

Principal's Newsletter

30 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was delighted to welcome many parents and carers on to the campus this morning for the monthly primary coffee morning hosted by Mrs Pease, and later on for an SEN coffee morning arranged by Mrs O'Meara Day (Assistant Principal: Inclusion) and her team. These informal events were a great opportunity not only for parents to put faces to names and share their concerns and experiences but also for us to hear feedback and suggestions from parents across all phases of the College. The primary coffee morning included visitors from the Mental Health Support Team from Alder Hey who delivered an informative presentation on their mental health services for young people, as well as opening the floor to questions from parents and staff. Thank you to the Liverpool ASD Training Team and the Travel Training Team for their engaging presentations at the SEN event. It was a pleasure to speak with families and also to see parents and carers be able to share experiences and connect with other families in a supportive environment. Thank you to all the staff who helped make these events possible and to all the parents and carers who came along to support them.

I met with senior leaders this week to hear the progress they have been making with their priorities for this academic year. I was delighted by the many initiatives taking place throughout the College, particularly around PSHE, attendance, curriculum and assessment and our extracurricular (LC+) offer, all of which help to continually develop and improve the educational opportunities and experiences of our pupils.

Some pupils in Chapters 9 and 10 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the prestigious King's Trust Enterprise Challenge today, an exciting national programme designed to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs, as Mrs Scott reports:

We are proud that Liverpool College was one of the schools selected by the King's Trust to participate in the 2025/26 competition, delivered in partnership with the LFC Foundation Youth Intervention Programme.

This year, the King's Trust identified our school as part of its mission to broaden participation among female and BAME pupils and to encourage young people who may be considering future pathways in business, enterprise, and related careers. The Challenge aims to help pupils aged 11–16 develop essential enterprise skills, raise aspirations, and gain a deeper understanding of the world of work.



Throughout the full-day workshop, pupils engaged in a variety of fast-paced and creative activities designed to strengthen key competencies such as:

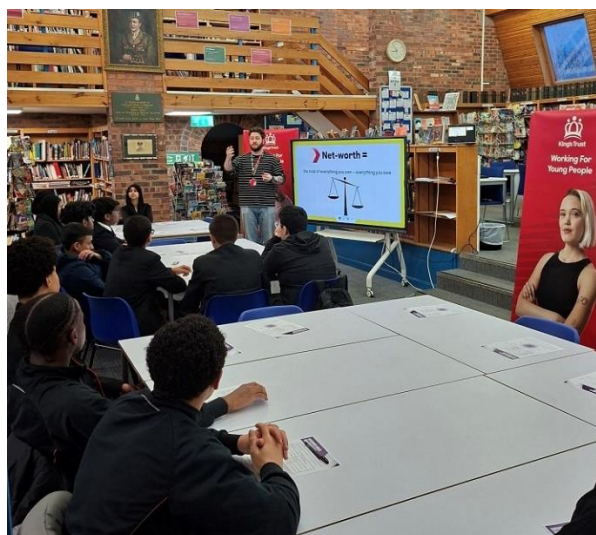
- Teamwork and communication
- Problem solving and decision making
- Resilience and confidence building
- Understanding business and community impact

Working directly with trained business mentors from the King's Trust, pupils had the opportunity to explore real-world enterprise scenarios, reflect on the development of their skills, and collaborate with peers in a supportive and stimulating environment. Teams achieving the highest scores now have the chance to be selected for the Enterprise Challenge Regional Final later this year.

We were also delighted to welcome four King's Trust volunteer mentors Ken, Neil, Roy, and Sandra who worked closely with our students throughout the day. They shared the following feedback about their experience at Liverpool College:

"We found the students polite, enthusiastic, engaging, and willing to learn, which really helped us achieve our objective of encouraging future entrepreneurs. We were particularly impressed by their eagerness to develop new skills and their ability to fast-track effective team working. It was wonderful to be part of their day."

We are extremely proud of how our pupils represented the school and made the most of this valuable opportunity. The Enterprise Challenge continues to be a powerful way for young people to broaden their ambitions, gain confidence, and discover the impact they can have on their communities and future careers.



We look forward to seeing how our pupils build on this experience and we wish every success to the teams who may go forward to the next stage of the competition and represent our school.

Well done to all the pupils who took part for their efforts and for being such excellent ambassadors for the school!

Excitement is building for next week's highly anticipated **secondary phase production of Oliver!**

Lionel Bart's Oliver! is a lively and heart-warming musical based on Charles Dickens' classic novel Oliver Twist. Follow young orphan Oliver as he escapes the workhouse and finds himself in the bustling streets of Victorian London, meeting an unforgettable cast of characters along the way. Filled with catchy songs, humour, and moments of real emotion, Oliver! is a joyful story of

hope, friendship, and finding where you belong. Starring a special four-legged guest!

Performances take place on **Wednesday 4, Thursday 5, Friday 6 February at 6.30pm** and a **Saturday matinee at 1pm on 7 February.**

All performances will take place in the MV Hall.

Tickets are available at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/103035>

Good luck to all the performers and musicians and the technical and backstage teams.

Another event to look forward to this half term is our annual **Cultural Diversity Day** in the secondary phase which is taking place on Tuesday 10 February. Mrs Kelly has more information about the day and a special invitation to parents and carers:



On Tuesday 10 February the pupils and students of Liverpool College will be hosting a Cultural Diversity Day to educate their peers about the vast cultural heritage that is shared by the pupils and students at our school. Parents and carers are invited to briefly attend and have a glimpse at our celebration.

You will be able to visit from 8:00- 8:20am only - we realise that this is a small slot; but for all of the secondary pupils to share in the activities the timings are tight. If you would like to visit, you will be able to enter the premises through the pedestrian entrance in the main car park where you will be guided to walk down the side of the school to the Sports Hall. All visitors must leave at the end of their allocated time for the safety of the pupils.

A special thank you to all of you who are supporting the students with contributions for the day, it is very much appreciated.

Our musician of the week:



*This week's **musician of the week** is Kieran L (Ch 12) who has learnt a multitude of really quite tricky tuned percussion parts for the forthcoming production of Oliver! which takes place next week. These parts will really add the glitter to the contribution from the pit band. We hope to see you there – a reminder that tickets are on sale via the following link:*
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/103035>

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has received information from the Liverpool ASD Training Team about advisory sessions for parents taking place in February. Please click on the link below to access further information:

- [Virtual one to one drop-in advisory sessions](#) (diagnosis of ASD is not required)

I hope you have a restful and pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Haynes'.

Mrs A Haynes
Principal