
Principal's Newsletter

10 March 2023

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed the snow early this morning. Pupils across the College engaged in wintry pastimes on a snow-covered campus as we actually experienced the powdery stuff.



The Music Masters concert last night in the Rushworth Centre was stellar. The pipeline of talent in the College is flowing beautifully as we listened to some excellent performances from across all the secondary phase chapters. I loved The Stags, a truly lively new band that played Howlin' Wolf, and my own favourite Mozart's Ave Verum sung by Matthew H in Chapter 12. James K who is in Chapter 7 may be the most versatile performer at his age. He played a tuba suite, plays the organ in Chapel, and also tickled the ivories in a piano rendition. It is always a pleasure to see the progress in musicality and love of music, the confidence in performing, which these concerts reveal. Well done to all performers.

Aoife J in Chapter 13 played the organ. Mr Bishop was able to procure the organ for a very small price from the estate of a musical gentleman who sadly died. It means organ can now be taught in the Rushworth Centre rather than only in the Chapel. A great addition, an excellent move from Mr Bishop.

May I wish a Happy Holi to those of you who celebrate the festival of colours.

One of the best curricula developments in the College has been the successful introduction of the Opening Worlds Humanities curriculum in the primary phase. The founder of the curriculum has taught an "example lesson" in the curriculum witnessed by the heads of many other primary schools right here in the College. Now we are rolling this programme which is a truly global look at history, geography and religious studies out further with the introduction of Opening Worlds Science in September.

Some of our pupils need specific congratulations. Jaida L (Ch6) and Mark L (Ch8) are siblings who are having amazing success in martial arts. Jaida who started kickboxing aged five is a martial arts Black Belt and world champion at the age of 11. Her achievements have now been celebrated in the local press along with her brother Mark's double gold at the World Martial Arts Organisation Championship.

And then there is Jack C in Chapter 3. Next week he will be performing at the Liverpool Empire in the role of the young boy in *An Inspector Calls* and this is only the beginning of his budding thespian career as he will subsequently perform in the same theatre in a production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* in May.

Sport opportunities are limited when there is snow on the ground but we nevertheless kept going this week. We hosted a regional handball tournament with many schools on Monday and our own skiers were off to the Chill Factore to prepare for their ski trip.

Congratulations to Zaenab R and Jameela S in Chapter 11. They are through to the Cambridge Union national debating final having dominated their regional round, smashing forensically competition from some of the most famous schools in the country. Now they will travel to Cambridge to compete at the Union and pit their debating skills against the country's best. Congratulations also to Mr Barnicoat who seems always to inspire a new generation of debaters to take up the mace and continue the winning tradition.



Our A Level Spanish students enjoyed a rewarding trip to Valencia, as Reem F and Julia V report:

We had a great opportunity to go to Valencia, Spain with the A-level Spanish department in which we not only got to immerse ourselves in the Spanish culture but also create a stronger bond with our peers. We had the chance to practise our Spanish in real life situations where we could really see the improvement in our language skills. The days were filled with many activities such as biking, a parade, aquarium, playing volleyball at the beach, museums, joining in the Valencian jota dance and trying Spanish cuisine. None of this would be possible without Miss Gimeno who planned this amazing trip to encourage us to be more adventurous and dive into the Spanish culture. We even tried octopus!



Spoz, a slam poet champion gave a series of workshops to pupils from Chapters 3 to 8 through the Wilton Trust this week, designed to enhance their enthusiasm for performance poetry. Mrs Doran reports that pupils were impressed by his improvisation skill set, creating poems live on stage from words thrown out by the pupils themselves. Pupils were then able to showcase their own talents through a pupil poetry slam rap competition, boosting their confidence in performing in front of an audience.

Chapter 11 pupils have an option to take a walk as part of their PD programme. Ms Cleary and Mr Scott report how pleasant these ambulations have become with pupils taking a break for conversation, mild exercise, and mutual support, enjoying the beauty of the park at our doorstep. Ms Cleary captured some of the sights.





The Charity Action Group and Eco Committee joined forces to raise awareness of Fairtrade over the past two weeks through celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight. Habeba and Emilyneen (Ch12) set up an exhibition during break time complete with giant inflatables (bananas and cups), Fairtrade fruit, chocolate and stickers. Pupils engaged their peers about why Fairtrade is important to them, to farmers and to the climate. Habeba designed a Fairtrade quiz that offered prizes of Fairtrade chocolate. Thanks to LJMU Fairtrade for the loan of their giant bananas and cups!



 **Fairtrade Fortnight**
FAIRTRADE 27 Feb – 12 Mar



Congratulations to the Liverpool College Ch9 Law team who took part in the National 'Young Citizens' Magistrates Mock Trial Competition over the weekend. Mrs Doran writes:

The team of fourteen travelled to Sefton Magistrates Court and assumed the roles of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates, legal advisors and ushers, alongside a court reporter and court artist, to try the case of The King v Jamie Row.

The defendant was accused of being in possession of an offensive weapon in a public place without reasonable excuse. The prosecution team set about trying to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt whilst the defence team presented evidence and cross-examined witnesses to help prove their client's innocence. The speeches were incredibly persuasive in both trials. Well done to the team and also to the wonderful court artists, who won the competition as best court artist.

This praise was echoed by a parent who works as a legal professional who saw the team in action and who also highlighted Mrs Doran's efforts in supporting our pupils and providing these opportunities:

This morning we spent a few hours at Sefton Magistrates Court for the young citizens event, with a number of children from Liverpool College.

Every single one of them did the school proud supported by the excellent Mrs Doran. She was so enthusiastic and supportive of all the children today, but what shines thorough is how that support is infectious to the children who really did seem to enjoy themselves and had clearly worked so hard.

A reminder that the secondary phase's Speech Night (Thursday 23 March) grows ever closer. Parents are welcome to attend and further details of arrangements will be emailed next week. The secondary phase of the school will finish at 3pm that day (rather than the usual 4pm) to allow pupils and staff time to get to the Cathedral in the evening.

You will probably be aware that next week there is scheduled to be two days of national strike action for teaching members of the NEU on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. It is highly likely that learning will be disrupted for the majority of pupils on those days and we will send you our final arrangements for those two days as soon as possible.

Chapter 12 will be on adventure camp at Colomendy in North Wales, an amazing opportunity for everyone in the Chapter to get to know each other better and enjoy some teambuilding challenges.

Our Artist of the Week this week is Maryna N (Ch9):



Inspired by mythical creatures, fairy tales and legends we created characters, strange creatures and animals from our imagination. These were developed for illustrations and looked at further development of our painting skills.

This week's maths challenges:

- Q1. If $y' = \cos y$ and $y(0) = 0$, can you find the value of $y(\ln(\tan(1)))$?
- Q2. A spherical snowball with radius 6cm melts and now is a sphere of radius 4cm. Can you find the volume that has melted?

Answers to last week's challenges:

Q1. $y^2 - x^2 = 4$	Q2. $2\pi \text{ cm}^3$
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I hope you and your family will enjoy a dry and pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal