
LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

14 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



Friday's PTA Fireworks Bonanza was spectacular! A very big thank you to everyone who attended, and to all the student and staff volunteers and especially to the PTA and its Chair Amara Javeed for making this community event possible through their hard work and commitment.

We very much appreciate all that the PTA does to support the College – as well as helping build our school community, the funds they raise are

vital in ensuring we can continue to offer an exceptional education to our pupils and students.

It was a great honour to attend Mossley Hill Parish Church's Remembrance Service on Sunday and lay a wreath on behalf of the Liverpool College community. Many members of our school were also there representing different organisations they are involved with including Ch11 pupil Kevin M-L who was part of the drum altar procession at the service representing the Allerton Detachment of the Army Cadet Force.



On Tuesday, I joined Mr Newton (CCF Contingent Commander), Mr Craig (CCF SSI), Mrs Lines (Vice Principal: Secondary) and Mrs O'Meara Day (Assistant Principal: Inclusion) at the Remembrance Service held by the Liverpool Collegiate Old Boys at the original Liverpool College on Shaw Street. A particular well done and thank you to the CCF Colour Party - Ed R (Ch12), Edgar Y (Ch12) and Kevin M-L (Ch11) - for representing our CCF contingent and school so well at this poignant service.



James M-W (Ch11) enjoyed an amazing opportunity to participate in remembrance events in London. As part of the Merseyside Army Cadet Force, he took part in the Field of Remembrance 2025 Opening Service at Westminster Abbey, opened by Queen Camilla on 6 November.

Some of our musicians and boarders also helped mark Remembrance Day in the community, as Mrs Latham (Head of Boarding) reports:



Our boarding pupils and musicians recently visited Red Holme Care Home to mark Remembrance Day alongside the residents. The event began with a moving reading of "Lest We Forget" by Abby and Jess, followed by a beautifully played rendition of The Last Post by Ismail. After a minute's silence, the atmosphere lifted with a series of fun and heartwarming performances that brought smiles to everyone's faces (see below for more details in our Musicians of the Week award!). It was wonderful to see our pupils chatting and connecting with the residents — moments that truly reflected the spirit of remembrance, respect, and unity between generations. The visit reminded us all of the importance of coming together as a community to honour the past and celebrate the bonds that link young and old alike. The residents enjoyed the visit so much that they have invited our pupils to return next month to perform some Christmas carols.

This week's **musicians of the week** performed to the residents of a local care home on Armistice Day, playing and singing songs from the 40s to the present. They also took requests once they had exhausted their playlist! Thanks and congratulations to Joy L (Ch 13), Ismail AH, Kieran L (Ch 12), Astrid H, Gabby S, and Millie G (Ch 11).



This week was also a week of parents' evenings in primary and secondary while next week provides an opportunity for future parents and pupils to visit the campus with our [Sixth Form Open Evening](#) and [Reception Open Evening](#) taking place on Wednesday 19 November.

After a brief rest over the half term break after their wonderful Founders' Day contribution, our musicians in primary and secondary are busy preparing for a jam-packed half term of performances and services.

Tuesday evening saw our first primary concert of the year where pupils showcased their musical talent in abundance, as Miss Clark (Director of Primary Music) reports:



Our first Instrumental Showcase of the year saw some exceptional performances and personal firsts!

The evening was compared in style by Hugo M from Ch 4 who introduced all our acts with charm.

It is always a delight to celebrate the progress and love for music our younger pupils have. We were treated to a musically packed concert, with a wide array of styles and instruments on display.

Our young musicians embraced the stage with confidence and excitement which inevitably oozed out of their performances.

It was great to see so many returning performers, alongside world premieres from Cathal H, Freddie L, Jake H, Harriet C, Xander H, Mersana P and Florence W. It can be nervous moment standing up in front of audience for the first time but they took every moment in their stride and it was great to see them enjoying their performance with friends and family.

Our next Showcase is on Wednesday 21 January - you don't want to miss it!

Preplings and the secondary Chamber Choir will be performing at the North West Cancer Research's '**Concert for a Cure**' at St George's Hall on Sunday 23 November at 1pm. This is always a wonderful event that supports a very important cause and I hope many of you will be able to join us. **Tickets are available via the link [here](#).**

The choirs will then be in action again, along with the orchestra, at our Christmas services at Mossley Hill Parish Church in December.

We have lots more to celebrate and recognise this week:



Well done to the 1st XV rugby team who visited the Isle of Man last week for the annual fixture against King William's College and were victorious 34-17. Mr Heeley reports that we have not won the fixture on the Island for at least 8 years!

Congratulations also to Grace I (Ch9) who has just been crowned the Jiu Jitsu European Champion 2025!

Meanwhile Ms Jones reports on success for our debating team:

We had a very successful evening at the ESU Mace Debating Competition on Tuesday. Both our teams won their debates and had the highest scores of all the teams taking part. The other schools participating were Merchant Taylors, Dixons Fazackerley, University of Liverpool Maths and Birkdale High School.

The competing team from Liverpool College (Marina V M and Cori D, C10, Ismail A H, C12) won their debate and have progressed to the second round of the competition. Only two teams out of the 5 schools that entered are able to progress to the next round.

We also provided a swing team (only five teams entered, so a sixth team was needed to provide opposition for the odd competing team; they get feedback and are scored, but do not progress in the competition). Our swing team (Alicja W and Christelle L, C10, Orla C, C12) also won their debate. If they were competing, both the teams from Liverpool College would have progressed to the next round.

Our two spectators also took part. Orla D (Ch10), was the timekeeper, and Grace F (Ch10), was the Chairperson, introducing the teams and each speaker, and thanking the participants. Both fulfilled their roles with enthusiasm.

Overall, a really successful evening for Liverpool College.

Mrs Doran has news of successes for our pupils in recent regional and national competitions:



Congratulations to the Sixth Form laws students who took part in the Young Citizens Bar Mock Trial National Law Competition last weekend. Mrs Doran reports that our students excelled at the competition, winning their cases, and had worked hard preparing for the event by analysing the case files, researching the law underpinning each case, crafting legal arguments for both the prosecution and defence and practising their advocacy skills. You can read a full report of the event on our website [here](#).

Our Chapter 10 linguists meanwhile became regional champions:



High Achieving Linguists in Chapter 10 became regional champions last week in a Spanish themed competition. The event, supported by Manchester Metropolitan University, was held at Cronton College. After enjoying an interactive experience in their superb immersive room featuring the festival of La Tomatina, the students also enjoyed activities engaging with music, tradition and language. The students then participated in an escape room challenge and a language-themed treasure hunt. The competition culminated in a poster task designed to showcase all they had learnt and to exhibit their newly acquired language skills. The Liverpool College team emerged victorious, demonstrating exceptional teamwork alongside their excellent linguistic skills. Well done to Orla, Sam, Finn, Jo and Alicia. Excelente.



Well done to Ehaan A and Ralph W (Ch7) who volunteered during half term at the University of Liverpool's annual public engagement event *Meet the Scientist* at the World Museum Liverpool. The initiative aims to make science accessible to the public and inspire young minds. This year, they introduced a creative papercraft Origami activity, which Ehaan led, to help children improve focus and engage with science in a fun, hands-on way. Both boys worked tirelessly from 10am to 4pm on the day helping over 150 children learn and enjoy the art of origami.

Mrs Doran has been busy organising plenty of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for pupils including a Gothic Literature masterclass for Ch7 - you can read more about these events on the News page of our website [here](#).

Pupils continue to benefit from our excellent programme of careers events as Mrs Drew (Careers Leader) reports:



Last week a group of Chapter 10 pupils were invited to attend a workplace event at Liverpool Hope University as part of Green Careers Week. The students attended five workshops from five large employers, including Clatterbridge Hospital and Vinci Building, and they also got to sample some chemical engineering with Bachem who specialise in the manufacturing of peptides. The pupils really enjoyed the hands on activities and discovering new jobs and companies in the Liverpool City region that they didn't know existed. We all agreed that the sustainability information was really interesting and showed how every employer has a responsibility and the ability to help protect our planet.



On Tuesday afternoon, music students were invited to attend a Careers In Music seminar delivered by Jamie from WaterBear. WaterBear is a college of music with two sites; one in Sheffield and one in Brighton and it delivers degree level courses for students who are looking to work in any aspect of the music industry. Through this seminar, the students learned about the many different roles within the industry and how much it has evolved from physical media to online streaming over the past 30 years.

Jamie was funny and engaging and clearly very passionate about his work and mentoring. The students got the chance to ask questions and one lucky Chapter 7 pupil even won an Amazon voucher for taking part in the seminar. We thank Jamie for travelling from Nottingham just to deliver this seminar for our students.

Mrs Drew has also sent out the latest edition of her Careers' Newsletter for secondary parents via MCAS this week. A reminder that you can access all the editions of the newsletter on our website [here](#).

Our **artist of the week** this week is Joseph D (Ch10).



Title: *Portrait of my friend.*

Mrs Loveridge (Clerk to the Governors) has asked me to draw your attention to the MCAS announcement sent on Monday which contained details of the parent governor election and how you can take part. A reminder that the deadline for voting is Monday 24 November at 5pm.

May I wish you and yours a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Haynes
Principal