in the Spring term.*

Our **artist of the week** this week is Josie B (Ch10)



Title: *Still Life*

Mr Bishop has nominated the musicians of the week:



This week's **Musicians of the Week** are the Prep's very own resident band Box of Frogs (Jonah F, Oscar M, Will G, supported by Daniel K) who are acting as the sessional band for a variety of year group performances. Not only have they rehearsed lots of different music this week, they have transported all their equipment (drum kit, amps, leads and guitars etc.) to various locations, truly appreciating what goes into live performance - both the on stage act and the behind the scenes preparation work. We look forward to hearing their hard work in the forthcoming Christmas events!

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, flowing style.

**Mrs A Haynes**  
**Principal**