

## Principal's Newsletter

9 June 2023

Dear Parents,



Summer term means sports days. The Prep School festival of sport is well under way in glorious sunshine. Today's Prep School assembly was as ever ably led in song by Mr Stamper and his guitar. The text was about joy and love, belted out by hundreds of pupils making the gestures of the lyrics. An amazing way to start any day.

There are a number of people to congratulate. Jean Arnold, our hockey coach has had to work for 60 years in community and school sport to get the recognitions she deserves but they now seem to be pouring in thick and fast. Ms Arnold will be travelling to the University of London later this month to be awarded an Honorary Bachelor of Education.

Congratulations to Mrs Rosenthal (née Snyder) who got married over the half term break. Congratulations also to Mrs Mohan on the birth of baby Donnacha James on Monday. Mum and baby are doing well.

Congratulations to Albie F (Ch5) who is now playing for Lancashire in cricket at the same time as Lucas M (Ch12) was successful in his Lancashire U17 rugby trial.

Here is a report of Albie's exploits.

*Albie F made his Lancashire under 10s cricket debut during half term.*

*He has gone through a long selection process starting back in October last year, been training every week at Old Trafford in Manchester, and had several trial games before being selected.*

*He managed to take 2 wickets, clean bowling both of the opposition's openers, and will hopefully carry that good form into fixtures later this month against North Yorkshire and Cheshire.*

There were two trips during the half term which returned with many memories and excitements. The football trip to the Vitesse Arnhem training camp had the privilege of watching a friendly between the Man City U16 team and the local Dutch club. By all accounts, the pupils represented the school very well on this trip.

In the soaring heat, our Gold DofE candidates completed their expeditions.



Sunshine also means geography coursework as the Chapter 10 geography field trip set out on Thursday. We see pupils and staff in shorts getting ready to enter the creek and river beds, take samples.

Somehow all of this good weather just makes the learning fly by. House competitions are in full swing. This is the season of the house runs and we want to congratulate especially Marina VM and Isla D and Seb W and Charlie W, the winners and runners up of the Chapter 7 race. School House was the overall house winner.

Congratulations to Alex Y, Harry C and Aashir A (Chapter 10) who have been selected as LFC Inspires Ambassadors. Mrs Drew describes the programme:

*Recently a group of Ch10 pupils completed a resilience and teambuilding programme through Liverpool Football Foundation. As a result of their excellent work and commitment to the project, three pupils, Alex Y, Harry C and Aashir A, have been invited to be LFC Inspires Ambassadors in Chapter 11. The pupils will work closely with the LFC Foundation to develop the Inspires programme further and will work with other schools across the country in delivering this programme. Huge congratulations to these pupils.*

The boarders are engaged in the conqueror challenge, a walking and charity campaign. Ms Latham (Head of Boarding) explains:

*During the month of May, we walked 100 miles for cancer research. It was very interesting to see how active the children were on a daily basis so we decided to keep it up. During the last few weeks of term we are going to virtually climb the Rocky Mountains which is 130 miles. Each time we hit a milestone, the organisation that runs the challenge will collect water bottles from the sea or plant a tree, helping the environment.*

It has also been a busy week in our careers programme, as Mrs Drew describes:



*Chapter 10 attended careers talk this week delivered by Ben Tucker who owns his own executive recruitment agency. The talk was arranged through Speakers For School which is youth charity that offers states school employer talks and work experience that was founded by Robert Peston, ITV Political Editor. Ben spoke to our pupils about his background growing up in the Wirral, where he admits to not being the best student and how he worked hard to set up this very successful company. Ben answered questions about marketing, business and headhunting and gave our pupils some very useful careers advice to take forward into Chapter 11.*

*Today, Chapter 12 students have attended the annual UCAS Discovery Exhibition at Liverpool Exhibition Centre. This event is attended by all Universities and Higher Education Colleges in the UK and has given our students the opportunity to meet the admissions teams and ask those all-important questions. Our students also had the opportunity to attend subject talks and receive application and personal statement support.*





Our artist of the week this week is  
Aleks S (Ch13).

*Examination Piece - "Many Faces"  
Acrylic on Board.*

Yesterday, we had an opportunity to meet the parents of the 2023-2024 Reception class. It is very exciting to think of the educational journey these pupils are about to embark on, in some cases doubtless going from learning to form a letter to studying medicine, all in 13 years. It is also exciting to see the level of engagement of parents at this age group and the way reception pupils approach their learning, namely with amazing enthusiasm. Would that every child could keep this going, and would that parents were always so engaged.

Some parents have asked us to work on several things: in communications and in parental involvement and engagement opportunities especially. I wrote before half term about our desire to get parents on campus more so that you can feel that engagement.

I also promised to tell you about specific things we are doing in response to your suggestions and the problems you have identified. I will have much to announce over the next few newsletters in areas from parent meetings, to anti-racism, to curriculum and policy changes. All of these things fit into our desire for continuous and continued improvement under the title: **Liverpool College Even Better**.

Here is the first instalment.

## Liverpool College Even Better



More details about the building which is about to be constructed on the corner of our drive facing the playing fields and astroturf as these illustrations show. This much needed expansion will provide us with six classrooms and two additional learning spaces to help us deal with the overcrowding which has stymied some of our efforts. In addition, a pedestrian crossing will be built across North Mossley Hill Road and improvements made to Ibbotson's Lane making bicycling and pedestrian access easier and safer. All good news. The classrooms will house a faculty (TBD) because we organize our classrooms with subjects clustered together. It will enable us to repurpose other spaces and look to improve classroom space across the campus. The building is programmed to open in September 2024.



Mrs Cassidy (Vice Principal) has asked me to highlight an important message about the upcoming PTA Food Festival:



*We are as ever extremely grateful to our highly proactive PTA who highlight their activities in the PTA newsletter (sent out to parents via MCAS). It covers all their events and highlights the opening times of the Pre-Loved Outlet.*

*As you will notice, their next major event is the Food Festival which takes place in the MV Hall on Saturday 24 June at 12pm. In support of this event, we are collecting items for the tombola by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 16 June. Primary pupils are requested to bring in 'a bottle' and secondary pupils are requested to bring in chocolates or sweets (of value no less than £1.50) in exchange for wearing 'their own clothes'.*

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

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr H van Mourik Broekman  
Principal**