

Principal's Newsletter

31 March 2023

Dear Parents,

It is the morning after the night before. We experienced the apotheosis of the term in the Prep and Middle School production of *Beauty and the Beast*. It seems impossible that our thespians could exceed themselves, but, the brilliant team of Ms Clark, Mr Bishop, Ms Poole, Mr Beardsmore, and Ms Brooke have somehow inspired a show of transcendent quality.



If our school's music and drama were a football team it would have the depth of Manchester City. There are too many names to mention, too many performances of quality. The singing was excellent. The score is difficult, but our orchestra managed it beautifully. The set design was both ingenious and memorable. I must mention Cori in Chapter 7 who

had lost her voice while playing The Beast in one of the earlier three productions and countless rehearsals. She battled on, a study in determination and courage. What a way to end a term! The rapturous applause for Ms Clark was the audible expression of our appreciation for her amazing energy and drive. This show involved 150 pupils and many PTA volunteers. Thank you, Ms Clark!

Congratulations to the Prep School cross country teams, as Mr Stamper reports:

Last Monday, we had the Large & Small School Cross Country City Finals, again at Wavertree. We had three teams competing, and all three teams did brilliantly to qualify for the grand final which takes place in April. However, a special mention must go to our Year 5 and below boys team, who came first in their race, bringing home a lovely trophy and some medals. Well done boys!



Mr Cook waxes lyrical about the character of his football teams. Here is a description of the Chapter 7 boys team and their approach in matches against two local schools this week:

The Chapter 7 football team played their derby match on Monday versus St Hilda's and won 5-1. This was despite being a goal down earlier on in the game. Another performance of passion, spirit and togetherness which has been prominent throughout the term. Excellent attitude from the boys who represent the school and their families so well.

The next day they took on West Derby School who beat them earlier in the year 4-0 in the Merseyside Cup at LC. This is a team that have stuck together when results were not going their way earlier on in the year. A team that supports one another on and off the pitch and encourages one another when they have made a mistake the previous game. A team that doesn't moan at the referee and do not moan at their team mates, wasting energy and losing focus. A team that represents the school to the maximum on and off the pitch. A team that sticks in there and fights to win matches. The result: Liverpool College 2 West Derby 0 with two breathtaking goals by Joseph C and Charlie W. Chet L was player of the match. Very well deserved from such an amazing group of pupils.

Our Chapter 9 netball team were also busy representing the school this week. They made the short trip to Archbishop Blanch and performed well in a tough group. Staff were impressed by the girls' efforts and the team are looking forward to further matches after Easter.

Congratulations to Daniel C (Ch11) who is receiving a 'Best at Supporting Peers' Award through the NHS Cadets, a youth volunteering programme established by NHS England and delivered by St John Ambulance, for all of his outstanding work and engagement within and beyond the programme.

Mrs Hall gives us all an intimation of exams by describing the reality of her GCSE Drama group engaging with the external examined component, the dramatic monologue:

The Drama exam 'Text in Practice' took place on Thursday and Friday this week for Component 3 AQA GCSE Drama. This forms 20% of the final examination for GCSE Drama candidates. Pupils had prepared two monologues from their chosen play to present to our visiting examiner. The examiner commented positively on the wide range and diversity of texts that were offered at Liverpool College. We were delighted by the way all the candidates supported one another during the rehearsal process and during the performances as considerate and mature audience members.

Our artist of the week this week is Alfie M (Ch11) with his Bird sketchbook study.



He writes: *"I have been exploring the work of artist Mark Powell as part of my sketchbook work based on the theme extraordinary. I am fascinated by birds, I find them fun to draw, I especially like the textures of the feathers and trying to re-create this in visual terms. Birds of prey with their strength and power are a future focus to explore in my sketchbook drawing".*

Earlier this week we hosted Dr Nick Martin, a political theorist and moral philosophy lecturer at the University of Liverpool, for a sixth form lecture. As ever, our students asked some excellent questions exploring the limits of state power, and the relationship between

individual conscience and law. Dr Martin left impressed and will hopefully inspire even more of his colleagues to come and share their research and work with us. Next term we are hoping to host several more such lectures.

The DofE expedition last weekend did experience some wet and cold (it is ever thus) but returned safe and sound.

Chapter 2 enjoyed taking part in an exciting workshop today about the Great Fire of London. They travelled in time with Samuel Pepys and Daisy, who worked in Thomas Farriner's bakery where the fire started. There was some excellent dancing and a competition where each class made a 'fire chain' to transport water from the River Thames in buckets to put out the fire.



An important update for secondary phase parents from Mrs Haynes (Vice Principal: Education):

I am pleased to share with you today the results of our Lent Term PP2 assessments for Chapters 7 to 10 and the Sixth Form. These reports can be found on MCAS for your child and includes PP2 assessment outcomes for all subjects, plus Lerpoolian Standard grades and Reading Age scores for Chapters 7 to 9. If there are any queries regarding these reports please speak to your child in the first instance, and then contact their Chapter Admin when the Summer Term begins if anything cannot be explained or understood.

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has asked me to draw your attention to the next series of Virtual Group drop-in advisory sessions that the Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing next week.

These sessions are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to social communication difficulties or waiting an ASD assessment. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents. Please [click here](#) to find out more information.

Mrs Cassidy (Vice Principal: Operations) has asked me to include a reminder for secondary phase parents that as set out in our [Communication Strategy](#) if you need to contact a member of staff or raise a query, you should email the relevant Chapter email address for

your child rather than emailing the member of staff directly. Our SENCO Mrs Crook can be contacted by using the following email address senco@liverpoolcollege.org.uk while any matters concerning safeguarding issues should be reported to safeguarding@liverpoolcollege.org.uk.

Today, we are ending our term in the secondary phase with a church service in Mossley Hill Parish Church centred around the story of the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. My own interaction with this material was a Chapter 1 quiz in Ms Ware's classroom earlier in the week. I was assisted by the chaplaincy team as we asked questions about Easter, Easter bunnies, and Ramadan. The energy was infectious, the score a creditable draw.

I hope you and your family will have a splendid, sunny and blessed Easter, Passover and Ramadan.

Yours sincerely,

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