

Principal's Newsletter

2 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Pease and members of the primary leadership team have been busy visiting primary classrooms this week and reported on the wealth of inspirational teaching and learning they had encountered, particularly in Maths lessons with our new primary Maths scheme of learning, White Rose. With a focus on adaptive teaching, the leadership were able to share many examples of excellent practice.

I attended the PTA AGM this week and was able to pass on the thanks of the whole school community to the PTA members for the immense impact their work has on building up our community through their events as well as on the educational opportunities and experiences our pupils are able to enjoy through the additional resources the PTA provide to the school. In particular I would like to thank the newly re-elected PTA Committee of Amara, Heather and Simon for their ongoing dedication and hard work. 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 to find out more.

We are only a few weeks into term and are already looking forward to welcoming the future leavers of 2041 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. If you were unable to make this event, there will be a second Reception Open Evening held on Wednesday 18 November (5.15pm-7.15pm) – more details available [here](#).

Next week we are holding our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **Wednesday 7 October from 3.20pm – 6.00pm**. Guided tours are available from 3.30pm-5.00pm and welcome talks will be at 3.45pm and 4.30pm – please [click here](#) for more details.

All details about our open events and admissions process can be found on our website [here](#).

An important reminder to secondary phase parents regarding school meal purchasing systems and urgent action that is needed by parents and carers:

*You will have received information on 21 September and a reminder yesterday via MCAS Announcements about the introduction of a new biometric recognition system for purchasing school lunches in the secondary phase and actions that parents and carers need to take. You must opt-in for your child to use this new system which is designed to reduce queues and wait times - **you opt in on MCAS in the Parental Consent section.***

The letter attached to the MCAS message includes detailed information about the new system including frequently asked questions and data protection and data security information. If you haven't accessed this correspondence yet, please check your MCAS Announcements.

Last Thursday, Mr Taylor and his team of 6 pupils joined the Old Lerpoolians Golf Society (OLGS) at Childwall Golf Club for the annual golf day competing for the Andrew Barr Trophy. Mr Ric Thompson (OLGS Secretary) reports that there were a lot of good matches, with the OLGS team winning the overall trophy but the standout winner was Alisha S (Ch12) with a magnificent 40 points – well done Alisha! My thanks to OLGS President Mr Andrew Rogers and Mr Thompson for organising the event and hosting our pupils and to Mr Taylor for accompanying the team. We look forward to next year's competition!

Mrs O'Meara Day (Assistant Principal: Inclusion) and Mrs Duffy (Assistant Principal: Safeguarding & Pupil Wellbeing, and Attendance Lead) launched a new initiative this week that came from suggestions made at last term's SEND parent information evening:

We were delighted to host a group of parents on Thursday for our first SEN Coffee Morning this term on the theme of Emotionally Based School Avoidance. It was a very useful and productive session in which we discussed strategies and support for children finding school attendance difficult. The slides shared in the meeting can be found [here](#) along with a [leaflet](#) with further information about EBSA. Our thanks go to those who attended and shared their thoughts and experiences with us.

If you have any suggestions for topics/areas of support, you would like us to cover at future coffee mornings, please share them using our [suggestions form](#).

A Level art students recently enjoyed two fantastic opportunities connected to London Fashion Week as Catriona D (Ch13) reports:



This past weekend, my class and I got the amazing opportunity to attend Patrick McDowell's London Fashion Week show. Patrick is an award-winning designer, and a previous student of our amazing art teacher Miss McWatt, he has dressed talents such as Sarah Jessica Parker and Helena Bonham Carter.

Before the show, we got an incredible backstage tour which included looking at model cards, outfits for the show and models getting ready with hair and makeup.

There were so many people working behind the scenes, even things that initially appear effortlessly flawless had been meticulously planned out by countless people behind the scenes.



After experiencing the once in a lifetime trip to LFW, we also had the opportunity to attend the BFC X ELLE Designer Panel with Patrick McDowell and Talia Brye. Both designers are from the Northwest and talked about how they were influenced by the fashion around them, Patrick in particular mentioned watching his Mum and the women around him getting dressed up for every event no matter the occasion. One piece of advice that stuck with me was, just start! Unlike some careers that require specialist equipment, fashion and art is everywhere, no one is stopping you from picking up a needle and thread or a paintbrush and paints, Patrick himself started by making a bag with jeans, no fancy silk or advanced equipment, just start no matter the quality and that is already better than nothing.

Important information from the **PTA** about upcoming events:

On Friday 6th November 2026, there is an own clothes day across school. In return, PTA is asking for donations for our Fireworks Bonanza Tombola/Raffle.

- ✓ Primary students are to bring a bottle of drink and secondary students are to bring an item of confectionery.
- ✓ Bottles will be collected at the Primary gate at drop off. Seniors should drop their donations to the sports hall
- ✓ Please make sure donations are unopened, in date, and do not need to be refrigerated. Thank you!

We **need lots of volunteers to help us for the fireworks event.** Any parents or carers who can help, please fill out this quick form. <https://forms.gle/sYsfkGPeh2W1MP8v7>

Any secondary phase students who can help, they have a link on their Satchel One account.

Please also **note the change of the date of the Halloween disco for Ch1-6.** It is now on Tuesday 13th October. Details in the PTA newsletter

Several parents and other road users have contacted us to highlight that a number of cars are repeatedly parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school entrances on Queens Drive and North Mossley Hill Road. Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe and inconsiderate parking can put people in danger. Please do not wait, stop or park on the yellow zigzags for the safety of children and others.

Another reminder that **next Friday, 9 October, is Liverpool College's Founders' Day and as usual, school will be closed that day** with no lessons or breakfast and after school club in any part of the school. A Service takes place in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral for pupils in the Prep and Secondary Phase and you were sent detailed information about the arrangements last week via MCAS announcements.

A reminder of the opportunity for your child to take part in the Children's Commissioner of England's survey for young people:

The Big Future survey is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. The survey is still open and Dame Rachel de Souza will use what they tell her in the survey to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

You can find out more about the survey on the Children's Commissioner's website here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>

Please can I ask your help in encouraging you child to take part if they have not done so already so they can make their voices heard and contribute to decisions that will affect their future.

May you and your family enjoy a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Haynes
Principal