

### Principal's Newsletter

19 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The long period of GCSE, BTEC and A Level examinations finally came to an end this week for our Chapter 11 and Chapter 13s. I have continued to be impressed with our pupils' calm sense of purpose, commitment and maturity that they have shown over the lengthy examination period. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our Examinations Manager, Mrs Hayes, and the whole of her invigilation team for their hard work in ensuring a calm and purposeful setting for the pupils to be able to do their very best.

Chapter 12 students have also been working hard at their exams this week while Chapters 7-10 made a start with their assessments today. I wish all the pupils the very best in their exams and look forward to our secondary phase Sports Day next Friday to mark the end of the assessment period. Reception pupils and Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 have also enjoyed their sports afternoons this week.

When I took secondary reflections this week, linking with the theme of 'Refugee Week', I spoke on the theme of 'courage' and how we become the best versions of ourselves when we push ourselves outside of our comfort zones. Pupils are certainly doing this during their LCA assessment period, but also in their forthcoming LC+ celebration assemblies when I look forward to their presentations and performances of their many diverse and impressive extracurricular talents.

There is also plenty of pupil success to celebrate this week including in a cross-key stage engineering competition as Mrs Doran reports:

*If you were an Engineer, what would you do? This was the question posed to 700 students ranging from Chapter 2 to Chapter 9 as part of a national Engineering competition this year. Beating thousands of students nationwide, Liverpool College pupils celebrated massive success with the designs of our winning young engineers winning in multiple categories. These talented students will now have their work displayed in a wonderful gallery at John Moores University, followed by a superb award ceremony – watched on by family and friends.*

- *Our Winning Engineers were: Hayatt D and Yeva S (Chapter 7), Tom G and Emmie T (Chapter 8) and Gennelle H and Nancy O (Chapter 9)*

- *Receiving Runner Up 'Highly Commended' awards were: Phoebe T (Ch2), Aidyn R (Ch8), Sienna Sand, Grace P (Ch9)*

*To participate in the competition, pupils had to identify a problem they had observed in real life, invent a solution to that problem, illustrate and annotate their creation, promote their product through a descriptive 'Pitch Letter' and meet a real engineer. Well done to all who entered this year - the standard from Liverpool College was described as absolutely phenomenal by the judges.*

My thanks to Mrs Doran for coordinating this huge undertaking across the whole school with over 400 pupils participating in the competition.

We are also thrilled to announce a group of Chapter 10 students won a prestigious Eco-vessel Award at The Museum of Liverpool this week. Organised through Cammell Laird, a professional panel of naval architects, ecologists, cruise managers and marine engineers selected the Liverpool College 'River Cleaning Vessel' Design as the overall North-West winner. Their vessel, which was designed to collect and filter waste from river systems, was described as innovative, affordable, operationally effective and environmentally excellent.



Congratulations to both teams who participated in the competition: Jo D, Edith L, Dottie U, Kuvira K, Isabella M, Hisham A, Alexa C, Rosa M and Anya S.

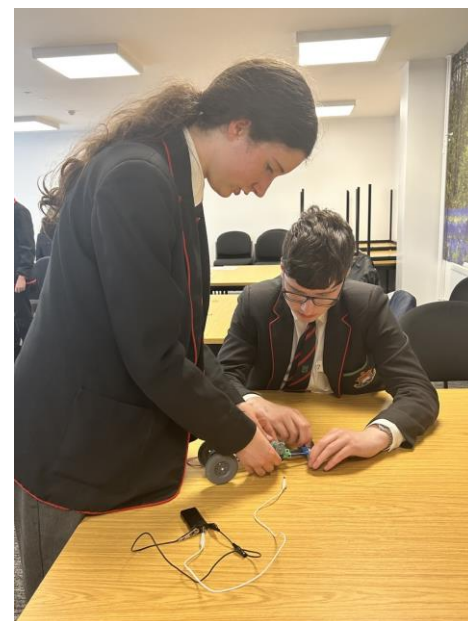
A special shout out also needs to go to Hisham and Jo, who masterfully compered a boat race during the event, championing children who had designed and built their own boats to be raced on the Mersey.

We also have some North West Science and Technology champions!

*Year 9 students received a very special experience this week, winning an award in Science and Technology by a representative of the King, the Deputy Lieutenant of Merseyside.*

*Travelling to Liverpool Hope University, the participating students worked in pairs alongside other schools and took part in a full day of challenging workshops, each targeting a different aspect of STEM ranging from constructing electric vehicles, to programme robotics to medical diagnostics.*

*The winning students will now go forward to the National STEM Championships next year! A massive well done to all involved. Our special congratulations to Julia V D H-G, Lara B, Edward M-L, Benedict P, Sophia N and Eleanor O'S. A superb result.*



There will be plenty to look forward to before the end of term including two fantastic Expressive Arts events in the last week of term:

**Summertime Soiree Concert on Monday 6 July - 7.00pm, MV Theatre**

*Join us for the annual Soiree - a celebration of music from across the College.*

Tickets available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/115975>

**Arts Celebration Evening on Tuesday 7 July at Sefton Park's Palm House**

*A special evening showcasing the incredible talents of our pupils in the fields of music, drama, dance, and visual arts.*

Tickets available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GLHD>

Our expressive arts team don't stand still though with auditions taking place during the week of 29 June for next year's secondary production of *Les Misérables* (school edition). Secondary pupils in current Chapters 7-12 have been sent information via Satchel One to sign up for a cast audition, to play in the orchestra or be part of one of the crews. The annual production is always a highlight in the school calendar so we encourage everyone interested to get involved.

Talking of looking ahead to next year, we were delighted to welcome some of our new Chapter 7 parents for coffee mornings this week led by next year's Chapter 7 team – Mr Heeley (Dean), Miss Evans (Assistant Dean) and Mrs Davies (Chapter Administrator). Our new Chapter 7 pupils will be joining us on the 1 July as part of the induction day across the City.

Some important information from Mrs Duffy (Assistant Principal: Safeguarding & Wellbeing):

**Water Safety**

With warm weather finally in the forecast again, we know that families and young people will be enjoying time outdoors and on the water. We all want to make sure that our children enjoy the water safely and the leaflet attached (please [click here](#) to access) gives a lot of practical advice on how to do this. Statistics tell us that children are more likely to come to harm on the water than be victims of knife crime so please do take the time to talk to your child even if they are a confident swimmer. Secondary pupils have been exploring this in their Chapter assemblies in the last week.

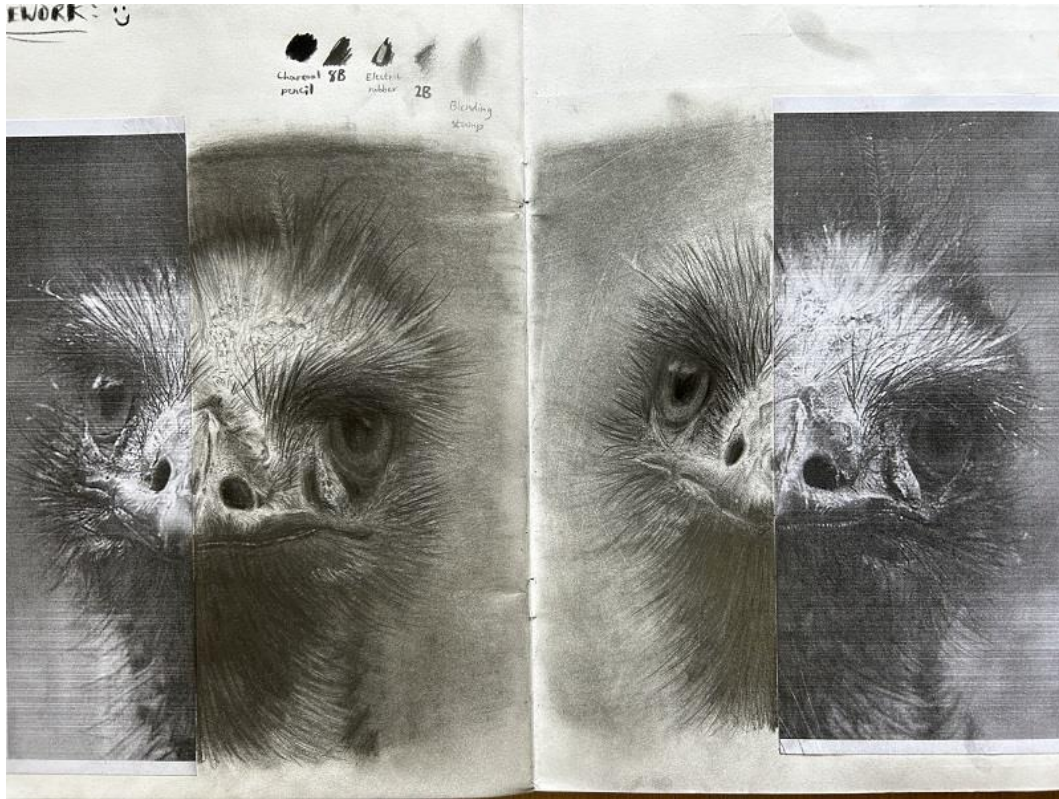
Our **musicians of the week** award:



*This week's Musicians of the Week are two pupils from Chapter 7 and one from Chapter 10. **Joel C (Ch7)** has been spending time composing and arranging music for BPM (the school orchestra) to play, an arrangement of one of the pieces the string orchestra plays in the film *Titanic*. **Michel L (Ch7)** has been spending time working on his DJ skills alongside general music theory practice. We look forward to Michael playing his set at the Expressive Arts Awards Evening in July.*

***Joseph D (Ch10)** has created an epic masterpiece for BPM to learn and perform at next year's 'BPM in Concert' event. He has been working on this piece in Music Breakfast Club each morning and it has been great to see it take shape.*

Our **artist of the week** this week is **Sophie C (Ch8)**. Title: *Drawings left and right side of Aboriginal animals. Pencil on paper.*



Please note that the PTA's LC Fest event has unfortunately been cancelled.

A reminder to please check the updates sent earlier today via MCAS about changes to traffic access around the school site. The changes will mean ongoing disruption around the school site so please bear this in mind when dropping off or collecting pupils.

May I wish you a dry, pleasant and sunny weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haynes." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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