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## Principal's Newsletter

3 October 2025

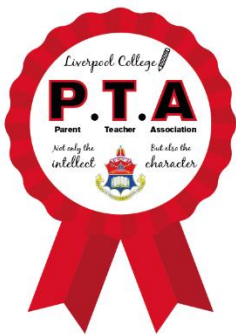
Dear Parents and Carers,

After the terrible attack on a synagogue in Manchester yesterday, which took place on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year in Judaism, our thoughts are with our Jewish pupils, staff and their families and all members of the Jewish community across the country. We as a school community must continue to reflect on our core values and ensure our children promote always and in every circumstance the path of peace, of friendship, of mutual respect.

Last Friday saw a visit to the school from members of the Chavasse family and Lord and Lady Forbes who were in Liverpool to attend the special Evensong Service at the Cathedral. Our VIPs not only visited the Chapel to see the roll of honour and the Chapel cross donated by the family, the Chavasse Pool House classrooms and the bust of Noel Chavasse but also delighted in our display of school memorabilia from the post war period. A particular highlight was the granddaughter of Christopher Chavasse, Noel Chavasse's twin brother, reading aloud the sermon given by her grandfather on Founders' Day 1931 where he described with great sentimentality and fortitude the loss of his brother at Passchendaele.



Yesterday was the brilliant Times Table Rockstars Day in the primary phase. What a fantastic effort by everyone! Thank you to Miss Whittaker, our Primary Maths lead, for her organisation and thank you to the many households who clearly spent valuable morning time hairstyling, designing costumes and blowing up air guitars! We look forward to the announcement of the TT Rockstars Whole School winning class next Friday in assembly!



This last week saw the PTA AGM on Tuesday evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the PTA, but particularly Amara, Heather and Simon, the PTA Committee, for all their hard work and kind donations to the College. I know the PTA would very much welcome any parents or carers, particularly those new to the College, who would like to volunteer to help with future events. Please contact [pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk) to find out more.

We are only a few weeks into term and are already looking forward to welcoming the future leavers of 2040 with the first of our two Reception Open Evenings on Wednesday! Thank you to all the staff who helped make this a success and particularly to the Prep pupils who acted as guides for the evening and are the real ambassadors for the school.

I attended a briefing by the Liverpool City Region Careers Hub on Wednesday. Headteachers gathered in the city centre to discuss a new and exciting approach to work experience for the young people of Liverpool, with preparation for the qualities needed to succeed in the workplace being at the forefront of our careers provision. A reminder that there are lots of resources and advice available on the [Careers pages](#) of our website to help support parents and pupils as well as Mrs Drew's (Careers Lead) fortnightly careers newsletter sent out via MCAS, copies of which can also be found on our website [here](#).

You will have received today via MCAS the **details of arrangements for all pupils for our Founders' Day Service** on Friday 17 October. A reminder that school will be closed that day with no lessons in any part of the school.

Saturday marks World Teachers' Day, held annually on 5 October. Last Friday, 26 September, was also National Teaching Assistants' Day. I would like to add my own personal thanks to all these colleagues for their hard work and commitment every day to transform the lives of the young people in our care from Reception right through to Chapter 13. Their expertise, skill and care shines through in every classroom, playground and learning space that I visit across the campus.



Our musician of the week award from Mr Bishop:

This week's **Musicians of the Week** are Freya R, Reyam M and Ava J from Ch7 who have composed a detailed piece of music, successfully linking Music and Art. Using shapes and symbols rather than traditional musical notation, they have composed a short piece of music featuring various musical elements including melody, harmony, tempo, dynamics and textural changes.

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## B:M2025

DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

Wednesday 1 October marked the beginning of Black History Month with a theme this year of Standing Firm in Power and Pride. This will be a focus of work here in school. For example, Mrs Kelly has led assemblies for Chapters 7-11 while prefects will be presenting to their Sixth Form peers. Mrs Watson has also released details of a special art competition which I look forward to updating you on later this month. You can find out more about Black History Month and this year's theme [here](#).

An important notice that there is a **vacancy for a parent governor** on our governing body. Further details about the role of parent governors as well the nomination and election process have been sent to parents today via MCAS.

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has received information from the Liverpool ASD Training Team about a Social Communication and Social Behaviour workshop. This is for parents and carers who have early concerns about social communication and interaction or their child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway. Please [click here](#) for further details.

**REGULAR ATTENDANCE**  
Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall wellbeing.

**AUTHORISED ABSENCE**  
Schools must only grant levels of absence for specific circumstances set out in the 2024 attendance regulations.

The permitted circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance or employment abroad.
- Attending an interview.
- Study leave.
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable.
- Exceptional circumstances.

Unfortunately, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

**PENALTY NOTICE CHANGES**  
There are significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time.

New penalty rates:  
• £160 per parent per child, £80 if paid within 21 days.



Second offence within 3 years:  
• £160 with no discount.

Penalty after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.  
• This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.

Max 2 penalties in 3 years per child. Further offences may lead to prosecution.

**LATE TO SCHOOL**  
School registers close at 9.00am. The guidance states, "If a pupil...arrives after the register has closed, the attendance register must be amended to record them as absent using code U or another absence code that is more appropriate".

**Attendance Update**  
Statutory Government Guidelines

**ACADEMIC BENEFITS**

**Better Learning**  
Regular attendance helps pupils keep up with lessons and understand new learning.

**Make Progress**  
Attending school everyday means pupils don't fall behind and can stay on track.

**Higher Attainment**  
Being in school regularly gives children more chances to improve their attainment.

**Increased Participation**  
Regular attendance helps pupils get involved in a wide range of activities.

**Extra Support**  
Pupils who attend regularly have better access to teachers and extra help when needed.

**SOCIAL BENEFITS**

**Improved Social skills**  
Being in school helps children make friends and learn how to work with others.

**Sense of Belonging**  
Attending regularly helps children feel part of the school community.

**Teamwork**  
Working with classmates in lessons and activities builds teamwork skills.

**WELLBEING BENEFITS**

**Emotional Stability**  
Being in school helps children to learn to manage emotions, builds patience, cooperation, and independence.

**Good Habits**  
Regular attendance builds important life skills like time management and responsibility.

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**  
Following the new government statutory guidance around attendance, we want to reiterate the support that is available to our children and their families.

At Liverpool College we are committed to developing a supportive and nurturing environment that prioritises the mental health and well being of every student.

Our teaching staff and Inclusion Team can provide resources, guidance, and care needed to help our pupils thrive academically and personally.





**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

We continue to work hard to support our pupils to have good attendance at school. Mrs Duffy, the College's Attendance Lead has produced a leaflet for parents with information on why we encourage great attendance and our procedures on how we manage attendance – please [click here](#) to download the leaflet. There is support available from school for families who need assistance in this area. Please ask Chapter or Primary Admin staff for more information.

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

Yours sincerely,

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