LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

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Principal's Newsletter

13 November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,





Friday's PTA Fireworks Bonanza was fantastic! The atmosphere of excitement and buzz in the sports hall, with stalls ranging from the classic tombola to a human fruit machine, meant that spirits weren't even dampened by the slight drizzle as we watched the sky light up with a very impressive display. Credit must go to all the student and staff volunteers and especially the organisational drive and enthusiasm of the PTA and its Chair Amara Javeed. We very much appreciate all that the PTA does to support the College – as well as helping build up our school community, the funds they raise are vital in ensuring we can continue to offer an exceptional education to our pupils and students. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the event and for all the families who came along to support.

Parents, governors, staff and Old Lerpoolians showed their support for the College at our Remembrance Service parade and service last Sunday. It was a beautiful and poignant service which suitably honoured the fallen. The school CCF cadets set the tone with their proud parading in the Prep square playground and the carrying of the colours into the Chapel and the Chamber Choir's performance of John Rutter's *A Flower Remembered* was exquisite. On Wednesday, Mrs Pease and I were delighted to join Mr Newton (CCF Contingent Commander), Mr Craig (CCF SSI) and members of the CCF Colour Party - Ed R (Ch13), Edgar Y (Ch13), Jack R (Ch11) and Connie F (Ch11) - at the original Liverpool College on Shaw Street for a Remembrance Service held by the Liverpool Collegiate Old Boys.





My thanks to Mr Newton, Mr Craig, the CCF staff officers and NCOs for their work in preparing our pupils so well for these acts of remembrance. Well done to all the pupils who participated and for representing our CCF contingent and school so well.

Our musicians in primary and secondary have been busy preparing for a jam-packed half term of performances and services.



On Tuesday evening we enjoyed the first of this year's Primary Sound School Showcase events. It is always so impressive to see our youngest pupils performing in front of a packed MV Hall, many of them performing in front of an audience for the first time. As Miss Clark pointed out, the spirit of Liverpool College and its all-throughness was embodied by those pupils who had moved up to the secondary phase and therefore no longer qualified to perform in the primary showcase staying for the evening to support backstage with sound and lighting effects. Thank you to all those who came to support our youngest performers, and as ever to Mr Bishop, Miss Clark and Mr Jones for their unfailing hard work.



On that note, in the secondary phase anticipation is building for the upcoming performances of ***Les Misérables*** taking place on Monday 30 November, Tuesday 1 December and Wednesday 2 December (6.30pm) in the MV Hall. **Tickets are now available to buy - please click on the link below:**

https://www.trybooking.com/uk/HFOP

Miss Yates has reported on the amazing success our A Level Physics students enjoyed at the Physics Olympics last weekend:

Four of our Chapter 13 A-level Physics students travelled to Liverpool University on Saturday to compete in the prestigious Physics Olympics.

The event brought together schools from across the UK, with teams competing in five exciting practical challenges as well as a Physics Fermi quiz.

Our students worked brilliantly as a team, applying their Physics knowledge and problem-solving skills to a range of challenges. They particularly enjoyed putting their understanding of circular motion to the test in some fast-paced physical activities. They explored new equations and concepts, including using Stokes' law to investigate objects reaching terminal velocity. One of their standout performances came when using an old CD as a diffraction grating, where they achieved a particularly impressive score.



A superb achievement – well done to all four!

Consistency was key throughout the five-hour competition, and when all the results were totalled, our team had secured an amazing ***silver medal position!***

Huge congratulations to ***Hamza, Ishmail, James and Sean*** *on this fantastic achievement. They demonstrated outstanding problem-solving skills, teamwork and enthusiasm, while also enjoying the opportunity to meet and network with fellow A-level Physics students from across the country.*

We were delighted to welcome Pauline Musembi (Liverpool City Council, Race Equality in Education Officer) and Martine Booker-Southard (Vale of Glamorgan Council, Anti-Racism Lead), alongside senior leaders from schools across South Wales to the College this week as Mrs O'Meara Day outlines:



The visit provided an opportunity to share best practice around anti-racism and inclusive education, alongside a tour of the Prep and Secondary to showcase our ongoing work.

A huge thank you to Mrs Kelly, Ms Odita Sani, Mr Sani, Ms Miller, Ms Alam and Mr Stewart who supported the visit and contributed to the discussions.

Some of our Chapter 9 and 10 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to the cinema this week for an event with Frank Cottrell-Boyce as part of the Into Film Festival as Miss Odita-Sani describes:

Our cinema trip centred on Kensuke's Kingdom, a captivating film adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's much-loved novel, with a screenplay by acclaimed author and screenwriter Frank Cottrell-Boyce.







Pupils were exceptionally well behaved and completely immersed in the story throughout. The film explores themes of love, friendship, resilience, courage, diversity, compassion and the importance of protecting the natural world. It encouraged thoughtful discussion and captured the pupils' imaginations, making it an enjoyable and memorable experience for all.

An important update from the PTA:

The outlet is closed Monday 16th & 23rd November. Apologies for any inconvenience.





Last Friday was our fireworks event. It was incredible! So much support from students (thank you to Mrs Miller who worked very hard with us to make this happen), parent volunteers, staff who were on the entrance ensuring everyone entered to the event safely, our estate team without whom literally we cannot do anything as they're the ones keeping mobile with our stock

movements - and special thanks to Mr Stamper, Mx Capper and Ismail (Ch13) who made our Human Fruit machine very successful!



Our early bird tickets will be early in 2027 as fireworks night falls on Friday 5th November.

More information will be sent out in the new year

Our catering company, Caterlink, have asked us to share the details of their Parent & Pupil Survey:

The survey can be completed by parents alongside their child at home and it takes approximately 9 minutes to complete. It will provide us with valuable feedback on what we are doing well and, importantly, where we can improve our service.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L

*The survey will remain open until **20 December**, and the insights provided by pupils and parents will help shape our service moving forward.*

May I wish you and yours a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs A Haynes
Principal