

Principal's Newsletter

26 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a week! My thanks to all our staff for their flexibility and ingenuity in trying to mitigate the impact of this period of extremely hot temperatures. Chapter 1Q took a novel approach to the hot weather having their own spa after English to cool off!

Thank you also to parents and carers for supporting our efforts and also a big well done to all our pupils in behaving so sensibly and following guidance, keeping themselves safe and healthy.

The highlight of the week was of course the Primary Speech Day and Awards Ceremony. Occasions like this give us pause to reflect on the perseverance, enthusiasm and willingness of each and every one of our primary phase children to give of their very best. I was so very proud of the creativity and character that was celebrated so joyfully on Tuesday. The talent, enthusiasm and courage of the many performers embodies the spirit of Liverpool College. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend and support the children, your presence is very much appreciated.

Meanwhile Chapter 12 have been busy this week away from school:

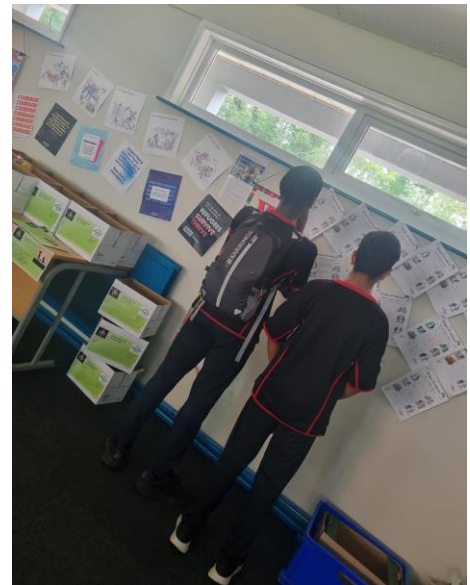
This week, our Chapter 12 students have taken part in their work experience placements, with an impressive 130 out of 134 students successfully attending a placement they have sourced for themselves. We are incredibly proud of their initiative and perseverance in securing such a wide and varied range of opportunities. Placements have included organisations such as KPMG, the NHS, University of Liverpool, Hill Dickinson, Aigburth Dental Practice, Liverpool Philharmonic, and many more across sectors including healthcare, law, education, engineering, finance and the creative industries. Despite the challenges of the current heatwave, students have shown resilience and professionalism, representing themselves and the school superbly.

Mrs Miller, Mrs Pye and Mr Griffith have been carrying out visits throughout the week and have been delighted to see students thoroughly enjoying their experiences and gaining valuable insight into both their chosen fields and the world of work more broadly. We would also like to

recognise the fantastic support and coordination provided by Mrs Wynne and our Careers Lead, Mrs Drew, whose work has been instrumental in making this week such a success. We strongly encourage families and staff to take time to talk with students about their placements, helping them reflect on what they have learned and how this will shape their future aspirations.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming next year's Chapter 7 pupils to school on Wednesday for their Transition Day with their parents and carers joining us later in the afternoon for a welcome meeting, and to the postponed secondary Sports Day next Friday.

My thanks to Ms Odita-Sani who led our efforts to celebrate and recognise Refugee Week:



Last week our pupils took part in a thoughtful programme exploring what it means to welcome and support people seeking safety.

Through story-sharing, songs, videos and guided discussions, pupils reflected on kindness, empathy, and Courage with the importance of creating a sense of belonging for everyone in our community.



We also strengthened our developing partnership with Asylum Link Merseyside.

Pupils helped prepare donations from the school food bank, which was set up to support families locally and those newly arrived in the city. Delivering these items and communicating with Asylum Link has helped pupils see how compassion becomes real through action.

A reminder of the two brilliant Expressive Arts events we have coming up:

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.

Our **artist of the week** this week is Che H (Ch9):

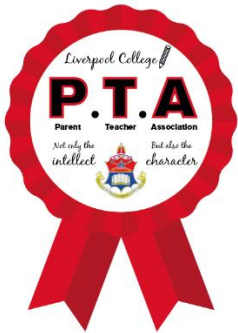


Project: Street Art

*Title: Can of bones
(Drawing on Paper)*

With the warm weather still with us, a reminder of the information shared last week by Mrs Duffy on **water safety**: *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.*

An important message from the **PTA**:



Due to school finishing early, the outlet will not be open today. We will back open from 8.30-10am on Monday.

We're in desperate need of uniform, especially kits. The uniforms can be placed in the red donation box outside of the outlet.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Dame Rachel de Souza, the **Children's Commissioner for England**, has launched a survey specifically for children and young people:

The poster for 'The Big Future' survey is blue and features a child in a white spacesuit on the left. The text reads: 'CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER THE BIG FUTURE'. Below this, it says: 'The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Future survey. It's your chance to have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today - what you love, what worries you, how you have fun, and the changes you want for a better future. There are questions about voting, school, your area, online safety, and space for you to tell her what you think is important! It takes less than 10 minutes to complete the survey.' At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text: 'Take part now: childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture #TheBigFuture @childrenscommissioner'. The background is decorated with various icons like stars, lightbulbs, Wi-Fi symbols, and speech bubbles.

For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them.

*That's why I'm doing my final survey, **The Big Future**, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today.*

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future.

*Further information about the survey can be found [here](#) and **please encourage your child to take part in the survey** which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).*

An important reminder that **school finishes at 12pm on the last day of term** (Friday 10 July).

Thank you for your continued support and may I wish you and yours a pleasant, restful and cooler weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mrs A Haynes
Principal