

# LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

## Principal's Newsletter

1 March 2024

Dear Parents,

Our parent information evening was a little better attended as it moved online. We discussed our work to promote inclusion, and anti-racism as well as the College's approach to PSHE, and governance. As you are aware there is a vacancy for a parent governor and Ms Case, a foundation governor, gave an excellent precis of the life of a governor. Our governors are an exceptional group of dedicated people who bring a lot of time, talent and energy to the strategic direction of the school. We also shared pictures of the exciting building and bike storage progress across the school.

The Chair of the PTA encouraged all to participate in the Ramadan feast and Iftar on 15 March. Tickets are available but going quickly. [Click here](#) to find out more.



SHANE  
*Ramadan*  
FEAST & IFTAR

INVITATION

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024

5PM-9PM  
QUEENS DR, LIVERPOOL L18 8BG  
DINNER HALL (UPPER SCHOOL)

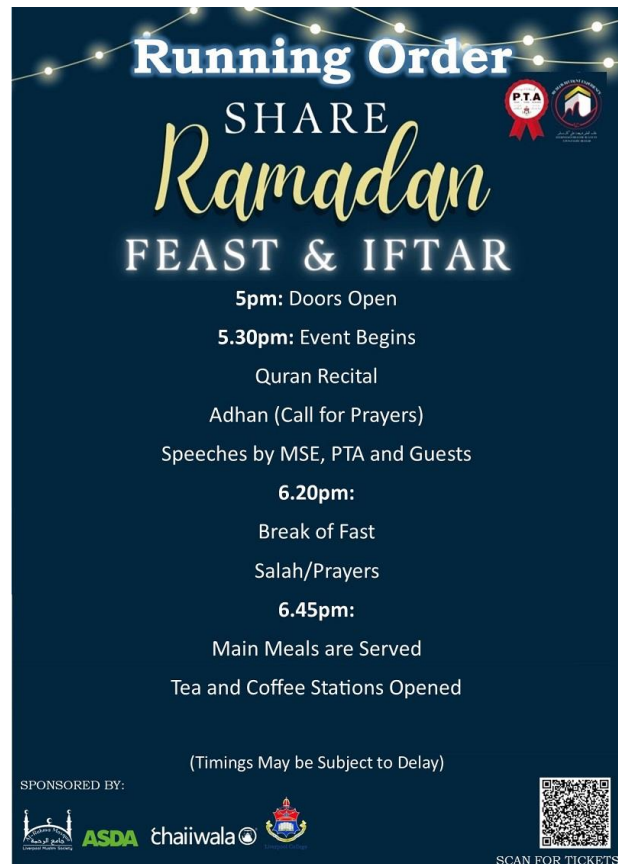
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL RAMADAN GATHERING AND DELICIOUS MEAL.  
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SCAN FOR TICKETS



Running Order

SHANE  
*Ramadan*  
FEAST & IFTAR

5pm: Doors Open

5.30pm: Event Begins

Quran Recital

Adhan (Call for Prayers)

Speeches by MSE, PTA and Guests

6.20pm:

Break of Fast

Salah/Prayers

6.45pm:

Main Meals are Served

Tea and Coffee Stations Opened

(Timings May be Subject to Delay)

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SCAN FOR TICKETS

One of the best developments in our school at the moment is the willingness of pupils to lead assemblies and teach each other. This is particularly the case in reflection assemblies but it is

happening everywhere. Indeed, next week we can look forward to a sixth former leading an assembly in front of 1000 pupils about International Women's Day. After the excellent reflections delivered by the Muslim Student Experience, this week we began a cycle of anti-racism reflections which also celebrate the cultures that make up our school community. Students and pupils have been working with Ms Kelly, our anti-racism coordinator, to prepare these assemblies and they are very much appreciated. This week we learned about China and the experience of our Chinese pupils. I learned a lot. In their presentation pupils talked about Chinese traditions, Hong Kong and China, and the richness of Chinese culture all throughout the world. Even the school bell played a Chinese pop hit when classes changed.



It was a week of robots and science. Everyone was amazed when a robot began to walk across the bridge. The machine resembled a canine species, and turned heads. What was that.....

Mrs Drew (Careers Lead) explains more:

*On Tuesday, Chapter 7 students attended a very special talk given by Dr Charlie Whitford and his team from MTC Liverpool. This careers talk was to introduce students to the vast field of engineering and to look at some of the work MTC and engineers around the world are involved in every day. Pupils were gripped by stories of powerful lasers and medical procedures and then were told about Boston Dynamics Spot, the robotic dog, and it's work to investigate the benefits of using advanced robotics to reduce the use of chemicals in the agricultural sector. Pupils were then extremely lucky to have Spot join the presentation! We watched Spot walk, dance and hop and pupils were given the chance to find out all about Spot's work in engineering. Thank you again to Dr Whitford and the team for this very special careers talk.*



Then Prof Atkinson, dean of the school of electrical engineering, electronics and computer science of the University of Liverpool gave a sixth form lecture and discussion around AI. It was refreshing to learn that Professor Atkinson had studied humanities subjects at A level but was now an internationally recognized scholar in the field of AI. Our sixth formers asked some excellent questions about the ethics and possibilities of AI, something which will impact their working lives and their lives as citizens.

The chaplaincy team have been busy this week in support of a local charity:



*The Chaplaincy Charity Action Group made more than 100 sandwiches this week for the homeless charity Liverpool in Arms. Pupils and staff donated supplies to make a variety of sandwiches including vegetarian and vegan options. Liverpool in Arms gave out the sandwiches in town later in the evening outside Primark. A big thank you to Liverpool College catering team who were enormously helpful by donating all the sandwich boxes and ensuring we had aprons and food-safe gloves to prepare everything. Pupils really enjoyed the opportunity to come together to help others!*

A reminder that **Thursday 21 March at 7.30pm** is the secondary phase's **Speech Night and Prize Giving** at Liverpool Cathedral. As I set out in my newsletter last 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. Parents are welcome to attend and further details of arrangements will be sent out separately. Those pupils who will be receiving prizes and awards at the event will be notified next week.

This week saw yet another residential Prep School trip this time to Robinwood. I worry about the weather on these occasions but to be English is to ignore weather and get on with it, which our pupils and the staff who generously accompany them do.

Congratulations are in order for several pupils.

Ms Achilleos writes:

*The Senior netball team achieved second place with just one goal difference against Blue Coat in the Merseyside netball final. Players of the tournament were Thalia R, Millie M and Emelia W.*

*For the fourth year, the Chapter 11 netball team were crowned Merseyside champions. They have demonstrated amazing team cohesion since Chapter 7 and I would like to personally thank them for their commitment and hard work throughout the past 5 years as sadly this is their last competitive netball tournament until Sixth Form. Players of the tournament include Eleanor G who was awarded twice and Beth M who made the winning goal of the tournament.*

*Both Chapter 11 and Chapter 10 male handball teams are through to the Merseyside final. The Chapter 11 team had an unfortunate loss against Kings Leadership Academy, however went through on goal difference in the top two teams. Players of the tournament include from Chapter*



10 - Will I and James P-F and from Chapter 11 Adenya D and Will H. The teacher's player of the tournament was awarded to Charlie Y who was absolutely unbelievable in goal.

We look forward to the female U16/U15 and U14/U13 tournament next Wednesday.

Secondly, congratulations to Izzy G, Chapter 13. Izzy has produced a short film which has been shortlisted from thousands of entries for both the Milan Shorts Film Festival and the INTERFILM Berlin event. Bella had no film experience before joining the Sixth Form but has been motivated by her A-level Media course so passionately delivered by Dr Atkins. Bella has an offer to study Film, Media and Broadcast Production next year and writes:

*'My film 'Tiger' explores deep and dark paths through its main character and the exploration of his deepest and darkest desires. It is a niche film that is based in the realms of the horror and thriller genre and traverses through mature topics. This is one of the first short films I've produced and edited, and I feel very honoured to have my film selected as a first shortlist nominee and very proud of the work produced. It is a great opportunity for my future career of hopefully becoming part of the industry as a producer or director of TV and Film.'*

Well done to all the Chapter 8 pupils who were involved in two fiercely contested and physical football games against two local rivals this week. Mr Muscatelli and Mr Fawcett report that both games were played in an excellent spirit and that it was fantastic to see so many new players involved in school sport. The team won 4-2 against St Hilda's (player of the match Leo T) and lost 0-2 to St Margaret's (player of the match Jacob L).

Congratulations to the Chapter 8 winners of the North West IET Faraday Challenge. We hosted this national STEM Competition on Wednesday, with 18 pupils of our pupils from Chapter 8 taking part and one of our teams winning the event. Well done to James K, Finn S, Leilani B, Hannah W, Isabella M and Ben P.

As Mr Trump would say: I am tired of all the winning!!



One place however where we are not winning is the parking battle. People share images with me about the effects of illegal parking around the school and I had hoped that the reopening of Queens Drive might offer some relief, but not so much it seems.

Mr Bishop has nominated our **musicians of the week**:

*We often hear first-class performances from our pupils during the course of each week. Two Ch11 pupils stood out this week with spine-tingling solo performances, Grace M singing 'I dreamed a dream' from Les Mis and Joy L playing Vivaldi's 'Allegro' on Marimba. There is really so much talent within our community.*



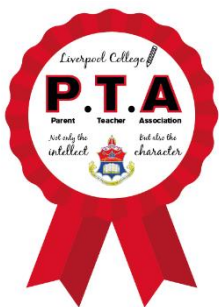
Our **artist of the week** is Sean R (Ch12) with "Clay Head":



*This week we have been exploring clay techniques including plaster molding, modelling, mark making, and creating surface texture. This was developed from our earlier drawing and sketchbook workshops. I have enjoyed learning about new approaches to create three dimensional forms.*

Chapter 11 have learnt more about apprenticeship opportunities as Mrs Drew reports:

*Last Thursday, Chapter 11 attended a talk given by ASK, the apprenticeship service, who discussed the range of apprenticeships available to them, the difference between the levels they can apply for and where the biggest growth area is. Pupils discovered how much they are likely to earn when starting on their apprenticeship journey and the qualifications they can achieve. This was a really invaluable session and all potential apprentices are being supported in a workshop this week to give them the skills and knowledge to look for vacancies after their GCSEs.*



In addition to the upcoming Share Ramadan event (tickets can be purchased [here](#)), the **PTA** have an update about another event:

### **LC's Got Talent**

*Our talented seniors came and auditioned last Friday after school. With our senior finalists chosen, we're now progressing towards Prep school pupils. Prep school pupils' auditions will be on Tuesday 5 March after lunch. All*

parents need to do is fill out the audition form which can be found by [clicking here](#).

An important message from Miss Clark:

**It's not quite a ... HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!**

Some advance warning regarding ticket sales for our upcoming production of High School Musical.

**TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE ON 5 MARCH AT 6PM VIA AN ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM.  
THIS WILL BE SENT OUT ON MCAS to EVERYONE - PLEASE CHECK YOUR APP!**

Our show dates and times are below:

- Tuesday 26 March - 7pm
- Wednesday 27 March - 1.30pm and 7pm

Tickets are £7.50 each and you will be required to prebook your seat!

Former LC pupil Kate Anson is running a language through sport camp during the Easter holiday, based at the Prep School. The camps are for children aged 4-14 and essentially aim to teach children languages in a fun and active way. To find out more information about the camp please contact: [LinguasportUK@gmail.com](mailto:LinguasportUK@gmail.com)

I hope you have a dry, warmer and pleasant weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr H van Mourik Broekman  
Principal**